



Elk-Ender News

October, 2013



The Prez Sez

Normally I like, as the past Elk-Ender Presidents, to start this portion of the monthly newsletter thanking last month's Wagon Masters for a great job. This month has been different in several of our member's health has not been good. Thanks to Jim Young and Larry Hoffman for the various updates they provide. Please keep Martin Hoxworth, Dave Lewis, Ray Rea, Gretchen Doeringer, Merlin Rice, Jack Hansen, and Gary Westmyer in our prayers and thoughts. Hopefully I have not missed any one and hope the list is much smaller next month.

As mentioned at the last monthly meeting I would like to thank the Elk-Enders who were available and volunteered for the Lodge Labor Day celebration. The shucking and cleaning of the corn went very well as did the corn sales on Labor Day. The results show we served over 160 pancake breakfast. Thanks to the cooks and servers. I know if I provide a list all of the names who were generous with their time and efforts I will certainly miss some one. So a collective thanks to all.

As mentioned last month, please review the list of future camping dates and locations in our monthly newsletter and plan ahead for the two outings in October, an early November Do it in the Dirt, and of course our annual Christmas December outing at Emerald Dessert.

The Elk-Enders will support the Hemet Elk Rally, October 10-13, cooking and serving breakfast on Friday and Saturday morning and cooking and selling hot dogs and hamburgers both afternoons. Cook and server volunteers are gratefully appreciated. Contact Ken Moody our General Wagonmaster.

As we approach the Halloween Rally at the end of October please send your registration in and please bring a bottle of booze for the booze wagon raffles to the October meeting or contact Howard Whitaker or chairperson. We will be enlisting volunteers to help with games, costume judging, and limited food cooking and serving of breakfast Saturday morning.

Coming Lodge Events.

Jay

10/10	CHEA Rally – Hemet
10/17	DDGER "Homecoming"
10/24	Halloween Rally – Newport Dunes

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Minutes of the September 4, 2013 Meeting

Date: 09/04/13

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Howard Whittaker

Guests Present: No guests were announced

Recognize – Please stand:

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

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

Past EE's of the Year: Martin Hoxworth, Larry Hoffman, Bill Catlin, Randy Eldridge, Pete Doeringer, Alex Gonzalez, Mark Mahoney, Sherrie Larson, Steve Pavish, Eileen Rasmussen, and Jim Young (356)

Secretary's report by Jim Young:

July's minutes were announced as printed in the September Newsletter sent out and on the web site. A correction was noted that the Stock Pot presented at the August meeting was purchased by the Elk-Enders, not donated. The minutes were corrected on the web site prior to the meeting. No other additions or corrections to the minutes were brought up. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report by Eileen Rasmussen:

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

Vice President's report by Gary Westmyer:

Gary handed out the Elk-Enders flags, badges, and decal to new members Phil and Dori Hughes. Rod and Terry Watkins were not present to receive their new member package.

General Reports:

General Wagon Master report by Ken Moody:

Ken Moody reported that everyone had a Great Time at Oceano the weekend of August 9th, 10th, and 11th. The Melodrama was good and the wine tasting phenomenal.

Eileen Rasmussen announced that the September camp out at Lake Elsinore menus will be build your own taco bar on Friday, pot luck breakfast Saturday morning, and a bring your own meat BBQ Saturday night. For Friday A-L are to bring dessert. On Saturday night, everyone is to bring a salad to share and M-Z are to also bring a dessert. Signup sheet was passed around. Eileen reminded everyone that the drop-dead cancellation date was September 14th.

Ken spoke of the CHEA Elks Rally at Hemet on October 10th-13th. Remember this event is all about raising funds for the Major Projects. See the ELKSRALLY.ORG website for more info, or click on the links on our own elk-enders.org.

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Jay spoke of the annual Halloween Rally at the Newport Dunes on October 24th-27th. We will collect for Thursday, Friday, & Saturday nights. If you are coming before Thursday or staying Sunday night then make sure you call the "Dunes" to make your reservation. A parking assignment list will be provided to the "Dunes" about 2 weeks before. We also need donations for the Booze Barrels. We are also in dire need of some volunteers. See Jay for specific assignments.

Ken announced there would be signup sheets passed around next meeting by Paul Pantages, Larry Mamchur, and Joyce Clausen for the December campout at Emerald Desert.

Pete Haak announced that he, Shelley, and Ed and Gloria Sauer are planning a fun and feast fest for the January 24th-26th weekend at Woods Valley. The flyer will be on the web site and in the September newsletter.

Elk-Ender Newsletter report by Gail Westmyer:

Gail reported "progress."

By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:

Martin waved "Progress."

Special Activities Reports:

Saturday, September 7th – Garden Grove Lodge – Blue Gras Jam 12 to 3 pm

Sunday, September 8th – Garden Grove Lodge – Comedy Show 1 pm

Sunday, September 15th – Garden Grove Lodge – Soccer/Hoop Shoot 11 am

Sunday, September 22 – Garden Grove Lodge – 2nd Annual District Games 10 am

Communications Received / General Announcements:

Jay announced, thanked all of the Elk-Enders helpers that helped at the Labor Day Picnic.

Steve Pavich thanked all of those that helped on the Water Slide Adventure at the Picnic.

Randy Eldridge thanked everyone for helping and participating in one of the Lodge's greatest fundraisers of the year.

Jay reminded everyone to bring a bottle of booze by next meeting for the "booze barrel" raffle.

Gary Westmyer announced that due to a cousin's death, they have a 40' Tropicale motor home for sale.

Sickness and Distress by Linda Mosbrook:

Martin Hoxworth continues to improve and was at the meeting tonight. Gretchen Doeringer was also at the meeting, but had started her chemo-therapy and while not tip-top was in good spirits. Ray Rea had two blood clots on the brain and is scheduled for further treatments. Dave Lewis was hospitalized again, possibly another stroke. He also has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and has a large tumor pressing against his esophagus. Jackie Rice reported that Merlin fell and broke his knee cap.

Sunshine: Report from general membership:

Dowell Williams grandson is now cancer free!

Unfinished Business:

The motion "to purchase 150 glass salad plates for the Lodge dining room" was again tabled again to the next meeting, still awaiting more details.

New Business:

Randy Eldridge announced that Vegas Night at the Lodge will be Saturday, September 21st.

Jokes: *Jokes were told by Larry Hoffman and Ed Mosbrook.*

Good of the order by Vice President Gary Westmyer:

The first tile drawn for \$33.50 was drawn by Nancy Caughlin for Ken Moody, who was present. A whole new pot will be started for the meeting October 2nd.

Meeting was adjourned by President Jay Morrissey at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted: *Jim Young*, Secretary



From Humorist Dave Berry:

On traveling with our four-legged friends:

Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear.

On campout sporting events:

Have you ever noticed that whatever sport you're trying to learn, some earnest person is always telling you to keep your knees bent?

On wildlife:

If God had wanted us to be concerned for the plight of toads, he would have made them cute and furry.



Birthdays

October 2 R.C. "Stoney" Bourke
October 4 Linda Canavier
October 10 Barbara Zuhike
October 10 Mary Ann Ratliff
October 10 Dave Fridley
October 10 Joyce Claussen
October 13 Dan Johnson
October 12 Nancy Pollard
October 15 John Krino
October 18 Joan Cody
October 18 Dave Lewis
October 20 Sherrie Larson
October 22 Bernard Caughlin
October 23 Virginia Maudsley
October 27 Randy Barrows
October 27 Joy Johnson
October 28 Maylon (Skook) Houston
October 31 Midge Dismore



Anniversaries

October 3 Joe & Pat Spychaj
October 6 Bob & Rose Clemensen
October 6 Ken & Jo Anne Parsons
October 16 Bernie & Nancy Caughlin
October 19 Paul & Lydia Hartman
October 21 Jim & Nancy Young (#356)



Coming Deadlines

November Newsletter October 15
December Newsletter November 15

December Campout Announcement:

Hi All you Elk Enders,
If you plan on attending our
December 5th – 7th campout at
Emerald Desert and want to attend
the fabulous Palm Springs Follies for
the LAST time please let John Zahn
or myself know **before September
25th**. The seats are going fast since
this is their Final Season. Yes, no
more Follies after this year. The box
office opens to the Public on
September 30th which means no
good seats after that.
Tickets will be approximately
\$75.00 per person and John will
need the money before November
1st. This gives him enough time to
cancel seats that haven't been paid
for.

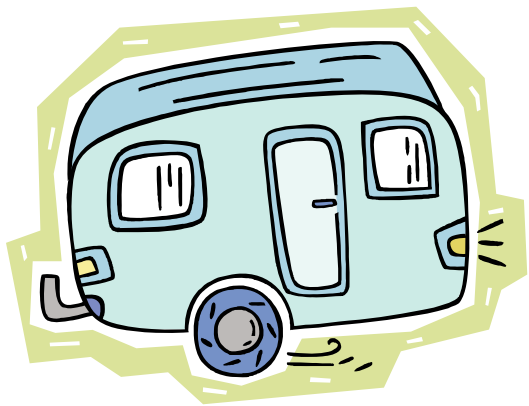
Thanks,
Joyce
(joyceclaussen@gmail.com)
John Zahn
(john@premiercoachinc.com)

2013-2014 Campout Schedule

Garden Grove Elk-Elders
 Camp Out Calendar 2013-2014
 Updated 09-06-13

MONTH	DATES	CAMPGROUND	# SITES	WM & ASST. WM	\$ SITE	CONFIRM	FACILITIES	DEPOSIT	DISTANCE
2013									
September	20-22	Lake Elsinore	30	Rasmussen	\$35.00	14 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
October	10-13	CA Rally - Hemet	Open	General Wagon Master	TBD	Individually	FH & 30/50A	None	75
October	24-27	Newport Dunes - Halloween	50	Morrissey	\$36.30	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	15
November	7-10	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
December	6-8	Emerald Desert	30	Claussen/Mamchur/Pantages	\$43.60	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$300	105
2014									
January	24-26	Woods Valley	30	Haak & Sauer	\$29.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$150	90
February	21-23	Lake Elsinore	30	Pantages/Claussen/Mamchur	\$35.00	14 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
March	13-16	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
March	28-30	Newport Dunes	50			30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	15
April	25-27	East Shore	25	Hoffman & Mahoney					
May	16-18	Yucaipa Regional Park		Vasteen & Moody					
June	27-29	Tucalota Springs	20	Lambkins & Young	\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	81
July	25-27	Vista Elks Lodge	25			30 Days	FH & 30/50A	1st Night	15
August	7-10	Oceano	30	Skelton	\$25.00	30 Days	W & 30A		220
Sept.	26-28	Chula Vista	25						
October	9-12	CA Rally	Open	General Wagon Master	TBD	Individually	FH & 30/50A	None	75
October	23-27	Newport Dunes - Halloween	50	President	\$36.30	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	15
November	13-16	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
December	5-7	Emerald Desert	30			30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$300	105
2015									
January		Woods Valley	30						
February		Lake Elsinore	30						
March		Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000						
March		Newport Dunes	50						
April									
May		Chula Vista	25						

Please VOLUNTARILY sign up to be a Wagonmaster
 By-Laws Article V, Section 3: "Each member is expected to VOLUNTARILY serve as Wagonmaster before anyone is required to serve a second time."



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)

The Wisdom of Will Rogers:

If you want to be successful, it's just this simple. Know what you are doing. Love what you are doing. And believe in what you are doing.

Never let yesterday take up too much of today.

The best way out of a difficulty is through it.

Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.

45th
ANNUAL

Elks Rally

2013

OCT 10, 11,
12, 13



**TODAY
MORE CHILDREN
WALK, TALK, SEE
AND PLAY**

THANKS TO YOU

Please join the hundreds of campers and non-campers In October at the beautiful

Golden Village Palms
RV Resort
in Hemet CA.

Last year's Rally contributed \$30,000 to the Purple Pig We can do even better this year

HERE'S THE DEAL

Three nights, four days of Great Camping, Entertainment, Food, Games, Crafts, Music, Dancing & Camaraderie. All in the air-conditioned comfort of this **five-star RV resort**. Play Shuffleboard, Tennis, Swim or just relax poolside with some friends and a cold one while helping to raise money for our very special children

No RV? - No problem!
Plenty of reasonably priced hotel rooms nearby



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CAMPING COST: Three nights four days camping for the small donation of \$115.00

REGISTRATION: Forms may be downloaded from the Rally Web Site

<http://www.elksrally.org/> or obtained from your club Wagonmaster.

NEARBY HOTELS: Hampton Inn, Quality Inn, America's Best, Royal Inn.

NOT A MEMBER OF A CAMPING CLUB?
You're welcome to attend.

Just call for info:
Paul Pantages
(714) 474-8256

Andrew Bowring
California, Hawaii Elks
Association
Theme Child 2013—2014

**Come for a day or all four days.
But please do come & join the fun**

HALLOWEEN RALLY



The Garden Grove Elk-Enders
proudly announce their
3rd. Annual Halloween Campout Festival

open to all Elks and their guests

A weekend of

Games, Ghouls, Ghastly décor and Gourmet meals.

October 25-27, 2013 at
Newport Dunes Resort



Catered Dinners Fri. & Sat. Night

With Sat. Breakfast to be provided by the Elk-Enders



NOTES

Activities planned
include:

Costume Party
Horse Races by David Skelton
Booze Barrel Raffle
50-50 Raffle
Entertainment Saturday Night
Raffle Prize drawings

Advanced Registration is required.

Registration is required to be received no later than October 2nd. 2013.

ALL campsites will be pre-assigned by wagon masters using registration on a 1st come 1st served basis. We will try to accommodate keeping groups together.



NOVEMBER CAMPOUT

Do It In The Dirt

Nov. 7-10 2013

California City

Come on & Enjoy the Fun. You don't have to own an off-road toy.



By the Garden Grove Elks

Anything Goes: Dirt Bike, Mountain Bicycle, Dune Buggy, Quad, Golf Cart, Model T, 4X4 or.....

POKER RUN on Saturday 11:30 AM \$2.00 per hand. 30% to the Purple Pig, and \$1.00 6th card donation to the DIRT Police

BRING: Lotsa Fire wood, Tables, Extension cords. Portable lights.

Saturday afternoon Happy Hour or Two and appetizers-bring what you have to share; 3:00-5:00.



Saturday Eve. Big BBQ grill provided at 5:30. Bring what you want to BBQ and cook it!



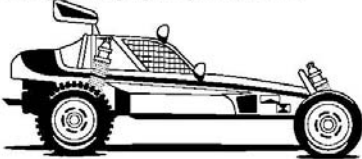
Getting There

Notice!
See attached fee info for off road vehicles-\$15.00 per vehicle is good until July 2014. No fee for camping.

Mark Mahoney (714) 638-3233 or 714-715-6255
Joe Sychaj (714) 350-2636

Hwy 15 North to Hwy. 395, go North to Hwy 58, then turn West (left) to California City Blvd. go North (right turn) to 20 Mule Team Road follow it right and stay on the paved road. Look for the GG Elks signs after you pass the prison. Turn South (right) on Rudnick Rd.. And look for the GG Elks arrow sign.

If you need a map: send an eMail request to Mark Mahoney (TPrez1923@aol.com) prior to Nov 6 and a Jpeg of the map will be sent to your eMail address.



DECEMBER CAMPOUT



ANNUAL ELK ENDERS CHRISTMAS OUTING

Decorate your rig!! A prize will be given for the best Christmas decorated rig/space.

DATE:	December 5, 6 & 7th
PLACE:	Emerald Desert Resort 7600 Frank Sinatra Dr., Palm Desert, CA (760) 345-4770
COST:	T.B.A.
THURSDAY:	Dinner on your own
FRIDAY MORNING:	Breakfast on your own
FRIDAY AFTERNOON:	Palm Spring Follies (For those interested) Christmas Bingo (2 – 4 pm)
FRIDAY EVENING:	Cocktail Hour - 5:00pm Dinner - 6:00 pm Stay around for Christmas games after dinner.
SATURDAY MORNING:	Potluck Breakfast – 9:00 am
SATURDAY AFTERNOON:	Games (1 – 3 pm)
SATURDAY EVENING:	Christmas Dinner – 6:00 pm Ladies or gentlemen bring your favorite homemade Christmas cookie or dessert to share. Make it Festive! Wear your favorite Christmas apparel. Official Elk Enders Meeting



JANUARY CAMPOUT

WOODS VALLEY CAMPOUT

Date: JANUARY 24-26, 2014

Location: Woods Valley Campground- 15236 Woods Valley Rd., 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
714) 943-4365 ©**

**** 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 casino's within 20 miles- Valley View, Rincon, Pauma and Pala casino's.

THURSDAY, January 23th

Happy hour- 4:00P.M.

All meals on your own.

FRIDAY, January 24th

3:00P.M.- HAPPY HOUR -Clubhouse

5:30P.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- Clubhouse

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**

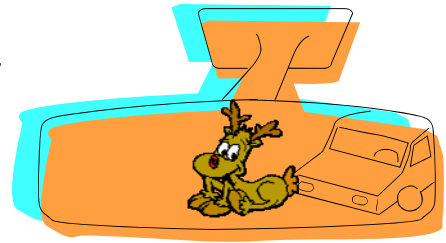
7:00 P.M. Evening meeting

SUNDAY, 26th

7:30 A.M- Coffee,

juice and muffins

The Rear-View Mirror



LOCATION: OCEANO ELKS LODGE

WAGONMASTERS: DAVID & JANICE SKELTON

ASSISTANT WAGONMASTERS: RANDY & LUANN BARROWS

The scenic Oceano / Five Cities Elks lodge is located right on the beach near the merger of California's historic Highway 1 and Highway 101. Beach activities are plentiful in this area with the Dunes recreational areas and Pismo Beach generally topping the list for this popular destination. But for the Elk-enders it is the Great American Melodrama, the wine, food, campfires, and fine fellowship.

Here is a historical question for our Irish Exalted Ruler Bill O'Hearn: Did you know that the final years of the Irish poet and Celtic mythologist Ella Young were spent in Oceano (she died there in 1956)?

Episode 8: Oceano RVing is considered a first-rate experience by most of our Elk-enders, so this outing fills up every time. This trip was no exception with a report of 27 rigs and 53 people present by Friday. Some early-comers arrived Wednesday to join in the kick-off meal together and the first of many planned campfires.

Offsite activities began on Thursday with dinner-on-your-own and an enthusiastic invitation for everyone try to make it to the local San Luis Obispo Street Market. This lively event was awarded The Great American Main Street Award in 1999 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Since 1995, this esteemed award has been presented to five US Cities each year, recognizing them for their successful preservation-based downtown revivals. Needless to say, it was a hit for all those who attended.



Early Friday morning the Elk-ender wine enthusiasts and the Wagonmasters (AKA Wineos) got up and prepared for a jam-packed day of wine tasting. Well, if you call coffee and pastries getting prepared! We don't want this to worry you, so please be aware, the group does have very considerate and experienced Wineo Wagonmasters who rented three vans. So, thanks to designated drivers Martin Hoxworth, Channing Tucker, and Chuck O'dey for shuttling 32 Wineos all day. After three different winery tastings a very relaxed group gathered at the Red Soles Winery for lunch. A full day of adventure and sucking the dregs from the bottom of many wine glasses left everyone ready for a well-deserved nap in camp!



The potluck breakfast on Saturday presented little to no drama. But, later that afternoon forty six Elk-enders experienced the best in melodrama at the always-hilarious Oceano Great American Melodrama. This is one place where yelling and screaming are not only acceptable but expected! The show is so much fun that many left the building laughing all the way back to the rigs.

Sunday's complete breakfast at the Oceano Elks lodge (for only \$6.50 per person) or coffee and rolls offered very respectable variations for the Elk-ender palates.

What about the campfires you ask? Well thanks to a truck load of wood that Sean Smorick brought, campfires were frequent, blazing and enjoyable. Most campers promised to bring more wood for next year.

A little "Sickness and Distress": This weekend Martin Hoxworth took a trip to the hospital with chest pains, we all wish Martin the very best. Martin, remember we told you that as a designated driver, you could NOT eat the corks!

Ultimate Distress: One of our newest member couples, Ernie and AJ, had their first truck breakdown on a campout. We are sure they are thanking John Zahn for hauling their new trailer back to Orange County. Can't wait to hear what that bill will cost Ernie! Be kind John!

Oceano was another outstanding Elk-ender event and everyone is looking forward to returning in 2014.

Elk-Enders

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