

THE CARAVANER



Lake Perris SRA

Welcome Lazy Dazers To Lake Perris

March 2014

Lovely weather greeted our arrival at Stage Coach Trails RV Park with a beautiful desert view. The Backscratchers went to work getting the “Host Ramada” ready for business. On Wednesday we awoke to some cloud cover and the breeze picked up...and up... and up! Out came the blue tarp and down came the easels to be lashed to the “Ramada”. Thursday, Friday and Saturday gave us great weather with our own ‘Fly-Overs’ each day. They also gave us two first timers...the Millers and the Morris’. They made a total of 58 rigs in camp. The Show and Tell display in the lodge demonstrated what creative and talented folks we have in our Lazy Daze Club.

On Saturday Gary Wells ably conducted the double elimination washer toss tournament with two new members qualifying for the Len Phillipi Championship in December. Herb Johnson and Bob Filler led our general meeting efficiently...featuring two 75 and two 100 caravan pins awarded. (and, of course, Pot of Gold!) Jack Walker conducted the Church of the Lazy Daze giving an interesting and inspiring message.

Many thanks to the “Ramada” hosts and all the other folks who helped with the Backscratcher’s host assignment.

P.S. I love my tea towels...thanks, Mona



SHOW AND TELL

The Show and Tell displayed a very interesting array of articles. It sure was nice of members of our Lazy Daze family to share their items. It amazes everyone the talents we have in our group. Rosie and I want to thank all the members who brought their hobbies and crafts. This program should be repeated some time in the future.

Thanks again,

Rosie Reeder and Vern Tutterrow





WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

Lurlie Edgecomb

Bob Filler

Joe & Jane Fletcher

Tom & Jan Hiemstra

Terry & Lucy Joe

Herb & Darlene Johnson II

Herb & Connie Johnson III

Don & Carol Kratzer

Robert & Sharron Laren

Allen & Sue Mercer

Ken & Linda Palmer

Diana Pionke

Claude & Carol Potts

Jim & Marilyn Ramey

George & Rosie Reeder

Don & Millie Reiner

Roadrunners

Mike & Margaret Skinner

Bill & Frances Surbrook

Larry & Sharon Turner

Vern & Charlene Tutterrow

Greg & Sandy Young

Goodwill Ambassador Report

Back Scratcher TONI SHIMER #2815 recently went through knee replacement surgery. She was in the hospital 3 days and is now in rehab.



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



www.lazydazecaravanclub.org

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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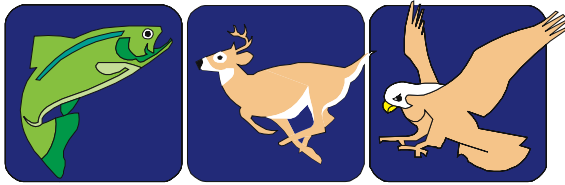
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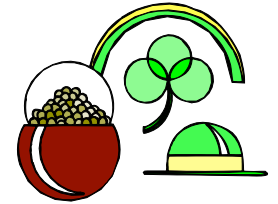
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Mother Nature



Despite the arid conditions near Anza-Borrego last month, there were small numbers of various birds, mammals, and lepidoptera (moths and butterflies). A small, charcoal gray, skipper flitted between a few plants near the pavilion. A much larger Monarch butterfly seemed to keep the Outbacks company for a couple of days. There must be milkweed in the neighborhood. Tuesday night I had a invasion of soft, almost white moths, perhaps 6 of them about 1-inch wide. They were busy around my kitchen light . No beetles, lizards or tarantulas this trip. A sphinx moth was found on John Fisher's sock while on a hike uphill with Caryl. They saw jack rabbits and barrel cactus also.

Beneath a large pine, owl pellets showed evidence of small bird bones and feathers in two of these and, also, there was one with fur mixed in with dried blood. What can't be digested gets heaved up and falls to the ground beneath nesting areas. I went looking because I had heard hooting from the area of the two pines. Camp personnel had replaced the broken nest box into the tree, but neglected to put the roof back on and now the hawk can be subjected to hawk raids. Cottontail and jackrabbit droppings were found in camp. The largest predators in the area are the coyotes. Rototilled mounds near the drip lines are evidence of gophers. On the eastern side of camp, the corrals had a few horses--the pinto liked to prance and run, a pretty scene.



Birds are my favorite creatures to watch, but bush tits are difficult to spot as they are small, round, gray little things who twitter while searching bushes and trees for seeds and insects. One male lesser goldfinch was seen. A few black phoebes chirped as they swept in and out nabbing an insect and landing on a different branch or twig and then cleaning its beak. Dark eyed juncos checked the ground for seeds and insects. A turkey vulture lazily floated above and beyond us all the while looking for dead or dying food.

Two band-tailed pigeons kept checking out the pavilion for several days, especially the big cross beams. They are larger and quieter than the mourning dove. A soft, evenly gray color, it has a white half stripe on the back of its neck and a long squared tail without a visible band. It is common in mountainous areas in California and moves about some following food supply without actually migrating.

Speaking of that, the time has come for spring migration. Birds who do migrate gorge themselves to build up fat deposits that will sustain them during long migratory flights. Larger birds migrate during the day using landforms and the rising and setting sun to guide them. Smaller birds tend to fly at night using the setting sun, the stars, or the magnetic fields to guide themselves. With calmer winds at night and fewer predators about, the smaller birds are safer at this time. Days are used for feeding and rest so they are happy to come to your feeder filled with select seeds that are high in energy value. Some birds require 2-3 days of constant feeding to build their fat resources back up. Birds are propelled by fat and stalled without it as they continue on their migratory path. Yet others do not migrate if there is an adequate supply of food year round.

Lake Perris should have more waterfowl and long-legged waders as they rest and feed on their way north. Take a walk or drive down to the day use area and check the bird life out and then report back to me on what you see.

Mother Nature
aka Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



First Timers



Gary & Mari Jo Miller — Camarillo, CA



Mike & Marsha Morris — Chula Vista, CA

Caravan Anniversaries



Don & Verona McCutcheon — 75 Caravans



Byron & Mona Shaner — 75 Caravans



Dale & Doris Wren — 100 Caravans



Marty & Leone Mitchell — 100 Caravans

Terry's Tech Talk

Tech Talk Article 82

Hot Air from the Ford Cab Vents

03/2014

My 2001 Ford E450 **Lazy Daze** Rear Bath has been blowing hot air out the dashboard vents even when the heater controls are all the way to "Cold". In summer, I would just turn the vent control to "Off". When I used the air conditioner, the air would be heated before it was cooled. Looking in the engine compartment did not reveal any obvious clues so I assumed two things: 1) It was likely a stuck baffle door (wrong!); and 2) It would be under the dashboard (wrong!) and cost \$750 or more to get at.

On a recent Caravan, Ken Palmer told me about his adventure fixing his "hot air" problem. Ken found that a gasket in his heater ducting was "missing" – either nibbled away by rodents or dissolved by the elements. Ken is a patient man and was able to work a strip of metal flashing all the way around the duct and then weather strip it. Ken showed me where to look on my rig and sure enough my gasket was gone. So the hot air from the engine compartment was being sucked into the heater duct instead of the outside air through the grill at the base of the windshield. The gasket is located in the engine compartment on the passenger side up against the firewall.



The Gasket Location



The Gasket Up Close

The heater duct and gasket are just above the air conditioning tubing and the heater blower. On the left there is hardly any room at all for fingers let alone tools. I removed the bolts for the Windshield Washer Fill Tube and the Oil Fill Tube and popped the white plastic rivet holding the Wiring Harness to give me some more room. You can use most any configuration of foam to plug the "Gap".

I fabricated a gasket out of 1/2 inch thick gray foam used for expansion joints in concrete. I cut a 36 inch long by 1.5 inch wide strip, folded it back over itself, and secured both edges with duct tape.



Then I forced my new gasket into the gap along the front of the duct from left to right and around the right side of the duct. The fluffy gasket in the back seemed to be intact so I did not worry about it. I put many vertical strips of duct tape across the gasket to keep the gasket in place.



The "Fix" in Place?

I reattached the loosened parts. My solution may not be air tight, but it blocks enough hot air for me to be "cool" again.

Techsnoz, the "Tech Talk" website.

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

Terry Tanner Rig #2779

CAMPER INFORMATION SHEET

Turn in completed form to host tent or send to:
Herb Johnson 13231 Paraiso Rd Apple Valley, Ca. 92308

This form must be received by May 1st-- No exceptions
No admittance to campground without this form!

PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER (including primary camper)

Group Name LAZY DAZE CARAVAN CLUB

Arrival Date: June 11, 2014 Departure Date: June 15, 2014

Name of Primary Camper: _____

Please list all individuals camping on this site:

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

If Silent Valley member list member number: N/ A

Date of arrival _____ Date of departure _____

Total Camping Nights: _____ Fees Paid: _____ *(make payment at host tent)*

Washer Toss



First Place: Joe Fletcher & Sandy Muller
Second Place: Terry Tanner & Diana Pionke