



Elk-Ender News

The Prez Sez

May, 2012



I have enjoyed my first month as your new Elk-Ender President. My first meeting as your Prez seemed to pass by quickly and covered a lot of important business. Using my new gavel to end long-winded conversations, no offense Past President Randy Eldridge, helped to shorten the meeting. The rest of my first month passed so quickly. I feel so honored to have been elected to this. It dawned on me that I am the second Madame President and that the first Madame President, Charmaine Smith, was the person who introduced me to the Elks and brought me into the Elk-Enders. I can't thank her enough for introducing me to the most wonderful people. I promise to do my very best to make this a very successful year filled with fun campouts and activities. I certainly hope that by the end of my year my officers, committee chairmen, and I will have met all of your expectations.

I would like to thank Mark Mahoney and Joe Spychaj for once again making our D0-It-In-The-Dirt Campout in California a terrific success. What a great turn-out we had and a super fun Poker Run that made a lot of money for our Purple Pig. Wagon Master Curt and Anita McMillan with John and Elissa Hammonds truly did a terrific job at our Newport Dunes campout. It had a Hawaiian theme with lots of fun activities throughout the weekend which included the awarding of several prizes and great Hawaiian food. Everybody had such a terrific weekend.

I know that it seems a long ways away, but it is time to start looking ahead to the future for our Halloween Rally in October. I will be calling on some of you to help me form a rally committee so that we can get the ball rolling. When we get close to rally time I will be calling on all of you to sign up for volunteer positions that will make this a very successful fund raiser. See you all at our next campout. It should be a lot of fun.

Sherris Larson

Coming Lodge Events.

- 5/10 Mothers Day Open Meeting
- 5/12 Car Cruise 11 AM – 12 PM
- 5/13 Mothers Day Brunch
- 5/16 - 19 CHEA State Convention San Diego 
- 5/27 **Pizza Sunday**
- 5/25 - 28 Strawberry Festival

Garden Grove Elks

Lodge

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"The Prez Sez"

Minutes of the April 4, 2012 Meeting

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Buzz Dobbs

Guests Present: Henry & Maryellen Cianciabella

Recognize – Please stand:

Past EE Presidents: Martin Hoxworth, Larry Hoffman, Steve Pavich, Randy Eldridge, Mark Mahoney, and Jack Hansen.

Current EE's of the Year: Mark Mahoney & Sherrie Larson.

Past EE's of the Year: Martin Hoxworth, Larry Hoffman, Bill Catlin, Dave Lewis, Randy Eldridge, Jack Hansen, Jo Darrow, Alex Gonzalez, Mark Mahoney, Sherrie Larson, and Eileen Rasmussen.

Secretary's report by Jim Young:

March minutes were announced as printed in the April newsletter Larry Hoffman sent out. No additions or corrections to the minutes were brought up. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report by Eileen Rasmussen:

Monthly report was read and approved as read.

Vice President's report by Randy Eldridge for Curt McMillan:

Randy passed out the new member packages for Marvin & Sjanie Holmes, John & Jean Seibert, and Ken & JoAnne Parsons.

General Reports:

General Wagon Master report by Randy Eldridge:

Randy handed out Wagon Master patches to Martin & Marcia Hoxworth, Ken & Karen Moody, and Nancy Saunders for putting on the February campout at Lake Elsinore. Mark Mahoney announced that the Do It In The Dirt for March had 40 rigs with Sean and Trina Smorick's other camper group, the Adventurer Camp Club and 4 rigs from Simi Valley. Mark said the weather was fantastic and the rides fine. He said they collected \$194 for the Purple Pig and \$31 for the "Dirt Police" plus some prize money. John & Elissa Hammonds spoke of the great time everyone had at the Newport Dunes on the weekend beginning March 30th. It was an all Hawaiian Week End with superb eats. Jim Young spoke about the April 27 – 29th campout at Lilac Oaks. He passed around a sign up sheet with a copy of the campout flyer and the Lilac Oaks Brochure. This camp ground is close to Woods Valley and the weather should be great. The flyer is also linked to the Home page on Elk-Enders.org. Joe Spychaj will be his Co=Wagon Master for the weekend.

Sherrie Larson spoke of the May 18 – 20th campout at Oceanside RV Park. There will be a Pot Luck dinner and a Catered Dinner. The Saturday Pot Luck Breakfast will a PJ party again this year. The theme for the weekend will be "On The Beach".

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Randy Barrows alerted everyone about the campout June 22 – 24th at Tocalota Springs. Friday night will be Pot Luck and Saturday will be semi-catered. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Elk-Ender Newsletter report by Larry Hoffman:

Larry reminded everyone to get their announcements for the newsletter ASAP. Larry also brought up that Sherrie need some help sending the mail only newsletters (about 8). Nita Brewer volunteered.

By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:

Martin reported progress.

Special Activities Reports:

- Thursday, April 5th, Installation of Lodge Officers.
- Sunday, April 8th, Easter Brunch at 9:30 AM.
- Saturday, April 14th, Garden Grove Lodge Inaugural Ball.
- Saturday/Sunday, April 28th – 29th, District Ritual Contest.

Communications Received / General Announcements:

The Elk-Enders received Thanks from the Bass family for Twyla's service.

Sickness and Distress by the Membership:

Irv Bass is having his problems without Twyla.

Dave Hudock isn't eating.

Sunshine: Report from general membership:

Caughlin's reported their son is getting prepared to build a new thumb for his injured hand..

Unfinished Business:

None at this time.

New Business:

Steve Pavich brought up that a possible site for the August campout might be Prado Dam. He would be looking in to it further.

Jokes:

No jokes were told.

Good of the order for Vice President Curt McMillan by Randy Eldridge:

Randy had the attendance pot of \$30.50. Nelson Burke was not present to claim the 1st prize. The entire pot was rolled over to the May 2nd meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by President Sherrie Larson at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: *Jim Young*, Secretary.

2012-2013 Campout Schedule

Updated 4/6/2012

MONTH	DATES	CAMPGROUND	# SITES	WM & ASST. WM	\$ SITE	CONFIRM	FACILITIES	DEPOSIT	DISTANCE
2012									
March	23-25	Newport Dunes	50	McMillan & Hammonds	\$36.30	10 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	15
April	27-29	Lilac Oaks	18	Young & Spychaj	\$30.00	10 Days	W & 30A	1st Night	80
May	18-20	Oceanside RV Resort	25	Eldridge & Larson	\$41.00	15 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	55
June	22-24	Tucalota Springs	20	Barrows & Lawler	\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	81
July	27-29	Vista Elks Lodge	24	Spychaj	\$20.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$100	60
August	9-12	Oceano	30	Skelton & Barrows	\$25.00	30 Days	W & 30A		220
August	17-19	Chula Vista Elks Lodge	18	tbd-----	\$23.00	30	FH & 30/50A	\$100	100
September	21-23	Canyon RV Park @ Featherly	25	Young Jim Young & Caughlin	\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	50%	15
October	11-14	CA Rally - Hemet	Open	Eldridge-Mahoney-Spychaj	TBD	Individually	FH & 30/50A	None	75
October	26-28	Newport Dunes - Halloween	50	President & Others	\$36.30	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	15
November	8-11	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
December	7-9	Emerald Desert	30	Crews-Morrissey-Hartman	\$43.60	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$300	105
2013									
January	25-27	Woods Valley	30		\$29.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$150	90
February	22-24	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
March	22-24	Newport Dunes	50		\$36.30	10 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	15

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."



What did the Elk-Enders ever do to deserve a fate such as this?



Birthdays

2 May Judy Webb
 2 May Jim Young (356)
 5 May Nancy Young
 8 May Marvin Holm
 8 May Al Johnson
 8 May Nancy Saunders
 8 May Bill Smith
 10 May Gary Lawler
 11 May Tom Grant
 12 May Alex Gonzalez
 14 May Donna Rauls
 15 May Cornelia Tucker
 20 May Don Hunter
 21 May Debbie Zahn
 25 May David Skelton
 27 May Pete Haak
 31 May Dave Struthers



Anniversaries

1 May Dan & Robyn Johnson
 4 May Ben & Karen Diaz
 5 May Jim & Donna Rauls
 8 May Tony & Michelle Gualtieri
 13 May David & Yvonne Lewis
 15 May Mark & Debbie Mahoney
 21 May Merlin & Jacqie Rice
 21 May Jack & Donna Scott
 25 May Randy & Janice Eldridge
 27 May Pete & Elaine Weidner

Pearls of Wisdom



“With Congress, every time they make a joke it’s a law, and every time they make a law it’s a joke!”
Will Rogers

Points to Ponder ??????
 What disease did Cured Ham actually have?

Old is when you don’t care where your spouse goes as long as you don’t have to go along!

Coming Deadlines

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Issue</u>
May 13	June Issue
June 11	July Issue

New Members

Ken & Jo Anne Parsons #428
 6009 El Camino Correr
 Anaheim, CA 92807 (714) 974-9567
 kenjo4golf@sbcglobal.net

Elk-Ender's Campout
April 26, 27, 28, and 29, 2012
Lilac Oaks, Valley Center, California



30821 Lilac Road, Valley Center, CA 92082
760-749-1179

Friday, April 27 thru Sunday noon, April 29, 2012

\$30.00 per night. Plus fee for pets and more than 2 people per rig. 85 miles from the lodge

Your Wagonmasters:

Jim & Nancy Young
Cell: 714-926-5386

We have 18 spaces. All of these 18 sites have Electric (30 amp) and Water. There is a dump site.

Fun and Games:

Friday: All day -
Cards, Socializing,
Fishing

Evening: SKRU Yer
Neighbor. Campfire
following.

Saturday:

11:00 AM: Bean Bag
Baseball Game.

All Day: Spectating,
Cards, Tall Tales,
Fishing.

7:30 PM: Meeting

Post Meeting:
Campfire w Tall
Tales

Food: ☺

There is a Club House with tables and chairs, but no kitchen. There are electric sockets and I will bring extension chords and I think I will bring my 2 Honda generators for more electric skillet or crock pots. Also, 2 grills.

Friday:

Lunch: On your own. Go wine tasting, visit Old Town Temecula.

Dinner: 6:00 Hot Dogs, with all of the fixin's, condiments, potato salad, and chips.

Saturday:

Breakfast: 9:00 Pot Luck.

Lunch: On your own. Go wine tasting, visit Old Town Temecula.

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

Sunday:

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

Bring:

Plates, utensils, and beverages for all meals.

And FIREWOOD. And some BBQ Grills - Charcoal or propane.

Directions:

I-15South, exit on Gopher Canyon Rd. Turn East onto Gopher Canyon Rd. Continue East past Champagne Blvd (about 1 mile) (Gopher Canyon continues as Old Castle Rd.) to Lilac Rd. Turn left onto Lilac Rd. Continue North about 1.2 miles to Lilac Oaks Campground on the right, Check in at the Office for specific directions to site.



ELK ENDERS AT Oceanside RV RESORT

1510 South Coast Highway
Oceanside, CA 92054
760-722-4404

Wagon Masters

Lance & Sherrie Larson
714-730-2546 C: 714-315-4598
Randy & Janice Eldridge
951-354-7733 C: 714-501-0247

May 18th – 20th, 2012

Park has Wi-Fi service, Cable TV, Pool and Spa, Game Room, 4 showers, and a TV Lounge. Visit the nearby Farmer's Market on Thursday 9am to 1pm and 5pm till dark or the Surf Museum.

DIRECTIONS:

Take I-5 south to Oceanside
Exit Oceanside Blvd., continue South to
Coast Highway then left to address on
left. Look carefully for the entrance.

THINGS TO BRING:

All utensils for each meal
Beverages and **wear your
Favorite Pajamas**



For Saturday
Morning's Breakfast!
There will be prizes !!!!



ACTIVITIES:

Bean-Bag Baseball
Sku-Ur-Neighbor
Card game,
Washer Boards,
Swimming



FRIDAY MENU:

Lunch: 1:00p.m. - Hearty Hors d'oeuvres

Dinner: 6:00p.m. – Come in your "~~favorite beach attire~~"

Serving Teriyaki Chicken, Baked Patatoes, Pineapple,
Cole Slaw Salad, Fresh Rolls.

A-M – Please bring dessert



SATURDAY MENU:

Breakfast: 10:00 a.m. – Please bring potluck to share,
coffee and juice will be provided. This is a Pajama Party, so
wear your favorite PJ's. There will be prizes for the best PJ's.

Lunch: On your own.

Dinner: 6:00p.m. - Please bring your favorite potluck dish
to share and your cocktail.

N-Z – Please bring dessert



Sunday Morning: Fresh Juice and Sweet Rolls

Wagon Masters will collect for anyone wanting to come in on Thursday in addition to Friday and Saturday (charges will be at Club rate: \$44 per night.)

NOTE: Pets are no charge but must be leashed.





Driving Directions.

Highway 15 to Rancho California Rd. East 7 miles to Glen Oaks Rd. Right on Glen Oaks Rd. 2 miles to Mesa Rd. Left on Mesa Rd. 5 miles to Sage Rd. (Mesa Rd. changes its name to E. Benton Rd. at De Portola) Cross Sage Rd to TUCALOTA SPRINGS.

OR

Drive 14 miles south of Hemet on State Street (Highway R-3) to Sage

June 22-24th 2012

Tucalota Springs Campout

41601 Benton Rd

Sage, CA 92544

Lawlers/Barrows Wagonmasters

Join us for a fun campout featuring Hamburgers and Hot Dogs Friday Night, Saturday Morning Potluck, and Blue Plate Specials prepared by your Wagon masters on Saturday Night, your choice of Large Yard Bird or Roast Beast.

Who will be the mystery Sheriff?

Washers anyone? Skru yer neighbor?

Friday A-K Please bring a Dessert

Saturday L-Z Please bring a Dessert

Coffee every morning and Sunday pastries to get you on your way home.

Dinner will be at 6pm each evening, Please remember to bring your own place settings and beverage of choice.

Saturday Morning Potluck at 8am so we can go wine tasting.(maybe we can carpool in groups to your favorite wineries or Casino) lunch is on your own.

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Campfires and tall tales.....

Elkender pricing 2012

K500P Men's shirt with pocket (Navy only)

Size S-XL	\$30.00
Size XXL	\$32.00
Size 3XL	\$36.00

logo right side, name left over pocket
yellow or white stitching

K500 Men's shirt (yellow or navy)

Size S-XL	\$28.00
Size XXL	\$30.00
Size 3XL	\$33.00

logo right side, name left
yellow or white on navy
royal on yellow

L500 Ladies no pocket (yellow or navy)

Size XS-XL	\$28.00
Size XXL	\$30.00
Size 3XL	\$33.00

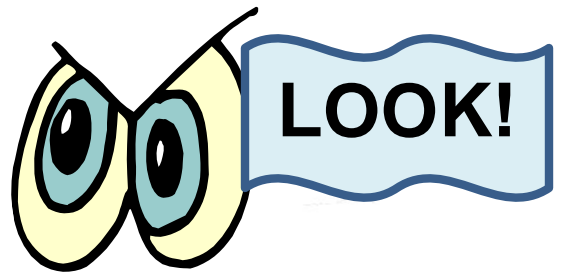
Also available in larger sizes
logo right side, name left
yellow or white on navy
royal on yellow

JP-54 Jacket Navy with grey interior

Size S-XL	\$73.00
Size XXL	\$75.00
Size 3XL	\$78.00

Logo is applied to back of jacket, logo to the right chest front, name on left chest.
Yellow or white stitching

Note: order includes garment, embroidery work, tax.



This is your Opportunity to purchase your personalized Elk-Ender Jackets, Windbreakers and Shirts. They will be the same as those you've seen on most of our members. Contact Nanooks directly! Elk-Ender colors are Blue & Yellow (white stitching is optional.)

ELK-ENDERS



Garden Grove, CA

Nanooks Custom Embroidery
714.530.2357
Nancy Mourek-Green
NanooksDesign.com
email: Nancy@NanooksDesign.com

**The
Altar
to the
“Great
Tiki
Spirit.”**



Elk-Enders

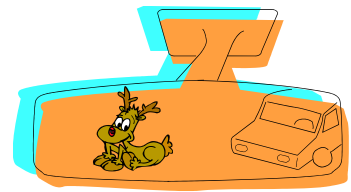
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Additional photos on the Elk-Ender Website :WWW.elk-enders.org

The Rear-View Mirror



Do-it-in-the-Dirt... Cal City

Our semi-annual Elk Enders **Do It In The Dirt Campout** took place on March 8 – 11 in the desert at California City. Thirty-five RV rigs, a plethora of motorcycles and quads and about one hundred people were in attendance.

Campers arrived in everything from a little itty-bitty sixteen foot fiberglass trailer (owned by Joe Spychaj Jr.) to monstrous forty-two foot motorhomes and toybox trailers with self-contained gas stations and second floor popup viewing rooms.

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge joined us with four rigs and the Adventures Camping Group had several of the big rigs including a fantastic stainless steel chuck wagon fabricated Jack Skogman. Sunday morning the Adventures cooked eggs-in-a-bag omelets for all who wanted them. What a delicious treat!

We were fortunate to have great weather for the weekend and that made the featured event Poker Run a huge success. Thanks to all who participated including those who manned the starting gate, checkpoints and check-in table. The big winners were: Hi-Low game = Shawn Davis & Barbara Salcedo. High hand game = Sander Moss, 3rd place, Vanessa Spychaj, 2nd place and Patti Skogman, 1st place.

The Purple Pig received \$194.00 from the poker run and the California City Police Search & Rescue Station received a donation of \$31.00. A big thanks to the poker run volunteers: Pauline Hoffman, Ruth Gonzalez, Debbie Pavich, Mark Mahoney, Don Quijada, George Motzko, Chincilla, Joe Spychaj, Larry Hoffman, Alex Gonzalez, & Nancy Motzko. We want to especially thank Mark Mahoney and crew for yet another fabulous Poker Run, the Adventures and Simi Valley Elks for joining us and the Spychaj family for the Saturday night sound and light extraganza !

November 8 – 11 will be the next Do It In The Dirt event at California City and we hope you will join us. This is truly a family event with kids from several months old to geezers like Larry Hoffman, Randy Eldridge, Sean Smorick and Joe Spychaj Sr.

There's room for two hundred and fifty thousand RV's, motorcycles and quads so mark your calendar. You don't need a OHV (off highway vehicle), just come and enjoy desert camping with fantastic people. Photos at our website WWW.elk-enders.org

Newport Dunes

Camping at Newport Dunes, March 30, 31 & April 1. With a Hawaiian theme for the costume contest, Randy Eldridge dressed as a tourist and Trina Smorick dressed in a stunning two piece blue outfit won first place and each received a bottle of fine champagne. Wagon masters Kirk & Anita McMillan and assistant wagon masters John & Elessa Hammons served-up baked potatoes with all the fixings for Friday dinner. A tasty catered Hawaiian dinner was provided on Saturday. Skru-ye-neighbor card game was won by Mickie Grant 1st, Randy Eldridge 2nd & Neslon Burke, PER 3rd place. Nelson Burke, aka "Fluffy Kahuna," was the Sheriff and did a fine job of assessing fines to all who may have broken the law. The Purple Pig received \$44.00 from fines and table center pieces raffled. Bean bag baseball winners were "the swinging bats" 20 vs. "the catchers mitts" 8. Campers enjoyed a very creative scavenger hunt and John Zahn was found guilty of attempting to produce fraudulent items to help his team. Trina Smorick and Linda Canavier resorted to R rated shenanigans to help their team, but Randy's team won. Congratulations to Sherri Larson and Yvonne Lewis for outstanding operation of their RV's at the Dunes. The Elk-Enders meet at the lodge on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Please visit our website at: www.elk-enders.org

Steve Pavich



No feathers to pluck on this bird

The "Ladies Hat Burglar" strikes again!





New Prez Sherrie and hubby Lance at Newport Dunes

Showing that good old championship form!





As much as I hate to mention it Bernie, the bowling alley is next door!

Quit complaining Joe; we know why it's empty!





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Newport
Dunes
Campout**

This sure beats a tent: doesn't it kids?

