



THE CARAVANER

*Welcome to Live Oak!
Hosted by the Past Tents*

May 2014

The NoMads enjoyed hosting the caravan at Tualota Springs. We had 55 rigs - one 1st timer and one 2nd timer. The weather cooperated with warm mornings, breezy afternoons and was cool enough for our evening fires.

We had a fabulous Women's Only meeting with Peggy Zabel and her expert assistants Jenny Pasillas and Mona Shaner. They demonstrated how to make a burrito pillowcase which we are going to make at this caravan. One will be for charity and one for yourself. Hope you brought your sewing machine! Other activities included catching and releasing in the fishing pond, wine tasting excursions, scrapbooking, hay rides, washer toss and just visiting with friends.

A BIG surprise was a visit from the Easter Bunny (a.k.a. Di Filler) who delivered a giant basket of goodies which we added to the morning prizes and was won by the Nordstroms. The Bunny was also given the honor of throwing the first washer for our Washer Toss tournament on Saturday morning.

We hope everyone had an enjoyable caravan and will now look forward to all the fun and games at Live Oak.



WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL, 2014

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

Bill Arthur

Betty Boschma

Debbie Bowling

Jon & Loni Calhoun

Sally Caulfield

Jim & Ann Cook

Bob & Di Filler

Joe & Jane Fletcher

Carol Harter

Herb & Darlene Johnson II

Herb & Connie Johnson III

Bob & Margot Kody

Don & Carol Kratzer

Don & Verona McCutcheon

Allen & Sue Mercer

Gary & Mari Jo Miller

NoMads

Claude & Carol Potts

Jim & Marilyn Ramey

Bill & Sharon Ramsey

Roadrunners

Mike & Margaret Skinner

Bill & Frances Surbrook

Vern & Charlene Tutterrow

Marlin & Peggy Zabel

First Timers



Jim & Teri Jackson — Beaumont, CA



Yep! There are fish in that pond. Ray Moon and Dave Hurley among others gave it a try. Can't speak for the others but Ray and Dave caught a good number of them. That number depends on our fish stories. :-)



Crafty Ladies



Spring has sprung and creativity was in the air! Peggy Zabel, Jenny Pasillas, and Mona Shaner demonstrated their sewing talents at the Women's Only meeting. A Burrito Pillow Case and a "Sewer Hose Cover" were the subjects of their handiwork. Do's and Don'ts were shared as well as their helpful hints on cutting material and exact stitching. We were given directions about the material to bring and encouraged to pack our own sewing machines in the Rigs to bring to the May Caravan. That's where the actual projects will be stitched. Di Filler encouraged us to make more than one pillow case so the extras could be given to a charity and she will take any extras .

Not to be outdone by the Stitchers, Lydia Granger, Caryl Fisher and Francis Surbrook presented several Easter projects at the Scrapbook session. Lydia's first-and-very-cute Granddaughter was the photo subject and Lydia demonstrated a clever way to create an accordion photo album. Materials were all provided by Lydia and Caryl and so were their extra hands, answers to questions and examples on how to individualize our projects. Francis also had packets for each of us with cut out papers and decorations for making Easter cards. It was evident that the Spring Creative Bug had bitten each participant. Friendship, laughter, inspiration and sharing were all the by-products of our time together.

In these two creative sessions it was clear that the six ladies, who shared their wonderful artistic talents, loved what they were doing. They inspired the rest of us . Thank you Jenny, Mona, Peggy, Caryl, Francis and Lydia

Article written by Kathrine Spencer



Washer Toss

Winners:
First Place — Bill Arthur
Jack Walker
Second Place — Herb Johnson III
Bill Surbrook



MICKEY AND MINNIE MOUSE WASHER TOSS TOURNAMENT

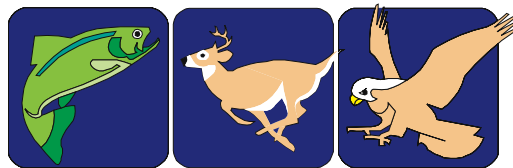
Have you got your partner for the Mickey and Minnie Washer Toss Tournament? If you have, don't forget to sign up at the host tent.

Just remember, it is the women against the men when getting your partner. Please remember to put a bracket showing who your partner is. If you do not have a partner, **we will try and find one for you**, so sign up and say you need a partner.

Tucalota Springs Hay Ride



Mother Nature



Many eyes wide open and ears listening can bring reports of what all is living around us as we camp at Live Oak. Some of your “phones” can take pictures and that is a great aid in helping to identify fauna and flora. David Hurley, our esteemed editor, took a shot of a gopher snake at Tualota last month. We had photos of herons at Lake Perris from the previous outing. All of you can make great field reporters even if you can’t go far from your camp space. There are identifiers that you can look for even if you don’t know what it is exactly that you are watching. Of great help is a book by Stan Tekiela called “Birds of California--A Field Guide”.

Make note of the size of the bird. Is it tiny as in a hummingbird? Or sparrow or robin size? Perhaps it is very large like a hawk or heron. Look at the bill or beak if you can. Is it long, short, curved, straight, thick or thin? Different lengths and shapes enable the bird to eat its food. Color of the bird is easy if it is all one color and especially easy if it is spring and the bird is a male. Colors are brightest in springtime, all the better to attract a mate. However, there are some species that show no color or pattern differences between the sexes. If the females are different, it enables them to blend into the scenery when sitting on the nest.



Look at and note the scenery, the habitat, where you are seeing the animal (after all, this might be other than a bird and I want to know about them, too). Are you watching a flight or a large-winged bird soaring on a thermal? Is it wading and searching the water for a morsel? Is it hopping and scratching at the leaf litter? Perching high in a tree? When watching birds as they perch, how are they holding their bodies? Leaning forward like a crow does or upright like hawks? As soon as you can write down what you saw, do so. Memories are fickle.

At Live Oak, be sure to look for violet-green tree swallows swooping in open spaces showing off their bright backs and white undersides. They are bigger than a sparrow and smaller than a robin. Oak titmouses will peck at bark and leaves and on the ground. They will come to bird feeders, have a little topknot and are small and gray. Western bluebirds tend to be in flocks, stay close to the ground; the male is the brighter one. We have seen turkeys here. When you walk around the corral, look uphill at the trees with horizontal branches, as turkeys will roost there to avoid predators. Early morning you may see them in more open spaces scratching at the ground. They love decaying acorns. I have seen crows use a twig to dig up something that a squirrel has just buried for later use.

There are many observations you can make before the Nature Walk on Thursday. So come prepared to talk about what you have seen and where you saw it. There have been gopher snakes in holes in the slope behind the pavilion and around the big garbage bin so watch where you put your hands and feet though I don’t think they will hurt you, just scare you.

Mother Nature aka Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



Terry's Tech Talk

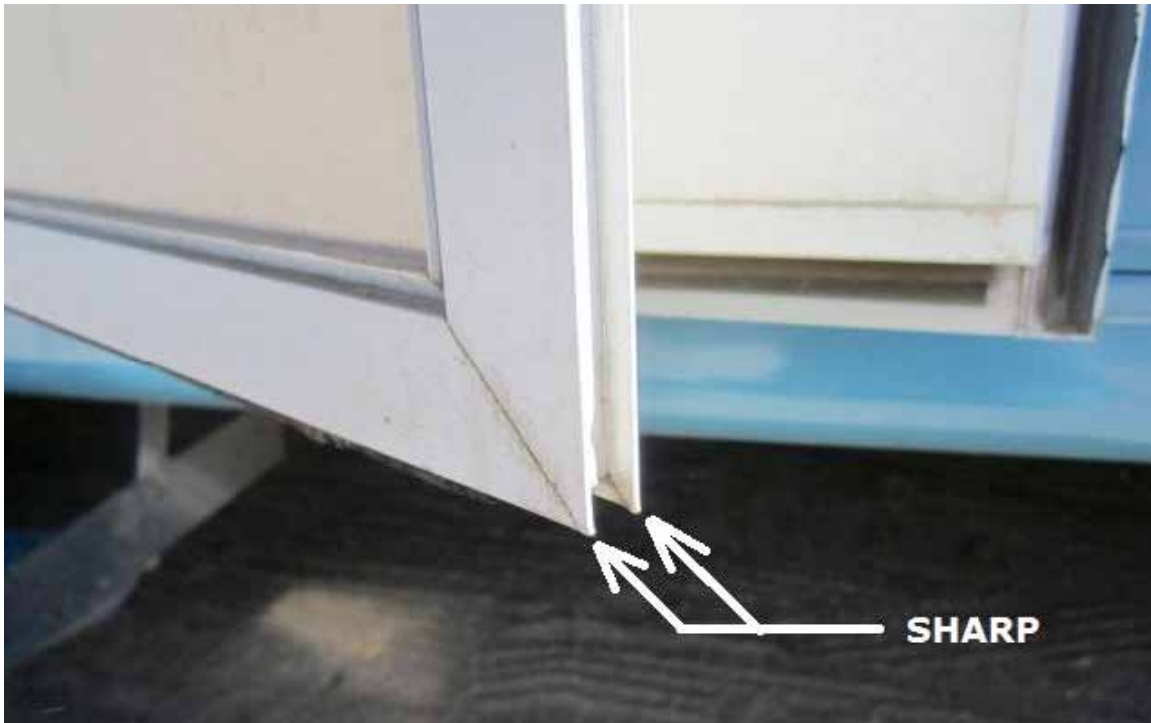
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Screen Door Corners

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At April 2014 Tech Talk, one Caravaner told about his bad experience when the screen door blew shut as his dog was ascending the entry stairs. The corners on his screen door were very sharp and the razor like edges sliced up his dog. An emergency run to the veterinary clinic for stitches was required.

After the Tech Talk, I checked the screen door on my 2001 Lazy Daze Rear Bath and found that my screen door corners were very sharp. The photograph below shows what to look for.



I got out my Mill Bastard file and rounded off the sharp corners. The metal was soft and it only took a few minutes to accomplish this easy safety enhancement.

The critical corner is the bottom corner on the latch side. It is possible to brush up against the bottom corner on the hinge side so it should be rounded off as well. The top corners are unlikely to be a problem, but it only takes a couple of minutes to round them off. It is better to be safe than sorry.

After finding the razor sharp corner, I could picture my left calf or ankle moving upward as I ascend the entry stairs and the have the screen door slam shut on me.

The combination of the upward movement of the “target” and the force of the swinging screen door razor sharp corner could result in a serious injury.

Please take a few minutes and very carefully check your screen door.

The fix is easy and quick if you have the file.

Techsnoz, the “Tech Talk” website.

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



Goodwill Ambassador Report

Back Scratcher ART VORBECK #2589 is having open heart surgery to replace one of his valves.

Former Road Runner member JESS HONEYWELL #2245 has entered assisted living. His new address isn't available at this time.

Firesider DALE WREN #2667 has been in the hospital. His condition is unknown at this time.

JANE FARWELL #2445 was in a boating accident before last month's caravan, which she was unable to attend.

Another Firesider CONNIE JOHNSON #2985 had facial surgery on May 8th.



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Helpful Hints

by Sharon Turner

Do you still bake in your motor home? Having trouble with uneven cooking in the LD oven? Try placing a 12 x 14 WearEver aluminum insulated cookie sheet on top of the rack under the casserole dish. I find this spreads the heat much more evenly. This size covers most of the rack and yet allows the heat to move easily around the sides of the cookie sheet. Of course the cookie sheet is also useful for baking cookies and appetizers. I have found this size in a set of three (sm. med. lg.) at Bed Bath Beyond. The internet price was \$19.99 and would be less expensive with a Bed Bath & Beyond 20% off coupon.

Another hint for those with a rear bath. Ruben Pacillas told me about placing a medium sized mirror on the inside of the closet door. When the door is open and latched to the side frame the mirror reflects the image from the mirror over the bathroom sink allowing for the back side of head/hair to be seen. Thanks Ruben for the handy hint and thanks to my husband for installing it for me.

? 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

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

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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