



THE CARAVANER

MESSAGE FROM THE DRIFTERS Welcome to Silent Valley!

June 2013

We had 85 rigs at Live Oak, including one first timer. The Drifters would like to thank all the people who helped make Live Oak another enjoyable outing. The barbecue was well attended and enjoyed. The weather cooperated with only a brief period of wind bursts which was a little annoying, but not impossible to work around. We had a large Mickey & Minnie washer toss tournament. John Mailliard dreamed up a challenging final match which was won by the Minnie ladies: Carol Kratzer & Carol Potts. As you noticed, we managed without a tent. In the future this could be eliminated at some venues.



WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY, 2013

Thanks to all the Host Tent volunteers that made the check in process go so smoothly.
Your dedication is appreciated

Bill Arthur

Betty Boschma

Herb & Carlynn Christian

Bill & June Cross

Joe & Jane Fletcher

Carol Harter

Tom & Jan Hiemstra

Dave & Carole Hurley

Herb & Darlene Johnson II

Herb & Connie Johnson III

Don & Carol Kratzer

Bob & LuAnne Lowe

John & Catherine Mailliard

Carl & Jean Orr

Ken & Linda Palmer

Ruben & Jenny Pasillas

Claude & Carol Potts

Jim & Marilyn Ramey

George & Rosie Reeder

Roadrunners

Bob Schmahl

Bill & Frances Surbrook

Laura Techentin

Larry & Sharon Turner

Vern & Charlene Tutterrow

Connie Williams

Marlin & Peggy Zabel

Goodwill Ambassador Report



This month's report concerns just NoMads.

JEANNETTE WALKER #2978 broke her left femur while in Havana, Cuba with her husband, JACK. It seems they were there on a church mission. She underwent surgery and a titanium rod was inserted in the bone. I was informed that the Cubans took very good care of her. She missed Live Oak and hopefully we will see her at this caravan.

MARY ANNA ANDERSON #2894 has been hospitalized for more than six weeks with COPD.

ANDY & MARY LOUISE SMITH #2394 have lost their son, Stephen on May 15th. He was 50 years old. Cause of death was not listed. If you should care to send a card their address is 2304 Rosendale Village Ave., Henderson, NV 89052-8731.



Mona Shaner
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Annual Fire Extinguisher Service & Demo

Thank you goes out to Dan Doran, who made the trip to Live Oak to service our fire extinguishers.



Live Oak May Barbaque with Me and Lou's Catering Service



CRAFT SALE

This turned out to be one of the best ever.



Thank all you artists for participating in the Craft Sale. And to all you shoppers for making it so grand. And especially to all you ladies who took such good care of your hunks who help us move tables.

Rose Marie Reeder



Terry's Tech Talk

Tech Talk Article 76

Ford Parking Brake Issues

06/2013

The parking or “emergency” brake on the Ford E450 and E350 chassis has been problematic. The brake is engaged by pressing down on a foot pedal next to the driver’s side cab door jam. The pedal pulls on a cable that activates a drum style brake that is on the drive shaft just aft of the transmission housing.

The proper way to apply the Parking Brake is as follows: 1) Come to a complete stop with your right foot on the brake pedal. 2) Leave the transmission in gear or shift it into neutral. 3) With your left foot, engage the Parking Brake as far as it will go. 4) Release your right foot from the brake and let the rig move forward or backward until it comes to a complete stop. 5) **The LAST STEP is to put the transmission in Park.** (If the rig rolls after it is in Park, it can be hard to get it out of Park).

The brake housing on the drive shaft has a small amount of Automatic Transmission fluid inside. If the seal dries out and the fluid leaks, it will leave a “side to side” oil spray pattern on the underside of the rig. If this pattern appears, it is almost time to dig deep into your check book. A routine maintenance task is to check the fluid level in the parking brake housing and add fluid if it is low on fluid. The procedure for my 2001 E450 is detailed “ParkBrake.pdf” in the “Files” Section of the “Techsnoz” website.

It is very easy to drive off with the Parking Brake engaged as the little red “idiot light” is not obvious and the Parking Brake offers little resistance once the 7 ton aerodynamic brick starts to move. If the Parking Brake is engaged, you are unlikely to notice it when you drive off. One way to reduce the likelihood of this costly oversight is to install a very irritating buzzer that drives you crazy when the ignition switch is “On” AND the Parking Brake is engaged. A procedure for installing such a buzzer is detailed in “BrakeBuz.pdf” in the “Files” Section of “Techsnoz”. Simple, one would think, but Ford, in its infinite engineering wisdom, puts the switch for the Parking Brake light on the “Ground” end rather than on the source or “hot” end of the circuit. The ground switch was banned by the residential electrical codes in the 1920’s. What it does is leave the device always “hot” so even if the device is “Off” it can develop an electrical short and start a fire. I assume the marketing department figures this is a good way to sell more replacement vehicles. Anyway, the buzzer needs it’s own power source from an ignition controlled but unused fuse position in the fuse panel and then is spliced into the Parking Brake wire just before the ground switch.

According to Ford, the Parking Brake is “non-repairable” and the simple solution is to replace it with a new one when it fails at a cost of about \$1500. Some folks have found the very hard to find places that rebuild the Parking Brake by replacing the brake shoes and springs. One Caravaner with a Gear Vendors Overdrive, had a bad experience with a rebuild. They had to remove the overdrive but instead of removing the overdrive as a unit, they split it. When they put the overdrive back together they over-did the sealant bead and contaminated the overdrive fluid plus they used the wrong fluid. Overall, the rebuild, in this case, was more costly than the replacement.

Another problem is when the cable stretches making it necessary to continually make an adjustment for pedal play. When you run out of adjustment, it may be time to replace the cable.

Techsnoz, the “Tech Talk” website.

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

Terry Tanner Rig #2779



HALLOWEEN GHOST AND GOBLINS

This October we will be having our annual pumpkin carving/ decorating contest. Start thinking this summer about pumpkin ideas. If you don't like pulling out the insides of the pumpkin, in September you can get molded pumpkins at Michael's/JoAnn's/HobbyLobby stores and just decorate them.



There will also be a contest for the best decorated motorhome.

Don't forget to think of a costume to wear.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION and CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Thank you for your support by donating Box Tops for Education and Campbell soup labels. I am collecting these items and forwarding them to my grandchildren. The school uses them to replace balls, games and outside yard equipment. The "Box Tops For Education" are used to replace old computer equipment and software programs. The school really needs this support which allows the kids to have fun outdoor and keeps their computer skills up.

Thank you, thank you from Ethan, McKenna, Abigail Campbell and Catherine Mailliard

Bike Race that closed the road for a while.

Photo by Gary Phillips



Roadrunner Pancake Breakfast

Now here is how to have a good time!



? 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

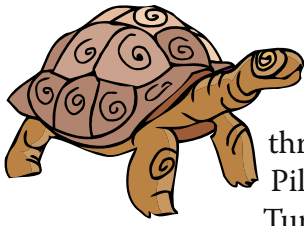
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Painted Turtle Lady

Jane Farwell Rig #2445

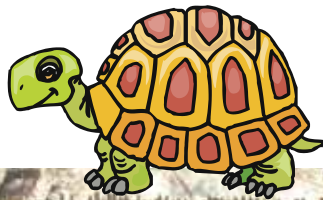


Lazy Days loving hands ladies once again came through with Afghans and Turtle Pillows for the kids at Painted Turtle Camp summer 2013.

Beginning last September you furnished 92 Afghans and 102 Turtle Pillows to be enjoyed by some of the 1800 children that will attend this summer's camp. I also collected \$225 from various LD members. Congratulations and thank you Team Turtle!

These children, many with terminally ill conditions, will have the time of their life well away from their normal medical world. Kids need to be kids and this camp provides that setting. They will fish, horseback ride, swim, kayak, be aerialists and gymnasts, crafters, artists by day At night there will be the fireside fun of singing and playing games. It is often said that these children have a burst of good health while at camp. Nothing looks very medical, even the hospital. Nurses and doctors are just one of the counselor gang.

If they could they would all thank you all individually for your loving efforts. Please accept my thanks to you for the coming for 2013 Summer camping season . I start collecting again with Indian Hills campout.



WOMEN ONLY



Peggy Zabel (The Pegster)



I'm told all the gals enjoyed the Women Only meeting at Live Oak. With discussions about health and food.

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



www.lazydazecaravanclub.org

GET TANGLED IN THE WEB



Survivor Washer Toss Challenge (SWTC)

This challenge event **does not replace the regularly scheduled Caravan Washer Toss Tournament.** It is not intended to compete with or in any way interfere with the Caravan Tournament.

The Survivor Washer Toss Challenge is a gathering for 'washer toss addicts' to be scheduled and controlled by the players as the interest of the group may dictate. There will be no tournament manager, no sign-ups, no matching of players, no creating and maintaining of brackets and no assigning washer toss boards for play. All SWTC events will be announced at 'Morning Announcements'. A time and location will be provided in the announcement. This information will also be posted on one of the Caravan Bulletin Boards along with the rules of play.

Rules of Play

All Lazy Daze rules for washer toss will apply. Any questions will be resolved through the experience and knowledge of the players, relying, as may be required, on the most experienced player(s).

Conditions of Play

Players will select their own partners.

Each team must consist of a male and female member.

Teams must sign in with the event facilitator at the event. This is required as no team can compete in more than one event annually with the same team members. Players without a partner may be able to find one at the event. However, it is their responsibility to find a partner and sign in as a team.

At sign in each team will receive two poker chips.

Any team holding a poker chip may challenge any other team to a game. No team may refuse a challenge. Teams, the challenger and the challenged, shall proceed to any open boards to play. Losers of any game will forfeit a chip to the 'chip box'. As long as a team possesses a chip they can continue to play. Two losses and that team is ineligible to continue in the event.

Purpose of the SWTC

Have fun. Fill free time in the Caravan activity schedule. Provide a mixer for more folks to participate in stress free games. Satisfy the voracious appetite for more washer toss.

DAY _____ Time _____ GRID LOCATION _____



Drawing Winners Anniversary



Birthday



First Timer



Diane Demelo

Mike and Dottie Baird From a few years ago at Silent Valley



Retirement of the infamous plaid Washer Toss Boards!



Mickey and Minnie Washer Toss Tournament

Hosted by: Frances Smith



First Place: Carol Kratzer
Carol Potts
Second Place: Bob Smith
Terry Tanner



Where Are We?

As you travel this summer, remember to take some photos with your rig in the picture and send it to the Caravan Editor.



Caravan Anniversaries



Andy & Bev Moine — 150 Caravans



Willie & Ruthie Judd — 175 Caravans



Activity Schedule for June, 2013

LAZY DAZE CARAVAN CLUB

Silent Valley

June 19-22, 2013

Hosted by the Nomads

Meeting Locations for all meetings will be given during Morning Announcements

Keep your CB on Channel 30

Lazy Daze Alternate CB Channel is 7



WEDNESDAY June 19

After setting up your campsite, come by and sign up to be a Host Tent Greeter.

THURSDAY June 20

- 6:30 **Coffee is brewing** – bring your own cup!
- 8:00 **Morning Announcements and door prizes**, thanks to the **Nomads**
- 10:00 **A Special Women's Only** – Peggy Zabel and Jenny Pasillas
- 1:00 **Apple Corps** – Granny Casebolt
- 2:00 **Pot of Gold tickets** are on sale
- 2:00 **Group Representatives Meeting**
- 3:30 **Executive Council Meeting**

FRIDAY June 21

- 6:30 **Morning coffee** – bring your own cup!
- 8:00 **Morning Announcements and Door Prizes**, thanks to the **Nomads**
- 9:00 **Special Washer Toss Tournament** – Claude Potts
- 10:00 **Pot of Gold tickets** on sale
- 10:00 **Scrapbooking** - Lydia Granger
- 2:00 **Pot of Gold tickets** on sale
- 2:00 **Drawing Instruction** – Jane Farwell
- 3:00 **Tech Talk** - Terry Tanner

SATURDAY June 22

- 6:30 **Morning Coffee** – bring your own cup!
- 8:00 **Morning Announcements and Door Prizes**, thanks to the **Nomads**
- 9:00 **Washer Toss Tournament**
- 10:00 **Pot of Gold tickets** are on Sale – Last chance to buy your tickets.
- 1:30 **General Meeting**
- 15 minutes after the General Meeting – **CHURCH OF THE LAZY DAZE** with Jack Walker
- 5:00 **Hot Dog Cookout**

Have a Safe Ride Home and a restful, healthy summer – See you September 19-22 at Indian Hill Ranch

