



Elk-Ender News

December, 2008

The Prez Sez



The Halloween Rally is now history. I hope everyone has had a chance to rest and recover from this fabulous weekend! I appreciate all who signed up to volunteer their time to help make this event a huge success! We really outdid ourselves on the fundraising efforts over the weekend, and it is all because of your outstanding, tireless efforts that made it all happen. You know who you are, so please know that you are truly the best!

On Nov. 14-16, we did the "Doing It In The Dirt" once again at CA City. It was a beautiful weekend in the high dessert, even as Orange County was having so many fire related problems. We had around 18 rigs, and a wonderful poker run on Saturday morning. Thank you to all of the check points along the route. We had the best fires at night to keep us warm and of course the great BBQ on Saturday night. If you have never experienced this campout before, you should plan on attending the next one-you won't be disappointed. As well, we were able to get \$74.00 for the purple pig, and the second place winner of the poker run donated his winnings as well. All together we will be turning in \$126.00 for the cause. Good job everybody!

Two events in December: the Holiday campout at Emerald Desert (Kelloggs & Lewis'-wagon masters), and the member Holiday Dinner on Sat., Dec. 20 at the Lodge. If you haven't signed up for the events yet, please do so soon. As for the Dinner at the Lodge, we

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Coming Lodge Events.

- 12/13 BPOE 1952 Member's Christmas Party
- 12/14 Breakfast with Santa (9AM – 12PM)
- Needy Children's Christmas party (1–4 PM)
- 12/21 Delivering Christmas Baskets
- 12/31 New Years Eve Dance

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Web Site Addresses
Elk-Enders
www.elk-enders.org

Garden Grove Elks
www.elks1952.org

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Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1. **Call to order:** 7:30 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Irv Bass
3. **Guests:** none
4. **New Members:** none
5. **Current Elk-ENDER of the Year:** Jack Hansen
Past Elk-Enders of the Year in attendance: Martin Hoxworth, Dave Hudock, Bill Catlin, Randy Eldridge, Twyla Bass, Jack Hansen, Pete Doeringer, Dave Lewis, Larry Hoffman
Past Presidents of Elk-Enders in attendance: Larry Hoffman, Duane Duncan, Randy Eldridge, Martin Hoxworth, Jack Hansen, Butch Crane
6. **Secretary's Report by Dave Hudock:** Read and approved.
7. **Treasurer's Report – Eileen Rasmussen:** Read and approved.
8. **Vice President's Report:** Steve Pavich spoke about our successful Halloween rally and would like to restock the 'Happy Wagon' for future use. If anyone uses it, please be sure to restock it.
9. **General Report**
General Wagonmaster – *Alex Gonz'alez*
 1. The Christmas Rally will be at Emerald Desert in Palm Springs, December 5-7, 2008. Dave Lewis & Charmaine Smith will be the Wagonmasters for the rally.
 2. The Elk-Enders Xmas dinner will be held in the Lodge on Saturday, December 20th.
 3. We are looking for Wagonmasters to sign up for **2009 campouts**. The first campout will be in **January** at **Woods Valley RV Park**.
10. **Unfinished Business** -- none at this time.
New Business -- Martin Hoxworth will be Chairman of the committee to accept nominations of officers for 2009.
11. **General Announcements**
 - a. SUNSHINE: none at this time.
 - b. SICKNESS & DISTRESS: none at this time.Jokes by Larry Hoffman and Jim Young.
12. **50/50 Drawing:** \$108.00 - no winner



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.MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 pm

Birthdays

December Birthdays

- 2 Dec. Fran Struthers
- 3 Dec. Martin Hoxworth
- 5 Dec. Eleanor Quiyada
- 6 Dec. Chuck Downing
- 7 Dec. Dave Bakke
- 10 Dec. Cora Byrd
- 10 Dec. Eileen Rasmussen
- 10 Dec. Janice Skelton
- 11 Dec. John Miller III
- 14 Dec. Shirlee Mitchell
- 20 Dec. David Hudock
- 21 Dec. Phyllis Maywhort
- 25 Dec. Jerry Austin
- 25 Dec. Joe Zapata

Anniversaries

- 13 Dec. David & Winnie Coombs
- 18 Dec. Larry & Pauline Hoffman
- 18 Dec. Bill & Joan Wise
- 22 Dec. Dutch & Dottie Schultz

Sickness & Distress



We will probably not attend the next meeting, so I thought I should let the group know about my hospitalization, successful surgery, and my return home. Following an attack of diverticulitis, in August, I thought I had been cured, but the antibiotic treatment did not do the trick this time. I entered the Hospital last Monday and had surgery on that day. They removed a section of my colon, and reattached the bowel successfully, all in one operation. I am doing fine now and getting stronger every day....(as long as my vicodin is available) Should be well enough to make the Christmas, campout if the Doctor gives me the ok on Dec 4th.....**Bob Clatterbuck.**



and Sunshine

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Elk-Enders for all your cards, phone calls, and those who came to visit me while I was recovering from Bi-lateral knee surgery.
Hope to see you all soon... Jo Darrow

Coming Deadlines

<i>Issue</i>	
December 24	Jan. Issue
January 25	Feb. Issue
February 22	Mar. Issue
March 24	Apr. Issue

About Deadlines.....

Please note that deadlines are about 10 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 to 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.

Pearls of Wisdom



Good judgment comes from experience and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

Elk Enders 2009 Campout Schedule

Mo.	Dates	Campground	#Sites	Wagon Masters	\$Cost	Confirm	Facilities	Dep.	Bal	Distance Miles ***
Jan	23-25	Woods Valley	20	Smith/Downing	\$29	30 days	W&30A	\$150	\$505	96
Feb	27-01	Lake Elsinore	30	Open	\$30	14 days	FH, 30/50A	\$100		51
Mar	27-29	Newport Dunes	33	Open	\$35	10 days	FH, 30/50A	\$100	\$1090	14
Apr	24-26	Lancaster BPOE #1625	30	Open	\$17	30 days	W& 30A	\$100	\$410	106
May	29-31	Chula Vista *	20	Open	\$37	30 days	FH, 30/50A	\$100	\$740	102
June	26-28	Tucalota Springs	20	Open	\$27	30 days	FH, 30/50A	\$100		81
July	31-02	Oceanside BPOE 1561	20	Open	\$18	30 days	W& 30A	None	\$360	57
Aug	21-23	Pechanga RV Resort	30	Open	\$42	30 days	FH, 30/50A	\$100	\$800	69
Sept	24-27	CA-HI , Hemet		2009 Wgn. Master	\$95+		FH, 30/50A			67
Oct	22-25	Halloween-GG Lodge	Open	Appointed by Pres.	{ \$110 }	None	W/30A/dry			0
Nov	20-22	Do It In The Dirt	Open		None		Dry CO			{60?}
Dec	04-06	Emerald Desert **	20	Open	\$36	30 days	FH, 30/50A	\$300		105

Notes: * Chula Vista providing a covered area w/tables, chairs & electric pwr. No club room available.

** Proposed only, not yet under contract.

*** Mileage from Garden Grove Lodge

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will need a head count no later than Dec. 15. Please contact either myself or Eddie Thomas for further info.

It is that time again to begin thinking about who will be running this organization beginning next April. Martin Hoxworth will be heading up the Nominating Committee, so if you have a desire to help as an Officer next year, please contact Martin. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Debbie, Miles, and I wish you all the best of this Holiday Season!

Until next month,
Mark

ELK ENDERS HOLIDAY DINNER



Saturday, December 20, 2008

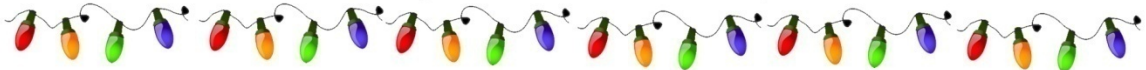
At the Lodge, 6:00 PM



You are cordially invited to attend a special
Holiday Dinner

We already have close to 100 people signed up
for this gala event. If you haven't put your
name on the list yet, please call one of the
numbers below.

Cost is \$7.00 per person, with your choice of
steak, turkey, or fish for dinner. Deadline for
signing up will be Dec. 15th, and reservations
must be prepaid. We will also be accepting
reservations and payment at the Dec. 3rd
regular meeting.



There will be a free men's and ladies raffle, as
well



as dancing after dinner.



We look forward to seeing you there!

Mark or Debbie Mahoney – 714-638-3233

Eddie Thomas – 714-534-7812

Christmas Campout 2008

Friday Dec. 5 to Sunday Dec. 7

23 spaces are reserved w/full hook-ups + cable TV



Amenities

Fitness Center, Tennis Courts, Pool & Hot Tubs, & Close to Casinos

At the Emerald Desert Resort

Wagon Masters

Kelloggs (714) 638-5982 cell (714)473-5066

Asst. Wagon Masters

Lewis's (714) 633-6691 cell (714) 396-2818

****Notice** Early Birds must check-in at office & pay for extra nights on arrival**

Friday December 7

5:30 – 6:30 PM Dinner

Hot dogs, Polish Sausages, Baked Beans, Potato Salad

Last names A - L Bring a dessert

1:00 – 4:00 PM Club Room Open Cards, games

7:00 PM "Sku Yer Neighbor (Bring Quarters)

Saturday December 8

9:00 AM Potluck Breakfast

5:00 PM Social Shmoozing

5:30 PM BBQ Dinner by "Tooties."

Last names M – Z bring a dessert

Activities

11:00 AM Bean Bag Baseball

1:00 PM Happy Hour in Club Room. Bring your favorite Hors D'oeuvres

7:15 PM Brief mtg.

7:45 PM Optional Christmas Gift Exchange: Lady's for Ladies, Man's for men value between \$10 and \$15. Label according to gender.

Please bring your own plates & utensils & Beverage to each meal

Sunday December 9 7:30 – 9:30

Coffee & sweet rolls

Head – on home.



Directions:

To Emerald Desert RV Resort

Freeway I-10 to Palm Desert. Exit on Cook St. go South (right) to Frank Sinatra Dr. Turn Left (East) to resort entrance on left.

76-000 Frank Sinatra Dr. Palm Desert

Phone (760) 345-4770

We Did It In the Dirt Again

November 13-16, 2008

California City

Our boys and girls who like to kick it around in the dirt were able to do it again this year as our semi-annual Dirt Outing got under way at the usual Rudnick Road campsite in California City. About six rigs arrived on Thursday and reported that the drive up was good and the weather perfect. Lotsa time to kick-back and enjoy an evening fire pit.

Those who ventured up on Friday, including me, had an entirely different experience to tell about. We encountered the extreme winds in the Devore Pass. I had the awning over my big slideout rolling out with gusts and then slamming back. No damage, but nerve racking. Once we made it to the top and were in Victor Valley, it was smooth and delightful.

We went visiting from camp to camp and by late Friday evening we had grown to about 18 rigs with Elk-Enders, Elks, their families and friends. It was time for our usual camp fire. Our usual dirt campout fire is more like a bonfire. Gotta make it BIG so that no one can sit too close, making room for everyone. The guys and gals with the toys left about midnight for their Night Ride and returned about 2:30 AM, tired but happy. Great weather and not too cold. Meals; everyone was on their own.

Saturday activities started at about 11:30 AM with the riders meeting for the Poker Run. Fun for everyone from the little kids to the old guys. The great course was laid out by **Miles Mahoney** with some help staking and signing it. There was now many more people attending as some came in for just a day ride and others who worked Friday showed-up with their RVs. The run got going and at the end the contestants drew their last card and some bought the extra card (all proceeds from the extra card went to the DIRT police response team across the road. 30% of the entry fees for the Poker Run went to the Purple Pig. Winner of the run was **Nicole Hoffman** with 4 Kings. She collected \$84. We paid back two more places.

At the evening bonfire, the prizes were awarded by President **Mark Mahoney**, The remaining wood was burned and no one went on a night ride. Sleepy time.

Most went home on Sunday after a weekend of magnificent weather (much cooler than Orange or Riverside Counties). A few of our members who didn't have to work on Monday decided to take advantage of the great weather. They stayed until Monday. Despite the many freeway closures that had occurred during our stay, the ride home was fast and uneventful.

Larry Hoffman

See photos throughout



At the start-finish line ready to go and gone



Classified Ads

We are in the process of buying a new Motor Home. It is ordered and we expect delivery in January. The dealer has offered us \$ 32000.00 trade in. If anyone is interested I will sell it for that. Itasca SunCruiser 2002 model 35U. GM Vortec 8100 engine with an Allison transmission. W22 Workhorse Chassis. 2 slide outs. Full fiberglass roof. Fully loaded with many extras. If interested contact Chuck Downing. 714-961-1184. Cell 714-742-1184.

How to put your ad in the Newsletter

It's very easy to put your ad in this newsletter. Any camping or RV item or items are OK. Please write a description of the item, including its condition and any defects along with the price, your name & phone number, and city. If possible, include one or two photos (in the Jpeg format please) or mail a photo and I'll scan it).

Elk-Ender Directory Additions & Corrections

Add: #390 David Barros 13722 McMains St. Garden Grove, 92844
ocean eagle@hotmail.com Bday 5/23

#391 Dave & Chris Bakke 48 Centerstone, Buena Park, 90620
Dbakke_90620@yahoo.com Bdays His 12/7 Hers 1/1 Anniv. 9/28

392 Ed & Linda Mosbrook 15831 Maidstone, Westminster, 92683-7526
edmosb@pacbell.net Bday His 8/29 Hers 8/06 Anniv 6/13

Corrections: Change Pat Johns Address to **13242** Emperor Dr.

Nels & Joan Hansen's Address to 31456 Corderro Lane, Menifee, CA 92584
Home 951-723-8602 Cell 530-510-5282

General Wagon Master 2008 Schedule

Dec. 5 – 7



Christmas Party at Emerald
Desert, Palm Desert, CA

Dec. 20th

Elk Enders Christmas Dinner at
the Garden Grove Lodge.

Riders gathering for the Poker Run information meeting



Photos by:

Larry Hoffman
Dave Lewis
Steve Pavich
Ron Renish



Elk Enders

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Halloween Rally 2008









2008 Halloween Rally



Costume Prize Winners