



Elk-Ender News

January, 2014



The Prez Sez

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Evelyn and I would like to wish all Elk-Enders and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy Camping New Year.

The Elk-Ender members who rallied at Emerald Desert earlier this month were treated to an enjoyable weekend with excellent food, camaraderie, little or no rain but cold nights. I am sure all of us used our heaters. The efforts of Joyce Claussen, Larry Mamchur, Paul Pantages and Sami Drake provided tremendous experiences for all. Those participating in the Friday afternoon wine tasting were treated superb discussions of the variety and background of the wines by Bob Crews while John Zahn spirited away a group to enjoy the Follies, and they did. Sheriff Ken did an outstanding job of bringing justice to this gathering bolstering our donations to the Purple Pig. I conducted an unbiased survey of the camping areas and found we were the most decorated and spirited group. Well done to all.

Please review the list of future camping dates and locations in our monthly newsletter and plan ahead and signup for the start of the 2014 camping year at Woods Valley in January, Lake Elsinore in February, Do-it-in-the-Dirt in the middle of March, and Newport Dunes in late March.

As you review the camping dates and locations in the newsletter you will notice we have a few vacancies for Wagon Masters for this year and need to start developing a list for next year. Please help us out by volunteering and make the General Wagon Masters and my job a lot easier.

Jay

Coming Lodge Events.

- 12/31 – **New Year's Eve Party at the Lodge!**
- 1/18 – **Elks Orientation**
- 1/19 – **Emblem Club President's Charity Tea**
- 1/23 – **Elks Initiation**



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Minutes of the December 4, 2013 Meeting

Date: 12/4/13

Call to order: 7:30 P.M. by President Jay Morrissey

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Chuck Pollard

Guests Present: Mike & Katie Seeley and John Klanchnik

Recognize – Please stand:

Past EE Presidents: Martin Hoxworth, David Skelton, Duane Duncan, Randy Eldridge, Larry Hoffman, Joe Zapata, Mark Mahoney, Sherrie Larson, and Steve Pavich

Current EE's of the Year: Joe Spsychaj (absent)

Past EE's of the Year: Martin Hoxworth, Larry Hoffman, Randy Eldridge, Alex Gonzalez, Mark Mahoney, Sherrie Larson, Steve Pavich, and Eileen Rasmussen

Secretary's report by Jim Young:

November's minutes were announced as printed in the December Newsletter sent out and on the web site. No additions or corrections to the minutes were brought up. The minutes were approved as written

Treasurer's report by Eileen Rasmussen:

Monthly Treasurer's Report as of December 1st was read and approved as read.

Vice President's report by Gary Westmyer:

Gary had Elk Ender flags, badges, and decals for new members. Non present. Gary reported "progress" on the Storage Shed..

General Reports:

General Wagon Master report by Ken Moody:

Joyce Clausen gave an update on the December Christmas campout at Emerald Desert.

Pete Haak gave an update on the Woods Valley Campout.

Joyce Clausen gave an update on the February Campout at Lake Elsinore.

Mark Mahoney reviewed Do-It-In-The Dirt coming up in March on the 13th through the 16th.

Elk-Ender Newsletter report by Gail Westmyer:

Gail reported Progress

By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:

Martin waved "Progress."

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Special Activities Reports:

Sunday, December 8th—Garden Grove Lodge – Sunday Brunch.

Saturday, December 14th - Garden Grove Lodge – All Elks Christmas Party.

Fri, Sat, & Sun Dec. 20th – 22nd – Garden Grove Lodge –Christmas Basket Sorting, Packing, and Delivering. Lots of HELP needed.

Saturday, December 21st - Garden Grove Lodge – Elk-Enders Christmas Party.

Tuesday, December 31st – Garden Grove Lodge – New Year's Eve

Communications Received / General Announcements:

Larry Hoffman thanked the members for their cards, kind wishes, and support for the loss of their granddaughter, Nichole, and her friend.

Sickness and Distress by Linda Mosbrook:

None from the floor.

Sunshine: Report from general membership:

In light of USC's loss to UCLA on the weekend of November 30th and the selection of a new coach, Steve Pavich offered some comfort to Sherrie and Lance Larson in the form of a pair of purple UCLA slippers. Said item was enthusiastically rejected by Sherrie.

Unfinished Business:

Jay reminded everyone to please bring an unwrapped toy for the needy children to the Christmas dinner on December 21st at the Lodge.

The January Elk-Enders meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8th (not the 1st).

New Business:

- 1. The February 2015 campout will be at a new Lake Elsinore campground with a swimming pool.*
- 2. An election committee was formed by President Jay. The election committee members include Steve Pavich, Mark Mahoney, and Larry Hoffman.*

Jokes:

Larry Hoffman told two wonderful jokes.

Good of the Order by Vice President Gary Westmyer:

The member dr4awn was not present.

Meeting was adjourned by President Jay Morrissey at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted: *Jim Young, Secretary, with the help of Steve Pavich*

Birthdays

January 1 Chris Bakke
 January 8 Sean Smorick
 January 11 Carol Lawler
 January 13 Toni Krino
 January 13 Channing Tucker
 January 15 Gretchen Taylor
 January 16 William Davi
 January 17 David Coombs
 January 18 Nelson Burke
 January 19 Judy Strecker
 January 20 Sharon Fridley
 January 21 Sharon Krause
 January 21 Dori Hughes
 January 22 Margo Dobbs
 January 24 Lynn Brandt
 January 26 Gail Westmyer
 January 30 Pauline Hoffman



A note from Bill Canavier:

Linda Canavier took a bad fall, broke a hip, and has had surgery. She is currently in rehab for 2-3 weeks; phone calls and notes would be appreciated.



Anniversaries

January 7 Gordon & Joan Cody
 January 11 Robert & Jackie Butts
 January 18 Lance & Sherrie Larson
 January 20 Ken & Glenda Duke
 January 27 Bill & Linda Canavier
 January 30 Robert & Gretchen Taylor



Coming Deadlines

February Newsletter January 15
 March Newsletter February 15

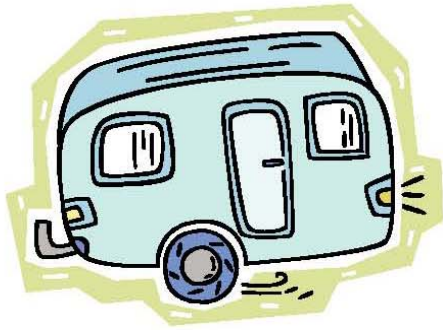
About Deadlines.....

Please note that deadlines are about 14 days prior to meeting day. However; because of Holidays, campouts, or weekends this varies a little. If it is past deadline and you have something that you feel should be printed, I will try to accommodate you if it is possible, but can't guarantee it will be able to be printed.

CAMPOUTS 2014

Revised December 2013

Mon.	Days	Campground	Sites	Wagonmasters	\$ Per	Miles from lodge	Notes
Jan	24-26	Woods Valley	30	Haak & Sauer	\$29	90	E30W & Dump Station
Feb	21-23	Lake Elsinore	30	Hoxworth/Claussen/Mamchur	\$35	51	E50WS
Mar	9-Jun	Do It In The Dirt	5000	Mahoney & Spychaj	\$0	150	Dry Camping
Mar	28-30	Newport Dunes	50	Morrissey/Tucker/Poat	tbd	15	E50WS
Apr	25-27	East Shore RV Park	25	Mahoney & Hoffman		25	E50WS
May	16-18	Yucaipa Park		Vastine/Moody	tbd		
Jun	27-29	Tucalota Springs		Lamkins/Young	\$35	81	E30WS
Jul	25-27	Vista		tbd	\$20	60	E30W
Aug	10-Jul	Oceano	30	Skelton	\$25	220	E50WS
Sep	26-28	Chula Vista	30	Moody/Whittaker			E50WS
Oct	12-Sep	CHEA Elks Rally	Open	General Wagon Master	tbd	75	Register on line
Oct	23-27	Halloween Rally Newport Dunes	50	President & Others	tbd	15	E50WS
Nov	13-16	Do It In The Dirt	5000	Mahoney & Spychaj	\$0	150	Dry Camping
Dec	7-May	Emerald Desert	30	Skelton/O'Dey	tbd	105	E50WS



Do you have a gripe, suggestion, or kudos for the Elks, the Lodge or the Elk-Enders?

**We would love to hear from you!
Please keep it non-personal and non-political, and send it to me via Email or Snail mail.**

*Gail Westmyer
(aka happyours88@aol.com)*

A Wish for The New Year

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes.

Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.

So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life.

Whatever it is you're scared of doing, Do it.
Make your mistakes, next year and forever."

— [Neil Gaiman](#)



"ELK-ENDERS" ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES



ALL DUES MUST BE PAID BEFORE MARCH 1, 2013.

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Please completely fill in the information requested below. This information will help us make corrections to the membership database before we print the 2013 Elk Ender Membership Roster. Also, we need this form to help us know who has paid their dues.

*Attach your check of \$15.00, payable to the **GARDEN GROVE ELK-ENDERS** and mail to: Eileen Rasmussen, 5301 W. Lucky Way, Santa Ana, CA 92704, or bring it to the next meeting.*

Those needing to have the newsletter mailed to them, please add \$12 to your dues for printing and postage.

NAME: _____ SPOUSE/Significant Other: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NOS: HOME () _____ ELK ENDER NO: _____

WORK: (Yours) () _____ (Spouse) () _____

CELL: (Yours) () _____ (Spouse) () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CB HANDLE (if any): HIS: _____ HERS: _____

BIRTHDAY: HIS: _____ HERS: _____

ANNIVERSARY DATE: _____

JANUARY CAMPOUT

Date: January 24-26, 2014

Location: Woods Valley Campground – 15236 Woods Valley Road, Valley Center, CA 92082

Phone: (760) 749-2905 www.woodsvalley.com

Wagon Masters: Gloria & Ed Sauer – 714) 864-9670
Shelley & Pete Haak – 714) 839-4212 or 714) 943-4365 (c)

****All reservations will be made through the wagon masters.**

We have 20 camp sites reserved with an additional 10 available. Campsites have 30 Amp electric and water. Dump station at the park. **No extra fees for pets.** Check-in time is noon. Our special rate for GG Elk-Enders is \$29.00 (must have at least 10 reservations, otherwise \$33.00 per night). No TV hookup, trees may prevent satellite TV reception.

Activities at or near Woods Valley Campground:

Large game room with huge fireplace reserved for all days. Free firewood for game room.

Outdoor fire pits provided – bring your own firewood.

Bates Nut Farm just down the street – animal farm, crafts, etc.

Four casinos within 20 miles – Valley View, Rincon, Pauma and Pala casinos.

THURSDAY, January 23rd

Happy hour – 4:00 p.m.

All meals on your own

FRIDAY, January 24th

3:00 p.m. – Happy Hour – Clubhouse

5:30 p.m. – Bring your own meat to BBQ

We'll provide salad, rolls, dessert

7:00 p.m. – Play Skru yer neighbor game

THINGS TO BRING

Bring your own plates, silverware and beverages for each meal

Bring your own meat for Friday's dinner

Bring your assigned dish for Saturday's breakfast

BRING A HAPPY ATTITUDE!

SATURDAY, January 25th

7:00 a.m. – Coffee & Juice

9:00 a.m. – Potluck Breakfast

A-G brings meat (bacon, ham, etc.)

H-R brings fruit

S-Z brings potatoes or egg dish

We'll supply orange juice and champagne

LUNCH – On your own

2:00 p.m. – Washer board game

4:00 p.m. – Happy Hour – Clubhouse

5:30 p.m. – Dinner – We'll do the cooking!

Loaded baked potatoes, with all the trimmings, salad, rolls

7:00 p.m. – Evening meeting

THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

By Larry Lamkins
November



General Wagon Master Mark Mahoney and Assistant Wagon Master Joe Spychaj put together this month's "Do It In The Dirt" Elk-ender event at California City in the Mojave desert.

Episode 11: California City was largely uninhabited prior to the last half century. Padre Francisco Garcés, a Franciscan missionary, camped at Castle Butte in what is now California City in 1776.

In the late 19th century, the Twenty Mule Team Trail, which carried loads of borax to the railhead in Mojave from Harmony Borax Works ran through the California City area. California City had its origins in 1958 when a real estate developer purchased 80,000 acres of Mojave desert land with the aim of master planning California's next great city.

He designed his model city around a Central Park with a 26-acre artificial lake. Growth did not happen anywhere close to what he expected. To this day a vast grid of crumbling paved roads, intended to lay out residential blocks, extends well beyond the developed area of the city. Satellite photos show how it stakes its claim to being California's 3rd largest geographic city, 34th largest in the US.

Thirty five Elk-ender rigs with many off road vehicles, including some golf carts circled up for several days of dry camping, drinking, eating, riding and socializing.

Reports are that the day time weather was dry, clear and sunny. Some riders were observed in shorts and tee shirts. In November! Given this unbelievable weather the group could hardly wait for the "Great Poker Run" to get started on.

The seven mile long poker run competition brings out the "fast", the "furious", and the "slow but sure". All of our riders, no matter what skill level, are ready to just have fun.

On Saturday the starting flag launched a scramble across many planned check points Throughout this outrageous desert play area. After the dust settled prizes including cash and Bragging rights were awarded to the winners Joe Spychaj Jr. for the "High Hand" and to Randy Eldridge for the "Low Hand".

Not to be forgotten the Purple Pig was also awarded one hundred dollars from poker run entry fees. Thanks riders for your donations.

You might think this was just a riding weekend, but the answer would be a resounding NO. Included in this active weekend was some pretty delicious BBQ, raging campfire banter. Reports are that our consummate entertainer, Joe Spychaj, spun a yarn or two about his days on the mule teams hauling borax across this very desert. He did not divulge the exact date of his adventures. What a guy and thank you Joe! Do It In The Dirt, what an outing.

Check our Elk-ender event calendar, which is posted on our Elk-ender website www.elk-ender.org, for the next event that looks good to you. Come and join us as a guest or better yet come to our Wednesday January 8, 2014 meeting and sign up to join the Elk-enders.

THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

By Larry Lamkins
December

Emerald Desert RV Resort offers a beautiful desert setting for the Elks to celebrate Christmas.



Several slays (aka RV's) pulled by at least one Elk slid into their special spots between snow laden Palm trees. Not quite, but it was cold in the desert and many Elk-enders approved as it was time to celebrate Christmas in the midst of winter.

Wagon masters Larry Mamchur, Joyce Claussen, and Paul Pantages worked like busy little elves and put together a cheerful satisfying atmosphere for one and all.

The Palm Springs Follies, Christmas Bingo coupled with some serious hot toddies made this a warm and inviting weekend.

As in the past the Elk-enders prepared their favorite Christmas gifts and goodies. Cookie, cakes, and many gifts were exchanged.

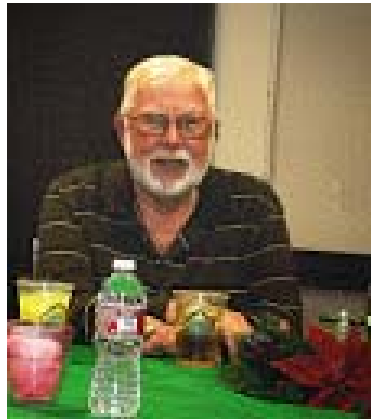
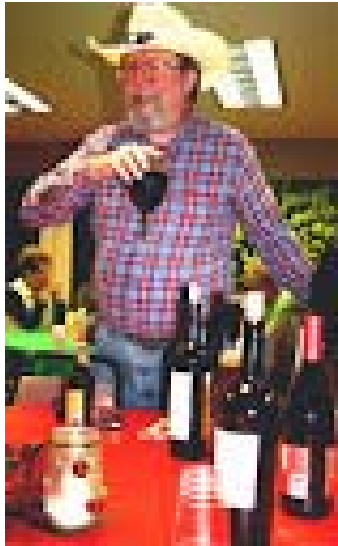
Naturally these three days were packed and wrapped with a delightful spread of all kinds of great food items.

Some Elks even put on their favorite colorful clothes for the season and sang along as Santa Claus led them through "Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer". It could not have been a better event for all in attendance.

Many left remembering **Christmas** (Old English: meaning "Christ's Mass") is an annual commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

We wish you all good health, happiness and much prosperity in 2014.

Emerald Desert





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