



Elk-Ender News

March, 2014



The Prez Sez

We most certainly thank Shelley and Pete Haak and Gloria and Ed Sauer for providing us a wonderful outing at Woods Valley. Your combined efforts in planning and conducting our weekend ensured fun, excellent weather, food, games, and friendship for the Elk-Enders and guests. THANK YOU again for your efforts.

Thank You to all of the Elk-Enders for your great advice and assistance I and my staff have received this past year. Without your volunteering to be a Wagonmaster, assist in our corn husking/sales, Labor Day Pancake Breakfast, the Elk's California/Hawaii Rally, and our own Halloween Rally it would have been a very long year without your help. You all did a great job with the Elk-Enders sterling reputation and our Lodge benefitting from your efforts. In particular I want to thank my staff for the dedicated assistance and patience throughout the year, particularly Eileen Rasmussen and Jim Young. The support I have received from the various Committee Chairpersons and numerous volunteers has been tremendous. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.

I am sure you will continue these efforts in support of our new President, Ken Moody, and Larry Lamkins our new Vice-President. I am sure Jim Young (Recording Secretary), Eileen Rasmussen (Treasurer), and Linda Mosbrook (Correspondence Secretary) will provide strong support this next year.

The Elk-Enders received a letter from the Wounded Warrior Project thanking us for our generous donated Christmas Dinner gifts. This letter will be on display at our next meeting and placed in the Elk-Ender display case in the Lodge. Again a worthy program that can use our continued support.

As I have mentioned before please review the list of future camping dates, locations, and important flyers in our monthly newsletter and plan ahead and signup for the Do-it-in-the-Dirt in the middle of March, Newport Dunes in late March, the East Shore outing at the end of April.

It has been a pleasure serving as your President. As others in the past have said "I learned a lot." Again, thanks for this opportunity.

Jay

Coming Lodge Events.

- March 3 – Wine Tasting
- March 8 – Elk of the Year Banquet
- March 9 – Volunteer Breakfast
- March 13 – Awards Night, ER Appreciation Night (open)
- March 30 – Pizza Sunday

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Minutes of the February 5, 2014 Meeting

Date: 1/8/14

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Jay Morrissey

Guests Present: Cindy Ginger, Robert Maher, & Pete ???.

Recognize – Please stand:

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

Current EE's of the Year: Joe Spychaj - absent

Past EE's of the Year: Martin Hoxworth, Jo Darrow, Larry Hoffman, Pete Doeringer, Randy Eldridge, Bill Catlin, Alex Gonzalez, Mark Mahoney, Steve Pavich, Sherrie Larson, Eileen Rasmussen, and Jim Young.

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, 2014 was read and approved as read.

Vice President's report by Gary Westmyer:

Gary reported "progress".

General Reports:

General Wagon Master report by Ken Moody:

Ken announced that the Halloween Rally will be held at the Lodge this year.

Pete Haak said everyone had a great time on the Woods Valley Campout. He thanked Ed and Gloria Sauer for their assistance, John Poat for being a great Sheriff, and Ken Moody for the use of his really big barbeque! Pete added that the campers collected \$85 for the purple pig!

Joyce Clausen announced that they have 33 rigs signed up already for the Lake Elsinore trip February 22nd through the 24th. Greedy for more campers yet, she passed around the signup sheet for any more campers that would like to attend.

Mark Mahoney reviewed Do-It-In-The Dirt coming up in March on the 13th through the 16th. Only 4,996 spaces still available and those are going fast. The semi-annual Poker Run is now forever named the Nicole Hoffman Memorial Poker Run in honor of Larry's granddaughter who had enjoyed participating in the event and recently passed away.

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Jay Morrissey spoke of the March 28 – 30 campout at Newport Dunes. The event is hosted by himself, the Tucker's, and the Poat's. There are 50 sites reserved at \$38 per night. The wagon masters will only collect for Friday & Saturday nights camping, so make sure early arrivals stop at the office to pay. Jay will give the office your space assignments. Friday night dinner will be "The Taco Guy" and Saturday will be cook ur own meat. There will be the usual games to entertain us all.

*Elk-Ender Newsletter report by Gail Westmyer:
Gail reported Progress.*

*By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:
Martin reported "Progress".*

Special Activities Reports:

- 1. ER Getaway coming up February 7,8, & 9th.*
- 2. Sunday Brunch 2/9/14 Cancelled due to ER Getaway.*
- 3. Saturday, February 15th-Garden Grove Lodge –Sweet Heart Dance.*

Communications Received / General Announcements:

Doug Deroxas ("Pineapple") stood up before the membership to introduce himself and ask for the Elk-Enders to vote for him as 5 Year Trustee in the upcoming Lodge elections. Randy Eldridge further asked for our votes for himself as Exalted Ruler and for Mark Mahoney as Lecturing Knight. Lodge elections will be held Thursday, February 20th, 2014.

Sickness and Distress by Linda Mosbrook:

Linda reported Gary Westmyer was in the hospital, but now home and is at the meeting tonight. Gretchen Doeringer has completed her radiation treatments and is doing well. Janice Eldridge's son-in-law's mother recently passed away. Judy Cooper, PER Ron Cooper's wife, is going to the hospital for tests.

Sunshine: Report from general membership:

Reggie Brown continues to improve and is at the meeting tonight.

Unfinished Business:

Larry Hoffman of the Nominating Committee announced the slate of Officers for the 2014-15 Elk-Enders year of Ken Moody for President, Larry Lamkins for Vice President, Eileen Rasmussen for Treasurer, Linda Mosbrook for Corresponding Secretary, and Jim Young #356 for Recording Secretary. As the nominees were running unopposed, Larry moved that as the nominees were running unopposed they be unanimously elected to their respective offices. The motion was seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

Birthdays

March 3	Stan Vastine
March 4	Michelle Gualtieri
March 9	Sharon Parsons
March 9	Bob Wood
March 12	Larry Mamchur
March 12	Cathy Van Bruegen
March 12	Gary Fleer
March 12	Tom Mackay
March 16	Linda Mackay
March 19	Patty Davis
March 19	Jack Hammonds
March 21	Placido Rea
March 22	Sandra Eng
March 24	Angela Watkins



Anniversaries

March 1	Drew & DeAnna Gardner
March 23	Tom & Mickie Grant
March 27	Placido & Bea Rea
March 29	Glenn & Margo Dobbs
March 29	Thomas & Norma Sperl



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New Business:

1. Randy Eldridge reminded everyone to come out and vote at the lodge meeting on 2/20/14 for himself as Exalted Ruler and Mark Mahoney as Lecturing Knight.
2. The Inaugural Ball is scheduled for April 5, 2014.

Jokes:

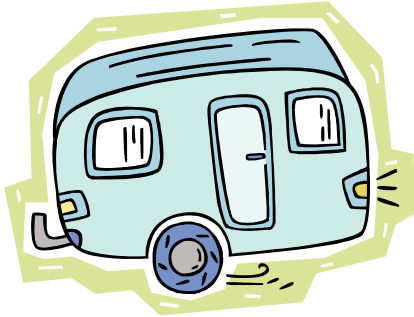
Jokes were told by Larry Hoffman, Linda Mosbrook, and Al Reed.

Good of the order by Vice President Gary Westmyer:

Chuck O'Dey was absent in the Trustee's meeting to miss the \$134.50 grand prize. Larry Hoffman graciously claimed the consolation prize of \$34.50

Meeting was adjourned by President Jay Morrisey at 8:24 PM after forgetting to bang the gavel earlier.

Respectfully submitted: *Jim Young*, Secretary.



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

April Newsletter March 15

May Newsletter April 15

New Member

Alan Reed (#449)
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Huntington Beach, CA 92646
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Spring Is In The Air. .

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"

— Robin Williams



Indoors or out, no one relaxes
In March, that month of wind and taxes.
The wind will presently disappear;
The taxes last us all the year.

— Ogden Nash

About Deadlines.....

Please note that deadlines are about 14 days prior to meeting day. However; because of Holidays, campouts, or weekends this varies a little. If it is past deadline and you have something that you feel should be printed, I will try to accommodate you if it is possible, but can't guarantee it will be able to be printed.

Gail

2014 & 2015 ELK-ENDER CALENDAR

MONTH	YEAR	CAMPGROUND	# OF SITES	WAGONMASTERS	\$ PER NIGHT*	MILES FROM LODGE	UTILITIES
2014							
APR	25-27	East Shore RV Park		Larry & Pauline Hoffman Don & Eleanor Quidaja Rod & Terri Watkins	\$57	29	E50WS
MAY	16-18	Yucaipa Regional Park	8 x 3 = 24	Ken & Karen Moody Stan & Darlene Vastine	tbd	65	
JUN	20-22	Tucalota Springs	20	Lamkins, Young & Pavich	\$35	81	E30WS
JUL	25-27	Vista Elks Lodge		Buzz & Margo Dobbs Joe & Pat Spychaj	\$20	68	E30W
AUG	07-10	Oceano	30	David Skelton – non Elkender event	\$25	211	E50WS
SEP	26-28	Chula Vista RV Resort	30	Ken & Karen Moody Howard & Cathy Whittaker	\$53	103	E50WS
OCT	09-12	CHEA Elks CA/HI Rally –Golden Village Palms RV Resort Hemet	Open	Mike Sealy, Huntington Beach Elks, Gen WM for CHEA; Chuck O'Dey, John Zahn, Ken Moody, Eileen (Treasurer), Larry & Carol Lamkins	tbd	68	E50WS- Register at elksrally.org
OCT	23-27	Halloween Rally Campout @ Garden Grove Elks	50	President & Others	tbd	0	E50WS
NOV	13-16	Do It In The Dirt California City - NO	5000	Mark & Debbie Mahoney Joe & Pat Spychaj	\$0	142	Dry Camping - Bring Toys!!!!
DEC	05-07	Emerald Desert RV Resort (Sunland)	30	David & Janice Skelton Chuck O'Dey and Virginia	tbd	114	E50WS
2015							
JAN	22-24	Wood's Valley	27	?Pete & Shelley Haak	\$29	87	E30W
FEB	19-22	Lake Park RV Resort @ Elsinore Lake		tbd			
MAR	19-21	Newport Dunes	50	?Ken & Karen Moody	\$53	14	E50WS
APR	24-25	?Canyon RV @ Anaheim	25	tbd	\$45		
MAY	15-17	Chula Vista RV Resort (main club room)	25	tbd	\$47	103	

*Subject to change

MARCH CAMPOUT

Newport Dunes March 28-30, 2014

1131 Back Bay Newport Beach (800) 765-7661
Wagon Masters: Morrissey's / Tucker's / Poat's



Camp site group rate is \$38.00 per night. Check in time is 12:00pm (call office for early check-in or late checkout). Elk- Enders arriving before the scheduled campout or staying longer **must make their own reservations for these days and pay separately at the office.**

Friday

Relax and visit Roger's Gardens

Lunch on your Own

3:00 PM "Attitude Adjustment" Get Together at Club House

5:30 PM Mexican Catered Dinner. A – M bring dessert. Plates, knives, forks provided.

7:00 PM Card Game – Skru UR Neighbor

Evening Campfire: Please bring wood.

Saturday

9:00 AM Potluck Breakfast. A-M bring favorite egg dish. N - Z Bring favorite breakfast side or fruit. **Bring your own plates, knives, forks, and spoons.**

1:00 PM Happy Hour, Appetizers and Baseball

5:00 PM Cook Your Own Entree. Salad, Rolls, and Baked Beans provided.

Bring your own plates, knives, forks, and spoons.

7:00 PM Meeting

Evening Campfire: Please bring wood.

Do It In The Dirt

Mar. 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.....

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

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

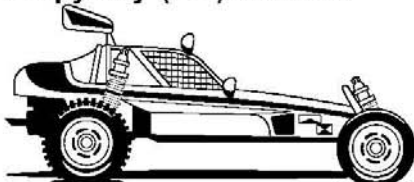
Saturday afternoon Happy Hour or Two and appetizers-
bring what you have to share; 3:00-5:00.

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



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

Joe Spychaj (714) 350-2636



Getting There

Notice!

See attached fee info for off road vehicles-\$15.00 per vehicle is good until July 2014. 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 Mar 12 and a Jpeg of the map will be sent to your eMail address.

APRIL CAMPOUT

April at East Shore
RV Parkthat is!

April 24 – April 27, 2014

We have *only* 26 FABULOUS sites reserved, so don't wait.

Wagon Masters are...

Hoffmans, 714-636-4345	Quijadas 714-522-7356	and Watkins 714-319-8010
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Dinner Schedule:

Friday.

Lunch on your own

Dinner Mini Tostada Bar (bring your own plates & Beverage).

Saturday.

Breakfast is Potluck

A-J bring main dishes

K-S bring side Dishes

T-Z bring Fruit or Dessert
(bring your own plates & Beverage).

Lunch "Booze & Shmooze" Bring hors d'oeuvres & your beverage

Dinner catered 5:30 PM

Sunday 7:30 – 9:30

Sweet Rolls and Coffee

Activity Schedule:

Fishing anytime(lic. Req'd.)

Friday

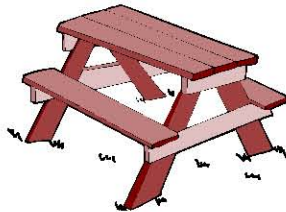
Evening "Skru UR Neighbor

Saturday

10 AM Washer Boards

2 PM some other game????

Meeting 7:00 PM



Please Bring:

Tables, your chairs, Pop-ups & washer board games if you can.

Reserve Your Space at the Elk-Enders Meeting on March 5th

After March 5th by telephone, April Mtg. or when you arrive.

Call Larry (714) 636-4345

Costs:

All Inside spaces \$51.00/nite

Most lakeside spaces \$56.00 /nite

\$3.00 /day per dog (???)

Food Apprx. \$20 per person

Getting There:

North on Hwy 57 to I-10 East. Exit Fairplex Dr. and go North (left) to Via Verde turn right on Camper View Rd. Follow signs to Unit B. Wagon Masters will be in spaces B165 & B167

THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

By Larry Lamkins – January 2014

Wagon masters: Pete & Shelly Haak with Ed & Gloria Sauer



The Woods Valley campground is nestled in a tree-populated area just off the main road near Valley Center. Some twenty-plus Elk-ender rigs arriving at the Woods Valley RV Park were greeted by a large flock of ducks from the fishing pond, several farm animals and ponies through the fence in their stable. The meeting room complete with a large wood-burning fireplace surrounded by comfortable soft furniture was prepped for socialization and meals. Elk-enders welcomed several friendly guests (hopefully future members) as well as Dan & Robyn Johnson who are visiting from their beautiful retirement home and Bed and Breakfast in Arkansas.

On Thursday many Elk-enders took to the roads to visit Bates Nut Farm and some of the nearby casinos with gambling money in-hand, hot and ready. This area is saturated with local American Indian Tribal casinos. The penny slots coupled with fabulous \$10 prime rib dinners, were quite the draw. Another part of the group relaxed in camp or walked on the nature trails to enjoy the beautiful clear sky with temperatures in the seventies. It was a perfect weekend.

Our wagon masters launched Friday events with a happy hour followed by a "bring your own meat to BBQ" dinner. The massive BBQ was searing all kinds of tasty morsels - that is if you call a 2- pound steak a morsel! Who said the older generation does not eat red meat!

Well, naturally all of this nourishment highly energized the card sharks. So to help them unwind, the wagon master set up our groups favorite card game "SKRU" your neighbor. Dan Johnson, Randy Eldridge and Jack Hansen had the skill or maybe the luck, to be named the top three prize winners.

After a light sprinkling of rain on Friday evening we awoke to a conservative (we are all on diets, OH sure!) Saturday morning potluck buffet breakfast. Invigorated Elk-enders split up to enjoy many individual forms of physical activity such as horse shoes, fire watching and golfing at the course just up the street. Some even found time to read, drink, sleep and relax in the warm California sun while thinking about the people in the eastern United States in subzero temperatures. Our sympathy to the out-of-state readers!

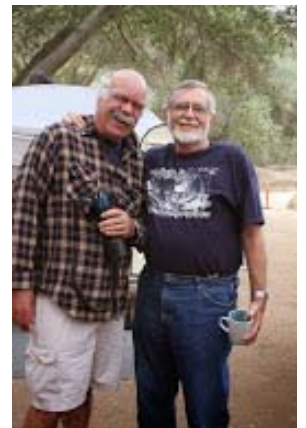
Saturday - well, Saturday was the day. We had a rousing game of bean bag baseball complete with freshly-popped popcorn. Yes, the men won again, so sorry ladies. At around 4:00 p.m. everyone joined the Larson's at their newly adopted forty-foot rig for the traditional "new rig celebration". To top off the day we all met back at the meeting room where the wagon masters prepared a complete stuffed potato dinner topped off by nostalgic A & W root beer floats. Soon after stuffing our faces, wagon masters Pete and Ed announced the "Sheriff" was seated amongst our group! Even the wagon masters were not sure who he was until Sherriff John finally leaped from his chair and donned his iconic hat and official badge. It turns out he was a first-timer sheriff which took all of us by surprise. This did not inhibit his desire to thoroughly vocalize all of our short comings. After all the fines were levied, the Sheriff collected over \$80 for the purple pig. Great job Sheriff!

Woods Valley is a wonderful destination, so you should plan to join the Elk-enders next year. Or come for one of our other delightful monthly outings in our beautiful state. Just check www.elk-enders.org for more information concerning future outings and come prepared to have a great time with good food and friends.

Woods Valley

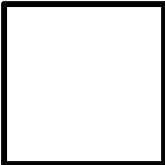






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