



# THE CARAVANER

October 2011

## *Welcome to Butterfield Ranch Resort* Hosted by the Outbacks

A fun time was had by all at the Indian Hills campout. Along with the seasoned Lazy Dazers we had four first timers show up. One of the first timers was a father with his soon-to-be nine year old twin daughters who stole the hearts of the Backscratchers who not only hosted them, but the September caravan as well.

The weather was beautiful and of course the usual wind was ever present, but it was tolerable up to a point. On Friday when we had our potluck the wind decided to take a turn for the worse and it brought along with it some rain. A few gusts later people were scrambling for cover and food was being retrieved from the tables. Unfortunately one major gust took hold of the Webb's awning and tossed it like a football over the top of their rig. Several Good Samaritans came to their rescue to help prevent further damage; but in the end the awning had to be cut away. Thank goodness no other damage occurred to their rig.

Washer Toss, which is the highlight of the caravan, was a big hit. Eight new players who have never played the game before were paired up with some seasoned players and one of them almost made it to the semi-finals. The twin girls who were among the first timers also played and did exceptionally well. One had to play against her father and when Dad upset her winning points she handled it like a real trouper. (Do you think Dad paid for this later?! In the end the new players did very well; I think they had a lot of good teachers! After the General Meeting on Saturday, our campground hosts supplied us with some yummy ice-cream from Baskin Robbins and fresh apples. All had their sweet tooth fortified between chocolate, vanilla and strawberry ice-cream along with rainbow sherbet.

First timers and Kingdom Volunteers, Jack and Jeanette Walker offered to fill in for Leonard Crocker to



lead the service at the Church of the Lazy Daze. We sat riveted while Jack read passages from the Bible and shared stories of their family's world travels and experiences living in Israel and South America. We were delighted to be given the opportunity to get to know this interesting couple, even if they left us yearning for more.

During the caravan nature showed us its beauty with a dry electrical storm over the hills, some beautiful sunrises and sunsets, and the spotting of a couple of bobcats. It was nature at its finest and enjoyed by all!

Submitted by Zoe Caires



# WE SALUTE YOU

## HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2011 A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS

Dave and Laura Techentin  
Vern and Charlene Tutterrow  
Herb and Darlene Johnson  
Herb and Connie Johnson  
John and Catherine Mailliard

Frances Smith

Toni and Eliot Shimer

The Roadrunners

Bob and LuAnne Lowe

Larry and Sharon Turner

Jack and Jeanette Walker

Joyce and Enos Hirst

Al and Lydia Granger

Rod and Lynn Mortenson

George and Alice Parrish

Randy and Lynn Murray

Greg Young

Rosemary Krause

Tina Zoe

Jim and Ann Cook

Jane Farwell

Howard and Rose Cleek

Lurlie Edgecomb



## Goodwill Ambassador Report

Back Scratcher LAURA  
TECHENTIN #2635 was  
recently diagnosed with breast  
cancer. This is just another  
reminder ladies to get your  
yearly mammograms.



DON NELSON #211 is  
suffering from high blood pressure problems. We hope to  
see him back soon on caravan.

Firesider HERB JOHNSON #2380 was seen recently  
on crutches gathering sympathy anywhere he could. It  
seems he pulled a muscle in his upper thigh. Lola was upset  
because she wasn't being walked by her daddy.

We recently lost two members GORDON BAKER  
#2112 of the Bunwarmers and Back Scratcher, BILL  
NEWTON #140. I have cards to both of their families.

Mona Shaner  
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## Highway Hugs

Laureta and Joe Gibbs  
(AKA Mama and Papa Bear)

On September 11 this year our nation, once again,  
paused to reflect on that terrible day in 2001 when our  
country came under attack by terrorists. In December  
of that year we collected stuffed animals from members  
of our Caravan Club and sent them  
to an agency in New York which  
was assisting traumatized children  
of that event.

That effort was enthusiastically  
supported and members wanted  
to repeat the process the next year.  
The decision was made to benefit  
the California Highway Patrol since  
we all travel these roads throughout  
the year. Contacts were made with  
the assistance of our CHP son and  
we were off on a new adventure.



## DEATH VALLEY IS COMING YOUR WAY!

Thought it might be nice to give an early reminder to all caravaners about experiencing New Years in Death Valley.

This will be our fifteenth gathering of new and old friends and if you ask around you will find quite a number of people have been attending. It started with four rigs and last year we had 28 rigs.

We share hors d'oeuvres (hot and cold) every evening and you bring your own drinks, some people call it a normal DVD (Death Valley Dinner). On New Year's Eve we bring out more food than you can imagine and bring in the New Year sipping champagne or whatever.

You have the opportunity to go sight-seeing, photographing, tour Scotty's Castle, plan your own 4-wheeling trips, or just sitting around relaxing. We also have a washer toss tournament and plenty of time to practice. In the past we've had hot dog night, soup night, hamburger night, lunch at Stovepipe Wells, had a pot luck breakfast in camp, etc. Please come to our meeting at Live Oak to get the agenda.

Give it some thought and at Live Oak we will schedule a meeting to go into more detail. If you have any questions, ask Frances Smith, #2206 or Rosemary Webb, #2477. You also can give us a phone call or email your questions.



Jack & Jeannette Walker—Brea, CA #2999



Dan & Jeanie Johnson—Bakersfield, CA #3000



Brent & Carol Quinowski—Long Beach, CA #3001



Don & Judee Hofstad—Claremont, CA #3002





## Tehachapi Loop



The Tehachapi Loop is a .73 miles (1.17 km) long 'spiral', or helix, on The Union Pacific Railroad through Tehachapi Pass, in south central California. The railroad line connects Bakersfield in the San Joaquin Valley to Mojave in the Antelope Valley. The loop takes its name from the circuitous route it takes, in which the track passes over itself, a design which lessens the angle of the grade. The loop gains a total of 77 feet in elevation as the track ascends at a sustained 2% grade. A train more than 4,000 feet (1.2 km) long (about 85 boxcars) thus passes over itself going around the loop. Today, the railway line, with almost 40 daily trains on average, is one of the busiest single-track mainlines in the world. Notable contributors to the project's construction include Arthur De Wint Foote and the project's chief engineer, William Hood. Union Pacific currently prohibits passenger trains from using this line.



# ICE CREAM SOCIAL





# POTLUCK



# Anniversaries



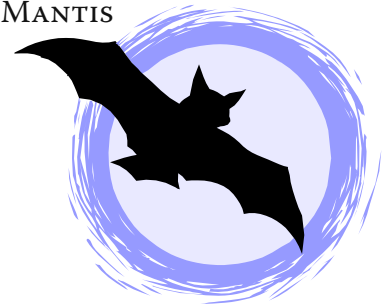
John and Catherine Mailliard — 75 Caravans



Vern and Charlene Tutterrow — 250 Caravans



PRAYING MANTIS



Wind and awnings don't mix!



# WASHER TOSS



**1st Place: Terry Tanner  
and Rosemary Krause**

**2nd Place: Greg Young and  
Ann Cook**



# Around the Camp

What we do!



Imaginary campfire



Chow time



Washer Toss is serious buisness



Working the pond



Delicious Apples



# Terry's Tech Talk

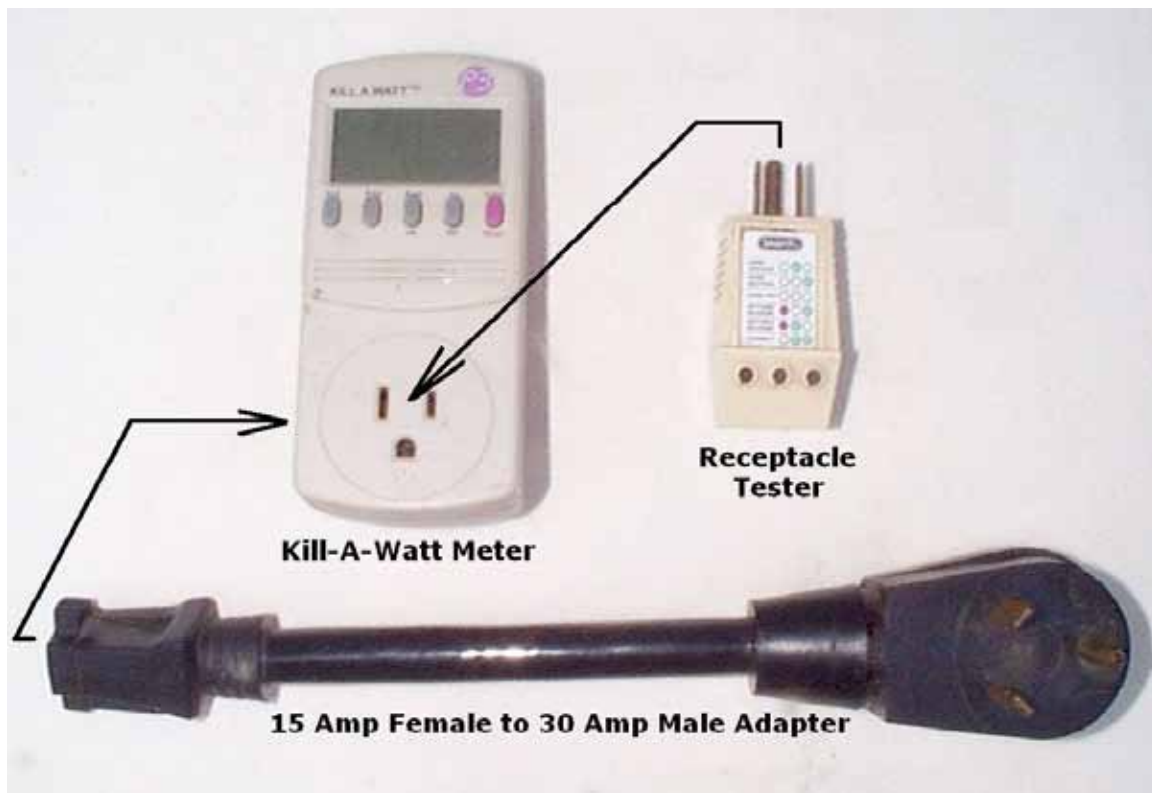
Tech Talk Article 62

Hooking Up to Shore Power – Part 2

10/2011

Tech Talk Article 39 from February 2009 discussed a procedure for hooking up your rig to shore power. This article updates the test equipment.

A useful test instrument is the Kill-A-Watt meter for checking the alternating current power supply and for finding out how many watts an AC appliance is using. The device simply plugs into a standard 15 Amp AC outlet. The device will tell you what the voltage is (should be 120 volts), and what the frequency is (should be 60 cycles per second or 60 Hertz). The device will also tell the Amperage and/or Wattage of an AC appliance plugged into it or can tell the power consumption over time in Kilowatt-Hours – just like the meter on your house. I found that plugging the Kill-A-Watt into a 30 Amp Male to 15 Amp Female Adapter and plugging a Receptacle Tester into the Kill-A-Watt makes for a convenient and full functioned tester. It is easy to check the Voltage and Frequency of the pedestal power supply by pressing the appropriate button on the Kill-A-Watt meter and then look at the three lights on the Receptacle Tester to determine if the pedestal power supply is wired correctly. The Kill-A-Watt costs about \$45 at Camping World but sometimes can be purchased on sale for around \$30. The Receptacle Tester costs about \$5 at Home Depot. My setup is shown below:

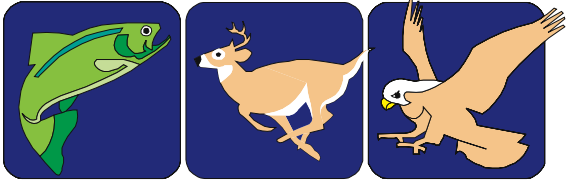


Cracked, charred, or incorrectly wired receptacles are a threat to the expensive electronics in your rig. Testing the shore power pedestal is an important step before you spend time setting up your rig. Using a surge protector and monitoring an AC voltmeter plugged into a visible interior outlet are also helpful ways to avoid and be aware of problems once you are connected to shore power.

[Techsnoz](http://www.techsnoz.com), the “Tech Talk” website.

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





## Lurlie Edgecomb #2285 aka Mother Nature

Lazy Dazers were heartened to see water in the Twin Lakes. Next to air, water is most vital to life. Even though the bird count was low, the wasps and annoying insects made themselves known to everyone. We welcomed the breezes, except for one unfortunate incident, as the wind would blow the critters away. The lightning show Friday night was most impressive. A praying mantis spent the night in my rig, a beautiful green one about 3 inches long. I showed him at the Ice Cream Social on Saturday before he took wing and went back to work clearing up some of those insects.

The usual birds were there: western bluebirds, blackbirds, acorn woodpeckers, a half dozen mallards and one great-blue heron who startled easily. A very large hawk, or perhaps a golden eagle, soared, then flapped, over to the nunnery property east of the camp. I heard a red-tailed hawk calling “kleer, kleer” and heard at night an owl “who-whooping”. A western pocket gopher was pushing up a mountain of soil and peeping out. However, he can’t see very far as good eyesight isn’t necessary for something that lives in the dark. From all the old and new mounds, there are quite a few of them in this camp. Coyotes, hawks, owls, and the great-blue heron are his predators, but haven’t succeeded in eliminating this cute pest. Did you hear the coyotes “yip-yipping”? Or the frogs “ribbiting” in the tules? Some were found in the restroom. They didn’t see much, are seeking moisture and bugs.

My field reporters told of all of the above plus a pair of bobcats down on the road below the levee and a doe with two yearlings, but not at the same time. So, though not abundant, this area still supports quite a diversity of wildlife.

That covers the fauna, so now we take a look at the flora. Those black oak trees are quite old and impressive in size. They caused allergy problems in some of us. An almost-dead one had huge cavities that were housing acorn woodpeckers who came out and checked vents and mirrors on the rigs. We would need a periscope to peer inside to see if the great-horned owl also was in there. Rabbit brush was blooming in yellow, nettle thistle had drying flowers of white edged with purple, the willows and reeds at lake’s edge provided the green in our scenery. At our ankles were the star thistle (ouch) in yellow, and desert/mountain aster and filaree/heron’s bill both with light purple flowers. There is a small plant on the slopes with a center stalk with little pompoms of pinkish-red flowers, one above the other, that I still can’t name.



Mother Nature has a News Flash! I am now “guardian” of three more baby turtles “born” on October 4th as well as one from September 10th. These last three are eastern 3-toed box turtles. The four are named Thunder, Rain, Drizzle and Downpour. Ask why. Come see them at Butterfield. I’ll have my turtle flag flying near the Host Tent.



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



Art & Barbara Berggreen #2771  
[www.lazydazecaravanclub.org](http://www.lazydazecaravanclub.org)

## From the Editor

The deadline for articles is the Sunday following each Caravan. Please e-mail articles as Word documents or in Text format when possible. Clean hard copy prints can also be submitted but I don't guarantee spelling and punctuation after I scan and run my OCR (optical character recognition) program on them.

Thank you for your continuing support in the production of the Caravaner.

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# WOMEN ONLY

*Laureta Gibbs (Mama Bear)*

Yes! We will be having a meeting this month on Friday at 2:00 pm. I look forward to seeing the smiling faces of the regular group as well as some new faces. Plan to come and spend 45 minutes or so with a most enjoyable group of women.

You just might gather some new, useful information, and maybe share something new with us yourself. You will for certain have a laugh or two, stretch your brain, have some chocolate and maybe even win a prize!!! See you on Friday at 2:00 pm, place to be announced on Friday morning's cb announcements.



**? 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**

