



# Trav'l'n Elks

Florence, August 2019

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Monday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Official day of campout Steve and Sandi Barker were in a day early to help get the 23 RV's in their spots with the assistance of Ed Kindsey. Some of us took advantage of the local cuisine specifically the Firehouse restaurant for the best clam & crab chowder.

Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Tuesday was a free day to explore. Many took advantage of the Fred Meyer (equivalent to Wal-Mart) experience. Bill and Sue Coles stopped by for a couple days on their way to Washington. Great to see them! Sue is on her way to recovery. Our newest member Steve Simon went on a hike to some falls and fell hurting his right shoulder. A doctor visit reassured him nothing was broken but will need further examination when he gets home.

Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019: Wednesday was the Florence Elks Lodge Fish and Chips night. From all accounts the food was fabulous so Kudos to the Florence Elks Chef! Some of us went on a special field trip. It was a high time experience.

Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019: Marie and Lee planned and executed a unique experience; 1st time ever rock hunt. They painted 23 rocks, each with a unique design, and hid them throughout our camping area. We had cocktails and a potluck dinner. Those who found a rock (one per RV) got their picture taken with their rock. We had a great variety of food and Coral's special Strawberry blueberry cobbler. Some stayed behind to play hand and foot and card games.

Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019: Woody and Coral hosted a waffle and scramble egg breakfast with blueberries. Someone had left behind from a previous campout a bottle of Champagne, so we added mimosas as an extra treat. It was Rich Norley's 69th Birthday and Scott and Fran Watson's 44th

Anniversary. The rest of the day was on your own. The Reeds, Watsons, Wolfs and Marches went dune bugging while others went thrift shopping, downtown Florence store strolling, lunch or just hung around camp enjoying the beautiful weather. That evening the Florence Elks Hosted a prime rib dinner which most of us attended. It was an early night for the Wagon Masters.

Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Saturday was on your own during the day. 5:30 was cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres. Prizes for the winning rocks were presented to Suzi and Mike Riley and Jodi and Mark Reed, a bottle of wine for each couple. Dendra Coopriider donated jars of her homemade bread and butter pickles and we took pictures of the lucky ones who got a jar. Thank you Dendra from "The Pickle Gang" After Hors d'oeuvres we roasted marshmallows and made s'mores. Thank you, Mike and Sandy Fox, for the use of the campfire ring.

Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Sunday Rich Norley while hooking up the car onto the trailer the winch snapped breaking his two fingers and cutting his leg which resulted in him having 13 stitches. OUCH!!! Get well soon Rich!! Some of our Elks left for home and most of us left for more adventures to the North.

Steve Baker wanted to express a huge thank to everyone who helped he and Sandi with transportation while their car was in the shop due to a mishap while on their way North through Weed, CA.

## Next campouts:

October 7,8,9 – Bodega RV Park - Paul and Pat March 916-856-6966

November 20, 21, 22, 23 Heritage, Corning, Gerry & Donna Gayner 916-967-4355

