



THE CARAVANER

MESSAGE FROM the Backscratchers

September 2012



Another great caravan was held at Hurkey Creek June 20-24 and was hosted by the Backscratchers. All went well even though they operated with a skeleton crew. Many thanks to John Mailliard and Claude Potts for helping the Backscratchers put up the host tent upon the Backscratchers arrival. The extra set of hands was surely needed! Fifty rigs attended the caravan, which included a couple from Long Beach as first timers. We had beautiful weather all four days which allowed us to enjoy the hot dog cookout and our usual, very lively, washer toss tournament. Everyone had a good time and when all was done we retreated for a summer hiatus.



HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE, 2012

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR
HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS

Jim & Ruth Carter

Lurlie Edgecomb

Al & Lydia Granger

Floyd & Margaret Heideman

Herb & Darlene Johnson II

Herb & Connie Johnson III

Don & Carol Kratzer

Bob & LuAnne Lowe

John & Catherine Mailliard

Jerry & Char Malner

Allen & Sue Mercer

Lynn & Randy Murray

Nomads

Bob & Pat Perdue

Claude & Carol Potts

Roadrunners

Bob Schmahl

Mike & Margaret Skinner

Bill & Frances Surbrook

Larry & Sharon Turner

Vern & Charlene Tutterrow

Jack & Jeannette Walker

Goodwill Ambassador Report

Guess what, we have a new rig so we hope to be on this caravan. You all will have to wear your name tags as my memory is not as good as it used to be and I will need help remembering names.



Two of our ladies recently lost their husbands. Road Runner RICHARD PHILLIPS #2916 passed away on May 31st after a 4 month illness. MIKE LUDOLPH #2095 of the Pathfinders passed early in June after a hard battle with cancer.

Back Scratcher, HOWARD CLEEK #2298 is recovering from colon surgery.



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A NOTE FROM THE CROCKERS

On our last motorhome trip to visit our family, Ivy and I could see that the time has come, due to our age and declining health, to give up motorhoming.

We will miss seeing all of our friends at the caravans. We want to thank you all for the wonderful support we have received. Especially thank you for your support of the Church of the Lazy Daze. Jack Walker has agreed to continue the services when he is there.

Our thanks to all for the good times we have had with the Class C Campers and the wonderful reception we received from the Drifters when the Class C's disbanded.

Thanks again, and happy camping to you all.

Leonard and Ivy Crocker, Rig. No. 2512



Washer Toss

Washer Toss Winners

1st: Gary Wells and Carol Kratzer

2nd: Herb Johnson III and Margaret Skinner



The Lost Artifacts

The Firesiders mounted a successful expedition to locate and recover the two lost artifacts – The Golden Bracelet with Sarcophagus and Little Egypt's Toe Ring - at Hurkey Creek. Elders in the expedition, successfully interpreted an intricate and complex cipher leading to the possible location of the artifacts and then sent 'Eric the Brave,' into the wilderness to secure the items recovery.



Where Are We?

Submitted by Jim & Anne Cook



General Meeting



First Timers



Larry & Ida Montgomery — Long Beach, CA

Caravan Anniversaries



Don & Carol Kratzer — 75 Caravans



Jim & Ruth Carter — 275 Caravans



Terry's Tech Talk

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Loose Bilstein Shock Absorber

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About a year ago there was a series of postings on the "Life With A Lazy Daze RV" Forum about the upper bushings on the Bilstein shock absorbers splitting. I dutifully checked mine at the time and found them to be ok. In July, I heard a metal on metal banging noise from the front passenger side wheel well. I found the top nut had come off the shock absorber stud, the bushings were gone, and the stud had come out of the retaining hole. The stud had been tapered by rubbing against the hole before it came out of the retaining hole. Once the stud was free of the retaining hole, the loose shock absorber rubbed on the coil spring as shown in the photograph below:



The Bilstein replacement shocks for the Ford E450 for years 1992 through 2011 are: 33-187563 for under 30 feet; and 33-187570 for 30 foot or longer. I needed the replacement shocks right away as I removed the damaged shock at my campsite. I went on-line, found the part numbers, and ordered from www.ajusa.com in San Diego. The cost was \$84.52 each plus sales tax with free shipping. UPS Ground delivery was the next day to my home in Los Angeles. My 2001 Rear Bath is 27 feet long, but the "comfort" shocks were out of stock so I ordered the 33-187570 shocks. I was able to install the front passenger shock easily by running my hydraulic leveling jacks up and down. The driver's side shock was another story. A standard socket was too shallow, and a deep socket and ratchet was too long to fit in the available space. I tried standard open end and a box wrenches and they also did not work in the available space. I was going to the "Mothership" for some body and paint work, so Lazy Daze installed the shock for \$20 while it was in for repair.

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

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

HURKEY CREEK HOTDOG FEAST



A Little Humor

From time to time , while doing research for the Alshiemers Artifact Consortium (ACC), I come across something interesting. So, I forward this to you for that occasion when you are looking for a filler article for the Caravaner. You can credit it to the AAC representative in the USA.

The Goldberg Brothers - The Inventors of the Automobile Air Conditioner

Here's a little fact for automotive buffs or just to dazzle your friends.

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees.

The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office.

They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car.

They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent.

The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords.

They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show –
Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max -- on the controls.

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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**



From the Editor

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