



# Elk-Ender News

December, 2011



## The Prez Sez

Here it is November already and the Holidays are almost upon us. The RVers are looking forward to our Christmas festivities at both Emerald Desert and also at our annual Christmas Party which is held at the Lodge. Linda Hansen is in charge of the party and promises a wonderful dinner and lots of fun for all! I want to again thank everyone who helped so much at our Halloween Rally. We all owe a huge "thank you" to Larry and Pauline Hoffman and Sherrie and Lance Larson for an outstanding job. The experiment of having the Halloween Rally at Lake Elsinore and not at the Lodge was a huge success. We feel the financial and intrinsic rewards were worth all the work involved.

Your officers are already planning for next year. At a future meeting we will be asking for a discussion and vote on where to hold the Halloween Rally 2012, Lake Elsinore or Newport Dunes. So be thinking of the pros and cons for each and help us make a decision.

Again – thank you for all who helped so much at the Rally. We couldn't do it without your help and co-operation. We hope that next year will be even better!

See you at Emerald Desert!!

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### Coming Lodge Events.

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|-------|------------------------------------|
| 12/4  | Elks Memorial Service 1 pm         |
| 12/10 | Member's Christmas Party           |
| 12/11 | Breakfast w/Santa Needy Kids Party |
| 12/18 | Deliver Christmas Baskets          |
| 12/31 | New Years Eve Party                |



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# Minutes of the Nov. 2, 2011 Meeting



**Call to order: 7:30 P.M. by President Joe Zapata**

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by:**

Lance Larson

**Guests Present:** Gary & Gayle Westmeier.

**Recognize – Please stand:**

**Past EE Presidents:** Larry Hoffman, Jack Hansen, Dave Skelton, Randy Eldridge, Randy Barrows, Mark Mahoney, and Duane Duncan.

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

**Past EE's of the Year:** Randy Eldridge, Larry Hoffman, Dave Lewis, Bob Griffith, Eileen Rasmussen, Martin Hoxworth, Jack Hansen, and Pete Doeringer.

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

October minutes were announced as printed in the November 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. Our Elk-Enders at the CAHI rally in Hemet turned in the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest amount (almost \$1,600.00) to the Major Projects out of 27 lodges represented. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Halloween Campout netted almost \$4,000.00 for our Elks charities. This was about \$800.00 more than we netted last year at the Lodge.

**Vice President's report by Sherrie Larson:**

Sherrie handed out badges and new member packages for Gordon and Joan Cody. No update on Elk-Enders flags.

**General Reports:**

**General Wagon Master report by Mark Mahoney:**

Mark summarized the CA/Hi Elks Rally at Hemet on October 7<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. Our group was represented by 19 rigs out of 137 rigs from 27 lodges. A total of \$22,500.00 was collected for the Elks Major Projects. The Hemet Rally will be the weekend of Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> in 2012.

Mark reminded everyone about Do-It-In-The-Dirt the second week-end in November.

Mark passed around a sign-up sheet for the December campout at Emerald Desert. Wagon Masters for this campout will be John Zahn, the Browns, and O'Dey assisted by Nancy Saunders. John said he knew it was short notice, but that if anyone was

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interested in seeing the Palm Springs Follies to let him know.

Larry Hoffman and Sherrie Larson spoke about the Halloween Campout at Lake Elsinore on October 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were 45 rigs in attendance. Larry and Sherrie thanked a VERY long list of individuals that helped to make this a VERY successful charity gathering event, AND an awful lot of FUN!! Some of the choices discussed for next Halloween are Newport Dunes, Joshua Tree, and of course Lake Elsinore again. Other suggestions are welcome. To be voted on soon.

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

Larry reminded everyone to get their reports and flyers to him ASAP to be included in the monthly Newsletter.

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

Martin put the following motions on the floor amending our By-Laws:

1. It was moved and seconded to remove the word "mail" and replace it with e-mail. Also to add "All members that prefer to have item mailed will be charged the current cost of postage and printing cost."

This motion passed overwhelmingly on a vote of the membership present.

2. It was moved and seconded to add Article X: Section 4: to read "Before the first meeting in April, the outgoing President and Incoming President will meet with the Audit Committee Chairman and sign off the final transfer of funds."

This motion passed overwhelmingly on a vote of the membership present.

Other changes to the By-Laws are still being considered.

### **Special Auction By Dave Skelton:**

Pete Doeringer received a late donation of a dinner certificate for 2 at the Medieval Times Dinner Theatre valued at \$125.00. This raised an additional \$75 to our Halloween Campout tally.

### **Special Activities Reports:**

Breast Cancer Walk – Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Wine Tasting fund raiser at the Lodge – Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Communications Received / General Announcements:**

None.

### **Sickness and Distress by Corresponding Secretary Twyla Bass and the Membership:**

Dave Skelton asked for our prayers for his sister who is having Afib heart problems.



**Sunshine: Report from general membership:**

Jack and Linda Hansen announced their Granddaughter gave birth to a son, the first great grandson  
Judy Strecker announced that she is now 100% cancer free. Way to go, Judy.

**Unfinished Business:**

Jack and Linda Hanson reminded the members present to bring unwrapped gifts for the Helping Others Prepare for Eternity Foundation again this year for our Christmas party at the Lodge on December 17th. See the attached wish list at the end of the minutes.

LuAnne Barrows reminded everyone to come out to the Breast Cancer Walk – Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

Make sure you call Linda Hansen for your reservations and dinner choices for the December 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner. Her number is in the Membership Roster Handbook and your choices are Beef, Chicken, or Fish. Dinner is \$17.00 per person.

Larry Hoffman moved and a second was made to donate \$500.00 to the Wounded Warriors Project to aide our country's wounded veterans. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Jokes:**

Jokes were told by Larry Hoffman, and Jack Hansen.

**Good of the order by Vice President Sherrie Larson:**

Sherrie had the attendance pot of \$129.00. Robert Cook was not present to claim the 1<sup>st</sup> prize. Subsequent draw for \$29.00 finally resulted in Pete Weidner claiming the reduced prize. The remaining \$100.00 pot will roll over to the December 7th meeting.

**Meeting was adjourned by President Joe Zapata at 8:30 P.M.**

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



Dry Foods



**Helping Others Prepare for Eternity  
Wish List**

**Baby**

*pull ups*

- Diapers- sizes size 4-5
- Baby wipes
- Baby Blankets
- Baby shampoo and bath

**Personal Hygiene**

- Toilet paper
- Women's hygiene products
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Hair Brushes
- Toothpaste
- Bar soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

**Household**

- Bath towels
- Laundry detergent

- Household cleaning products
- Dish soap
- General all purpose cleaner
- Paper towels

**Children**

- Singing books
- Musical toys
- Jackets/sweaters size 4-12

**General**

- Children's nutritious snacks
- Canned goods
- White printing paper
- Toner for printing children and family activities
- Blankets
- Gift cards (grocery store, Wal-Mart, Target, Costco)

*Toys - Teen 10-15*

*Board games*

*Sweaters*

## Birthdays

2 Dec. Fran Struthers  
 3 Dec. Linda Hansen  
 3 Dec. Martin Hoxworth  
 5 Dec. Eleanor Quijada  
 6 Dec. Lorraine Downing  
 7 Dec. Dave Bakke  
 10 Dec. Cora Byrd  
 10 Dec. Eileen Rasmussen  
 10 Dec. Janice Skelton  
 20 Dec. David Hudock  
 22 Dec. Drew Gardner  
 24 Dec. Pete Weidner  
 25 Dec. Jerry Austin  
 25 Dec. Eve Schroeder  
 25 Dec. Joe Zapata  
 27 Dec. Robyn Johnson  
 28 Dec. Bob Clemenson  
 28 Dec. Dutch Schultz  
 31 Dec. Joe DeFort



## Anniversaries

13 Dec. David & Winnie Coombs  
 13 Dec. Jim & Cecile Young #395)  
 15 Dec. Bill & Debbie Zahn  
 18 Dec. Larry & Pauline Hoffman  
 18 Dec. Bill & Joan Wise  
 22 Dec. Dutch & Dottie Schultz

**The Annual Elk-Enders  
 Christmas Holiday Dinner**  
 Dec. 17th 6pm Happy Hour, 7pm Dinner  
**Garden Grove Elks Lodge**  
**Choice of:** Chicken Cordon Bleu,  
 Halibut  
 Rib-eye Steak  
 \$12 per Elk-Ender \$17 per non Elk-Ender  
Reservations Required:  
 Contact Linda Hanson (714) 554-4363

### New Members

Gary & Gail Westmyer # 423  
 3901 S. Ross #B Santa Ana, CA 92707  
[happyyours88@aol.com](mailto:happyyours88@aol.com) 714-545-9980

## Coming Deadlines

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Issue</u>
Dec12.	Jan. Issue
Jan. 13	Feb. Issue

**Went to the pub with my girlfriend last night. Locals were shouting "pedophile!" and other names at me, just because my girlfriend is 21 and I'm 50. It completely spoiled our 10th anniversary.**

# 2011-2012 Campout Schedule

MONTH	DATES	CAMPGROUND	# SITES	WM & ASST. WM	\$ SITE	CONFIRM	FACILITIES	DEPOSIT	DISTANCE
<b>2011</b>									
April	15-17	Sportsman Club-Joshua Tree	35	Doeringer, Lewis, Caughlin	\$20.00	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	105
May	20-22	Oceanside RV Resort	25	Eldridge & Larson	\$41.00	15 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	55
June	17-19	Tucalota Springs	20	Young Jim Young	\$30.00	30 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	81
July	29-31	Vista Elks Lodge	24	Austin	\$18.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$100	60
August	11-14	Oceano	30	Rasmussen	\$20.00	30 Days	W & 30A		220
August	26-28	Chula Vista Elks Lodge	15	Free Style-Have Fun	\$23.00	3 Days	W & 30A	\$100	90
September	23-25	Canyon RV Park @ Featherly	25	Barrows & Lawler	\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	TBD	15
October	6-9	CA Rally - Hemet	Open	Mahoney & Spychaj	TBD	Individually	FH & 30/50A	None	75
October	20-23	Lake Elsinore - Halloween	25	Hoffman & Larson	\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
November	10-13	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
December	2-4	Emerald Desert	30	Zahn-Brown-O'Dey-Saunders	\$43.60	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$300	105
<b>2012</b>									
January	27-29	Woods Valley	30	Pavich & Eldridge	\$29.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$150	96
February	24-26	Lake Elsinore	30	Hoxworth, Moody, Saunders	\$35.00	14 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
March	8-11	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
March	23-25	Newport Dunes	50	McMillan & Zahn	\$36.30	10 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	15
April	27-29	Sportsman Club-Joshua Tree	75	Doeringer	\$20.00	15 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	105
May	18-20	Oceanside RV Resort	25	Eldridge & Larson	\$41.00	15 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	55
June	22-24	Tucalota Springs	20	Young Jim Young	\$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	Rasmussen	\$20.00	30 Days	W & 30A		220
August	24-26	Chula Vista Elks Lodge	15		\$23.00	3 Days	W & 30A	\$100	90
September	21-23	Canyon RV Park @ Featherly	25		\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	TBD	15
October	14-Nov	CA Rally - Hemet	Open	Eldridge-Mahoney-Spychaj	TBD	Individually	FH & 30/50A	None	75
October	26-28	Lake Elsinore - Halloween	25		\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
November	11-Aug	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
December	9-Jul	Emerald Desert	30		\$43.60	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$300	105

Please VOLUNTARILY sign up to be a Wagonmaster

By-Laws Article V, Section 3: "Each member is expected to VOLUNTARILY serve as Wagonmaster before anyone is required to serve a second time."

## Anagrams

**ELECTION  
RESULTS**  
when you re-arrange the letters

**LIES – LETS  
RECOUNT**

## Quotable Quotes

**Guns don't kill  
people....Husbands who  
come home early kill people!**

## Points to Ponder

**All of us could take a  
lesson from the weather.  
It pays no attention to  
criticism**

## Pearls of Wisdom



**“The more you read and observe about this politics thing, you got to admit that each party is worse than the other.”**

*Mark Twain*



**My mother taught me  
Humor.**

**When that lawn mower  
cuts off your toes, don't  
come running to me!**



Here's a lesson in decorating a rig.

**WOW!**

The great Halloween backdrop by Bill & Sue Catlin.



Table décor by Anita McMillan



Quotable quotes

I went for my routine check-up and everything seemed to be going fine.... until he stuck his index finger up my butt! Do you think it's time to change dentists?  
*Henny Youngman*

Mr. & Mrs. Jack arrived but forgot the burgers!

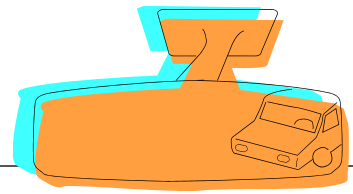


Didja check the caboose?

Cart of Dreams....  
The Booze Wagon



# THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR



## ***By Junior Past President Randy Eldridge***

On October 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, eighteen motor homes from the Garden Grove Elk-Enders Camping Group attended the California-Hawaii Elks Association Rally at the beautiful Golden Palms RV Resort in Hemet. All of us volunteered to help raise money for the Purple Pig by cooking breakfast for all of the attendees on Friday and Saturday morning. In addition, we volunteered to barbecue and serve hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch on both days. The weather was incredible. We could not have asked for better weather. This annual occasion is a little work, but an extremely fun event with lots of happenings such as, raffles, prizes, friends, and fellowship for a great cause, the Purple Pig. The Elk-Enders made \$1,596 for the Purple Pig and all of the Elks Lodges in attendance made a total of \$ 22,500. It's all about the kids.

On October 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> the Garden Grove Elk-Enders Camping Group had their **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Rally** away from the Elks Lodge for the first time. It was at a beautiful new location called Lake Elsinore RV Park and Marina. The weather was spectacular and the trees were beautiful and green. We filled the RV Park with 45 motor homes located next to a wonderful club house. Our Wagon Masters for this annual rally this year were Past President Larry Hoffman and our current Vice-President, Sherrie Larson. Those two did the most incredible job of organizing this rally which took over a half year of planning. There were so many fun things to do all weekend in addition to sitting in our campsites with large circles of friends enjoying hors d' oeuvres and libations. Oh by the way, special thanks go out to our "Super Hero" John Zahn who saved our President Joe Zapata by just inches from backing his motor home into a huge tree. Once again, John is our hero at another campout.

During the weekend we had so many events going on hour by hour. They included our favorite card game Skru-Ur-Neighbor, a "Silent Auction", a pumpkin carving contest, a Horse Race Auction, actual Horse Races on the patio for the Purple Pig, raffle drawings for 35 prizes on Friday night and 35 prizes on Saturday night obtained by Pete Doeringer, 50/50 drawings each night, a drawing for an overflowing booze wagon, a Halloween Costume Contest, and Saturday Night skits & entertainment.

The weekend was designed so that none of the ladies had to cook a meal. Almost everything was provided for breakfast and dinner by our volunteer members, too many to name, except for our most wonderful breakfast Chef, Jack Hansen. Jack, one of our past "Elk-Enders of the Year", consistently steps up for our camping group and for the Lodge to cook. He is one wonderful Elk and I am honored to be one of many who get to call him our dear friend.

The club room was so beautifully decorated throughout with a Halloween theme. A special thank you goes out to Anita McMillan and Annette Zahn for the wonderful handmade table centerpieces. They were so beautiful and also earned us more Purple Pig money.

This event is the Elk-Enders largest charitable fundraiser of the year. Its success has allowed us to not only give money to the Purple Pig but also \$500 to the "Wounded Warrior Program" to help all of our Serviceman and Servicewomen to recover from many traumatic injuries while defending our nation.

May God bless the protectors of our nation and thanks to everyone who have served our country.



It must  
be the  
Pavich  
Clan  
from  
Ireland

Go to [www.elk-enders.org](http://www.elk-enders.org) to view hundreds of photos taken in October, 2011

## Elk-Enders

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**The Prez meets the real boss!**

**Our spooky entrance to the Elk-Enders Lair**

**The “Friday Evening Blame the Chef Dinner.”**



## Scenes from the 2011 CHEA Rally at Hemet





**My oh my, it looked so bad; she had to close her eyes!**

**We're happy to see that all that OJT vocational training finally paid off!**

