



Elk-Ender News

December, 2013



The Prez Sez

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I would like to thank the Elk-Ender membership for your collective efforts in making our Halloween Rally at Newport Dunes a success. Your cooking, serving of food, and being gracious hosts did not go unnoticed by our visiting guests from other Elk Lodges (Simi Valley, Mission Viejo, Vista, and Corona). In particular I want to once again thank Jim Young for organizing and coordinating registration and assignment of parking, Pete Doeringer for obtaining all of the various prizes raffled off on Friday and Saturday night, Howard Whittaker for donating the two wagons and coordinating the Booze Wagon raffles on Friday and Saturday, and of course David Skelton and crew for organizing and running the popular horse races on Saturday afternoon. We were able to raise funds to continue our support and donations to various charitable programs, such as funds for the Christmas gift program and to the Lodge to help with the cost of a new hot water heater.

As mentioned at our last meeting we are in active discussions with the Lodge Leadership to bring our Halloween Rally back to the Lodge. As things develop we will keep all of our membership informed of the details.

Please review the list of future camping dates and locations in our monthly newsletter and plan ahead for the December outing at Emerald Dessert, our annual Christmas dinner at the Lodge, and the start of the 2014 camping year at Woods Valley in January.

The Elk-Ender Christmas Dinner will be on Saturday December 21st. I want to thank Gerry Sykes for coordinating this event for us. Please see the flyer in this newsletter and contact Gerry with you choice of entrée, and of course a check made out to the Elk-Enders or cash. This year we are asking for a donation to the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

As the calendar continues to move forward and we think of the holiday season I have started to form a committee, as stated in our bylaws, to develop potential candidates for the 2014-2015 Elk-Ender leadership positions.

The November Do-it-in-the-Dirt was conducted by Mark Mahoney and Joe Spychaj in a subdued manner with all activities completed after the participants learned of an accident to Larry and Pauline Hoffman's granddaughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry and Pauline and the Hoffman family as their granddaughter and boyfriend died as a result of the traffic accident enroute to the outing.

Please also include Gretchen Doeringer to our prayers as she is in a rehabilitation center after falling and breaking a leg.

Jay

- 12/1 – Elks Memorial Service**
- 12/8 – Breakfast with Santa**
- 12/8 – Needy Children's Party**
- 12/14 – Elks Member Christmas Party**
- 12/21 – Elk Enders Christmas Party**
- 12/22 – Christmas Basket Delivery**



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Minutes of the November 6, 2013 Meeting

Date: 11/6/13

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Exalted Ruler Bill O'Hearn

Guests Present: Ron and Marilyn Walker

Recognize – Please stand:

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

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

Past EE's of the Year: Martin Hoxworth, Larry Hoffman, Alex Gonzalez, Pete Doeringer, Mark Mahoney, Steve Pavich, Eileen Rasmussen, and Jim Young (356)

Secretary's report by Jim Young:

October's minutes were announced as printed in the November 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 November 1st was read and approved as read.

Vice President's report by Gary Westmyer:

Gary handed out Elk-Ender flags, badges, and decals to new members Tom & Norma Sperls. Gary reported "progress" on the Storage Shed.

General Reports:

General Wagon Master report by Ken Moody:

Ken spoke of the CHEA Elks Rally at Hemet on October 10th-13th. The Rally totaled about 40,000 for the Purple Pig. Paul Pantages remarked that the Breakfast presented by the Garden Grove Elk-Enders was the BEST in recent memory.

Jay spoke of the annual Halloween Rally at the Newport Dunes on October 24th-27th. Jay thanked all of the volunteers that made the Halloween Camporee one of the best. Lots of participation, with good food and games. The Camporee was attended by 5 different Elks lodges and we had many varied and unusual costumes for the Friday night costume party. Jay announced that Mary Ann Ratliff won the prize for the best decorated rig. He also wondered how she and Orville carried all of the decorations to the camp site!!

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Paul Pantages passed around signup sheets for the December campout at Emerald Desert. Co-Wagon Master Joyce Clausen announced campers are expected to bring an unwrapped gift for giving away to needy children. Joyce announced that there will be a wine tasting on Friday for those not attending the Follies and that both Friday & Saturday night dinners will be catered, but to bring a dessert to share on Friday night. Also Joyce reminded everyone to decorate their rigs for the Christmas Holiday.

Pete Haak announced that he, Shelley, and Ed & Gloria Sauer are planning a fun and feast fest for the January 24th – 26th weekend at Woods Valley. Pete passed around a sign up sheet. Pete emphasized that Saturday night's dinner will be Awesome Baked Potatoes with all of the fixin's. Please see the flyer that was included in the October and November Newsletters.

Elk-Ender Newsletter report by Gail Westmyer:

Gail asked everyone to please send pictures to her or Jim Young to post on the website and include in the newsletter.

By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:

Martin waved "Progress."

Special Activities Reports:

Saturday, November 16th - Garden Grove Lodge – Orientation.

Tuesday, November 26th – Garden Grove Lodge – Emblem Club pack Thanksgiving baskets.

Sunday, December 1st – Garden Grove Lodge – For Our Departed Brothers Memorial Service – 1:00 PM.

Communications Received / General Announcements:

Thank you card from Yvonne Lewis and family for all of the kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy from all of the Elk-Enders.

Sickness and Distress by Linda Mosbrook:

Gretchen Doeringer is ½ done with her chemo. Ray Rea is recovering from surgery but just received word that his son in Arizona was diagnosed with cancer. Jackie Rice was in the hospital with pneumonia.

Sunshine: Report from general membership:

Randy Barrows' daughter had a cyst removed, and no cancer was found.

Unfinished Business:

The Christmas Dinner Party will be at the Lodge on Saturday, December 21st. Please bring an unwrapped toy for the needy children. For Elk-Enders members the price will be \$15.00 per person, \$20.00 for non-member guests. Payable in advance, please send check to Gerry Sykes.

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

New Business:

At the request of ER Bill O'Hearn, a motion was made from the floor to "donate \$200.00 to the Lodge for the purchase of batteries for the toys donated for the needy children for Christmas". The motion was seconded and passed by a majority of the members present.

An announcement was made that the water heater for the Lodge facility had failed and had been replaced, but still needed to be paid for at a cost of \$3,000.00. A motion was made from the floor to "donate \$2,000.00 to the Lodge to help pay for the new water heater". The motion was seconded and a discussion followed. It was pointed out that we, as Elk members, all use the facility and like to eat off of clean dishes washed in hot water. The motion was passed overwhelmingly by the members present.

Jokes: No jokes were told.

Good of the order by Vice President Gary Westmyer:

The first tile drawn for \$119.50 was for Gretchen Doeringer, who was absent. Ken Moody was present to take home the \$19.50 consolation prize. The remaining \$100 will be rolled over to the September 4th meeting.

Steve Pavich volunteered to collect "Fink Fines" from all of the members present who were not wearing Elk-Enders badges. The Purple Pig says "Thank You."

Meeting was adjourned by President Jay Morrissey at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted: *Jim Young*, Secretary



It's beginning to look a lot like . . .

Anyone who believes that men are the equal of women has never seen a man trying to wrap a Christmas present.

Three phrases that sum up Christmas are:

- Peace on Earth
- Goodwill to Men
- Batteries are not included

Birthdays

December 3 Martin Hoxworth
December 3 Linda Hnasen
December 4 Joe Rabon
December 5 Eleanor Quijada
December 6 Conrad Banks
December 6 Sjanie Holm
December 6 Lorraine Downing
December 7 Dave Bakke
December 10 Cora Byrd
December 10 Eileen Rasmussen
December 10 Janice Skelton
December 17 Mary Dyer
December 22 Drew Gardner
December 22 Bonnie Poat
December 24 Pete Weidner
December 25 Jerry Austin
December 25 Joe Zapata
December 27 Robyn Johnson
December 28 Tina Crews
December 28 Bob Clemensen
December 31 Jo DeFort
December 25 Thomas Sperl`



Anniversaries

December 7 Conrad & Kate Banks
December 13 David & Winnie Combs
December 15 Bill & Debbie Zahn
December 18 Larry & Pauline Hoffman
December 18 Bill & Joan Wise
December 18 John & Bonnie Poat



CHEA Hemet Rally

A message from Ken Moody:

For all members who attended the CHEA Rally – A heartfelt thank you from the General Wagonmaster for all the support the whole crew gave us out in Hemet. Everyone was amazed at how we all worked together and made a lot of money for the kids.

Thank you very kindly –

Ken

Coming Deadlines

January Newsletter December 15
February Newsletter January 15

2013-2014 Campout Schedule

Garden Grove Elk-Elders
Camp Out Calendar 2013-2014
Updated 08-26-13

MONTH	DATES	CAMPGROUND	# SITES	WM & ASST. WM	\$ SITE	CONFIRM	FACILITIES	DEPOSIT	DISTANCE
2013									
April	26-28	Valencia Travel Village		Pavich & Young					
May	17-19	Oceanside RV Resort	25	Eldridge & Larson	\$41.00	15 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	55
June	21-23	Tucalota Springs	20	Barrows	\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	81
July	26-28	Vista Elks Lodge	24	Mosberg	\$20.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$100	60
August	8-11	Oceano	30	Skelton & Barrows	\$25.00	30 Days	W & 30A		220
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	TBA							
June	27-29	Tucalota Springs	20		\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	81
July	25-27	Canyon RV	25			30 Days	FH & 30/50A	1st Night	15
August	7-10	Oceano	30		\$25.00	30 Days	W & 30A		220
Sept.	26-28	Chula Vista	30	Whittaker & Moody					
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

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 Most Wonderful Time of the Year !

Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it "white."

-- Bing Crosby

If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble

-- Bob Hope

Christmas is, of course, the time to be home – in heart as well as body.

-- Gary Moore

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
OCTOBER



General Wagon Master Ken Moody: "October is a big month for the Elk-enders with two exciting events. Our California Hawaii Elks Rally at Hemet was a huge success generating funds for major projects. The Halloween Rally in Newport Dunes is always one of our best events with costumes, culinary delights, gaming, prizes like a wagon full of booze, and as always outstanding fellowship."

Episode 10: Halloween is a favorite time of the year for Elk-enders. If you want to see the way Elks spend their time on Halloween, take a few minutes and log into our website at www.elkenders.org then look at the 380 plus photos from the Halloween rally event. **Hilarious!**

The costume contest was intense with competition running high. The judges finally picked the winners. The following were selected for their originality and themed costumes:

- Scariest - Dori Hughes
- Funniest - Bill & Sue Catlin
- Best couple - Randy & Janice Eldridge
- Most ridiculous - Larry Mamchur (tooth fairy) and Joyce Clausen (tooth)
- Best Group - Mission Viejo Lodge

Tickets for the Booze barrels sold extremely well. Chuck O'dey and Ron and Karen Freeman from Simi Valley rolled out their own personal liquor store. Friday's baseball game was a close call, but the guys came up winners. The horse races on Saturday were called and coordinate by Randy Eldridge, David Skelton, and several volunteers. What great fun!!!!

Halloween Celebration Facts: Did you know that the first recorded Halloween celebration in the USA occurred in 1921 in Anoka, MN. And did you know that the Haunted House Capital of the World is located in Kansas City, MO, where the city features "The Beast." But most important, did you know that the largest quantity of liquid spirits consumed in one weekend was imbibed by the "Jolly Corks", aka BPOE, aka Elk-enders!

Halloween Scary Story Facts - Some authors of scary stories include:

- H.G. Wells
- Sherrie Larson (past Elk-ender president)
- Dean Koontz
- Jay Morrissey (current Elk-ender president)
- Edgar Allan Poe

Halloween Spooky Place Facts - Names of some spooky places in the US:

- Broomstick Lake, NY
- Devils Lake, ND
- Elk-ender October Campout, CA
- Ghoull Creek, WA
- Goblin Knobs, NV
- Pumpkintown, NC

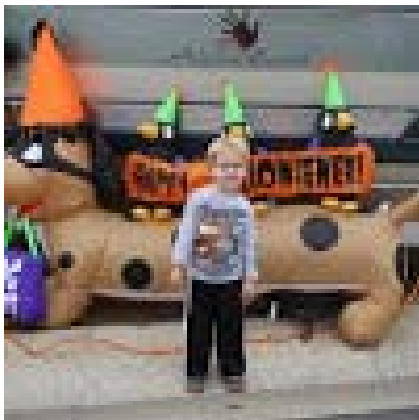
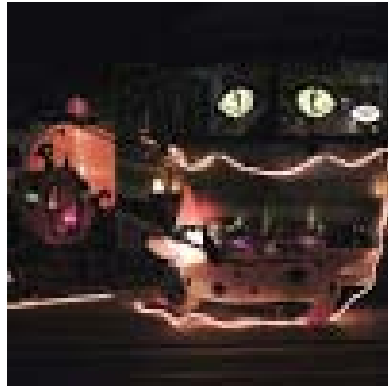
The History of Pumpkins: The word pumpkin originated from the Greek word *Pepōn* which means large melon.

The Pilgrims were known to make pumpkin beer. They fermented a combination of persimmons, hops, maple sugar and pumpkin to make this early colonial brew and to this day many of our own Elk-enders are local pumpkin beer experts. What the heck is a persimmon doing in beer?

We all hope you enjoyed your Halloween celebration and wish you good health as we roll towards a NEW YEAR.

Newport Dunes Rally







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