



# Elk-Ender News

**The Prez Sez**

**March, 2013**



To all of my dear Elk-Ender friends I would like to tell you how close I have grown emotionally towards all of you. I believe that I have developed friendships within our group that will last me a lifetime. It is hard to believe that this past year as your 2012-2013 Elk-Ender President is rapidly coming to an end. It is my sincere hope that I have served our camping committee and guided us into a continuing positive direction. I have to say that with every good leader is a group of people that step up and do the work to make things happen and see that events and projects continue to run smoothly. I want to thank all of you who have aided me and guided me throughout the year to insure that we have a great year of camping and fun. A special thanks goes to all of the volunteers that stepped up to be Wagon Master of each of our campouts during my term of office. Without these wonderful and dedicated Wagon Masters my year would have been far more difficult and far less fun for us all.

Our Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be my last meeting as your President. It is my hope that all of you will make every effort to attend my meeting so that I can personally thank each and every one of you for everything you have done for me during my term of office. It will be my chance to hand each of my officers and committee members a special gift that I have hand-made as a thank you for all you have done. At that meeting I will be announcing my choice for your “

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## Coming Lodge Events.

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|-------------|-------------------------|
| 3/3         | Charity Wine Tasting    |
| 3/9         | Car Cruise 11 am – 2 pm |
| 3/10        | Sunday Breakfast        |
| 3/16        | Elk-of-Year Banquet     |
| <b>3/24</b> | <b>Pizza Sunday</b>     |



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“The Prez Sez”

# Minutes of the February 6, 2013 Meeting

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

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by:** Bernie Caughlin

**Guests Present:** None.

## **Recognize – Please stand:**

**Past EE Presidents:** Martin Hoxworth, Duane Duncan, Dave Skelton, Randy Eldridge, Larry Hoffman, Mark Mahoney, Steve Pavich, Jack Hansen, 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, Jack Hansen, Eileen Rasmussen, Mark Mahoney, Alex Gonzalez, Dave Lewis, Pete Doeringer, and Sherrie Larson.

## **Secretary's report by Jim Young:**

January's minutes were announced as printed in the February 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 February 1<sup>st</sup> was read and approved as read.

## **Vice President's report by Curt McMillan:**

Curt handed out badges and flags for Bob and Gretchen Taylor #438. He also had badges and flags ready for Bill and Patty Davis who were absent.

## **General Reports:**

### **General Wagon Master report by Randy Eldridge:**

Randy again 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.

Steve Pavich spoke of the Woods Valley campout in January. Steve said that although it was a little damp, and there were some physical challenges with a couple of the rigs, everyone still had a great time. There was the usual Bean Bag Baseball and Skru Ur Neighbor. It was all "Daughters" day for winning the card game. Steve's granddaughter and daughter came in First and Third and John and Elissa Hammonds daughter took Second Place!!!

Jim Young spoke of the upcoming Lake Elsinore campout for February and a sign-up sheet was again passed around. There is still lots of room. 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!

Randy brought up that the March Do-It-In-The-Dirt is March 7-10<sup>th</sup>. You don't have to have any "Toys" to enjoy the camaraderie. There will be lots of opportunities for fun and frivolity as the Smorick's other camper club, The Adventurers, will be there. There only about 5,000 spaces left so don't forget to sign up early.

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John Zahn (Attila, The Hun) announced the upcoming March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> campout at Canyon RV Park. He said we all better sign-up or there will be consequences. Steve Pavich volunteered, again, to be wagonmaster for the Valencia Travel Village campout in April 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. (Jim Young volunteered to be his number two.) Sign ups will begin at the next meeting.

It was voted to skip the regular August campout this year, because after the Oceano trip will be the “Jewelling” of DDGER Dave Skelton on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Elk-Ender Newsletter report by Larry Hoffman:**

Larry reminded everyone that this will be his last month as Editor In Chief of the Newsletter. Next month will be Gail Westmyer will be In Charge.

**By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:**

Martin reported progress.

**Special Activities Reports:**

- Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – Nominations of 2013-2014 Lodge Officers.
- Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Nominations of 2013-2014 Lodge Officers.
- Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – ER Getaway.
- Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Election of 2013-2014 Lodge Officers.
- Pizza Sunday – February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications Received / General Announcements:**

Dave Skelton and John Zahn gave a general “Lodge” pep talk.

**Sickness and Distress by Elissa Hammonds:**

There will be a memorial service for Al Johnson, who recently passed away, on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Lodge. LuAnn Barrows strained her Achilles tendon. Sharon Parsons was hospitalized with a stomach aneurism. Gail Westmyer’s mother fell and shattered her ankle.

**Sunshine: Report from general membership:**

Marcia Hoxworth is now getting away from her walker and Martin is hoping she’ll be able to drive herself around soon. Jim Young announced his daughter in Oklahoma is getting married on an Alaskan cruise in May.

**Unfinished 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

**New Business:**

It was moved and seconded that as all of the candidates were running unopposed that the above named officers be elected unanimously. The motion passed overwhelmingly. The above incoming officers will be installed at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Birthdays

3 Mar.	Stan Vastine
4 Mar.	Michelle Gualtieri
9 Mar.	Sharon Parsons
9 Mar.	Bob Wood
11 Mar.	Jane Stewart
12 Mar.	Larry Manchur
12 Mar.	Cathy Van Bruggen
12 Mar.	Gary Fleer
12 Mar.	Tom Mackay
16 Mar.	Linda Mackay
19 Mar.	John Hammonds
19 Mar.	Patty Davis
21 Mar.	Placido Rea
22 Mar.	Sandra Eng



## Anniversaries

1 Mar.	Drew & Deanne Gardner
23 Mar.	Tom & Mickie Grant
25 Mar.	Al & Joy Johnson
27 Mar.	Placido & Bea Rea
29 Mar.	Glenn & Margo Dobbs

### Poetic Masterpieces

**“Mary had a little pig.  
She kept it fat and plastered.  
When the price of pork went up....  
She shot the little bastard.”**

### Pearls of Wisdom



**“It is hard to imagine a more stupid or more dangerous way of making decisions than by putting those decisions in the hands of people who pay no price for being wrong.”**  
*Thomas Sowell*

### From the old comedians

**What are the 3 words a woman never wants to hear when she's making love?  
“Honey, I'm home!”**

### Coming Deadlines

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Issue</u>
March 12	April Issue
April 11	May Issue

## 2013-2014 Campout Schedule

**Updated 2/11/2013**

MONTH	DATES	CAMPGROUND	# SITES	WM & ASST. WM	\$ SITE	CONFIRM	FACILITIES	DEPOSIT	DISTANCE
<b>2013</b>									
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		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	9-11	Oceano	30	Skelton & Barrows	\$25.00	30 Days	W & 30A		220
August	23-25	TBA							
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
<b>2014</b>									
January	24-26	Woods Valley	30	Hoffman & Mahoney	\$29.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$150	90
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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."

### 2013 – 14 Officers

**Pres. Jay Morrissey**  
**V.P. Gary Westmyer**  
**Sec. Jim Young #356**  
**Treas. Eileen Rasmussen**

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Dues are due before March 1<sup>st</sup> of 2013.

**Jokes:**

Jokes were told by Conner Smorick, Jack Hansen, and Larry Hoffman.

**Good of the order by Vice President Curt McMillan:**

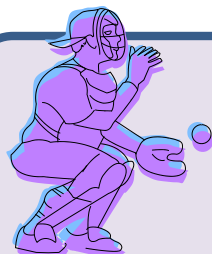
Conner Smorick drew several tiles before Martin Hoxworth took home the \$35.00 consolation prize. The remaining \$100 will be rolled over to the March 6th meeting.

**Meeting was adjourned by President Sherrie Larson at 8:36 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted:** by  
*Jim Young, Secretary*

### Quotable Quotes

Bisexuality immediately doubles your chances for a date on Saturday night.  
*Rodney Dangerfield*



**Yogi...  
isms**

**"If you don't know where you're going, you might end up some place else."** *Yogi Berra*

*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

Mar. 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 11:00 AM \$2.00 per hand. All profit to the Purple Pig, and \$1.00 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Awards at 4:00



Saturday Eve. Big BBQ grill provided at 5:00. Bring what you want to BBQ and cook it!

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### Notice!

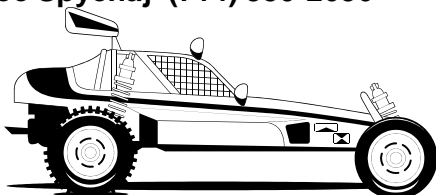
See attached fee info for off road vehicles-\$10.00 per vehicle is good until July 2013. No fee for camping.

## Getting There



Mark or Miles 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 sign.

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

**Note;** The Adventurers off road group will join with us again this year and have invited us to participate in their activities listed below. This is an excellent addition to our semi-annual Poker-Run and outing.

## Adventurers' 1<sup>st</sup> Chili Cook Off March 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

We are ADVENTURING out to California City; we will be joining the Garden Grove Elk Enders for Do It In The Dirt camp out.

### FRIDAY

Lunch in Ransburg

Gourmet Happy Hour

Join us around 5:00pm

### SATURDAY

Coffee at the campfire,  
And breakfast with your loved ones.



POKER RUN



Sponsored by the Garden Grove Elkenders

We will have Hot Dogs to follow



Dinner



Chili Cook Off  
Make your favorite Chili for all to share.  
Guest Judges

### Sunday

Omelets in a bag fundraiser



# CANYON RV PARK

24001 Santa Ana Canyon Rd  
Anaheim, Ca 92808  
714-637-0210

MARCH 23-24, 2013

## Wagon Masters

John & Annette Zahn (714) 703-8100  
Ken & Karen Moody (562) 598-2018



**Chow Time:** Bring your dishes & all Utensils for each meal  
**Friday Eve. 5:00 PM** Sausages Sandwiches, Salad & dessert  
**Saturday 9:00 AM,** Pot Luck Breakfast  
**Saturday Eve. 5:00 PM:** Dinner Teriyaki Chicken, Salad  
And Dessert  
**Friday Night A-M** Bring Salad & Dessert  
**Saturday Night N-Z** Bring Salad & dessert

## ACTIVITIES

**Friday Eve. 7:00 PM** Cards & Campfire  
**Saturday 1:00 PM** Baseball Game  
**Saturday Eve. 6:30 PM** Meeting and campfire after

**Bring wood for the campfires**

Getting There:  
East 91 toward Riverside  
Take exit 39 for Weir Canyon Rd toward  
Yorba Linda  
Turn left onto S Weir Canyon Rd  
Turn right onto E La Palma Ave



Some early history of our Elk-Enders begins on the following pages (11-13). It starts in 1970 and continues until July of 1995. The author is **Dutch Schultz** EE # 38. Dutch is a long-time member and served as president in 1975. He wrote this in 1975. Some of our newer members may not be familiar with the “**Happy Wagon**,” but it was a well used camping accessory for the Elk-Enders.

The Happy Wagon was a trailer that had a full sized grill plate at the rear with drawers, cabinets and a refrigerator. In it was kept the coffee pots, and some supplies.

The Happy Wagon was stolen off of the Lodge property in 2011. An error by the lodge clerks or whomever was in charge caused the unit to not be insured. It was believed to be covered under the lodge’s

Umbrella policy; however, the insurance company said it needed to be covered as a vehicle and we therefore collected nothing for it.

I want to thank **Jo Darrow** for maintaining this history for so many years and to our **Pres. Sherrie** for bringing it to my attention. I want to thank **Dutch and Dottie Schultz** in particular for taking the time to write it on a real TYPEWRITER! A lost skill.

*Larry*

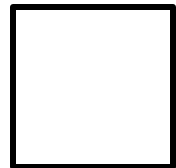
### Quotable Quotes

“I woke up one morning and all of my stuff had been stolen....and replaced by exact duplicates.”

*Steven Wright*

## **Elk-Enders**

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

Additional photos on the Elk-Ender Website: [www.elk-enders.org](http://www.elk-enders.org)

## GARDEN GROVE ELK-ENDERS: THE EARLY YEARS

### AND THE HISTORY OF HAPPY WAGONS #1 AND #2

By Dutch Schultz

In October 1970, a group of camping Elks from Garden Grove Lodge attended "The Elks Rally" (later, the name was changed to "The Southern California Elks Camping Rally") at Rancho Corrido. After getting information from other lodges, Buz Sawyer and Pete Sexton decided to organize a camping group and about 30 Elks signed up for the 1971 season. Buz volunteered to be the first president and was assigned #1; Pete Sexton helped organize it so he became #2, and all other members were given numbers in alphabetical order. My first campout with the Elk-Enders was in November 1971 at Elfin Forest, near Escondido, during the Elk-Enders' first year.

In the early years, most of the members were much younger and just about all of them had school-age kids, the Elk-Enders would arrive at the campground Friday evening, and party until 1 or 2 am Saturday morning. Many would sleep in on Saturday; some until noon. After potluck Saturday night the partying would start again, and we would all go home on Sunday to rest and recuperate.

It was impossible in those early years to go to bed early. If anyone at the fire ring noticed you were missing, the group would find your rig, start rocking it and knocking on the door until you opened it; then they would push themselves in until the rig resembled a sardine can. It was not unusual to get 30 people in a 19-foot trailer; we sure tested the springs on those old rigs. This would then provide a hilarious topic of conversation for the next few campouts.

In the summer of 1972, when Joe Bilskis was wagonmaster at Lytle Creek, he brought a small refrigerator and a keg of beer, and organized a horseshoes tournament. The members all agreed that it was a great campout.

I was the General Wagonmaster for the 1973-74 year and I suggested to my wagonmasters that we have themes for each campout and plan some sort of game: horseshoes, lawn darts, card games (one called 31 was popular). One of the camping groups had brought "Washers" to an annual rally so some of our members built boards and brought them to our campouts. Later, the card game "Screw Your Neighbor" started and is still very popular. At Elfin Forest we had Paddle Boat races. In January we had "Hobo Stew" for Saturday night which became an annual tradition for awhile. There was always "leftovers," so on Sunday we would mix in a can of chopped green chiles and make burritos for lunch. (Ask Al Johnson about them.)

Another tradition that was enjoyed for awhile was the strawberry margaritas served by Bob and Diane Madison to celebrate their wedding anniversary at our 4th of July campouts. August was our Luau month and we wore brightly colored Hawaiian clothes and prepared exotic food.

At that time each wagonmaster had to bring the coffee pots and other supplies to his campout, and the next month's wagonmaster would take the equipment home and store it for the next month. Sometimes the next month's wagonmaster was not at the campout so the previous month's wagonmaster had to store the equipment for two months which sometimes caused problems. That was what gave me the idea that it would be nice if we had a trailer to store and haul our equipment in.

At the Los Angeles County Fair a few years before, I examined a Boy Scout trailer that was on exhibition. It had cabinets on the sides that contained canned food, cooking utensils, First Aid Kit, and other supplies. The center area was storage for tents, and sleeping bags. There was a water tank, a sink for washing hands, paper towels, etc. Every space was labeled. If you used a can of beans, there was a vacancy and you could see at a glance what needed to be restocked for the next campout.

I suggested to the membership that we purchase a small trailer to keep our supplies in and tow it to the campouts. I drew a plan and presented it at a meeting. The members okayed the plan. My work habit has always been that when I start something I don't stop until the job is done, and Happy Wagon #1 was ready for the next campout.

I found a used 4'x7' two-wheel trailer for \$35 and the building began, with lots of help. Frank Van Skiver was an air conditioning mechanic and converted an old refrigerator unit to keep the beer cold. Mr. Shattuck was a carpenter and donated needed wood, etc. One side opened up and had cabinets and a work table, like a kitchen counter. The counter came off and under it were a two-burner and a three-burner propane-type camping stoves. I found griddles to fit the stoves and an AM-FM radio at a swapmeet. Ralph Saez donated a P.A. system. The other side had storage and a home made beer box that would hold two kegs of beer. The wagon also had a flag pole and a boom light that could be moved to either side for playing cards. We built a barbecue to slide in at the rear. We had a plaque made and the names of all members that donated money or parts were put on it.

It was a big success. The two 15½-gal. kegs of beer went by noon on Saturday. We used to buy the kegs at a distributor on Fairview Avenue in Santa Ana for \$13 each, and we asked members for a 10¢-a-glass donation. For a while we were bringing three kegs.

Before the Happy Wagon, people would gather in small groups under their awnings which is not conducive to helping new members feel welcome. Now they sat around the Happy Wagon like it was a big shade tree in the middle of a circle of wagons. People would come and go at their leisure. We had card games in the evening under the boom light and someone always popped corn.

In 1976, the Centennial year, we had the Happy Wagon painted red, white and blue. At every campout people would come by to inspect the Happy Wagon and tell us they thought it was a great idea. Some groups took notes and measurements because they wanted to try to build one for their group. No one had ever seen anything like it. It definitely was the First.

In 1974, the Elk-Enders were the first to serve food at the Southern California Elks Annual Rally. Our sausage, eggs, and pancake breakfast was a big success. Up to that time the Rally had been a fun thing and wasn't expected to show a profit. They ended up with \$700 profit that year and the rally committee had to figure out what to do with the extra money. It was decided to donate it to the State Major Project through the rally chairman's lodge. About 7 or 8 years ago the rally committee changed that, and now a rally representative goes to the State Convention and donates the profit in the rally's name.

We held our first Lodge campout in March 1974 and it rained all weekend. The next year we changed it to October. We had 22 rigs the first year; some of our members

who lived close by came without their rigs. We did all our own cooking and made a good profit. For years I fixed chili for Friday night. Many of the lodge's bowlers would stop for chili before going bowling. It's not unusual to have someone at a rally mention the Friday night chili. As the years progressed our Halloween Campout got bigger and bigger, and since we did all our own cooking in the Happy Wagon, we decided to use some of the profit from that event to build a bigger and better Happy Wagon.

It had cost \$350 to build Happy Wagon #1. At the 1982 Lodge Rally we put a "For Sale" sign on #1 and sold it to Riverside Lodge for \$450.

In February of 1982 the Elk-Enders had money from the 1981 lodge rally in the treasury that was designated Happy Wagon funds. I described a plan for a new Happy Wagon. Joe Bilskis was a draftsman and drew up the plans, and the members okayed the plan at the March meeting.

I had done my homework and had priced all the necessary material and sub-contract work at \$5,000, give or take a little. I had decided on the small-wheeled pontoon boat trailer because I wanted to get the trailer as low as possible so everyone could reach everything in the two refrigerators, plus we wouldn't lose any storage because of the wheel wells. The other real plus was that the wheel carriage was bolted to the frame so it could be moved front or rear to adjust the tongue weight when it was loaded. This was really important because we had no idea how much the refrigerators, barbecue, grill, etc., was going to weigh. The frame was rated at 2,800 pounds; the manufacturer said that with 8-ply tires we could go another 1,000 pounds. When finished, it weighed 2,700 pounds.

I had a lot of help with the project, but the two who really put in extra time were Owen Baum, an electrical contractor, and Glenn Balliet, a general contractor. Glenn had a large storage barn and we started to assemble it there. We had it all framed when I noticed it was about three inches higher than his door. I pointed it out to Owen and Glenn and told them, when we were finished, we could take the wheels off and pull it outside. We all had a good laugh over that.

At the April meeting I reported that the Happy Wagon was going to have a "cost overrun" because we had to sublet the outside skin and the cabinets and drawers. Ernie Harro loaned the Elk-Enders \$1,000 until the next lodge rally. Total time to build - 60 days; total cost - \$6,250.61.

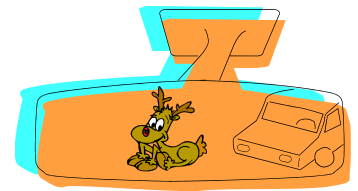
Some years later someone didn't like the idea that the Happy Wagon didn't have trailer brakes, so hydraulic surge brakes were added. This proved to be the death of Happy Wagon #2. On February 24, 1995, on the way to Rancho Corrido, the surge control, which was welded on, broke the weld, came loose from the tow rig, and crashed on the 22 to the 5 freeway.

It had served us well for 13 years.

Note: It was announced at the July, 1995, meeting that the committee decided that Happy Wagon No. 2 would be rebuilt rather than replaced, and is expected to be ready in time for the Annual Rally at Victorville.

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# The Rear-View Mirror



Woods Valley - January 25 - 27

By: Steve Pavich, Past Elk-Ender President and Elk-Ender of The Year

Wagon Master Steve & Debbie Pavich

Assistant Wagon Masters Pete & Shelley Haak and John & Elissa Hammonds

“Wet and rainy and throw in a little mud for good measure!” Oh yes, that describes our Woods Valley Campout in Valley Center, CA on the weekend of January 25 -27. But it takes a little more than inclement weather to get a group of more than thirty-six Elk-Enders down. Actually we enjoyed the clubhouse with its large warm fireplace, plenty of firewood, fantastic food and lots of time to share stories, play cards and games.

Friday night campers enjoyed a potluck Italian dinner and played Skrw-yer-neighbor card game. Winners were Miss Lily Ogle, Miss Madi Hammonds and Mr. Derek Ogle, 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively. Elissa and John Hammonds served-up blueberry pancakes Saturday morning while members supplied bacon & sausage, egg dishes and fruit. Saturday afternoon the ladies beat the men for the third time (under President Sherrie Larson’s reign) in a hard fought game of bean bag baseball. Saturday’s evening meal was a big hit with Elissa Hammonds baked potato bar with all the fixin’s. As usual, nobody went away hungry.

Campers suffered more than their share of mishaps and we can blame some of the problems on the weather. Blaming poor visibility due to rain, one RV driver required four men and his wife to direct him into his parking space. Another camper family suffered a leaky roof and a broken water pipe inside their trailer. Too much electrical power was a problem for another camper. His batteries overcharged and boiled over with stinky egg smelling steam erupting. The power switch had to be turned off. The prize winner was the RV that had little or no electric power during the entire weekend. Mud was the enemy of all who tried in vain to keep their RV carpets clean. “Are we having fun yet?” Sheriff Bart made his usual appearance and levied appropriate fines against Elk-Enders who broke the law in one fashion or another. Bob Clatterbuck (sheriff) told jokes and shared the lawless tales of members present and the fines netted \$40.00 for the Purple Pig.

If you are a member of the Garden Grove Elks Lodge and own a recreational vehicle, I’ll bet after reading this article you can’t wait to join the Elk-Enders and go camping! All kidding aside, we have a lot of fun rain or shine and welcome new members. Please go to our website for more information: [elk-enders.org](http://elk-enders.org).

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## My own Rear View Mirror.

Since 2009, I have had the privilege of editing and publishing the Elk-Ender Newsletter. It’s been a great ride with a lot of fun. Yes, it’s also time consuming, brain racking (if I only had one), hard work, and requiring the skill of nagging (to get the articles that appear monthly, sent to me on time).

Many changes were made that reflect the changing times; such as : use of e-mail, graphics computer programs and the rising costs of printing and postage.



We are fortunate to have Gail Westmyer taking over the task and I am certain that she will do a great job of taking the newsletter to an even better publication.. Thank you all for the confidence you placed on my tenure as editor. *Larry Hoffman*

# VALENCIA TRAVEL VILLAGE

**April 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.





# "ELK-ENDERS" ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES



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**ARE NOW PAST DUE AS OF MARCH 1, 2013.  
PLEASE SEND THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

*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.

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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WORK: (Yours) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: (Yours) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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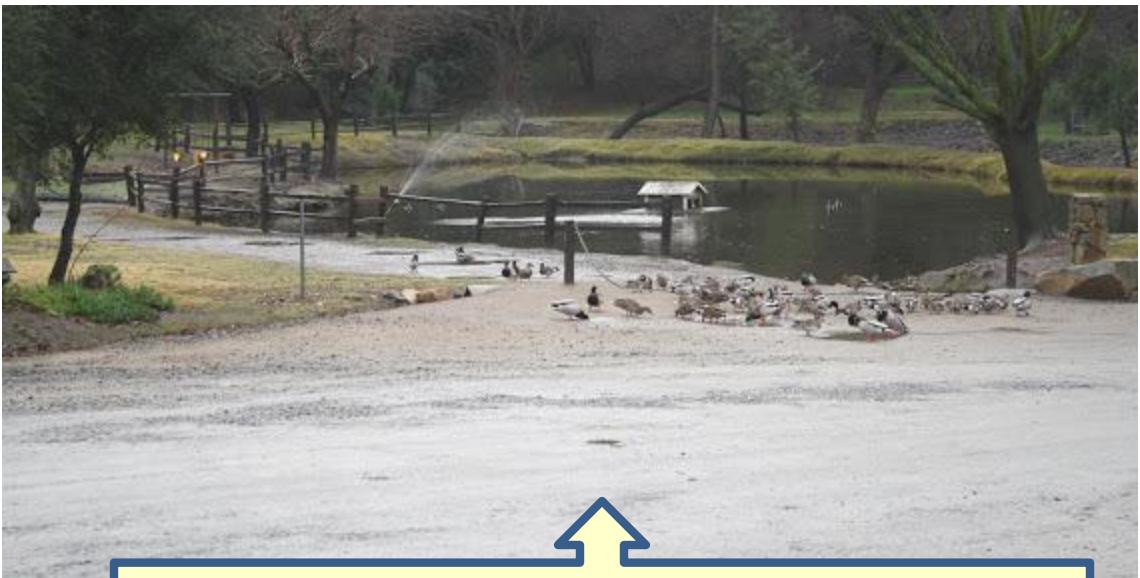
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**Elk-Ender of the Year". It would be so nice if you could be there to acknowledge and give special recognition to that person for their volunteerism and for going above and beyond for all our campers.**

**In addition to my part in my last meeting, our own Elk-Ender Past President, Past Exalted Ruler, and Past State Vice President Dave Skelton will be swearing in all of your new 2013-2014 Elk-Ender Officers. Congratulations to President Elect Jay Morrissey, Vice President Elect Gary Westmyer, Recording Secretary Jim Young, Treasurer Eileen Rasmussen and Corresponding Secretary Elect Linda Mosbrook.**

*With Love and Affection...Madam Prez Sherrie Larson*





A Good Day for Ducks at Woods Valley

Eat dessert first!  
Life is indeterminate.



Lotsa fun navigating TV  
through the trees.





**The ladies know where to be in this weather in front of that great fireplace or hiding in the kitchen.**





It's never a bad time to celebrate a big hit!



That little bug can't eat that much.

