

Your Hosts for Silent Valley, the Drifters

June 2016

LIVE OAK WRAP-UP

The weather was nice....sometimes a little cool, sometimes a little warm, often a little breezy but basically nice! There were definitely some highlights. The Entertainment Committee's pancake breakfast was absolutely delicious. Pancakes, sausage, juice and fresh fruit were enjoyed at the very reasonable price of \$2.00. The Lovetts worked especially hard to make it a success.

The Minnie/Mickey Washer Toss Tournament brought forth a repeated "Girls Rule" as Maria Johnson and Darlene Johnson won two out of three games from Bob Smith and Alan Mercer. Another consuming project involved the Women's Only bunch sewing over 50 adult bibs for the Vitas hospice organization. Busy hands and busy machines hummed along.

The Craft Fair was, as usual, a wonderful showing of the talents of our Lazy Dazers. Connie Johnson revived Bingo to the enjoyment of many. Renewing fire extinguishers was another important activity that took place. The Safety Committee was called upon to demonstrate their expertise and quick response twice during the campout with good results.

The Backscratchers heartily THANK all fellow campers who helped keep everything running and lent us many helping hands!!



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WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY

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** Herb & Carlynn Christian **Lurlie Edgecomb Bob & Di Filler** Carol Harter **Terry & Lucy Joe** Phil & Maria Johnson **Don & Carol Kratzer Bob & LuAnne Lowe** Allen & Susan Mercer **Dave Nordstrom** Jean & Carl Orr Ken & Linda Palmer **Ruben & Jenny Pasillas** Claude & Carol Potts Rosie Reeder **Guy Richards Road Runners Bob Schmahl Larry & Sharon Turner**

Goodwill Ambassador Report



Road Runner, JANE JEN-KINS #2827 has been diagnosed with Sjögren's syndrome is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the body's white blood cells destroy the moisture producing glands of the

body. It can cause debilitating, profound fatigue, chronic pain and other problems that can lead to disability. Her husband MAL JENKINS is recovering from recent surgical decompression back surgery.

Back Scratcher, TONI SHIMER #2815 passed away after having heart surgery. I have such sweet memories of her

Outback, TERRY TANNER #2779 had a 6 hour surgery on his right foot on May 2. He has to keep it elevated and can't put any weight on his heel for six weeks. He is wearing a cast almost to knee cap.

Another Outback, BARBARA SITTS #1666 has had a mastectomy on May 24th.

Yet again another Outback, GREG YOUNG #2839 had a medical set back on his knee replacement and spent some time in the hospital taking heavy antibiotics for a week.

Drifter, ED WIDMER #944 had a hospital stay due to an infection on 5/20. He got an ambulance ride from Live Oak to Santa Ynez Hospital.

Another Drifter, BARBARA ENGLAND #2369 is in the hospital with fluid on her lungs and a blood clot. Prognosis is good.



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Vern & Charlene Tutterrow



Gene & Dolly Miller — Carson, CA

Painted Turtle



Here's to Team Turtle

Thank all of you for participating one way or another to the Painted Turtle this year.

Laura Techentin came to a much needed rescue of making many many Turtle Pillow cases. A timely need.

Joyce Hirst, no longer a LD wonderer with Enos, kept on making afghans, some 60 of them. Steve Tivy now a new member of Team Turtle transported the whole bunch to Live Oak for me to gather. Thanks to Joyce and Steve

Loni Calhoun and Eileen contributed 4 to the lot. Believe me that is a lot of devoted hours. Thanks gals!

Then there was one lovely light yellow and white afghan that had no name. Thank you anonymous.

The summer camp is growing and back in full swing after the fire two years ago destroying much of the camp/

I will collect again hopefully at Stagecoach and Live Oak in the fall.

Jane Farwell



Silent Valley Bar-B-Que dinner



Friday June 10th @ 5:00 pm catered by **Dickey's Barbecue Pit** and live music afterwards by A Touch of Class Barbershop Quartet

Dinner includes:

- Pulled Pork Beef Brisket Cole Slaw Baked Beans Potato Salad
- Rolls, relish tray and barbecue sauce plates and utensils
- Veggie meal available (see below)

Just bring your drink and if you wish, a dessert to share

•• Please respond to Georgeann Lovett @ gmlovett@att.net or (714) 630-6522 •• **DEADLINE**: noon on Saturday, June 3th

(Please include your guests in your response.)

- · Dinners are \$15 each (tax and tip included)
- Optional veggie meal of Mac & Cheese with choice of three meat-free sides. Go to www.dickeys.com/sides to see your choices. Please indicate on your response.
- Eating in the Chapel in the Woods open area; seating on benches or bring a chair
- Need a few folks to bring folding tables for serving
- Payment will be collected at Silent Valley at Rich & Georgeann Lovett's rig #3025
- Please pay with a separate check payee blank
- In your email response, please include your full name, rig # and phone #

Questions? Please email or call Georgeann Lovett gmlovett@att.net Home (714) 639-6522 Cell (714) 401-0964

Make your reservations now......

Barbeque & Entertainment

Dinner includes:

- Pulled Pork Beef Brisket
- Cole Slaw Baked Beans Potato Salad
- Rolls, relish tray and barbecue sauce oplates and utensils
- Veggie meal available

Entertainment: "A Touch of Class" Barbershop Quartet



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Women's Only Third Annual Sew-A-Thon

If you are lucky enough in your life, you will run across a group of people that inspire and motivate you. I am so blessed to have found the Women of the Lazy Daze Motorhome Club. You are that group in my life! I took over the Women's Only position about seven years ago when our wonderful leader, Loretta Gibbs, retired her post after many years. Three years ago, I decided to see if our ladies of the Lazy Daze would like to be creative and helpful and do a Sew-A-Thon for a needy cause. Boy, did I get a response.

The first year, we created pillowcases with so many donations of fabric and time by our Women of the Lazy Daze. We were able to donate some very special pillowcases along with special notes to a woman's shelter in Arizona arranged by Di Filler.

The second year, we created troop bags for our military. Once again, our ladies stepped up and created over 80 troop bags that were donated to our soldiers with the organization Operation Care Package. Ladies, remember how hot it was that year? It was a "sweat shop".

This year, under the direction of Carol Harter, we created over 50 adult bibs that will be donated to Vitas, a hospice organization. I know that some of you ladies took material home and created even more bibs.

Not only do our ladies sew the above items, they donate their time, fabric and other items that are needed to create our Project of the Year. Sewing machines, irons, fabric, scissors, cutting boards, thread and so much more is brought in our Lazy Dazers for the Sew-A-Thon. With the help of our great Men of the Lazy Daze, a sewing center is set up for an hours-long sewing event. Those that don't sew donate fabric and other craft items and provide inspiration to our crafters. One of our Lazy Daze guests (Ann in a SOB), brought supplies and blinged some of the bibs.

This year, I would like to thank the following ladies (in no particular order) for your help in making the Adult Bib Project such a huge success:

Carol Harter, Mona Shaner, Sharon Turner, Di Filler, Jenny Pasillas, Lydia Granger, Sue Mercer, Lynn Stiegler, Betty Boschma, Connie Johnson, Georgeann Lovett, Debbie Bowling, Linda Geneser, Velna Wells, Eileen Peternouschek, LuAnne Lowe, Susan Pyle, Maria Johnson and Jean Orr. If I missed your name, I sincerely apologize, your help was also appreciated. Also, thanks to those who came by to cheer us on!

Are we going to do a Fourth Annual Lazy Daze Sew-A-Thon? Let the Ladies of the Lazy Daze know and we will make it happen again next May at our annual caravan to Live Oak.

Again, thank you Ladies of the Lazy Daze, for your friendship and support with the Women's Only group. The Pegster



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Pancake Breakfast



The Pancake Breakfast was fun and tasty! I would love to see this as a regular occurrence at Live Oak. The entertainment committee and the many volunteers should be commended for their fine work.

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Extinguisher sales and recharge to keep us safe at Live Oak



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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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Mother Nature

Live Oak Campground in May was still home to a number of bird species despite the continuing drought. Numerous house finches were playing house, nesting and singing seemingly everywhere, especially in and around the pavilion. These small birds have brown streaked bodies, but the males have reddish heads, necks and rumps. Both sexes have seed-cracking beaks and are found year-round in all western states, British Columbia and south into Mexico.

Another small bird sometimes seen in camp was the oak titmouse. Small-billed, it is often acrobatic when feeding. With a plain gray to brownish-gray body, it has no distinctive marks, but does have a small, gray crest. Usually they are only noticed when one or more drops out of a tree to snatch a bug. A third small bird was the tree swallow; I think they were violet-green tree swallows to be exact. Dark and shiny above, the white hip patches were easily visible as they swooped past us in pursuit of flying insects. Go, swallows, go!

A little larger were the western bluebirds. The males' heads, wings and tails are blue. Their breasts and backs are reddish-brown while their throats are blue. Females are duller with a rusty wash across their breasts. The young are gray and speckled with a hint of blue in their tails and wings. Their small beaks can eat insects, worms, snails and berries. They often go to the ground to feed and they may do this in flocks.

Do you remember how I've taught you to tell which pairs of birds will share in baby-raising duties? Both helping with the nest, setting on the eggs and feeding the babies? The clue is in the parents' coloration.... if they look alike, they are highly likely to share the duties. So far here, the count is 2 and 2. Other birds we saw or heard were crows, turkey vultures, turkeys, scrub jays, acorn woodpeckers (only a few), Canada geese (in flying formation and honking), and quail. Two of these seven aren't helpful Dads....did you guess turkeys and quail?

Several of my field reporters spoke of seeing turkeys and deer. I had no reports of predators, but you know they are out there---which is why turkeys roost in trees. I saw 3 cottontails and 4 female quail early Sunday morning as I approached the golf course. My biggest thrill had come on Saturday morning as I sat at the fire extinguisher renewal table. A LARGE hawk-like bird flew over us--large white head, dark brown body, light-colored tail (may have been white), and a strong wing beat. A bald eagle was flying from the lake area towards the golf course. Always around water, they are fish eaters. When nabbing one, either dead, dying, or being silly enough to swim near the water's surface, the bald eagle lowers his or her feet with large talons extended, embeds them in its prey, and the fish becomes an airborne meal.

If fishing for its young, the eagle will land near the nest and, using its massive yellow beak and talons, will rip the fish into bite-sized pieces. This is their In-N-Out Burger meal. There are several breeding pairs of bald eagles at Lake Cachuma. The rangers will not say where or how many as in the past poachers have shot several and removed their feet--trophies to sell for a high price on the black market. I will see you in Ventura where we will have lots of coastal birds to observe in September.

Mother Nature aka Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



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Mickey and Minnie Washer Toss Tournament

Minnie Mice Rules

A total of 27 teams signed up to compete in the Mickey / Minnie Mouse Tournament, with 13 Minnie Mouse and 14 Mickey Mouse teams competing.

Due to time restraints a single elimination tournament was held with the finals to be a best of 2 out of 3 games to be played to determine the eventual winner of the tournament.

Maria Johnson and Darlene Johnson won the Minnie Mouse bracket, defeating Sharon Turner and Luanne Lowe and the Mickey Mouse bracket was won by Allen Mercer and Bob Smith defeating Matt Domingues and Pete Uvalle.

In the first game of the play-off the Minnies were able to hold off the Mickeys to win the first game. However the Mickeys came back to win the second game forcing a third play-off game. Both teams showed their skills in the third game with the Minnies winning in the end.

Congratulations to Maria and Darlene for a Job Well Done.





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



Herb & Connie Johnson — 50 Caravans



Ruben & Jenny Pasillas — 100 Caravans



Our May Craft Sale was enjoyed by all with many fine quality products.

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