



Elk-Ender News

November, 2014



The Prez Sez

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and I am thankful for many wonderful people, events, activities, and family that have come into my life. Thanksgiving was started by Abraham Lincoln looking for a way to unite our country. It was the last Thursday of November. But it was FDR trying to extend the Christmas shopping season, proclaiming Thanksgiving to be the third Thursday in November. Congress did not agree... (what a surprise?), and finally Congress and FDR passed a joint resolution in 1941 stating Thanksgiving should fall on the fourth Thursday of November, where it remains today. However it came to be, I am grateful to share family, friends, philanthropy, food & fun throughout the year!

My Thanks & Appreciation to all Elk Enders for your contributions with Service & Dedication throughout the year!

September Re-cap: Chula Vista Road Trip!

Hola! The early bird catches the Tequila worm when 8 -10 RVs headed south near the border early to coordinate the Chula Vista RV Resort Elk Enders' Weekend! By Thursday, 21 RVs caught up with us, parked and joined the group with a local trip to the Marina Restaurant for fish & chips. Friday began the hospitality tent with Karen, Cathy & Bonnie decorating our Fiesta space in full Mexican color with fresh flowers, marachas and sarape runners. Friday night BBQ was a taste of Americana with hot dogs & burgers. The real surprise and what a treat was the 3 flavors of Homemade Ice Cream donated by Jerry & Kathi Tretter:!! Following dessert, an exciting and hotly contested round of "Skrue your Neighbor" entertained the crowd. Saturday morning the pot luck breakfast rivaled the best of Brunch Tables! Food lined outside the tent including: eggs, bacon, potatoes, sausage, fresh fruit, pastries, and many other breakfast favorites wowed this hungry group of Elks. After breakfast, some of our members enjoyed San Diego local activities including the Gaslamp, Chula Vista Hot Rod Show, and the ocean. There is a new Game in Town BINGO! Afternoon Bingo engaged 34 players to take their chances. 4 winners had a playoff round with a tie for 1st Place, 3rd place winner, and even the 4th Place winner made a profit on their original investment! Fiesta Abounds with a catered dinner by El Tapatio out of Imperial Beach. Set up 4:30 also gave the Tequila & Margarita Bar a chance to open early! Product sampling to perfection was guaranteed! The grilling aroma of fresh Mexican food & flavors created a Dinner line waiting to be served promptly at 6:00 pm. The food was custom prepared on the spot making the line a little longer than usual, but the Chicken & Steak Asada Tacos, Homemade Tortillas, Grilled Vegetables, Beans, Rice, Cheese Enchiladas, Cesar Salad, and Fresh Fruit topped with 4 freshly made salsas delighted everyone to their exact liking! Dessert complimented the evening with many offerings by our members n-z, even a hot lava cake was on hand! Meeting time at 7:00 p.m. was led by... you know who.. and many thanks were given for food, prizes, and the donations from the bars. The undercover INS agent fined Elks for various "actions and inactions" starting with the Marines to reach into their wallets! The Fiesta Spirit enhanced the Purple Pig to over \$300 from the weekends' generosity. We have great memories and many thanks for our Chula Vista Marina Weekend!

Ken

Coming Lodge Events:

- November 1 Walk for Breast Cancer Angels
- November 2 Fall Charity Wine Tasting
- November 13 Veterans' Day Meeting
- November 29 Lodge Decorating for Christmas!



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Minutes of the October 1, 2014 Meeting

Date: 10/1/14

Call to order: 7:30 P.M. by President Ken Moody

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Joehn Zahn

Guests Present: Terry and Carol Dooley

Recognize – Please stand:

Past EE Presidents: Randy Eldridge, Larry Hoffman, Martin Hoxworth, Duane Duncan, Steve Pavich, Mark Mahoney, Joe Zapata, and Jay Morrissey

Current EE's of the Year: Larry Lamkins

Past EE's of the Year: Bill Catlin, Randy Eldridge, Pete Doeringer, Eileen Rasmussen, Martin Hoxworth, Mark Mahoney, Larry Hoffman, Alex Gonzales, and Jim Young

Secretary's report by Jim Young:

September's minutes were announced as printed in the October Newsletter sent out and on the web site. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report by Eileen Rasmussen:

Eileen presented the Treasurer's report as of October 1st, 2014.

Vice President's report by Larry Lamkins:

Larry said there was a shed work party on Wednesday September 17th at 10:00 a.m. Larry had badges and flags he handed out to new members Mike & Teresa Cortez and JR & Barb Cortez (no relation). Both couples were present this night. Larry presented Wagon Master and Assistant patches to the Dobbs, Moodys, Whittaker/Van Bruggen for a really fine job at Chula Vista.

Larry said the shed is now organized.

General Reports:

General Wagon Master report by Carol Lamkins:

Ken Moody announced the success of the campout at the Chula Vista RV Resort on September 26 - 28. He profusely thanked all of the campers who helped make it a success and added that the Purple Pig was fattened by over 300.00 for the weekend!!

The California Elks Hemet Rally is October 9-11th of 2014. Need lots of help. So far there are 17 rigs signed up to attend. Garden Grove is responsible for cooking breakfast on both Friday and Saturday mornings

GG Halloween Parth is October 23-26th of 2014. Registration form is on the web and to be turned in to Ken Moody. Friday night dinner is in the East Room with dancing to follow. Saturday night dinner will be in the Lodge Room with a costume party and prizes. There will be raffles both nights with the Silent Auction and Horse Races on Saturday.

Mark Mahoney reminded everyone the November Do-It-In-The-Dirt is after Veteran's day on the weekend November 13-16th of 2014. There will be a Poker Run and promised a raging fire at night!

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December 5th – 7th is the campout at Emerald Desert. A signup sheet was passed around. Chuck O'Dey and David Skelton are the scheduled ramrods for this outing. Chuck and David are planning a Turkey cook-off for Saturday night dinner (there will also be ham with all the trimmings). Friday night dinner will be homemade meatball sandwiches. Both Friday and Saturday morning is a Potluck breakfast. There is to be Wine Tasting, games, and please bring a gift for needy kids (unwrapped).

Elk-Ender Newsletter report by Gail Westmyer:

Gail was absent.

By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:

Martin reported "progress."

Special Activities Reports:

1. CHEA October 9-11
2. Saturday November 1st 7 AM – 11 AM – Annual Breast Cancer Angels Fun Walk at the Lodge.
3. Elk-Enders Christmas Party at the Lodge, December 20th, Cocktails at 5, Dinner at 6

Communications Received / General Announcements:

Elk-Enders Christmas Party at the Lodge, Dec. 20th, Cocktails at 5, Dinner at 6. Contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project is our Charity this year. Please contact Carol Lawler at 714-288-8838 or Joyce Claussen at 714-633-4934.

Sickness and Distress by Linda Mosbrook:

Joe Spychaj is still trying to schedule his next procedure. Joe's son, who had a stroke while in Las Vegas, is tired but recovering nicely.

Sunshine: Report from general membership:

None

Unfinished Business:

Howard Whittaker needs more booze donations for the Halloween Booze Barrels

New Business:

None

Good of the order by Vice President Larry Lamkins:

Ed Sauer was present to collect the \$120.00 prize. The pot starts over at the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by President Ken Moody at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Young, Secretary.



Birthdays

November 3 Gary Westmyer
November 5 Kathy Tretter
November 6 Corky Elliott
November 8 Gerry Sykes
November 11 Doris Strong
November 13 Mary Rich
November 14 Howard Whittaker
November 16 David Krause
November 22 Shari Bourke
November 22 Pat Spychak
November 25 Pete Doer4inger
November 28 Henry Banuelos
November 29 Bill Zahn
November 29 Tom Funkhauser
November 30 Duane Duncan



Anniversaries

November 1 Ed & Gloria Sauer
November 3 John & Toni Krino
November 3 Bob & Sharon Parsons
November 4 David & Sharon Krause
November 6 Bill & Sue Catlin
November 7 Leonard & Eleanor Selover
November 16 Bernard & Nancy Caughlin
November 24 Martin & Marcia Hoxworth

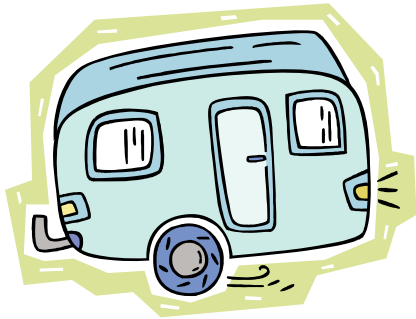


*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

CAMPOUTS 2014

Revised December 2013

Mon.	Days	Campground	Sites	Wagonmasters	\$ Per	Miles from lodge	Notes
Jan	24-26	Woods Valley	30	Haak & Sauer	29.00	90	E30W & Dump Station
Feb	21-23	Lake Elsinore	30	Hoxworth/Claussen/Mamchur	35.00	51	E50WS
Mar	13-16	Do It In The Dirt	5000	Mahoney & Spychaj	0.00	150	Dry Camping
Mar	28-30	Newport Dunes	50	Morrissey/Tucker/Poat	38.00	15	E50WS
Apr	25-27	East Shore RV Park	25	Hoffman/Quijada/Watkins	51-56	25	E50WS
May	16-18	Yucaipa Park		Vastine/Moody	tbd	85	
Jun	20-22	Tucalota Springs		Lamkins/Young	38.00	81	E30WS
Jul	25-27	Vista		tbd	20.00	60	E30W
Aug	08-10	Oceano	30	Skelton	25.00	220	E50WS
Sep	26-28	Chula Vista	30	Moody/Whittaker	tbd		E50WS
Oct	10-12	CHEA Elks Rally	Open	General Wagon Master	tbd	75	Register on line
Oct	24-26	Halloween Rally Garden Grove Elks Lodge	50	President & Others	tbd	15	E50WS
Nov	13-16	Do it In The Dirt	5000	Mahoney & Spychaj	0.00	150	Dry Camping
Dec	05-07	Emerald Desert	30	Skelton/O'Dey	tbd	105	E50WS



Thanksgiving Humor from Erma Bombeck

"I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage."

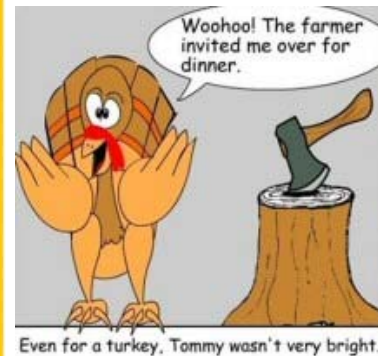
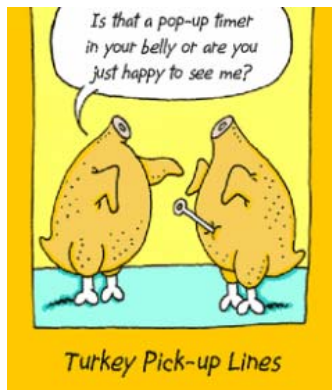
"Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Half-times take 12 minutes. This is not coincidence."

"What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving?"

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)



Coming Deadlines

December Newsletter November 15
January Newsletter December 15

Call for 2015 Wagon Masters

The destination line-up is complete for 2015. Now it is time to volunteer for Weekend Wagon Master or Assistant Wagon Master. We would like 3 couples or singles per weekend to involve new members. Dividing the responsibilities makes the job as easy as 1–2–3!

There are many supports developed, from planning to financial, making the job efficient and stress-free. You can plan a lay-back, relaxing weekend or an experiential one with unique activities or in anything between. It is the Wagon Master's choice.

So join in the fun and get involved with the Elk-Enders whether you are a new or a long-standing member. Everyone takes a turn in leadership! That is what makes this group dynamic.

So please select your weekend below and contact Carol at clamkins@usa.net or call 714-738-7171.

MONTH	NIGHTS	CAMPGROUND	WAGONMASTERS	POSITION
	2015			
JAN	23-24	Wood's Valley near Temecula		Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
FEB	20-21	Lake Park RV Resort @ Elsinore Lake	Bob & Judy Clatterbuck	Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
MAR	20-21	Newport Dunes @ Newport Beach	Ken & Karen Moody	Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
APR	24-25	East Shore RV Park @ Puddingstone, San Dimas		Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
MAY	15-16	Chula Vista RV Resort @ San Diego		Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
JUN	11-14	Tucalota Springs near Temecula		Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
WS	23-25	Vista Elks @ San Diego	Buzz & Margo Dobbs Joe & Pat Spsychaj	Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
SEP	25-26	Mission Bay RV Park @ San Diego	Pete & Shelley Haak Carol & Larry Lamkins Barbara & Bob Zuhlke	Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
DEC	05-06	Palm Desert		Wagon Master Assistant Assistant

Do It In The Dirt

Nov. 13-16 2014

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.....

Nicole Hoffman Memorial Poker Run on Saturday
11:30 AM \$2.00 per hand.
30% to the Purple Pig.

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. Awards at 4:00.



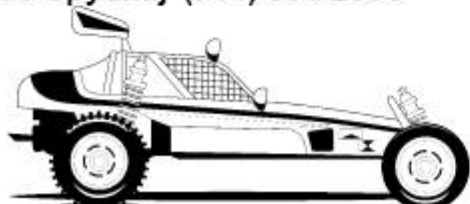
Saturday Eve. Big BBQ grill provided at 5:30. Bring what you want to BBQ and cook it!



Getting There

Mark Mahoney (714) 638-3233 or 714-715-6255

Joe Spychaj (714) 350-2636



Notice!

See attached fee info for off road vehicles-\$15.00 per vehicle is good until July 2015. No fee for camping.

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. 11 and a Jpeg of the map will be sent to your eMail address.



DECEMBER CAMPOUT 5 – 7, 2014

Annual Elk-Enders Christmas Outing

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

CAMPGROUND:

Emerald Desert Resort
7600 Frank Sinatra Dr., Palm Desert, CA



Coming in early must call Emerald Desert
1-877-624-4140

Cost: \$45.00 a night plus tax

WAGON MASTERS

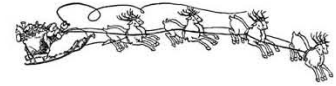
David & Janice Skelton 1-714-856-3525

Chuck O'Dey & Virginia Grunauer 1-714-404-3408

Full hookups, Cable, Clubhouse. Check in after 1:00 p.m. Check out by 12:00 noon. Elk-Enders who wish to arrive early, please make own reservations and pay per day at the office. Extra charge for pets. A pet walking area is provided and typical pet rules apply.



Menus & Activities



FRIDAY

9:00 A.M. Potluck Breakfast
Bring your favorite breakfast item

1:30 P.M. – Wine Tasting
Bring a bottle to share
Bring an appetizer to share

5:00 P.M. – Social Hour

6:00 P.M. – Dinner
Homemade Meatball Sandwich
and Chips
A-L - Bring Salad
M-Z - Bring Dessert

7:00 P.M. - "Skru" Your Neighbor

SATURDAY

9:00 A.M. Potluck Breakfast
Bring your favorite breakfast item.

11:00 A.M. Washer Boards

Lunch on your own

Christmas Party ***Turkey Cook-Off***

5:00 P.M. - Social Hour

6:00 P.M. - Dinner

Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Potatoes,
Gravy, Cranberries, Yams, and
Butter and Rolls –PUMPKIN PIE
with Whipped Cream

Wear your favorite Christmas apparel

Elk-Ender Meeting and
Christmas games after Dinner

Bring A Gift Or Gift Card
For The Needy Children



SUNDAY

Coffee and pastries – 8:00 A.M.

Have a safe trip home

Bring your own beverage
And table service to all meals



DIRECTIONS

91 Fwy to Interstate 10-East
Exit Cook Street South
Go one mile – turn left onto
Frank Sinatra drive



January 23 – January 25, 2015

Woods Valley Campground

15236 Woods Valley Rd. Valley Center, CA 92082 (760) 749-2905

Wagon Masters: Rod and Terry Watkins (714)-319-8010

Assistants: Bonnie Vasquez & Chris Rigney, Larry & Pauline Hoffman (714)-636-4345

Meals:

Friday: Lunch on you own.

Dinner: 5:30 PM Tostados by “los chefs.”

Saturday: 9:00 AM Pot Luck **Breakfast-Brunch.**

Last Name:

A thru I bring egg or potato dishes.

J thru R bring meat dishes Bacon, Ham Etc.

S thru Z bring fruit and/or sweets.

We'll supply coffee and OJ.

Dinner: 5:30 PM BBQ your own meat. Bring what you like, we'll provide the salad, potato salad, BBQ beans and the hot coals.

Sunday: 7:00—8:30 AM Coffee and sweet rolls

Note; Bring you own utensils for each meal.



Activities:

Thursday and Friday: Take a ride to the Bates Nut Farm about 1 mile east on Woods Valley Rd.

Go to Valley View, Rincon, Pala, Pauma or Harrah's Casinos .

Friday: 7:15 PM “Sku Yer Neighbor” in the clubhouse.

Saturday: 1:00 PM Washer Board Game (weather permitting), Indoor Baseball (if inclement weather).

Great Indoor Fireplace with wood provided.

It's Always Schmooz and Booze Time at the Fireplace



Directions

Take I-5 South to Fwy 78 in Oceanside..

Go East on 78 to Broadway in Escondido.

Go North (left) to El Norte Pkwy.

Turn East (right) on Del Norte and proceed to Valley Parkway.

Go North on Valley Pkwy about 4 miles (up a grade and then down into the valley) to Woods Valley (Immediately at the bottom of the grade).

Turn East (right) and go 2.2 miles to the campground on the left. Sign on left is somewhat hard to see so go slow.

We have 27 sites reserved on a first come first served basis.

The cost is \$29.00 per site per night.

Each site has Elect. (30 amp) & water.

There is a dump station at the campground.

Note: We must have a minimum count by December 20th for the campground management

Anyone with severe walking problems or needing to be close to the clubroom, please make arrangements with the wagon master well in advance.



The Rear View Mirror

Location: Chula Vista RV Resort (San Diego area) September 26-28

Wagonmasters: Ken & Karen Moody Howard Whittaker & Cathy Van Bruggen
John & Bonnie Poat

Our Elk-Ender wagonmasters planned an enjoyable weekend at the Chula Vista RV Resort and it was a tremendous success. It has been a number of years since we have enjoyed the San Diego area and all the interesting local attractions. We had 29 Elk Ender RVs and a couple of members, enjoying a local hotel, arrive by dinner time on Thursday with four more rigs joining on Friday. Thursday evening more than 30 of our members visited a local restaurant for a special all-you-can-eat Fish and Chips dinner. It was excellent. Thanks to John Zahn for arranging for the reservations.

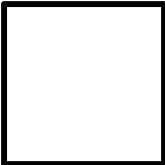
Friday was an enjoyable day for shopping, visits to the local museums, and military points of interest during our free time. The San Diego economy appreciated our efforts to keep the city green. All of these and other activities created a hungry group of campers ready for dinner cooked and served by our wagonmasters. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and BBQ chicken sandwiches with a selection of salads and desserts were well consumed by all. Of course desserts from our members were served after the meal with the highlight being the chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry HOME MADE ICE CREAM from Kathi and Jerry Tretter. Following dinner a rousing game of Skru Your Neighbor, conducted by David Skelton, was played with all winnings donated to the Purple Pig.

We awoke Saturday morning to Buzz's Bar with Bloody Mary libations, served by Glen Dobbs, Jerry Tretter, and Howard Whittaker, to start the day with a tremendous Pot Luck breakfast. Yes, it was the typical 6-8 pound gain campout weekend. Later in the day many of our members played several games of bingo. Again all winnings were given to the Purple Pig. Prior to the catered dinner we enjoyed Margaritas were served at Buzz's Bar by Howard Whittaker and others. The Mexican dinner was excellent and enjoyed by all. Delicious (not necessarily low calorie) desserts were served to include delicious brownies and lemon bars from Terri Shives, Ken & Karen Moody's daughter.

A member of a law-enforcement agency joined us during our meeting. Yes it was our own sheriff, Jim Rauls. The sheriff was quick to point out the various indiscretions observed over the weekend. Jim's tenure was short but profitable with all donations going to the Purple Pig. All in all the Purple Pig was well fed this outing.

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