



Elk-Enders News

December, 2014



The Prez Sez

The "California Elks Camper Rally" began in 1969 for campers and friends to come together for food, friendship, fun, and games with the goal to raise money for the California-Hawaii Major Projects (aka: The Purple Pig!) This year was no exception with fun gathering went into raising over \$20,000 for the Major Projects Fund. Garden Grove Elk-Enders had 20 RVs and the volunteers worked their fingers to the bone. Over 200 Breakfast meals were served both Friday and on Saturday! Hot Dogs & Burgers were served in the afternoons. The Garden Grove Jail ran by Sheriff John exemplified our Garden Grove Spirit and generosity of giving. I personally want to thank all the volunteers for coming out to the Rally and their hard work!

The Garden Grove Halloween Extravaganza gave the Elks an *enchanting, haunting & chilling* 3 day long weekend of pranks, activities & games for all! 36 RVs from Friday-Sunday (including other lodges visiting from Vista to Simi Valley) joined our *Ghosts, Goblins & Ghouls* in our Halloween festivities. LuAnn & Eileen...thank you for all you do! We all appreciate your dedication, time, and assistance to "Elkdome!" Pete & Gretchen Doeringer gathered over 60 raffle prizes for the weekend *tricks & treats!* The Food!!! 120 Buffet Meals were served featuring *devilish* BBQ chicken & *wicked* pork spareribs, all the *screamy* side dishes and *phantasmic* entertainment! A thank you to Janice Skelton for running "Screw Your Neighbor" Friday afternoon. A thank you to David Skelton for running the Horse Auction Friday night. 82 Breakfast meals were served on Saturday. An afternoon at the Horse Races with David Skelton on Saturday left a few *Witches & Warlocks* not able to make it to the finish line! Our Silent Auction was run by John & Bonnie Poat guarantying a *spine chilling* experience. All left over treasures were donated to Salvation Army. With over 200 people in attendance, the Halloween & Costume Party danced to DJ "Howie." Some of the costumes left our friends to be completely unrecognizable *creatures!* David Skelton did an outstanding job as the MC the event.

Coming Events: December Campout is December 5-7th. The Turkey Cook-off will be duked out between our Wagon Masters for the event: O'Dey and Skelton. Lots of fun and games will be had by all.

The Holiday Christmas Party will be celebrated December 20th. See Carol Lawler for tickets and information with *Merry & Magical* "Music by David Ambrose."

Next Meeting December 3rd.

Remember Elkdome: "Look in the Mirror and Be Proud of What You Have Done For Others."

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach!"

— Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

Ken

Coming Lodge Events:

- December 7 Elks Memorial Service
- December 13 Elks Members' Christmas Party
- December 14 Breakfast with Santa/Kid's Party
- December 20 Elk-Enders Christmas Party
- December 31 New Years' Eve Party



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Minutes of the November 5, 2014 Meeting

Date: 11/5/14

Call to order: 7:30 P.M. by President Ken Moody

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Don Quijada

Guests Present: Gary & Susan Fritschmann, Ted & Penny Casmer, Rob & Karen Neil

Recognize – Please stand:

Past EE Presidents: Jack Hansen, David Skelton, Randy Eldridge, Larry Hoffman, Martin Hoxworth, Duane Duncan, Steve Pavich, Joe Zapata, Sherrie Larson, and Jay Morrissey

Current EE's of the Year: Larry Lamkins

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

Secretary's report by Jim Young:

October's minutes were announced as printed in the November Newsletter sent out and on the web site. The minutes were approved as written. Jim asked for anyone with pictures of the Hemet Rally to please send them to graybeardy@aol.com to post on the web site.

Treasurer's report by Eileen Rasmussen:

Eileen presented the Treasurer's report as of November 1st, 2014. Eileen gave a preliminary report of how successful the Halloween weekend was for the Lodge – GOOD!

Vice President's report by Larry Lamkins:

Larry had badges and flags that he handed out to new members Gary & Susan Fritschmann.

General Reports:

General Wagon Master report by Carol Lamkins:

Carol called on the following Wagon Masters to review campouts completed and present upcoming campouts.

Ken Moody said the Calif Elks Hemet Rally on October 9-11th of 2014 was successful with 20 rigs from Garden Grove Lodge. Martin Hoxworth indicated that the Rally preliminarily netted approximately 22,000.00 for the Major Projects.

Ken Moody announced that the Halloween Party at the Lodge October 23-26th was attended by 36 camping rigs and many Lodge members without rigs. Everyone had an exceptionally good time and Ken promised that we would do this again next year. Ken went on to thank all who helped making the event a rousing success, especially recognizing Pete & Gretchen Doeringer, Luanne Barrows, and Eileen Rasmussen.

Mark Mahoney reminded everyone the November Do-It-In-The-Dirt is after Veteran's day on the weekend November 13-16th of 2014. There will be the Nicole Hoffman Memorial Poker Run and promised a raging fire at night!

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David Skelton updated us all on December 5th – 7th campout at Emerald Desert. He said he has 30 sites reserved and 31 rigs are signed up. David let it be known that if you are arriving before Friday or staying Sunday night, you, the camper, must make arrangements with the office staff at Emerald Desert. David said if you cancel after Friday, 11/7/14, you are still liable and must pay for the site. Chuck O'Dey and David are planning a Turkey cook-off for Saturday night dinner (there will also be ham with all the trimmings). Friday night dinner will be homemade meatball sandwiches. Both Friday and Saturday morning is a Potluck breakfast. There is to be Wine Tasting, games, and please bring a gift for needy kids (unwrapped).

Carol Lawler spoke of the Elk-Enders Christmas Party at the Lodge, Dec. 20th, Cocktails at 5, Dinner at 6. Contributions are requested for the "Wounded Warrior Project" as our Charity this year. Please contact Carol Lawler at 714-288-8838 or Joyce Claussen at 714-633-4934. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Rod Watkins promised a sign-up sheet for the Woods Valley campout January 23 – 25th will be passed at the December meeting. See the November Newsletter for the flyer.

Elk-Ender Newsletter report by Gail Westmyer:

Gail was absent playing nurse to hubby.

By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:

Martin reported "progress."

Special Activities Reports:

Elk-Enders Christmas Party at the Lodge, December 20th, Cocktails at 5, Dinner at 6

Communications Received / General Announcements:

LuAn Barrows announced she was still collecting donations to Breast Cancer Angels until November 15th.

Trina Smorick thanked all of those Elk-Elders that supported Conner in his school funding drive.

Sickness and Distress by Linda Mosbrook:

Gary Westmyer had another operation on his foot and successfully avoided more major surgery.

Sunshine: Report from general membership:

Bill Catlin announced that he and Sue were celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary on Thursday! Congratulations!

Unfinished Business:

Ken announced that the Tail-Gating Kamp Kitchen has finally been sold and has been removed from the Lodge property.

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Birthdays

December 3 Martin Hoxworth
December 3 Linda Hansen
December 4 Joe Rabon
December 5 Eleanor Quijada
December 6 Conrad Banks
December 6 Sjanie Holm
December 6 Lorraine Downing
December 7 Dave Bakke
December 10 Cora Byrd
December 10 Eileen Rasmussen
December 10 Janice Skelton
December 17 Mary Dyer
December 22 Drew Gardner
December 22 Bonnie Poat
December 24 Pete Weidner
December 25 Jerry Austin
December 25 Joe Zapata
December 25 Thomas Sperl
December 27 Robyn Johnson
December 28 Tina Crews
December 31 Joe DeFort

Anniversaries

December 7 Conrad & Kate Banks
December 13 David & Winnie Coombs
December 15 Bill & Debbie Zahn
December 18 Larry & Pauline Hoffman
December 18 John & Bonnie Poat



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New Business:

Randy Eldridge, ER, presented a Century Club pin to Jo Darrow and a Special Citation to Jay Morrissey, EE President, from CHEA for the Elk-Enders contributions at the 20`13-14 Hemet rally.

Sherrie Larson announced there is a flyer posted for the ER Get-A-Way for Randy & Janice Eldridge in February 2015. Reservations are due in January.

Jokes:

Jokes were told by Larry Hoffman

Good of the order by Vice President Larry Lamkins:

Pete Doeringer was present to collect the \$44.00 prize of the attendance drawing. The pot starts over at the December meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by President Ken Moody at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Young, Secretary.



CAMPOUTS 2015						Revised November 2014	
Mnth	Days (Fri-Sun)	Campground	Sites	Wagonmasters	\$ Per	Miles from lodge	Notes
Jan	23-25	Woods Valley	27	Watkins, Vasquez/Rigney, & Hoffman	29.00	87	E30W & Dump Station
Feb	20-22	Lake Elsinore Lake Park RV Resort	25	Clatterbuck, Quijada, Taylor	35.00	49	E30WS
Mar	13-15	Do It In The Dirt	5000	Mahoney & Spychaj	0.00	142	Dry Camping
Mar	20-22	Newport Dunes	50	Moody, Tucker, Catlin	53.00	19	E50WS
Apr	24-26	East Shore RV Park	30	Poat, Young, Slate/Ekins	47.00	28	E30WS
May	15-17	Chula Vista RV Resort	25	Pavich, McGee/Ratliff	47.00	103	E50WS
Jun	12-14	Tucalota Springs	25	Young, Levario, Saunders	TBD	81	E30WS
Jul	24-26	Vista Elks Lodge	24	Dobbs, Spychaj, Mosbrook	25.00	68	E30WS
Aug	07-09	Oceano	30	Skelton, Barrows	30.00	211	E30W
Sep	25-27	Mission Bay RV Park	25	Haak, Lamkins, Zuhke	45.00	87	E30WS
Oct	09-11	CHEA Elks Rally	Open	General Wagon Master	TBD	75	Register on line
Oct	23-25 ?	Halloween Rally Garden Grove Elks Lodge	Open	President & Others	TBD	0	E30W & Dump Station
Nov	13-15	Do It In The Dirt	5000	Mahoney & Spychaj	0.00	142	Dry Camping
Dec	04-06	Emerald Desert or ??	TBD	Reed/Sykes	TBD	105 ?	E50WS



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

- January Newsletter December 15
- February Newsletter January 15

Call for 2015 Wagon Masters

The destination line-up is complete for 2015. Now it is time to volunteer for Weekend Wagon Master or Assistant Wagon Master. We would like 3 couples or singles per weekend to involve new members. Dividing the responsibilities makes the job as easy as 1–2–3!

There are many supports developed, from planning to financial, making the job efficient and stress-free. You can plan a lay-back, relaxing weekend or an experiential one with unique activities or in anything between. It is the Wagon Master's choice.

So join in the fun and get involved with the Elk-Enders whether you are a new or a long-standing member. Everyone takes a turn in leadership! That is what makes this group dynamic.

So please select your weekend below and contact Carol at clamkins@usa.net or call 714-738-7171.

MONTH	NIGHTS	CAMPGROUND	WAGONMASTERS	POSITION
	2015			
JAN	23-24	Wood's Valley near Temecula		Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
FEB	20-21	Lake Park RV Resort @ Elsinore Lake	Bob & Judy Clatterbuck	Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
MAR	20-21	Newport Dunes @ Newport Beach	Ken & Karen Moody	Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
APR	24-25	East Shore RV Park @ Puddingstone, San Dimas		Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
MAY	15-16	Chula Vista RV Resort @ San Diego		Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
JUN	11-14	Tucalota Springs near Temecula		Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
WS	23-25	Vista Elks @ San Diego	Buzz & Margo Dobbs Joe & Pat Spychaj	Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
SEP	25-26	Mission Bay RV Park @ San Diego	Pete & Shelley Haak Carol & Larry Lamkins Barbara & Bob Zuhlke	Wagon Master Assistant Assistant
DEC	05-06	Palm Desert		Wagon Master Assistant Assistant

January 23 – January 25, 2015

Woods Valley Campground

15236 Woods Valley Rd. Valley Center, CA 92082 (760) 749-2905

Wagon Masters: Rod and Terry Watkins (714)-319-8010

Assistants: Bonnie Vasquez & Chris Rigney, Larry & Pauline Hoffman (714)-636-4345

Meals:

Friday: Lunch on you own.

Dinner: 5:30 PM Tostados by "los chefs."

Saturday: 9:00 AM Pot Luck Breakfast-Brunch.

Last Name:

A thru I bring egg or potato dishes.

J thru R bring meat dishes Bacon, Ham Etc.

S thru Z bring fruit and/or sweets.

We'll supply coffee and OJ.

Dinner: 5:30 PM BBQ your own meat. Bring what you like, we'll provide the salad, potato salad, BBQ beans and the hot coals.

Sunday: 7:00—8:30 AM Coffee and sweet rolls

Note; Bring your own utensils for each meal.

Activities:

Thursday and Friday: Take a ride to the Bates Nut Farm about 1 mile east on Woods Valley Rd.

Go to Valley View, Rincon, Pala, Pauma or Harrah's Casinos .

Friday: 7:15 PM "Skru Yer Neighbor" in the clubhouse.

Saturday: 1:00 PM Washer Board Game (weather permitting), Indoor Baseball (if inclement weather).

Great Indoor Fireplace with wood provided.

It's Always Schmooz and Booze Time at the Fireplace



Directions

Take I-5 South to Fwy 78 in Oceanside..

Go East on 78 to Broadway in Escondido.

Go North (left) to El Norte Pkwy.

Turn East (right) on Del Norte and proceed to Valley Parkway.

Go North on Valley Pkwy about 4 miles (up a grade and then down into the valley) to Woods Valley (Immediately at the bottom of the grade).

Turn East (right) and go 2.2 miles to the campground on the left. Sign on left is somewhat hard to see so go slow.

We have 27 sites reserved on a first come first served basis.

The cost is \$29.00 per site per night.

Each site has Elect. (30 amp) & water.

There is a dump station at the campground.

Note: We must have a minimum count by December 20th for the campground management

Anyone with severe walking problems or needing to be close to the clubroom, please make arrangements with the wagon master well in advance.



The Rear View Mirror

Locations: Hemet and Garden Grove Elks Lodge

Wagonmaster: ELK-ENDERS

The 46th Elks California Rally was held October 9-12 at Hemet, California with 20 RVs and volunteers from our Garden Grove Lodge in attendance. Led by our President Ken Moody and his first lady Karen, it was an enjoyable weekend to raise money for the Major Project and socialize with friends from other Lodges. Our participation included preparing and serving over 115 people cook to order omelet centered breakfast, biscuits, home-made gravy, and fruit on both Friday and Saturday mornings. We also cooked and served hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch and afternoons on both days. Our support for this major fund raising event also included Sheriff John and deputies bringing justice to wayward individuals. We are already planning our support for next year's Rally. It goes without saying the success we enjoyed is only from our dedicated members who prepared, cooked, served, cleaned-up afterwards, and to our Treasurer Eileen Rasmussen for ensuring all funds were properly accounted.

The Halloween Rally this past month was large success for the Lodge and the Elk-Enders. Those travelling past our Lodge late last month noticed over 36 RVs, of various types and makes, gathered for a Halloween Rally open to all Lodge members and guest. Many arrived early to ensure a good parking space. We were fortunate to have guest from Mission Viejo, Vista, Las Vegas, and Simi Valley Lodges to share in our fun filled weekend. The Lodge staff did a superior job of providing excellent meals and service, with Elk-Ender assistance cooking omelets for Saturday's breakfast. Friday was filled with games and fun to include a Skru-Yur neighbor card, auctioning of six horses for Saturday afternoon races and drawing for a 50-50 drawing opportunity, and raffling tickets for various gift envelopes. Saturday started with eating a fine breakfast in the East Room followed by a silent auction of the finest items not listed on Craig's List. The afternoon horse races were exciting and entertaining. As at all races there were majestic steeds and nags with lots of cheering and anguish for each race. Following a social hour and an excellent buffet dinner of Baron of Beef or turkey (with dressing), a costume contest was conducted. As anticipated the costumes were original and the participation high in all categories, with prizes awarded. Well done to all. We danced and enjoyed the music provided by Howard Wingo, a DJ with many talents. During the day additional tickets were available for another 50-50 drawing opportunity, surprise raffle envelopes, a \$100 dollar bill, and of course the popular Booze Wagon.

There are many members to thank for their efforts in making this past weekend a success but special mention must be made to Elk-Ender President Ken and Karen Moody for their untiring work, PDDGER David and Janice Skeleton for conducting the horse races and as our master of ceremonies, John and Bonnie Poat for organizing the silent auction, and once again Pete and Gretchen Doeringer for obtaining the numerous gift envelopes for the raffles and costume winner prizes, and all who helped with the parking (Joe Spychaj), cooking (David Skeleton, Chuck O'Dey), a ticket sales (Howard Whittaker, Terry Woodward, Betty Lynch), dinner seating (LuAnn Barrows) and of course accounting for all funds (Eileen Rasmussen).

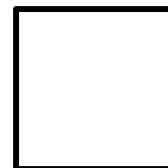






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