



# THE CARAVANER

*Welcome to Live Oak!  
Hosted by the Firesiders*

May 2011

An eager group of Roadrunners arrived early at Tualota Springs on Sunday amidst warm sunny days with cool evening breezes. The Host Tent was set up and all awaited the first arrivals. During the week the weather was a bit of a challenge ... but we won!!! With three inside meeting rooms and a comfy lounge there was always a place to escape the wind, rain, and cold. Most of the usual meetings took place. Friday afternoon many hardy individuals braved the cold to hunt for colorful eggs in the enclosed picnic area. The week ended with an exciting Saturday morning Washer Toss game followed by the General Meeting with lots of Pot of Gold winners. Later that afternoon the Church of the Lazy Daze was held. This appears to be a popular change in day and time for everyone involved.



A smooth transition was made getting all of the necessary equipment passed on to the Firesiders. The Roadrunners would like to thank everyone for the support and cooperation shown during the week..We had a great time being your hosts!!!



## Roadrunners





The Peacock Room at the Tusalota Springs clubhouse provided shelter from the cold for our coffee drinkers. They were “Happy Campers”, thanks to excellent coffee, cookies and pastries prepared just for them by the Roadrunners!

## **WE SALUTE YOU**

### **HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL, 2011**

Thank you for your participation. Your volunteers were:

**The Road Runners**  
**Vern and Charlene Tutterrow**  
**Dave and Laura Techentin**  
**Betty Boshma & Bill Arthur**  
**Ruben and Jenny Pasillas**  
**Marlin & Peggy Zabel**  
**Joe & Jane Fletcher**  
**Mike and Margaret Skinner**  
**Paul and Ursula Grinde**  
**Al & Lydia Granger**  
**Florence Moore**

**Bill & Frances Surbrook**  
**Bob & Cynthia Casebolt**  
**Lurlie Edgecomb**  
**Herbert & Connie Johnson**  
**Pathfinders**  
**Robert & Joanne Wayne**  
**Don & Millie Reiner**  
**Verona McCutcheon**  
**Floyd & Margaret Heideman**  
**George & Alice Parrish**  
**Herb & Darlene Johnson**





# First Timers



George & Karen Penniman — Encinitas, CA #2996

# Pot of Gold

100% goes to the Caravaners





# Washer Toss

**Winners:**

First Place — Byron Shaner  
Carol Kratzer  
Second Place — Joe Fletcher  
Sharon Turner





# DON'T FORGET THE MICKEY AND MINNIE MOUSE WASHER TOSS TOURNAMENT COMING IN JUNE

For the last two years we have held this tournament in June at Hurkey Creek, so start planning on playing. Remember that John Mailliard will be monitoring all the mice that will be playing. The tournament will be held at 1 PM on Friday.

So get out your ears, pick your own partner and sign up in June. Remember, its women against the men so play well ladies for we beat the men last year but they beat us the previous year. As you can tell there is no competition in our washer toss tournaments.



**A special Anniversary  
for Ed Widmer**  
275 Caravans





## Anniversaries



Jerry & Char Malner — 25 Caravans



John & Caryl Fisher — 50 Caravans



Mike and Jan Ludolph — 50 Caravans



Eliot & Toni Shimer — 50 Caravans

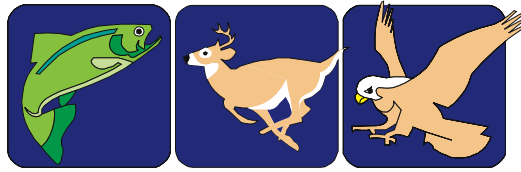






# Easter Egg Hunt





## Mother Nature

Among the naturally-occurring plants in Tualota Springs was a huge scrub (live) oak in the tent camp area. Fully-leafed and in bloom, it is a good indicator of a heavy crop of acorns this year. This is a good omen for woodpeckers, flickers, squirrels, wood rats and wild turkeys....not all were found at this camp. What we did find on our Nature Walk was a colorful display of yellow fiddleneck, popcorn flowers in white, lavender filaree, mustard greens, deep yellow goldfields, owl's clover with purple flowers with white "eyes", and camomile with its yellow-green, button-shaped flowers. We dearly need a plant lover who can identify a small yellow flower with a black spot at the base of each of its four petals.

Most often seen in camp were the California quail. A half-dozen seemed to live on the slope behind the bathhouse, were often in the company of a pair of mallards and all slowed down traffic entering camp. On the other side of camp, a covey of a dozen or more would scamper down that slope and come to check out the grounds for seeds several times a day.

White-crowned sparrows, acorn woodpeckers, scrub jays, fat cottontail rabbits, crows, one raven, sunning lizards, coots on with fishing pond with red-wing blackbirds in the reeds, a few mourning doves, and the occasional black phoebe were active throughout the park. In front of the camp store, under the olive trees, female lesser goldfinches pecked at the seeds in the hanging sock feeder. High overhead, a pair of soaring, very large birds of prey could have been golden eagles.

In addition to what we saw, there were sounds or calls to be identified: The cackles of grackles, the trilling of warblers, yipping of coyotes in the evening, and a few hoots of an owl. We had not seen any activity of the owl nest boxes place by the park owners. We also saw sunning lizards, gopher mounds, darkling beetles, Beechy ground squirrels, coyote scat, bunny trails through the underbrush, and cigarette butts on the trails. Not fresh, not ours; just disgusting with all the fires that occur in brush lands, how can any camper do this?

Tualota Springs had a small "zoo" of caged animals. The two albino peacocks had beautiful, long feathers often on display, but their calls were irritating at night. The two female emus would eat from your hands, but need to be in a pasture as they are large animals. The last cage had a very dominant male turkey and two females who needed to be able to get away from him. The cage with the Rhode Island Reds and domestic rabbits was the best set up as the chickens had coops to be in at night or out of the sun and the bunnies had two hutch boxes for their retreats. They came to seek food as you came to give it to them. Because they are small animals the pen was plenty large for them. If they were mine, they would be free in the yard during the day. However, coyotes and birds of prey don't take days off so the cyclone fence cages with fenced tops are necessary evils. And that is Mother Nature's sermon. Listen for the announcement of the next Nature Walk.

Lurlie Edgecomb #2285 aka Mother Nature





# Hurkey Creek

Here we are in beautiful Live Oak, perhaps everybody's favorite venue. However, we did want to remind folks that we have been having a lot of fun at Hurkey Creek in the last two years and we are once again looking forward to June 8-12, 2011 to continue the fun. If you have not been to Hurkey Creek lately maybe we can entice you with just some of the special activities that only happen at this campout.



Your hosts at Hurkey Creek would like to remind you to bring hot dogs, buns and whatever 'fixings' you prefer for the Third Annual Hot Dog Cookout. Those who attended last year will recall that the large fire ring in the center of the camp area was available to all the old boy scouts and girl scouts who wanted to relive the joy of painstakingly brazing their hot dogs over an open fire. If you fall into this group, you will want to bring a long cooking stick and maybe a piece of wood to feed the fire. Immediately adjacent to the fire ring several less adventurous, and perhaps wiser campers, brought out their bar-b-ques and set them on tables. Either way a hot dog cooked outdoors is a special treat. Folks added coleslaw, potato chips, bean salads, baked beans and other picnic specialties at the potluck tables.



Susan Mercer and Francis Smith invite everyone to join in the fun as the girls challenge the guys in the Third Annual Mickey and Minnie Mouse Washer Toss Tournament. We could not remember who won last year, so we asked a few of the guys. Apparently, it was a tie.

Last year Sue Mercer applied her knowledge of classic movies and discovered the location of the much-prized Golden Washer. Not only did she keep the valued artifact she also won a major award! This year the search will be on for the matching Golden Necklace. The clues will be entertainment related and the contest will be in two parts. Will Sue have a beautiful matching set or will someone else add this gem to their collection of fine camp jewelry? Join in the fun and find the Golden Necklace.

Your hosts, the Pathfinders, look forward to greeting you at Hurkey Creek.

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## HIGHWAY HUGS

Laureta & Joe Gibbs  
(AKA Mama & Papa Bear)



We are now gathering bears and friends for our annual Spring delivery to the Eastern Mojave Desert areas. That is four offices which means we need a minimum of 180 critters. We also need to begin our collecting for our end of September trip to the East side of the High Sierras. On that tour we deliver to seven offices for a minimum total of 315 critters.

We are very low on animals since we had to give away all that were collected in December. We understand that with the economy such as it is, things are tight. You know that we are grateful for whatever you can donate and that those who benefit, the children and the emergency personnel who treat them, are more grateful than words can say.

As always, we thank you all for your generosity.





# Terry's Tech Talk

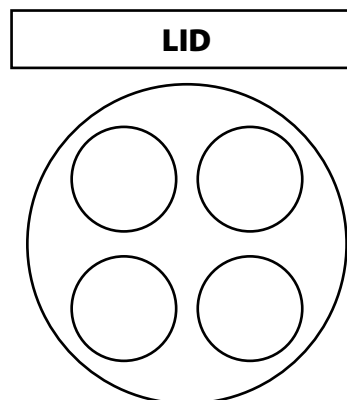
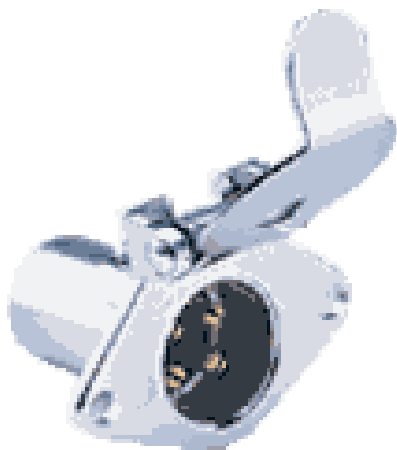
When I took delivery my 2001 Lazy Daze 26ft Rear Bath, the factory provided me with a 4-pole "pigtail" for connecting to the trailer plug mounted on the bottom of the spare tire cover. The size and configuration of the Lazy Daze trailer plug is rather unique. I checked the function of each of the connectors in the trailer plug with my voltmeter and quickly discovered that it was not the same as on my Jeep Wrangler toad. I did an internet search and soon discovered that there is no "standard" trailer plug configuration. Most trailer plugs use the top two connectors for the "Left" and "Right" and the bottom two connectors for the "Running" light and "Ground" wires.

The only thing that is "standard" is the color code for the wires in the lighting harness. Yellow is for the Left Turn/Brake. Green is for the Right Turn/Brake. White is for the Ground. Brown or Black is for the Running light. Although this is the "standard", I have found some early 1990's Lazy Dazes with different functions for the standard color wires. It is always good practice to verify the function of each of the wires before starting to do the electrical work as it may save a few blown fuses and some trouble shooting trying to figure out why the lights do not work.

When I set up my rig for towing, I bought an expensive umbilical cord and then cut off one end and spliced in the Lazy Daze pigtail. That was an expensive mistake. I would have been better off replacing the bizarre Lazy Daze male 4-pole plug on the spare tire cover with a standard 4-pole male plug as shown at the bottom of this page. Later I added a standard 4-pole male trailer plug under my rear bumper and then I had to buy a new expensive umbilical cord.

Another option is to use a 6-Pole (or more) trailer plug. Two of the "extra" poles can be used to supply a fused "hot" wire and a ground wire from the motor home engine battery to the toad to power an auxiliary braking system to save on the toad's battery while being towed. An "extra" pole could also be used to connect the toad's brake light wire to a bulb or LED on the motor home's dash board.

Below is a picture of the "standard" 4-pole male trailer plug and a "blank" diagram for you to record the function of each of the terminals in your plug for your future reference.



Techsnoz, the "Tech Talk" website.

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





## Goodwill Ambassador Report

Well, we have another month of healthy people in the club with the exceptions of LINDA AND GARY GENESER #2745 of the Firesider's. LINDA is going through some tests due to her MS and GARY has taken a fall due to his existing condition. Hopefully things will be better for them both in the near future.

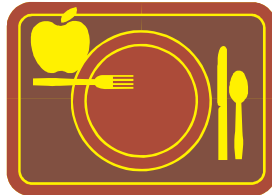


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## FRIDAY'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST REMINDER

Don't forget the pancake breakfast Friday morning at 8:30 AM.

If you have not already told us you were planning on eating with us please see Frances Smith to see if we have room for everyone who wants to participate.



Please bring a coffee cup, silverware and napkin for your use. We provide a plate with pancakes, bacon, sausage, butter, syrup, orange juice and coffee.

If you have any questions please see Frances.

## WOMEN ONLY

*Laureta Gibbs (Mama Bear)*

YES! YES!!! We WILL be having a meeting at Live Oak. Many of you have asked and finally I am getting things going once again in the right direction, so I hope you will plan to attend this meeting. We will have some health information, some trivia time, some laughs, quizzes, and sharing .... oh, and chocolate! We will conclude with our usual drawing for wonderful (or not) prizes. My thanks to Peggy Zabel, who has volunteered to assist me. I'll be working on things for her to do.

I look forward to seeing you all,"old" friends and new at 2:00 PM, Friday in the back room of the Pavilion. Let's have some fun!

## 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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# SAFETY TEAM MESSAGE

Dan Doran, a licensed Fire Extinguisher Technician, will return to Live Oak again on Saturday, May 14, 2011. He will have new extinguishers available.

Recharge cost - \$ 10      New Extinguisher cost - \$ 55

Please note that most new RV's include a small extinguisher with plastic heads. These extinguishers are not rechargeable and their ability to put out a fire is limited. Your Safety Team recommends a larger unit for your protection.

At 11:00a.m. on Saturday, Dan will have a demonstration on how to use the fire extinguisher. The "Hands – On" experience is extremely useful in case of a fire.

Everyone Come! Take part in this valuable demonstration.

Joanne Wayne  
Safety Team Leader



Joanne Wayne, Public Health Nurse, CPR/AED Certified, and LDCC Safety Team Leader meets with safety volunteers at Tualota Springs. At the Live Oak campout she will not only oversee the Fire Extinguisher event, she will be training her volunteers how to give CPR.

## ? 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**

**PLEASE REMEMBER**  
**To Park So You Don't**  
**Block The Exit Of**  
**Another Rig**

