

THE CARAVANER



December 2019

The Firesiders were saddened to hear of Jim Cooks passing right before caravan, he was planning on coming this month too. He will be missed.

We had a great caravan at The Sands RV and Golf Resort this month. The wind decided to blow throughout the day and night on Thursday but that didn't stop us all from having a great time. A huge thank you to John and Loni Calhoun along with Gary Wells and Al Granger for helping the host group get the host tent moved when it was placed in the wrong location and the wind kicked began to blow.

The Firesiders hosted this month with lots of Halloween goodies and fun.

We want to thank everyone that made this months outing an activity filled caravan. Lydia Granger and Caryl Fisher hosted the craft class and we made a cute paper box pumpkin pie and a Halloween card. Thank you for being so patient with us!!

We had Bingo with lots of winners. Dave Hurley arrived a little late and we let him catch up with his numbers that had been called and wouldn't you know he had the first Bingo! Lucky guy!! Thank you to Ed Widmer for being the best Bingo caller ever!

The pumpkin carving contest had four great entries. The contest was held on Friday with the judging all day and the winners were announced on Saturday at the General Meeting. Thank you to Penny Bowman for taking the lead for that contest.

Friday night was Freaky Friday with the movie Dracula courtesy of Troy and Penny. The Sands provided popcorn and a nice room to show the movie. Thank you Troy and Penny!!

Another exciting game of washer toss was directed by Vern Tutterrow. It was a double elimination held at the horseshoe pits. We had some shade to make it even better. Herb Johnson III and Dave Fletcher beat out Claude Potts and Carol Quinowski for first place. It was a real nail biter with lots of close scores that could have gone either way. Thank you Vern and everyone that brought their boards to play!

We hope you all had a fun time and look forward to seeing you at Lake Cachuma in December.



Lazy Daze Caravaner

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Message from the
DEATH VALLEY DESPERADOS
GOING FOR #23



The Lazy Daze group known as the “Death Valley Desperados” is again planning to be in Death Valley National Park for our 23rd New Year’s get together. Please consider this your personal invitation to join us for a safe and fun New Year’s party. I apologize in advance for the “cut and paste” of past articles, but deadlines must be met!

For your information the group started with four rigs in 1997 and has grown through the years. We meet at Sunset Campground right after Christmas, except for those already there, and stay to ring in the New Year. Anyone is welcome to come and join. The only thing we ask of you is to have FUN and a relaxing time! You can make your own plans or join in with a spur of the moment outing, hiking, 4-wheeling, photo shoots, exploring the valley’s wonders, playing games, visiting with new friends, or just sit and watch the sand grow.

Each night we share in a massive array of hors d’oeuvres that everyone brings and on one night we have soup potluck that would put any chef to shame and another night we cook hot dogs. Also, there will be a potluck breakfast and a few other meals planned. One thing for sure, you won’t go hungry and you won’t lack for a good time.

New Year’s Eve is when we really bring out the food. Everyone brings a beverage, be it hard or soft and if you would like, bring a bottle of champagne to share New Year’s Eve. To obtain an agenda of what will be happening please contact Christine Nordström #2048 (In person, via cell 951-795-3373 or E-mail christineknordstrom@gmail.com)



Dear Lazy Dazers,

Thank you so much for all of the great cards, gifts and best wishes for our Golden wedding anniversary.

Also, thank you to those who were able to attend, the celebration dinner at Las Palmas. We really enjoyed your company which added to our celebration.

You are all very special people and we love our Caravans with you and your families.

Sincerely,

Marlin and Peggy



WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER



- Bill Arthur
- Betty Boschma
- Jon & Loni Calhoun
- Firesiders
- Linda Geneser
- Al & Lydia Granger
- Terry & Lucy Joe
- Carol Kratzer
- Roger & Donna LaPorte
- Allen & Sue Mercer
- Dave Nordstrom
- Ken & Linda Palmer
- Claude & Carol Potts
- Herb & Susan Pyle
- Gary & Velna Wells



Washer Toss for October



1st Herb Johnson III and Dave Fletcher
2nd Carol Quinowski and Claude Potts

The park suggested that we could have our washer toss tournament on the bocci courts, which would have been nice except there was no shade. Allen Mercer suggested the horseshoe courts with palm tree shade and that worked out really well. Management was really great to deal with.

After some very exciting games, Herb Johnson III and Dave Fletcher managed to squeak by Carol Quinowski and Claude Potts to win the washer toss tournament which was run by Charlene and Vern Tutterrow.





2019 Len Philippi Memorial Washer Toss Tournament Qualified Players



Men

Women

Arthur	Bill
Filler	Bob
Fletcher	Joe
Fletcher	Dave
Granger	Al
Hurley	Dave
Johnson	HerbIII
Johnson	Phil
LaPorte	Roger
Lindsay	Kevin
Mercer	Allen
Nordstrom	Dave
Palmer	Ken
Pasillas	Ruben
Peternouschek	Peter
Potts	Claude
Pyle	Herb
Richards	Guy
Shaner	Byron
Surbrook	Bill
Tanner	Terry
Thimlar	Merlin
Tutterrow	Vern
Quisnowski	Brent
VonWongerghem	John
Vorbeck	Art
Wayne	Bob
Wells	Gary
Zabel	Marlin

Bartel	Sandi
Boschma	Betty
Geneser	Linda
Johnson	Connie
Johnson	Darlene
Johnson	Jeane
Johnson	Maria
Johnson	Melissa
Kratzer	Carol
LaPorte	Donna
Lemp	Amy
Lindsay	Malia
Lovett	Georgeann
Mercer	Sue
McCutcheon	Verona
Nordstrom	Christine
Palmer	Linda
Parrish	Nancy
Peternouscheck	Eileen
Phillips	Jeanie
Potts	Carol
Pyle	Susan
Quinowski	Carol
Reiner	Millie
Turner	Sharon
Wells	Velna
Wren	Doris
Zabel	Peggy

The Craft Sale will be on Saturday morning. Please Only handmade crafts made by Members or friends of members. Let me know if you need a table. We will also have a rummage sale if you have items you wish to part with. Lydgranger @earthlink.net



Goodwill Ambassador Report

Drifter, JOE FLETCHER #1658 had his lymphoma returned.

Outbacks, RON AND MARJA WAY #3064 daughter Jennifer has brain tumors and is going through treatments for them.

Drifter, JOE FLETCHER #1658 has had his lymphoma returned.

In passing, we lost JIM COOK Firesider #2754, Saturday, October 12. May he rest in peace with Ann.

Mona Shaner 10/22/19

The safety team has scheduled training on the AED at Lake Cachuma. I hope to see who can make it there. Al Granger



Pumkin Carving Contest and our winners Herb, Lydia and Troy



Lots of fun activities at Sands RV & Golf Resort

For the October caravan, 34 rigs enjoyed the relative luxury of the facilities at our newest venue, The Sands RV & Golf Resort, in Desert Hot Springs. And hot it was, with temperatures all week ranging from the mid 80's to low 90's. But hey, it's a dry heat, right? The infamous winds of the area struck us for only one day, but they were doozers while they lasted. Mostly, however, we enjoyed calm or mild breezes.

Full hookups on gravel pads, with concrete patios, made for clean, dust-free sites on our own dedicated loop. Besides the usual club activities of bingo, pumpkin carving, and washer toss, the resort offered us all free access to their large swimming pool, two jet spas, bocce ball courts, pickle ball courts, fully-equipped gym, meeting room, and a game room with pool tables, shuffleboard, bumper pool, and tables for games and puzzles. An excellent, modern bath house was available for those of us who use our rig showers for storage. The staff was super-friendly, and one could not fault their hospitality. Close proximity to restaurants in DHS allowed a group dinner in celebration of Marlin and Peggy Zabel's 50th anniversary.

Many took advantage of attractions in Palm Springs, including visits to the Air Museum and the evening street fair. Virtually everyone agreed that this was a venue to return to next year!



The Big Boy Locomotive

The Union Pacific locomotive, known as “Big Boy” 4014, had been sitting on display for more than 50 years at the Pomona fairgrounds. But after a massive restoration project, it’s up and running yet again. The restoration project on the 132-foot long locomotive was conducted by a nine-person team, led by senior manager Ed Dickens. But overhauling 1.2 million pounds of steel was no easy feat. The completion of the restoration was meant to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the building of the Transcontinental Railroad.

“The restoration of a Big Boy has been the most frequently asked question of the Union Pacific historical community for three decades,” Dickens said. “It’s only natural when there’s a big celebration like the 150th anniversary of the driving of the golden spike, what better way to celebrate that than with heritage equipment.”

Big Boy 4014, which was built in 1941, originally ran on coal, but the decision was made early on to run the restored version on No. 5 oil instead. Dickens said the main reasons were cost and safety.

And of course, the filth.

“(With coal) you have to remove tons of ash, and everything that the fire burns down into the ash pan,” he said. “In addition to that, you got a tremendous amount of ash and cinders flying out of the thing. So there’s no way. We never considered running it on coal.”

Georgeann Lovett



How to pet a dog.

We know you know how, but you can do it better.



We do all kinds of things to our dogs that let them know we haven't been to canine charm school. We pet them on the top of the head; we walk straight toward them rather than in a banana-shaped arc; we look directly at them; we hug them. These gestures are much too forward in the world of dog etiquette, too aggressive - equivalent to getting a kiss on the lips when all you expected was a handshake. In some cases, our good intentions might even be perceived as a physical challenge to a dog.

Yet our dogs forgive us our transgressions. Although our clumsy, misguided attempts to show affection might seem distasteful and even threatening to most dogs, our own pets are clear that we love them and just don't know how to express ourselves properly. They have developed trust in us because they spend so much time studying our behavior and our body stance and can distinguish between well-meaning and pushy.

But imagine how great your pet would feel if you showed him affection according to his rules. It becomes even more important when you're greeting a dog on the street who's not familiar with you. You don't want to make a dog feel frightened or, worse, like he has to protect himself. With dogs' emotional comfort in mind, here are some tips for petting and greetings in general. They're standard for a dog you meet on the street, but if you try them on your own dog, you'll also see very satisfied responses.

Not the top of the head. Standing directly over a dog and touching the top of his head is an aggressive move of oneupmanship in the canine world. What a dog really loves is to be stroked on the cheeks and along the sides of the neck.

Go with how his hair grows. Dogs prefer longer strokes in the direction their hair goes - backwards from the neck to the tail, and down the sides from the back.

The belly. Yes, by all means with your own dog and any other dog who feels comfortable enough with you to offer his tummy, belly rubbing goes a long way.

Avert your eyes. This is more for the dog you want to win over on the street rather than your own dog, who already knows you're in the dark when it comes to canine manners. Direct staring is literally considered hostile in the canine world, especially if it's sustained.

Approach indirectly. Again, this is for a dog you don't know, or don't know so well. Making a bee-line for a dog is perceived as an act of aggression. Better to approach gently by making a slight arc in your path and coming up from the side. It gives him more time to size you up without feeling a direct threat.

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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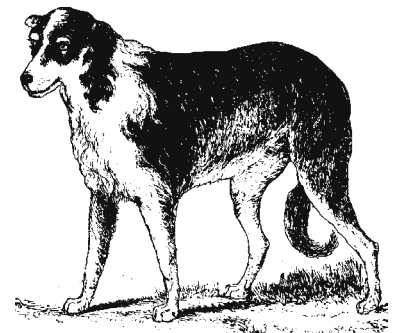


Dogs for the Deaf

Please consider giving to this good cause for your end of year giving.

Bring your extra change and the container is located at the Host Tent.

Connie Johnson





Byron Shaner with the Birthday Prize



Bingo was interesting in October. David Hurley (me) showed up late after some numbers had already been called. The players graciously stopped the game and caught me up before calling another number. To everyone's surprise I yelled BINGO to win the game. Yikes! I heard it from everyone on that one!



Roger & Donna LaPorte with the Anniversary Prize



Our camping companion, the Roadrunner.



Paper Crafts

with Lydia Granger





Caravan Anniversaries



Byron & Mona Shaner — 125 Caravans



Allen & Sue Mercer — 50 Caravans



Herb III & Connie Johnson — 75 Caravans



Dear Lazy Dazers,

Regarding locating and reserving future campsites the club is encountering challenges it has not had to face before.

As most of you are aware the Club attendance at Caravans has been declining. The lower attendance along with current campsite policies has developed into reservation policies the Caravan Club has not experienced in past years.

Many more Lazy Dazers are requesting electrical hookups which reduces the number of low cost campsites available to the Club.

Some campsites are asking for a list of names in advance, others (and more troublesome) are requiring campers to pay in advance via the club or pay individually. For the Club to estimate 50 campers will be arriving and only 38 actually do arrive can be a potential loss of income for campgrounds.

The Lazy Daze Board is going to try to provide campgrounds with a more accurate reservation count. This can be done by group members notifying their Group Reps as to whether or not they plan to attend a caravan. Group members will have to respond by a cut-off date. The At- Large group will call the Caravan Chairperson by a designated date. Newcomers will be welcome without reservations.

If the campgrounds also want payment in advance Caravaners may have to contact the camp reservation office and pay for the number of days they expect to attend. If possible, Club members may be able to pay the Club Treasurer who will submit the reservation fees. If a Club member is unable to attend after reserving a space at a campsite the member will still be obligated to pay for those nights previously reserved.

Some campgrounds have a five-ten day cancellation window.

The Lazy Daze Board is continuing to work towards making attendance at Caravans as easy as possible but at the same time having to face the realities of a new era in reserving campsites.

LAZY DAZE CARAVAN CLUB

Camping Schedule 2020

<http://www.lazydazecaravanclub.org>

Caravan Dates	Location	Amenities	Phone no./Elevation
JANUARY 15 - 19 <i>Hosting Group</i> <i>Outbacks</i>	La Paz County Park 7350 Riverside Dr. Parker, AZ 85344	Dry Camping Limited electric \$\$ Monday to Sunday rates	(928) 667-2069 435 Ft. Elevation
FEBRUARY 12 - 16 <i>Hosting Group</i> <i>Drifters</i>	Lake Perris State Park 17801 Lake Perris Drive Perris, CA 92571	Water & Electric Hook-ups Dump Station @ park Bring extra leveling blocks Sunday to Sunday rates	(951) 657-0676 1658 Ft. Elevation
MARCH 18 - 22 <i>Hosting Group</i> <i>Road Runners</i>	Lake Skinner 37701 Warren Rd. Winchester, CA 92596	Water and Elec. Dump station @ park Tuesday to Sunday rates	(951) 926-1541 1470 Ft. Elevation
APRIL 22-26 <i>Hosting Group</i> <i>Firesiders</i>	Tucalota Springs RV Park 41601 Benton Road, Hemet, CA 92544	Full Hook-ups Sunday to Sunday rates	(951) 767-0604 2345 Ft. Elevation
MAY 13-17 <i>Hosting Group</i> <i>Past Tents</i> <i>Tentative site</i>	Cachuma Lake Route154 Santa Barbara, CA 93105	Water & Electric Hook-ups or dry camp Dump Station @ park Monday to Sunday rates	(805) 686-5055 810 Ft. Elevation
JUNE 10-14 <i>Hosting Group</i> <i>Outbacks</i>	Silent Valley Camp 46305 Poppet Flats Road Banning, CA 92220	Full Hook-ups <i>No campfires</i> Tuesday to Sunday rates	(800) 472-5601 3500 Ft. Elevation
SEPTEMBER 16-20 <i>Hosting Group</i> <i>Drifters</i>	Ventura County Fair Grounds 10 West Harbor Blvd. CA Ventura, CA 93001	Dry Camping Monday to Sunday rates Dump Station available on Fair grounds <i>No campfires</i>	(805) 648-3376 10 Ft. Elevation
OCTOBER 14-18 <i>Hosting group</i> <i>Road Runners</i> <i>Tentative site</i>	The Sands RV & Golf Resort 16400 Bubbling Wells Rd., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240	Full Hook-ups Sunday to Sunday rates <i>No campfires</i>	(888) 284-8211 1100 Ft. Elevation
Dec. 2-6 <i>Hosting Group</i> <i>Past Tents</i> <i>Tentative site</i>	Cachuma Lake Route154 Santa Barbara, CA 93105	Water & Electric Hook-ups or dry camp Dump Station @ park Monday to Sunday rates	(805) 686 5055 810 Ft. Elevation

