



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

May 2018

A word from the Drifters on Tocalota Springs

The Drifters want to thank everybody for all their help with making the caravan a success. We had 43 rigs at Tocalota Springs. Watching Peanut and Rosalee enjoy each others company brings back memories from the past. We hope Christine got pictures of the two youngsters holding hands. Ed Widmer had his 91st birthday on Wednesday. The weather was much more cooperative this month. We hope that continues. The microphone stand never did show up, if anybody knows the whereabouts, please bring it to Live Oak.

Thanks from the Drifters



WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL

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

Bill Arthur

Betty Boschma

Drifters

Bob Filler

Terry & Lucy Joe

Carol Kratzer

Ken & Linda Palmer

Claude & Carol Potts

Roadrunners

Bob Schmahl

Mike & Margaret Skinner

Dan Stiegler

Donna Teranova

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Art & Ursula Vorbeck

Marlin & Peggy Zabel

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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GOODWILL AMBASSADOR REPORT

Drifter, ROSIE REEDER #1397 suffered a stroke. Her biggest problem is that her right peripheral vision is distorted and she is unable to drive. This means she will not be at any caravans until things heal. She sounds good and seems upbeat.

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Tucalota Activities



Live Oak Caravan, May 23-27 – Invitation



There's no better way to enjoy the long Memorial Day Weekend than to come to Live Oak and immerse yourself in patriotic nostalgia, complete with flags, 40's style music, and a free picnic at our "USO Canteen." Dancing the jitterbug is definitely encouraged.

Come prepared to share your service stories!

The "Wall of Honor"

We'd like to hear about your military service or that of members of your family (Kids? Parents? Grandparents?). Complete a "Service Form" (see attached) for each man or woman you'd like to honor; print them out, turn them in to the Host Tent, and we will post them on our "Wall of Honor".

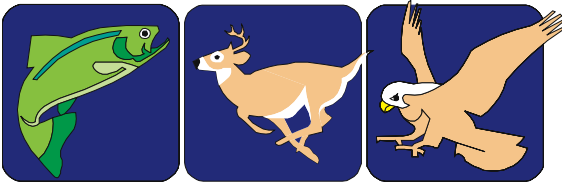
Display Tables

We encourage you to bring any and all military paraphernalia (photos, medals, hats, gear, etc.) to share on our display tables. You may want to label your items. Does anyone have an old uniform? Does it still fit?

The Picnic on Friday

Join us for hot dogs, chips, lemonade, and ice cream! We'll also supply all the cups, plates and condiments, but this will be a BYOB affair if you want more than lemonade. We do guarantee lots of great music! This will be a great time to review the displays and swap stories.





Mother Nature

Lurlie Edgecomb #2285

Friday in April at Tucalota Springs was a pleasant afternoon for a walk around the fishing pond and then on out the road to the fenced off pond. Bob Filler had been able to spot a pair of American kestrels, our smallest raptors, at the far end of that lake with his binoculars. Most of the birds we spotted were more accommodating and flew or perched close enough that we could check them out and agree on an identification. Crows were everywhere. Red-winged blackbird males flashed their epaulets at us. The females are much plainer, sort of brown and white striped with a faint wing patch. The males do guard duty atop the reeds while the ladies are busy nest building down in the reeds. The coots quietly stayed way out on the water. Perhaps a pair, they are alike.

Since Bob had done a trek-pole walk on Thursday, he was able to show us photos of the kestrels and the bobcat tracks. He had also seen a black-crowned night heron, northern flickers, scrub jays, and acorn woodpeckers. Do you recall seeing the large white splotches on the uphill camp road under a large tree? When fresh, the droppings would smell like fish, thanks to the night heron's digestive processes. That excrement can take the paint off your vehicle.

Ground squirrels left many holes they will reuse if not occupied by tarantulas, snakes, lizards, or enlarged by skunks. Only the lizards were seen, usually sunning on the rocks. At least one owl was heard. One was seen quietly leaving a nest box after dark. We were told last year that the Tucalota name comes from an Indian word for owl. In the daytime and on the ground, white-crowned sparrows and California towhees were busy checking the soil for edibles. Western bluebirds were also spotted, just females as the guys haven't come north as yet.

The presence of so much water in and around camp allows for quite a variety of bird life. Reports were made of quail, scrub jays, a nuthatch, black phoebes, starlings, and a female yellow-headed blackbird. Many first-person accounts were possible because we had a large group of Nature Walkers that day, 8 or 9 if I count me. We spotted an all yellow warbler (I'll let you guess its name) and an Audubon's warbler with its several yellow spots. On Saturday at the Tournament, a male western tanager flew above us in the Pot of Gold area. Its red head and upper chest with bright yellow body and dark wings quickly flapped it to the next tall tree, but made identification pretty easy once my brain said you really did see that. I hadn't spotted one for years so that was a happy moment. So many birds of color made this trip a special occurrence.

Tucalota Springs is blessed to have so many mature trees, open spaces, water sources and an assortment of brushy areas which provide a multitude of habitats and feeding opportunities. Nest boxes are provided to encourage large owls to use them. No one I spoke to was sure of which large owl they had seen or heard, whether it was a barn owl or a great-horned owl. They help keep the squirrel population in control. With seed being stored and provided for the zoo animals, there are probably mice who need culling also.

Mother Nature, Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



WOMEN ONLY
Peggy Zabel (The Pegster)

LIVE OAK CARAVAN WOMEN'S ONLY 5TH ANNUAL CHARITY SEWING EVENT

BINKY PATROL – NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKETS

The Riverside Anonymous Angels Chapter is very excited that our club has decided to make Binky Patrol our yearly project for 2017.

I have had a huge response from our wonderful Lady Dazers for the Binky Patrol no-sew fleece blankets. This is going to be an easy project with very little sewing needed (only attaching labels to blankets). Several of our ladies have made these blankets so help will be available for those of us who have never made one of these fleece blankets.

Supplies needed at Live Oak:

- Fleece – prefer no-pill (directions for blanket attached)
- Scissors
- Rotary blades
- Cutting boards
- 2-3 sewing machines to attach the Binky Patrol labels.

Cut the fleece into blanket-sized pieces. The following should be adhered to for sizes. Binkies need to be at least 36" x 36" and up to twin bed size for the older teens. They should all have a Binky Patrol label sewn in any one corner.

Using the scissors you cut 1" strips like fringe into the edges of the fabric (about 4-5" deep), then simply tie the fringe in a square knot. See Project Linus instruction sheet.

Again, as in years past, I cannot thank the Ladies of Lazy Daze enough for their support in our annual Sew-a-Thon. I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful group.

Until Live Oak.....

The Pegster

Binky Patrol – Riverside Anonymous Angels Chapter
<http://www.binkypatrol.org>



No Sew Fleece Blanket

You will need:

Fleece: 1½ yard piece or choose your own custom size. (Fleece is usually 50-60" wide)

"Ruler or Shape Cut Ruler and Rotary Cutter": Works best to create neatly cut fringe. If you are using scissors, make sure your cuts are clean, even, and straight with no frayed edges.

This blanket is simply made in 5 easy steps.

Step #1: (Fig. 1)

VERY IMPORTANT! Before you begin, **trim off selvage edges** and square uneven edges as needed.



Figure 1

Step #2: (Fig. 2)

Cut a 4" square from each corner of the fleece.

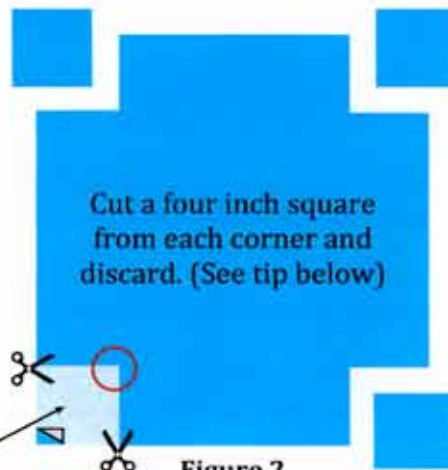


Figure 2

Step #3: (Fig. 3)

Cut 4" x 1" wide fringe around blanket

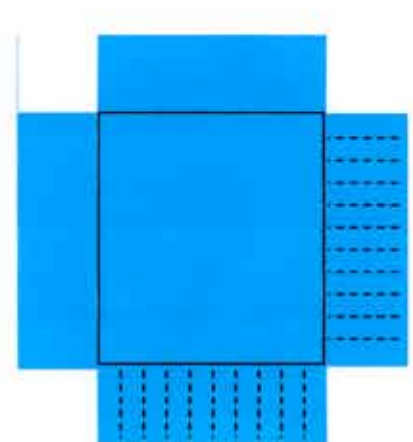


Figure 3

Tip: Cut a 4" piece of fabric or batting to use as your corner template. (Fig. 2) It won't slip and will make cutting easier. Using your ruler and rotary cutter cut vertically and horizontally (arrow) ALMOST to the corner (red circle) but NOT QUITE. Then use your scissors to finish the corner cut. This will give you a crisp, clean cut and you won't cut into the neighboring fringe. NOTE: Fringe may be cut in 1/2" or 1" increments.

Step #4:

Using a seam ripper, make a tiny slit at top of each fringe piece.



Step #5:

Feed the end of the fringe through the back side of the slit you just cut and pull through to create a neat and secure fringed edge.



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TWO SAFETY TEAM MESSAGES

It's that time again. Dan Doran, a licensed Fire Extinguisher Technician will be at Live Oak on Saturday, May 26 for our annual recharging of our fire extinguishers. He will have new 5lb ABC fire extinguishers available for purchase. The small extinguishers in our rigs with the plastic tops are not rechargeable.

Cost: RECHARGE- \$15 NEW ABC EXTINGUISHER- \$65

Time: Drop extinguishers off after morning announcements near host tent and pay at that time. Please put your name and rig number on them. Marking pen available at pay desk.

Al Granger, Safety Team Chairman

CPR

Try to remain calm, and REMEMBER this a possible lifesaver.

This comes from Dr. Patrick Teefy, Cardiology Head at the Nuclear Medicine Institute University Hospital, London, Ont.

I hope everyone can send this on as it is really important for everyone to know!

1. Let's say it's 7:25 PM and you're going home (alone of course) after an unusually hard day on the job.
2. You're really tired, upset and frustrated.
3. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up into your jaw.

You are only about five km from the hospital nearest your home.

4. Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.
5. You have been trained in CPR, but the guy that taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.

6. HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE?

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

7. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously.
A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest.
A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.
8. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it to regain a normal rhythm.
In this way, heart attack victims can get help or to a hospital.
9. Tell as many other people as possible about this. It could save their lives!
10. A cardiologist says: "If everyone who gets this email & kindly sends it to 10 people, you can bet that we'll save at least one life."
11. Rather than sending jokes, please contribute by forwarding this email which can save a person's life....
12. If this message comes around to you more than once..... please don't get irritated..... U need to be happy that you have many friends who care about you & you are being reminded of how to tackle.... Heart attacks.... when you are alone.



Tucalota Springs Caravan Washer-toss Tournament April, 2018

Enough men and ladies signed up to yield 18 teams. Even though three of the men had to play as Ladies. There were five people who were playing for the first time and they did quite well.

We had our double elimination tournament which was held in the shade of the oak trees where everyone could sit in the shade and enjoy the great weather.

The games got started promptly at 9:00AM with Team 1 (Ken Palmer and Susan Pyle) winning the Winners Bracket and Team 12 (Joe Fletcher and Georgeann Lovett) winning the Losers Bracket.

Ken and Susan had to win only one game to win the tournament, However Joe and Georgeann evened the playing field by Georgeann throwing first and dropping all three of her washers into the No. 5 hole and Joe coming back and putting two of his washers in the three hole. Ken and Susan were unable to cancel any of the throws. This resulted in ether team needing only one win to win the tournament.

The next game was won by Joe and Georgeann giving them the tournament win.

It was good to see Joe back as he and Jane have not been out as often as, I'm sure they would like.

Congratulation to Joe and Georgeann for their tournament win.



See you all at the Mickey and Minnie Tournament in Live Oak!



? EMERGENCY ?

Call on CB Channel 30

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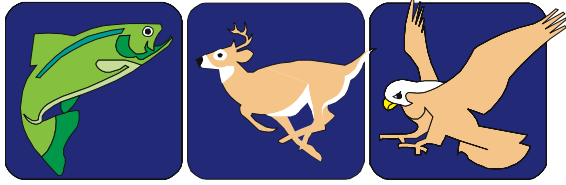
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**PLEASE REMEMBER
To Park So You Don't
Block The Exit Of
Another Rig**





Special Report from Mother Nature

Lurlie Edgecomb #2285

After I wrote my Mother Nature article, I got around to reading the January 2018 copy of National Geographic that one of our Lazy Dazers handed me at camp. What an edition! Thank you!! Whether read on-line or from a hard copy in your hands, this is a must read!! “Why Birds Matter” is an amazing piece of writing. The photos are fantastic! This being the 100th Anniversary of the Migratory Bird Act, National Geographic has partnered with the National Audubon Society, BirdLife International, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to declare 2018 The Year of the Bird.

“To survive in so many different habitats, the world’s 10,000 or so bird species have evolved into a spectacular diversity of forms. They range in size from the ostrich...”to the aptly named bee hummingbird...” “Birds can do things we all wish we could do...they fly.” But birds cannot master their environment. “Human beings are changing the planet... too quickly for them to adapt by evolving.” “The future of most bird species depends on our commitment to preserving them.”

If you cannot access a copy, I will have this one with me next month. Come see me in my rig at Live Oak. Talk to Sharon Turner about the black-throated magpie jay seen perched in her backyard in Yorba Linda last month. This bird can be seen on page 40 of the January edition of National Geographic. Normally it is in western Mexico. Its very long tail is at least as long as the large colorful body. This is not the first time Sharon has had a Mexican stray in her yard. I think the other one was a whydah with a bright red beak. Keep your eyes and minds open to what you may see and then report it to Mother.

Mother Nature Lurlie Edgecomb #2285

Photos by Bob Filler

