

# THE CARAVANER

February 2012



Welcome Lazy Dazers to Buena Vista!  
Your Host Group, the Drifters



In keeping with the spirit of our French theme for Lake Perris, the Past Tents would like to share a postcard sent by our imaginary guest Antoinette to her boyfriend Jean Luc (who remains behind in France while Antoinette travels throughout the United States in a rental motorhome). This missive is a recap of the January caravan through Antoinette's eyes and is reprinted here with her permission.

Note: We ask everyone to please read this postcard with a generous dose of French sea salt. Antoinette was, alas, merely our imaginary guest.

## Postcard from "Lake Paris"

Dear Jean Luc –

Having a wonderful time. Wish you were here.

Love,

Antoinette



P.S. Well, I suppose I should tell you a little bit more about my travels. But I am afraid you will be unhappy that you decided to stay home rather than join me on this great American adventure. You see, I was invited to join a group of wonderful people who are camping at Lake Paris. And what fun I am having!

Yes, Jean Luc, Lake Paris! My hosts, the Past Tents - who are all running around in cute little berets - greet everyone who enters the campground with "bonjours" and a buttery palmier, complete with a little French flag on a toothpick.

And their Host Tent looks like Paris itself! It is decorated with French flags and fleur-di-lis streamers and pictures of Paris landmarks and a poster showing all of the most wonderful sights in Paris. And they have red, white and blue lights...the colors of France! Although I learned today that those are also the colors of this beloved country. And near the Host Tent is a banner welcoming us all to Lake Paris, along with a beautiful French flag flying grandly over an Eiffel Tower and some lovely French posters. Ah, you would have loved it, Jean Luc. It is a pity that you decided not to travel with me.

There are 96 Lazy Daze motorhomes, in many different colors, here in the campground. It is a rainbow of rigs! The people who own them are called Lazy Dazers and some of them live in their rigs ALL the time! Since some of the rigs are larger than a Paris apartment, I think that would be very nice.

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The weather has been so beautiful...sunny and crisp. We did have a bit of rain this morning (Saturday), but that doesn't stop these intrepid Lazy Dazers from having a grand time.

Every day brings so many different activities for us all to choose from. Washer toss is my favorite, and I had so much fun playing it that I plan to build my own boards (if you are wondering what Washer Toss is, Jean Luc, go and Google it). Then there was a "Tech Talk" where there was much helpful discussion (especially for beginners) about the inner workings of these impressive motorhomes. I also help out at the Host Tent. I enjoy that very much and have met many very nice Lazy Dazers. I learn much about the Lazy Daze motorhome from them, too.

Other activities include scrapbooking and getting our hearing tested. And then there was a meeting that was just for women where we talked about our resolutions for 2012. That was very helpful and I now have some resolutions of my own, Jean Luc.

There was also a field trip to the March Air Reserve Base. I could not go to that one, but it sounded like great fun. There were many planes to see and the people who went enjoyed it very much. I could not go because I went on a different field trip. I went, along with other Lazy Dazers, to a local coroner's facility where I watched an autopsy. Can you believe it, Jean Luc? A real autopsy! I told you these Lazy Dazers were intrepid. And I like intrepid!

Every morning, we listen to the "Pierre and Fifi Show" on the CB. Pierre is obviously in love with Fifi, but she seems to be more interested in his socks. Ah, love...it can be so perplexing, yes?

During their show, Pierre and Fifi give out door prizes. It is not what you think, Jean Luc...they do not give out doors. Instead, they read numbers, and if those numbers match a ticket you have been given, you win a very nice gift. And guess what? I won a bottle of French wine! I will share it tonight with my new friends while we sit around a campfire. I like campfires!

They are also very conscientious, these Lazy Dazers. The camp hosts and the park ranger told me that they are very happy to have the Lazy Daze Caravan Club visit the park because the members treat the park's facilities with more respect than any other group that comes here. And the camp hosts and the ranger also said that they never find any trash on the ground when the Lazy Daze Caravan Club is here because they always use the trash cans. Other groups evidently do not. The club is highly respected here because they, in turn, respect the park. Ah, wouldn't it be wonderful if all of life were as simple as that?

There is much wildlife here at Lake Paris. I know what you are thinking, Jean Luc. No, it is not THAT kind of wildlife. It is the real kind! I hear owls and coyotes at night, and while walking by the lake, I saw two Great Blue Heron, some Red-tailed Hawks and an Osprey. And best of all - a Peregrine Falcon!

Today I attended what is called a General Meeting. They take care of club business and also have fun. One very nice thing they do is give special membership badges to people who have been camping with the Caravan Club for a long time. In some cases, a VERY long time...like 150 caravans! I could not help but think about how special this club must be if there are people in it who have been coming back that many times.

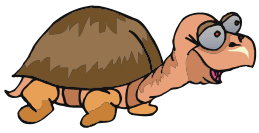
One of the highlights of the meeting was the introduction of a couple who own a Lazy Daze and were camping with the Caravan Club for the very first time. We all serenaded Sally and Gary and it was so much fun. I would very much like to be serenaded by the Caravan Club one day.

Jean Luc, surely you must have guessed by now that I want to buy my very own Lazy Daze. I will go to their factory next week to order it and I shall wait until it is ready. I shall most likely not be home for a very long time. There is much to see in this beautiful country and I plan to see it!

Au Revoir, mon amour. We will always have Paris. And I will always have Lake Paris!

--- Antoinette





## Painted Turtle

Thanks to Mary Moffett for 5 more of her afghans donated at Lake "Paris" Merci.

I try to say something each Caravaner for new members of the Club.

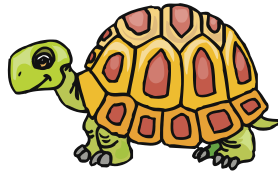
Did you know that beside the summer camp experience to which we donate there is a winter program for families to do weekends with their ill child and include the whole family? These memories for the kids and the family are priceless.

I hope to be in camp and have some yarn and patterns if anyone is interested.

Again thank you Team Turtle!!!

Jane Farwell

The Afghan Collector



Gary & Sally Puckett — La Mesa, CA



## GOODWILL AMBASSADOR REPORT



At Large DI FILLER #2783 has been under the weather making it hard for her attend caravans. Hopefully we will see again soon.

About seeing someone, it was nice to see MIKE LUDOLPH #2095 of the Pathfinders at our last caravan at Lake Perris.

Drifter GEORGE REEDER #1397 tested the 911 response to Lake Perris Campground on our last caravan. He suffered some sort of diabetic reaction that prompted the call. His recovery was fast as he was sighted at the coffee the next morning.

Former Balmer's Bunwarmers DARLENE HOLLIDAY #2083 passed away January 12th.

It is with a sad heart that I must tell you that Drifter BETTY BOSCHMA #1483 lost her son to an auto accident on Sunday, January 22nd.

I would like to thank all who said prayers, sent positive thoughts and cards my way for my recent back surgery. I honestly believe you all did a wonderful job, because my recovery has pleased both me and my doctor. Now that I am back on the job, let's do the same for someone else who needs encouragement. Until you receive cards for an illness or whatever, you never know how much they can mean to you. So please let me know who is in need of cheering up.



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# WE SALUTE YOU

## HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY

Barbara Allen  
Bill Arthur  
Janet Baker  
Barbara Berggreen  
Betty Boschma  
Jon & Loni Calhoun  
Bob & Cynthia Casebolt  
Jim & Ann Cook  
Lurlie Edgecomb  
Joe & Jane Farwell  
Bob Filler  
Joe & Jane Fletcher  
Paul & Ursula Grinde  
Herb & Connie Johnson III  
Bob & LuAnne Lowe  
Allen & Sue Mercer  
Earl & Florence Moore  
Ruben & Jenny Pasillas  
Past Tents  
Pathfinders  
Jim & Marilyn RAMEY  
George & Rosie Reeder  
Roadrunners  
Charlie & Sharon Rodriquez  
Margaret Skinner  
Dwayne & Angela Smith  
Dave & Katharine Spencer  
Vern & Charlene Tutterrow  
Ilene VanGossen  
Nancy Zippler

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE  
LAZY DAZE CARAVAN CLUB.

## Washer Toss

Saturday



1st Place : Joe Fletcher and Darlene Johnson  
2nd Place: Jim Carter and Nancy Perez

## Group Tournament



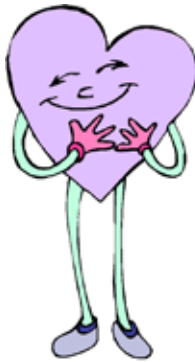
1st Place: Joe Fletcher & Peggy Zabel  
2nd Place: Millie Reiner & Allen Mercer



# Anniversaries



Art & Barbara Berggreen — 50 Caravans



Dave & Christine Nordstrom — 75 Caravans



Joe & Jane Fletcher — 150 Caravans



Mike & Margaret Skinner — 125 Caravans

# Safety Team

Are your health forms up to date in your rig? Do you even have a health form in your rig?? Well, the Lazy Daze Safety Team would like each and every one of you to have an easy way to have a current health form so we have been working on a solution.

You can now access the Lazy Daze Emergency Medical Form from the Lazy Daze Caravan Club website. Dave Hurley, Marlin Zabel, and I have been working to make this form as easy as filling out your outing notice each month.

On your computer, go to [www.lazydazecaravanclub.org](http://www.lazydazecaravanclub.org) and click on the "Health Form" tab on the left side of the home page. Enter your information and then print out the form. I have tried this tab and it works beautifully, thanks Dave! Please note, other Lazy Dazers WILL NOT have access to this information!

I hope you will find this an easy way to keep your emergency information up-to-date. Print out a copy for your rig and also a copy to keep with you in your wallet or purse. Having a copy with you will make your trip to the doctor much easier for you because everything will be at hand.

Again, thank you, Dave and Marlin for your help in getting the Lazy Daze Emergency Medical Form ready to use for all Lazy Dazers.

Peggy Zabel

Lazy Daze Caravan Club Safety Team Member

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## HEARING REPORT

### DO YOU HAVE PRESBYCUSIS ?

As we get older, hearing can become a problem known as presbycusis. A total of 55 hearing screenings were done, 10 passed and 45 failed. All 45 who failed had some degree of hearing loss. Some had enough loss that I recommended a further evaluation by an ear, nose and throat specialist (otolaryngologist), who has an audiologist on staff with a sound proof testing room.

The ear, nose and throat specialist should evaluate you and the audiologist will conduct a complete hearing evaluation to determine if a hearing aid may be useful. The benefit of a hearing aid may vary according to the type and amount of hearing loss you have. As a result of my hearing screening offered to all Lazy Dazers, we now have a few more hearing aids in camp.

What is presbycusis? It is the loss of hearing that occurs in individuals as they grow older. This hearing loss that occurs is usually greater in the high-pitched sounds. A rumbling truck going down the road may be heard but not the chirping bird. Presbycusis can be caused by changes in the inner ear, middle ear or from complex changes along the nerve pathways leading to the brain. It most often occurs in both ears equally. The process is gradual so you may not realize your hearing is diminishing. Symptoms of a loss are apparent when people seem to be mumbling, high -pitched sounds such as "s" and "ch" are difficult to tell apart, can't understand speech when there is background noise, and responds inappropriately to what is being heard (very annoying to everyone).

The audiologist will do a speech discrimination test to determine the ability to hear differences between words that sound similar. The type of loss you have will determine your score.

I thoroughly enjoyed doing the hearing screenings because there were so many wonderful Lazy Dazers I got to meet. Next year hearing screening will be offered again for those who have missed this great opportunity for a free hearing screening this year. I want to thank all of you who have participated.

As chairman of the Safety Team, I want you to be safe. Inadequate hearing effects every day life, especially when driving.

Joanne Wayne, Chairperson

## Women's Only Meeting

First of all, thanks to all of you who came out to support me in my very first Women's Only meeting at Lake Perris. From the feedback I have received, it looks as if you had a good time and learned something. (Keep sniffing those oranges!) For those of you who missed the meeting, you are in luck! Weather permitting; I will have another meeting at Buena Vista on Friday at 1:00.



Many of you have asked me to put the web sites that I shared with you at the meeting in the Caravaner.

[www.livestrong.com](http://www.livestrong.com) - Has tabs for men and women.

[www.dwlz.com](http://www.dwlz.com) – Great web site for restaurants if you are on Weight Watchers and want to know the point value of meals.

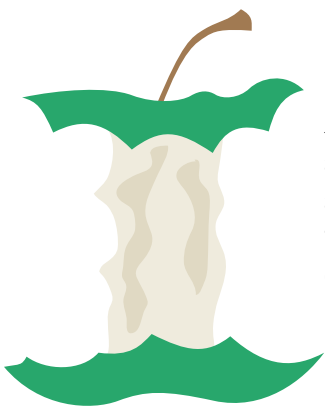
[www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov) - Government run web site by the United States Department of Agriculture.

[www.myfitnesspal.com](http://www.myfitnesspal.com) – Requires that you create a log in and password but don't let that stop you. It is a great web site and it is FREE. This web site keeps track of your calories, not points as in Weight Watchers.

[www.skinnytaste.com](http://www.skinnytaste.com) – This is a web site for recipes. What's great about this web site is it gives the point value (for Weight Watchers) and the calories (for those of you who calorie count).

Go into the Cyberworld and check out these sites, you will be glad you did. I hope this information is helpful to all of you and gets you on track for a healthy and happy new year!

*Peggy*

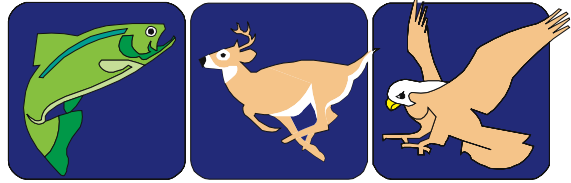


## Apple Corps

David Hurley hosted the Apple Corps with discussions and management ideas for all the electronics that have "exploded" into our lives. Carole took a picture of the 11 participants.



# Mother Nature



Mother's report is possible this month because Art Berggreen's camera lens caught some big birds down at the edge of Lake Perris. Tall trees provide "safe" nesting places for great-blue herons who use those big nests over and over. Art saw an osprey land near a heron without a problem. They are not competing for the same food. He also told of seeing flocks of water fowl out on the lake. This behavior is typical of grebes, northern shovelers, and ruddy ducks who are visitors from the north for the winter.

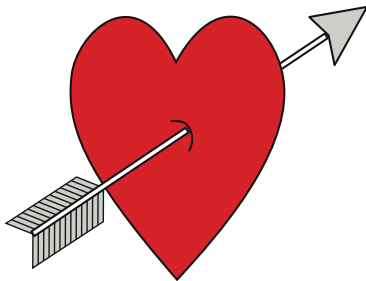
Ospreys will hover over the lake and dive feet first to get a meal. They then turn the fish in their talons so its head is forward for less drag. This bird of prey is 2 feet long and has a wingspread of 4 1/2 to 6 feet, is white below and on the head, blackish above with a large dark streak on each cheek. In flight, a dark spot

shows on the underside of each wing at the "elbow". When perched, the body is held perpendicular to the legs looking like it is always ready for flight. In contrast, the bald eagle has a pure white head as an adult. It holds its body upright when perched, also fishes with its feet but skims the surface of the river, lake or bay, also turns the prey in its talons. Red-tail hawks hunt over land and feast on the small mammals and the occasional snake.



In the campground, we were visited by many dark-eyed juncos, a few California towhees, white-crowned sparrows, black phoebes and crows. A raccoon explored the dumpster near the restroom at night, fat ground squirrels abounded, cottontails were seen, an owl hooted, and essence of skunk was detected. One was seen passing under my rig. I had forgotten to put away an unopened sack of cat food when unloading. When found on the other side of my Lazy Daze, the bag had 3 large holes and was missing 2 of the 3 pounds of Whiskas. Thankfully, it did not leave me a "message" though it was seen returning the next morning to check for leftovers. I got off lucky, will be more careful henceforth. See you at Buena Vista.

Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



# March Air Force Base

Thirteen Caravaners attended the tour. There is a WWII B-17 bomber that's being restored to flying conditions. Gary Phillips is standing by the tail gunners position. There is a jet fighter (Bell XP-59A Aircomet) which had its first flight in October, 1942. Also, there is a B-29 which dropped supplies to American prisoners in Japan. There is much more to see, so don't miss it next year.



# Terry's Tech Talk

Tech Talk Article 65

Ford E-450 Performance Issues

02/2012

This article discusses two Ford E-450 performance issues. The first is related to a Banks Chip and the second is about a manufacturing problem in some 2010 Ford truck engines.

## **Banks Chip**

Bob Filler, Rig #2783, has a 2002 E-450 and has the after market Banks Power Pack that includes the headers, exhaust system, OttoMind chip, and TransCommand. His rig would experience intermittent engine shut down while driving, intermittent inability to manually disengage the overdrive, and other intermittent shifting difficulties. The engine was able to be restarted after shut down by turning the ignition key to "Start" without changing the gear position out of "Drive" and while still rolling. No diagnostic "Trouble Codes" appeared. Bob endured a protracted diagnostic experience that pointed to the Banks Chip. The Banks Chip was "re-flashed" and the problem did not reappear – for a while.

The Banks chip, for Bob's 2002 and my 2001, plugs into a PCM socket on the Ford computer wiring. I do not know the exact year of the changeover, but Banks changed from a separate chip to reprogramming the Ford chip using an SCT X3 Power Flash Ford Programmer device that plugs into the OBD-II port. This is described in:

<http://www.sctflash.com/products.php?PID=1&VID>

Bob's last diagnostic stop was at the Dyno Shop where the problem appeared to be the contact in the socket for the Banks chip. The Banks chip was removed and the Ford chip was reprogrammed with SCT and was fine tuned on the dynamometer. Bob describes watching his rig run at 70 miles per hour on the dynamometer as an "E Ticket" ride. Bob enthusiastically recommends the Dyno Shop for their methodical diagnosis and expertise in solving this intermittent performance problem.

[www.thedynoshop.com](http://www.thedynoshop.com)

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## **2010 Acceleration Performance Issue**

Gary and Sally Puckett, Rig #3008, purchased a 2010 24 Foot Lazy Daze floor model. They experienced incredibly poor performance when trying to accelerate or pull a grade. Both Lazy Daze and Ford said it was "normal" and would go away when the engine was "broken in". Sally knew it was far below "normal", went "on-line", "Googled" on "2010 Ford E450 Performance", and came up with a reference to Technical Service Bulletin 10-25-6, also known as NHTSA Item 10039134. TSB 10-25-6 described a production line problem with the installation of the air intake conduit that crimped the air intake. A couple of trips back to Ford and sure enough, the damaged air intake was found and fixed. The damaged air intake was a problem on some engines across the entire Ford truck gas engine line. It is a sorry state when one has to find a TSB on your own and bring it to the dealer so they can fix their "known" production line problem.

Thank you Caravan Club members for sharing you experiences at "Tech Talk".

The above two example illustrate that "Persistence Prevails" in the end.

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

Check it out at: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/Techsnoz/>

Terry Tanner Rig #2779

## Morgue Tour

Thanks to Dave Nordstrom for hosting another very informative tour.

Many expressed amazement at the efficiency and detailed work done by the staff.



## King and Queen

Hold on to those green tickets! Along with door prizes, pot of gold and free camping, you can become the King and Queen of Valentines.



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

## ? 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**



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



## 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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