

# THE CARAVANER



## *Welcome Lazy Dazers To Vail Lake Resort*

March 2011

The weather forecast for the week of our Buena Vista Caravan was dismal & depressing with plenty of that 4 letter word beginning with "R"!!! But- we were very fortunate not to have all the bad weather, as we only had 2 rain showers all week, BUT the winds were unbearable on Wednesday and Friday afternoons...!! We had to take down the host tent on Friday afternoon as rain was forecast along with high winds. We thank the brave souls who manned the host tent all week- we checked in 65 rigs with 1 first timer & 1 guest. Surely the bad weather forecast kept many L.D'ers from coming, which is too bad since we had plenty of good weather for activities and potlucks. We had morning coffee & treats thanks to Jon & Loni Calhoun. Several members toured the Dewar's ice cream & candy factory in Bakersfield, & its Basque restaurants were also patronized by our members. John Malliard hosted a washer toss clinic where the old time tossers gave hints & strategies to several new comers to the game. He plans to repeat this at future caravans. We all enjoyed the tournament on Saturday a.m., co-won by Past Tents novice Loni! The General Meeting on Saturday was moved up to 1:30, which seemed popular amongst the members, especially those who either leave after the meeting or who wanted to get cooking for the last night potluck. The general consensus was to continue this in the future.

We Past-Tents had fun hosting this venue & look forward to seeing everyone at Vail Lake.

Gene Caulfield & John Calhoun (the comic announcer..!!)



# Coffee Hosts for Buena Vista



Jon and Loni Calhoun were our coffee hosts for February at Buena Vista Rec. Area in Bakersfield. Loni made wonderful cookies and Jon got up early each morning to feed the chickens and make coffee before heading off to his other job, (morning announcements over the CB). Coffee drinkers and non coffee drinkers, gathered to enjoy the camaraderie, coffee, hot chocolate, tea and the home made cookies during this enjoyable activity.

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## Anniversaries



Jim and Marilyn Ramey — 100 Caravans



Marlin and Peggy Zabel — 25 Caravans

## ODE TO WASHER TOSS By: Zoe Ann Caires

It has the power to draw from all corners of the camp ground. From the long time and steady caravaner, the casual caravaner and yes... even the unknowing, the unsuspecting and unseasoned First Timer! It has been known to take over campsites, the equipment has earned its own place of storage in the rig and some may even know it as – an addiction! What is this phenomenon that has taken its hold on Lazy Dazers? The culprit is known as Washer Toss!

What is it about this game that has taken over everyone's past time? One cannot walk through the camp ground without seeing the boards setup, hearing the clang of washers being tossed, watching the constant practice of the die hard players and seeing the points add up to covet that magic number of 21 to win the game. We watch as throws are practiced, stances are perfected, the pitch and angles of the washers are formed and the excitement builds as we come close to winning the game without the dread of going over the magic number.

Eventually the day of tournament comes and comments such as "I threw all my good ones away on practice"; "don't knock my washer in the hole and put me over; "hit the top of the board and we win the game" and "all we need is a one" are heard from every player. Challenges are won and lost and games can be won by players who haven't even scored a point (unbelievable but true!). Through it all we experience the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat and it is accomplished with laughter, style and camaraderie.

So why do we play? It could be because we want to meet fellow campers, it could be we want to be outdoors, but truth be told, it is because when the game is over, the winners are cheered, and all that practice and skill (and throw a little luck in there as well) have earned them that coveted and ever elusive little pin that gives them the right to brag they are truly a ... Washer Toss Champion!

Keep Tossing My Friends..... Keep Tossing!



### Washer Toss Winners:

1st: Joe Fletcher and Loni Calhoun

2nd: Byron Shaner and Zoe Caires



# WE SALUTE YOU

## HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

**Francis Smith**

**Don and Rosemary Webb**

**John and Catherine Malliard**

**Anita & John Campbell**

**Herb & Connie Johnson**

**Chris Maurer**

**Dwayne & Angela Smith**

**Dave & Laura Techentin**

**Betty Boschma and Arthur**

**Jim & Marilyn Ramey**

**Earl & Florence Moore**

**Bob and Di Filler**

**John & Zoe Caires**

**Jean & Carl Orr**

**Howard & Rose Cleek**

**Frank Donohoe**

**Jim & Ann Cook**

**Nancy Zippler**

**Steven Bourholtzer**

**Bob & LuAnne Lowe**

All of you did an exceptional job and we thank you.



## MAY'S FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The At Large people and the Outback's are putting on a free pancake breakfast at the May caravan.

To help us out we need to have a head count on how many hungry people are going to participate in eating our pancakes. We need to know no later than May 6th, therefore we will have someone to take your name down where the Pot of Gold tickets will be sold during March and April. After the April caravan you will need to contact Frances Smith by email, phone or by US mail.

Again, please help us out so we know how many will be attending.

If you have any questions please see or contact Frances Smith

## ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA OCTOBER 1-9, 2011

Some of us attended the Balloon Fiesta last year and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We camped with Lazy Dazers from the Southwest group and other groups from across the country. It was very much like a typical caravan experience.

Linda Leach from the Southwest group is again helping us make arrangements. If you are interested in attending the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, please see us at Vail Lake. Linda has provided us with information and sign up sheets concerning the event. We will have this information available at future caravans as well. We will post information about the Balloon Fiesta at the host tent along with our campsite number.

Bob and Joanne Wayne (Outbacks)



# Our Friend Neal Taylor

1932 — 2011

By Steve Chawkins, Los Angeles Times

## Neal Taylor dies at 78; fisherman regaled generations of Santa Barbara anglers

Neal Taylor, a seven-time national casting champion, taught novice anglers on Lake Cachuma and always had an entertaining tale, like the recipe for campfire-cooked coot.

For Neal Taylor, fishing wasn't limited to weekends or, for that matter, water. On one of Santa Barbara's busiest streets, the seven-time national casting champion showed a friend just how it's done, lofting his line into an intersection when the light turned red and yanking it back when traffic resumed.

"I thought, this guy is really funny," said Bob Nunez, a dentist and one of Taylor's closest fishing buddies. "I thought, I love this guy."

Taylor died Tuesday at his Santa Barbara home. He was 78 and, according to family members, had congestive heart failure.

Just days before his death, he was distributing posters for an upcoming trout derby at Lake Cachuma, a Santa Barbara County mountain reservoir where, from boats plying quiet coves, he taught countless neophytes the joys of the outdoors.

"There are 4,000 school kids who would come through on field trips every year, and he regaled them with tales," said his wife, Linda. "There are so many people around town who'd come up to him and say, 'I remember you from that boat trip when I was 5' — and these are people whose kids are taking the same trip now."

As much a showman as he was an angler, Taylor could cast into a crowd and knock the ash off a cigarette at 30 yards or plant his line in an unsuspecting coffee drinker's cup. He honed his theatrical skills wherever there was an audience eager to plumb the psyche of a trout: UCLA, UC Santa Barbara and the Lake Cachuma booth at the Fred Hall Show, an annual fishing-tackle extravaganza.

"He'd just sucker people in with these hilarious stories that always began, 'You know, there was this time when...'" said Brian Roney, deputy director



"Children are our greatest resource," Neal Taylor said in 1995, the year he was pictured showing granddaughter Jennifer Jackson the ropes. "If we don't leave the land clean, we're not doing our job."

(Al Seib, Los Angeles Times / February 14, 1995)

of the Santa Barbara County Parks and Recreation Department. "He was really the face of Cachuma."

A big man with a striking resemblance to comedian Jonathan Winters, Taylor could spin tales so masterfully that pals on fishing trips would immediately ask to hear them again. Some were bawdy stories perfect for a Montana campfire, but he also gave a natural actor's intensity to great moments from a life with fishing at its heart.

Taylor helped Jimmy Carter read a trout stream, figuring out just where and when the fish were likely to bite. He taught Nancy and Ronald Reagan how to cast on a pond at their ranch near Santa Barbara. When he was an Air Force recruit, he was summoned by his commander in chief — President Eisenhower — for a few days of instruction on the Platte River in Colorado.

When Ike slumped over as the two were watching a sunset, Taylor, alarmed, asked what was wrong.

"There isn't a day I don't think about those young men at Normandy," Eisenhower replied.

Taylor was born Sept. 17, 1932, in Pasadena and was raised near Santa Barbara in Summerland, where his father, Walter Taylor, ran a store. Walter, who would fish with his writer friend Zane Grey, passed his passion for the outdoors down to his son.

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For most of his career, Taylor sold sporting goods. In 1981, he left a grueling corporate job and moved back to Santa Barbara, where he joined the county parks department as a naturalist at Lake Cachuma.

In 1989, Times hiking columnist John McKinney caught Taylor's "amazing spiel" to passengers on the Cachuma Queen: "At Lake Cachuma, we have seeds that walk, spiders that fly, plants that catch fish and trees that predict rain," Taylor told his audience.

Later in the day he commented on the coots skittering above the water — "the Rodney Dangerfield of the bird world," he said — and he offered a coot recipe. The coot must be plucked, he said, and left in a stream overnight. Then it should be stuffed with an apple, wired to a split green log and smoked over a campfire for 3 1/2 hours.

"Then," he said, "throw away the coot and eat the apple."

Taylor and Linda met when they were 4-H leaders.

"Before I met him, I thought you threw a line in the water and maybe a fish would be there," she said.

They wed at Lake Cachuma in 1989, in a second marriage for each. In addition to Linda, he is survived by a son and daughter from his previous marriage and a stepson and stepdaughter from his marriage to Linda.

A potluck memorial service is planned at the lake for March 20 at 1 p.m. Guests are asked to bring a beverage, a dish to share with others and a camp chair.

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## From the Editor

The deadline for articles is the Sunday following each Caravan. Thank you for your continuing support in the production of the Caravaner.

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## Goodwill Ambassador Report

Past Tents, JANET BAKER #2918 had a single mastectomy surgery on February 16th. Ladies please remember to get your mammograms yearly. The pain during that procedure is temporary when compared to the alternative.



DOTTIE BAIRD #2158, a Road Runner injured her leg when she walked into a concert bench.

No Mad, BOB LOWE #2811 will be experiencing hip surgery on March 22nd.

Last but not least, I have to report the loss of another of our long-time members. Outback, BOB TALLMADGE #2193 passed on February 17th while we were at Buena Vista. I'm told his heart was down to 30% and he went to sleep and never woke up again. If you would like to send his family a card of remembrance use this following address:

5520 N Ryland Ave., Temple City, CA 91780-2723



Mona Shaner  
[MonaL@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MonaL@sbcglobal.net)

## STROKE REVIEW

What do you know about a stroke? This is a quick review from the American Red Cross First Aid book.

A stroke can be caused by a blood clot or bleeding from a ruptured artery in the brain.

### SIGNALS OF STROKE: THEY COME ON SUDDENLY !

1. Have difficulty talking or being understood when speaking.
2. Have blurred or dimmed vision.
3. Experience a sudden, severe headache, dizziness or confusion.
4. Weakness or numbness on one side including face, arm or leg.

### WHAT DO I DO?

1. CALL 911- IMMEDIATELY
2. Write down the time symptoms started.
3. Do not give anything to eat or drink.

### TREATMENT:

Type of stroke must be determined before treatment can begin in a medical facility. (From an article in Mayo Clinics Women's Healthsource, Jan. 2011).

Ischemic Stroke-injection of plasminogen activator (TAP) breaks up a blood clot blocking blood flow to the brain. This must be given within 3-4.5 hours after the symptoms begin (your facility may use the 3 hour time). When the time limit is over for this drug other medications and procedures will be considered and used.

Hemorrhagic Stroke- focuses on controlling bleeding and reducing pressure in the brain. TAP cannot be used because it can increase bleeding. Other drugs and procedures are used.

When the treatments are started early the more likely they will be successful.

### UP DATE YOUR MEDICAL FORM: PUT ON OR IN REFRIGERATOR

911 responders need this information. What if you can't talk or be understood?

Joanne Wayne, Chairman, Safety Team

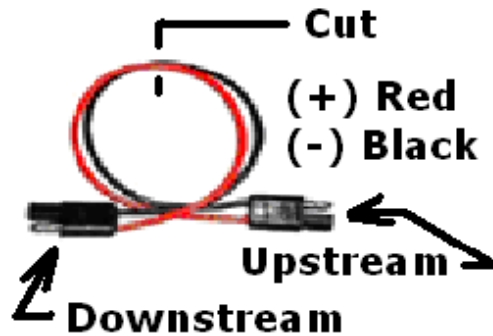
# Terry's Tech Talk

Tech Talk Article 57

LED Spot Light

03/2011

An LED Spot Light is a way to illuminate the American Flag at night without a heavy amperage drain on the coach batteries. The current price for the Grote 63561 Spot Light is \$80 plus tax. I bought a 2 inch spring clamp at Home Depot for \$3.19 plus tax, removed one of the plastic handle covers, and drilled a 3/8 inch diameter hole in the handle to receive the spot light attachment hardware. The spot light then clamps easily to the rear ladder on the rig. The power supply wires for the spot light can originate at the bus bar in the refrigerator compartment.



Fry's Electronics #4190863 (\$2.99)  
Vanco HVBL1H-10G 2 Conductor Quick  
Disconnect Leads with 10 Gauge Wire

On the Lazy Daze 27 foot Rear Bath floor plan, the refrigerator compartment is nearby and on the correct side for the "ladder" location for the spot light and the power supply wires can be on the outside of the rig. On some other floor plans, the power supply wire can be run up the refrigerator vent to the roof and the spot light can be mounted directly to a length of 2x6 or 2x8 lumber and sit on the roof. Adding four rubber feet to the underside of the wood block will prevent scratching the roof and keep the block above Lake Newton in case of rain.

The Grote 63561 draws 0.6 amps so 14 gauge wire is adequate to make the extension cord from the bus bar to the spot light. The quick disconnect leads shown above right can fit through the vent louvers on the refrigerator compartment door. The Fry's leads are available in different wire gauges. Without the Fry's part number, I had difficulty in finding them in the store. An alternate for the Fry's Electronics one shown is a Cole Hersee 11172. You can use one pair of disconnects or you can make an extension cord or cords using two or more pairs of disconnects. The spot light can also be used as a work light if you make the wires long enough. When making the cord, just be certain that the battery end of the "Hot" (+) wire uses the protected side of the connector. A "Hot" bare wire lead is not a good thing.

[Techsnoz](#), the "Tech Talk" website.

Check it out at: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/Techsnoz/>  
Terry Tanner Rig #2779

# First Timers



Garth & Denise Morrison — Paso Robles, CA  
Rig #2993

## Here are some facts about the 1500s. We've come a long way!

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing.. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

Keep in the KNOW!  
Pick up the latest news — from the  
Lazy Daze website!



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## ? EMERGENCY ?

Call on CB Channel 30

**CODE RED: FIRE/GAS LEAK**

**CODE BLUE: MEDICAL**

**PLEASE Do Not Use the CB Until**

**The ALL CLEAR Is Sounded**



## LAZY DAZERS

Would you like to donate to the club instead of the campground?

If you pay for Saturday night and then decide to leave early, just inform the host tent before 10:00 am on Saturday that you are leaving and want to donate to the club, and the club will be able to keep your Saturday night camping fees instead of paying it to the campground.