



Elk-Ender News

February, 2013



The Prez Sez

In the month of December we had our annual Christmas Campout at Emerald Desert RV Resort. Our Wagon Masters were Tina & Bob Crews, John & Evelyn Morrissey, and Paul & Lydia Hartman. We had a wonderful holiday campout which included everyone bringing unwrapped gifts to give to needy children to brighten up their Christmas morning. For more details make sure you read your Elk Call Article "The Rear View Mirror" by Past President Steve Pavich.

Also in December we had our annual Elk-Enders Christmas Party at the Lodge. The event was expertly organized by our Elk-Ender Past First Lady JoAnn Zapata. Our Lodge's Past First Lady LuAnn Barrows asked that in lieu of a gift exchange that all of the members bring personal supplies that could be sent to our troops that are stationed in battle zones and defending our nation. Over 14 boxes of supplies were gathered and mailed to the troops. Our own Eddie Thomas led all to the party-goers in the "Twelve Days of Christmas" song with each table having one of the twelve verses. The entire event was so much fun.

As I mentioned in my last article, I have formed a Committee per our By-Laws to seek out prospects for nomination to your 2013-2014 Elk-Ender Officer Corps. At the January 2013 meeting my committee announced the nominations of some of the candidates

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Coming Lodge Events.

- 2/9 Car Cruise 11 – 2 PM
- 2/9 Sweethearts Dance
- 2/10 Sunday Breakfast
- 2/15 – 17 ER Getaway
- 2/24 Pizza Sunday



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Minutes of the January 2, 2013 Meeting

Call to order: 7:30 P.M. by President Sherrie Larson

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Miles Mahoney

Guests Present: Bill Davis and Bob & Gretchen Taylor.

Recognize – Please stand:

Past EE Presidents: Martin Hoxworth, Dave Skelton, Randy Eldridge, Larry Hoffman, Mark Mahoney, Steve Pavich, and Joe Zapata.

Current EE's of the Year: Steve Pavich & Jim Young.

Past EE's of the Year: Martin Hoxworth, Larry Hoffman, Randy Eldridge, Eileen Rasmussen, Mark Mahoney, Alex Gonzalez, Dave Lewis, Pete Doeringer, and Sherrie Larson.

Secretary's report by Jim Young:

December minutes were announced as printed in the January 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 January 1st was read and approved as read.

Vice President's report by Curt McMillan:

Curt handed out badges for Conrad & Kate Banks #437.

General Reports:

General Wagon Master report by Randy Eldridge:

Randy first reminded everyone that if they sign up for a campout, that if for any reason you cannot attend the campout or need to change the number of days, to be sure to call the Wagon Master of that campout AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to avoid being charged the space rent by the campground. It is the Elk-Enders responsibility.

Jay Morrissey spoke for the Crews' and Hartman's as he told about the December outing at Emerald Desert. Lorraine Downing won the Skru Ur Neighbor tournament. All of the winos enjoyed tasting 11 fine bottles of really good wine. The theatre goers enjoyed the Palm Springs Follies. And, through an executive decree from PER Dave Skelton, the Girls won the Bean Bag Baseball game. The game ended with Pres. Sherrie hitting (?) a Home Run and then her charm bracelet fell apart all over the grass as she came back to Home Plate. Jay gratefully thanked everyone for their assistance. The trip did have one tragedy when Marcia Hoxworth fell and broke her hip on a side trip to town on Saturday. (While she is still very much recuperating she did show up at the meeting tonight).

Sherrie thanked JoAnn Zapata for stepping up and putting together a really fine Elk-Enders Christmas Party at the Lodge. Many gifts were be given to support our troops in Afghanistan. Eddie Thomas led us all in a fine round of The Twelve Days Of Christmas.

Steve Pavich spoke of the Woods Valley campout for January 25th to the 27th is coming up soon. Steve said there is still plenty of room and again sent around the sign-up sheet for late campers. One of the meals is to be an Awesome Baked Potato with all the toppings.

Jim Young spoke of the upcoming Lake Elsinore campout for February and a sign-up sheet was passed around. Jim reminded everyone that this is a full hookup park with 50 amp electric, and has an awesome clubhouse with a huge fireplace. See ya there!

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Randy brought up that the March Do-It-In-The-Dirt is March 7-10th. You don't have to have any "Toys" to enjoy the camaraderie. There only about 5,000 spaces left so don't forget to sign up early.

John Zahn (Attila, The Hun) announced the upcoming March 22nd – 24th campout at Canyon RV Park. He said we all better sign-up or there will be consequences.

Elk-Ender Newsletter report by Larry Hoffman:

Larry reminded everyone that there is a For Sale Section in the Monthly Newsletter and admonished everyone to get their documents to him early for the newsletter as he will be out of town somewhat during the month.

Jim Young also reminded everyone there is also a For Sale section on the Elk-Enders.Org web site. Both Larry and Jim offer this service at absolutely NO Cost!!!

By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:

Martin reported progress.

Special Activities Reports:

- Sunday, January 13th – Comedy & Magic show at the Lodge at 2:00 PM. There is a two drink minimum for this show.
- Saturday, January 19th – Emblem Club Annual Rock-a-thon 10 AM – 2 PM.
- Saturday, January 26th – Texas Hold-em Tournament.
- Pizza Sunday – January 27th.
- Saturday, February 9th – Lodge Annual Sweet Heart Dance.

Communications Received / General Announcements:

None

Sickness and Distress by Elissa Hammonds:

Bill Catlin's daughter-in-law had a stroke the other day. She is now doing well.

Sunshine: Report from general membership:

Marcia Hoxworth is recuperating from hip surgery and even made it to the meeting tonight. LuAnn Barrows, for the Emblem Club, thanked everyone their Troop donations and that donations are still welcome as our adopted Unit is going to be in Afghanistan until sometime in August.

Unfinished Business:

Paul Pantages announced that the final numbers were in for the Hemet CAHI Rally. Over \$30,000 was collected for the Purple Pig Major Projects.

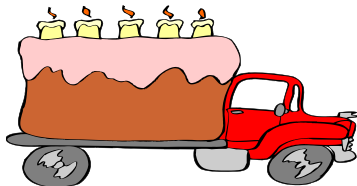
Dave Skelton announced that due to an opening for Lodge Treasurer, Eileen Rasmussen had stepped up to fill the vacancy. Congratulations, Eileen!!!

New Business:

- The Nominations Committee announced that they had nominations for the following positions:
- President Jay Morrissey
- Vice President Gary Westmyer
- Treasurer Eileen Rasmussen
- Recording Secretary Jim Young
- Corresponding Secretary Linda Mosbrook

Birthdays

- 2 Feb. Joanne Galvin
2 Feb. John Grossman
2 Feb. Nels Hansen
6 Feb. Robert Cooke
6 Feb. Mickie Grant
7 Feb. Larry Lamkins
8 Feb. Carl Brewner
8 Feb. Joelyn Smith
9 Feb. Debbie Mahoney
10 Feb. Bill Catlin
14 Feb. Pat John
20 Feb. Fred Howe
20 Feb. Joan Hansen
20 Feb. Karen Moody
20 Feb. Deanne Gardner
21 Feb. Sami Drake
23 Feb. Betty Lynch
24 Feb. Lydia Hartman
25 Feb. Winnie Coombs
25 Feb. Bridget Hunter
25 Feb. Jay Morrissey
28 Feb. Randy Eldridge
28 Feb. Shelley Haak



Anniversaries

- 2 Feb. Gary & Carol Lawler
3 Feb. Larry & Carol Lamkins
5 Feb. Tim & Paula English
7 Feb. Maylon & Sharon Houston
14 Feb. Orville McGee & Mary Ann Ratliff
18 Feb. James & Jann Duffy
21 Feb. John & Jean Seibert
23 Feb. Paul Pantages & Sami Drake

**Do you have a gripe, suggestion, or kudo for the Elks, the Lodge or the Elk-Enders?
Please note that we have an "Editorial section and would love to hear from you.
Please keep it non-personal and non-political
Send it to me via Email or Snail mail.**

Gail Westmyer

Coming Deadlines

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Issue</u>
Feb. 11	March Issue
March 12	April Issue

New Members

*Robert & Gretchen Taylor #438
12312 Blackmer St.,
Garden Grove, CA 92895
714-892-2266 Cell 714-654-6622
bobgret@hotmail.com*

*William & Patty Davis #439
5978 E. Appian Way
Long Beach, CA 90803
562-438-0576 Cell 562-833-1945*

2013-2014 Campout Schedule

Updated 1/15/2013

MONTH	DATES	CAMPGROUND	# SITES	WM & ASST. WM	\$ SITE	CONFIRM	FACILITIES	DEPOSIT	DISTANCE
2013									
January	25-27	Woods Valley	30	Pavich-Hammonds-Haak	\$29.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$150	90
February	22-24	Lake Elsinore	30	Young & Quijada	\$35.00	14 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
March	7-10	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
March	22-24	Canyon RV Park	25	Zahn	\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	1st Night	15
April	26-28	Valencia Travel Village		Smorick?					
May	17-19	Oceanside RV Resort	25	Eldridge & Larson	\$41.00	15 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	55
June	21-23	Tucalota Springs	20		\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	81
July	26-28	Vista Elks Lodge	24		\$20.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$100	60
August	9-11	Oceano	30	Skelton & Barrows	\$25.00	30 Days	W & 30A		220
August	23-25	TBA							
September	20-22	Lake Elsinore	30		\$35.00	14 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
October	10-13	CA Rally - Hemet	Open		TBD	Individually	FH & 30/50A	None	75
October	24-27	Newport Dunes - Halloween	50		\$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		\$43.60	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$300	105
2014									
January	24-26	Woods Valley	30		\$29.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$150	90
February	21-23	Lake Elsinore	30		\$35.00	14 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
March	7-10	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150

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."

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that they have located that are willing to step forward and fill these important positions. However, if you are interested or know members that are interested in competing for these positions, please bring their names to the floor at our next meeting in February. Nominations will also be open at our March meeting followed by an election of officers. Those voted into office will be sworn in at our March 2013 meeting and will take charge in our April 2013 meeting.

I hope to see you all at the Woods Valley RV Park later this month. It is a wonderful place to camp with an excellent club house with a blazing fireplace.

Madam Prez Sherrie Larson

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Jokes:

No jokes were told.

Good of the order by Vice President Curt McMillan:

Conner Smorick drew Barbara Zulke's name for \$135.00. Not present. Pete Haake was there to collect the \$35.00 consolation prize. The remaining \$100 will be rolled over to the February 6th meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by President Sherrie Larson at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted: by Jim Young, Secretary

*Elk-Ender's Campout
February, 2013*

Lake Elsinore West Marina, Lake Elsinore, California



32700 Riverside Dr, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
800-328-6844

Friday, February 22 thru Sunday noon, February 24, 2013

\$35.00 per night. 81 miles from the lodge

Your Wagonmasters: Jim & Nancy Young
Cell: 714-926-5386

Co Wagonmasters: Don & Eleanor Quijada
Cell: 714-420-3144

We have 30 spaces. All of these 30 sites have Electric (50/30 amp), Water, and Sewer.

Fun and Games:

Friday: All day -
Cards, Socializing,
Boating?

Evening: SKRU Yer
Neighbor. Campfire
following.

Saturday:
2:00 PM: Bean Bag
Baseball Game.

All Day: Spectating,
Cards, and Tall Tales.

7:30 PM: Meeting

Post Meeting:
Campfire w Tall
Tales

Food: ☺

Friday:
Breakfast: I'll have the coffee pots a-brewing.

Lunch: On your own. Go wine tasting, visit outlet mall..

Dinner: 6:00 Hot Dogs, All the Fixin's, Chips, Potato Salad, Cake or Pie.

SKRU UR NEIGHBOR: 7:30

Saturday:
Breakfast: 9:00 Pot Luck.

Lunch: On your own. Go wine tasting, visit outlet mall.

Dinner: 6:00 Bring your own meat BBQ plus.

A-G: Please bring Hot or Cold Side Dish

H-R: Please bring Desserts

S-Z: Please bring Salads

Meeting: 7:30

Sunday:
If there is any coffee left over from Friday and day old pastries.

Bring:

Plates, utensils, and beverages for all meals. And FIREWOOD.

Directions:

Take I-15 North from San Diego, or South from Los Angeles, to the Highway 74 / Central Avenue Exit. Then follow 74 West for 3.5 miles to our entrance, on the Left.

Please Note: From I-15, Highway 74 West follows Central Ave, then Right onto Collier Ave, then Left onto Riverside Drive. Our entrance is exactly 2.8 miles from the intersection of Collier & Riverside at 32700 Riverside Drive.

Do It In The Dirt

March 9-11, 2013

California City



By the Garden Grove Elks

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

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
5:00. Bring what you want to BBQ and cook
it!**

Notice!

See attached fee info for off road vehicles-\$8.00 per vehicle is good until July 2013. No fee for just camping.



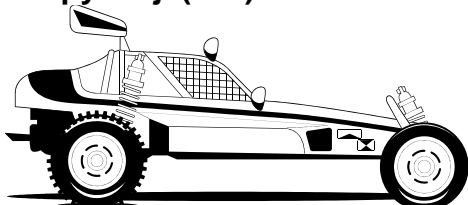
Getting There

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

Joe Spychaj (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 signs.

If you need a map: send an eMail request to Mark Mahoney (TPrez1923@aol.com) prior to Nov 7 and a Jpeg of the map will be sent to your eMail address.



VALENCIA TRAVEL VILLAGE

April 25th - 28th, 2013

Wagon Master
Steve & Debbie Pavich
714-322-7561

Jim & Nancy Young
714-926-5386

Food

Friday:

7:30 am: Coffee

Lunch: on your own

Supper at 5:30: BBQ your own meat
we'll provide the fixins."

Saturday:

7:00 am: Coffee

Breakfast 9:00 am Potluck

Lunch: on your own

2:30: Bring Light Hors d'oeuvres

5:30: Supper, Spaghetti w/meat sauce.

A-L Dessert M-Z Salad and Bread

Sunday: Coffee & Sweet Rolls

Activities

Friday 7:00pm: "Skru Yur Neighbor

Saturday 10:15 Washers

Activities on your own:

Fillmore & Western Train

Reagan Library

Venture Harbor

Shopping in Fillmore & Sana Paula

Lake Piru Fishing

Santa Paula Airport

7:00 Meeting in Clubhouse



Bring Washer Boards

27946 Henry Mayo Rd. (Hwy. 126)
Castaic, CA 91384
Tel 888-588-8678



Directions:

I-5 to State Highway 126 North
go West one mile to entrance
on left.

Note: Alternate route take I-210
West to I-5 to Hwy 126.





Editorial

This is my *personal* opinion; however, I have also heard similar opinions from other Elk-Enders. It deals with the frustration of going to the same places at the same times, year after year. I feel that the problem rests at least partially with the individual wagon masters asking the attendees at the function if they wish to book the venue again, which when receiving a positive response prompts the follow-through booking and deposit rollover.

This type of vote is not necessarily indicative of the majority of Elk-Enders, but only of those who are at the campout and therefore does not reflect the wishes of those who may have declined to go because they didn't like the venue or were just tired of going there every year.

It's entirely possible that this is a minority opinion, but perhaps it's the opinion of a significant number of Elk-Enders. I am writing this to in essence "**pose the question.**" How can we solve this problem, if there really is one, or how can we remediate this situation?

I suggest that wagon masters no longer rollover deposits to the camping venue **at the campout**. Our campouts are usually at the end of the month and within a week of, or very near to, the date of the next Elk-Ender meeting. At the meeting the General Wagon Master should bring it to a vote of the entire body, in addition to asking for possible alternatives, which could be voted upon. I don't think the delay of four or five days will cause us to miss out on the campground reservation if we decide to return.

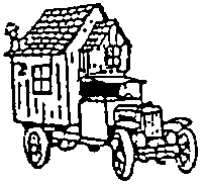
If the body decides by vote to return, then the General Wagon Master should take timely action and make the reservation. If they decide against a return for the next year, then a different campground should be selected by the General Wagon Master with suggestions from the members.

Every member should have an opinion on this. There are two methods of taking action. One: would be to write an opinion to what is on this editorial, Two: would be to bring it up at preferably the next, or any future meeting, or Three: talk it up with your Elk-Ender friends and get them agitated enough so they do one of the previous two actions.

If you elect to write the editorial, don't be concerned with spelling or grammar, the editor will straighten it out before printing, but he or she will not change the context.

Ower editur duz an xellent jhob!

Larry Hoffman



"ELK-ENDERS" ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES



1952

ALL DUES MUST BE PAID BEFORE MARCH 1, 2013.

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: _____



Pearls of Wisdom

A ship in port is safe; but, that's not what ships are built for!

One Liners from the old comedians

I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me!

Officer Nominees for Club Year April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014



President Jay Morrissey
Vice Pres. Gary Westmyer
Rec. Secty. Jim Young 356
Treas. Eileen Rasmussen

**Nominations are open
through February 6th.**

What Confucius Didn't Say:

Passionate kiss, like a spider web, leads to undoing of fly.

It takes many nails to build a crib, but one screw to fill it.

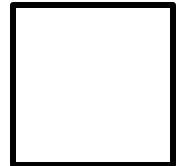
Man who lives in glass house should change clothes in basement.

Man who eats many prunes gets good run for money.

Man who fight with wife all day get no piece at night

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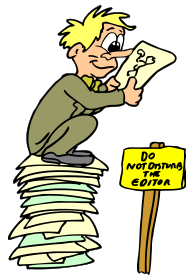


[Photos: by Dave Lewis and Debbie & Steve Pavich](#)

Additional photos on the Elk-Ender Website: www.elk-enders.org

Editorial

By Larry Hoffman



This is a reprint of an Editorial first published in the October 2010 issue.

Let me begin by making it clear that this is my personal opinion and is directed to the members of the Elk-Enders, but may also apply to many other organizations. It seems that we have too often in the past been practicing a method of electing our officers that I believe to be organizationally unhealthy. It is the practice of having only one candidate for any or all of the four primary officers.

It occurs to me that it would be best for every member of the Elk-Enders to have been the holder of at least two offices during their membership years. We need this variety of talent to preclude the possibility of long-term “group-think,” the practice of the officers constantly thinking alike. This incestuous governing practice can cause us to slide into being mentally comfortable, but in a downward, spiral over a period of few years.

New thinking often comes from newer members who have experienced belonging to other social organizations. The club needs these newer members to step-up and volunteer. Ideas that are fresh are always welcome. There probably is a prevalent feeling that “I haven’t a clue as to what I should be doing.” The newer members should be aware that the **outgoing and past officers** have the duty of counsel to help you be very successful. The probability of doing a less than a satisfactory job is nil.

It is apparent that too many of us refuse to run for office when asked. In a past election, we had to have two past presidents, who have already paid their administrative dues, run for president because we were lacking volunteers. This is not a good situation.

Every office should have at least two candidates running. I know, no one wants to lose an election, but we all know that there is only one opening per office and losing the election makes you **the second winner**, well above the bulk of the membership, not a loser. An election isn’t and shouldn’t be a popularity contest.

Some offices are appointed ones, such as the General Wagon Master, Newsletter Editor, Halloween Rally Chairperson, or the Telephone E-mail Coordinator. If you wish to be appointed to any one of those (listed in the front of your “Elk-Ender Roster”) let it be known to the candidates that you would like the appointment. It will be a great help to them and I can almost guarantee you won’t be turned down.

The president will be appointing an election committee in October to determine who our candidate nominations for office will be during the February election. Anyone may nominate themselves or another Elk-Ender, but if you nominate another person, be certain that he or she agrees. Please be aware of the fact that the President is a committee chairperson of the Lodge and therefore must be an Elk and a full member of the Garden Grove Lodge. Because of the possibility of succession, the Vice President must also be a Garden Grove Elk. Please don’t wait to be asked. When the president announces the names of the election committee, see one or more of them and volunteer to run. It’s more fun than work.