

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

"Somebody" upstairs must have been listening to the opening request I made in the presidents' letter last month. The rain is gone. The sun is out. The hillsides are beautiful colors of green and yellow. It feels like we have a "Spring" in our step. It's once again fun to be outdoors enjoying the fresh air and the beautiful sunshine.

We have a lot going on. We are in the process of developing a new fund raiser/recruiting program that we will probably launch sometime in mid May. It will be a new and easier way to help us all recruit new dancers for our 2019-2020 square dance class. It will also help raise money for our favorite charity, Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Our fantastic Rail Dusters are doing very well. A big thank you to all the mentors, as well as all the angels, who are helping and teaching the Rail Dusters how to square dance. I know that the Rail Dusters are looking forward to their graduation on Wednesday, June 12th, and are busily planning and rehearsing their graduation play. I have heard rumors that it is going to be a real hoot.

Last month we had a very successful class level dance, as well as a terrific monthly club dance with the great Mike Seastrom. Check out Caren Blumfield's column on the next page for all the details.

We also had a sold out crowd at our annual Trail Dusters fund raiser at the Simi Valley Cultural Center. There wasn't an empty seat in the theater and we were treated to a marvelous performance of Newsies. It was a fantastic evening and a huge success. We all had the best time. and we raised some money for our club. A huge shout out and a real big thank you to **Marilyn and Hy Katlein** for organizing the entire evening for us.

We are in the final count down to our famous Camp Trail Dusters' Spring weekend and joke off. Our wagon masters, Caren and Jane, have been working very hard to make sure we have a great weekend. They always come through and we are never disappointed. We can't wait.

We want to close out our letter to express how heart broken we are to have lost our wonderful friend and, long time Trail Duster, Richard Wallach. Richard passed away on April 19th from a sudden

illness. For Nancy, we wish to express our heart-felt condolences and want her to know how sad we are for her loss. We always loved being with Richard and Nancy. We would talk about golf, politics, and family. His humor, his warmth, and his friendship were something very special to us. We will miss Richard very much!

Best Wishes
**Joni and Mark
Simon**



Presidents

STRAWBERRY FAIR OUR MAY 11TH DANCE



Winter is over, the cold & rainy weather has moved on. What better way to celebrate than to come to our May

Dance featuring Vic Ceder and David Moorehouse– and strawberries!



Vic started dancing in 1975 in a teen club where he met his future wife, Debbie. They started dancing advanced level in 1977 (while we were in high school) and a year later they started learning challenge. This is when Vic developed an interest in calling. He started calling in November 1981 (at the challenge level) and currently both teaches and calls at levels Basic through C4. But don't think that Square dancing is their only interest! Vic & Debbie love dancing and dance the East Coast Swing and Rounds when they have the opportunity.



We also welcome David Moorehouse as the cuer for our round dancers this month. We are sure that all in attendance will experience an enjoyable and entertaining evening– see page 11.

Once again, I remind you that our members, under the direction of Sandra & Robert Sobel, will be sure to provide an excellent selection of delicious snacks guaranteed to give you the energy to dance all evening.

If dancing is not what you want to do...no problem. Come and act as our hospitality ambassadors – and join us for an evening of friendship.

Your roving reporters from Canada,

**Shirley &
Collin Brown**
Publicity
Chairs



Our Previous Cupcake Festival Dance



WOW, Betty Crocker must have invited her whole staff from our area to our April "Cupcake" Dance at Wilkinson! The room was filled to capacity with square dancers and round dancers. On second thought, maybe it was because the

infamous Mike Seastrom was our caller! He was fast, fun and furious, and we loved every minute of it.



Milo Miliotis had a great time cueing to a packed crowd also.

A big thank you to **Maureen &**



Shelly Fried who provided all the wonderful food for the evening. Trays of chips, dips, veggies, ice cream, cookies and cupcakes filled the tables. The highlight of the table was the gigantic fruit bowl which disappeared before the dance was over.





Did I mention the incredible duet Mike had with Dick Hodnefield who



was dancing with Gail in our squares along with other Boots and Slippers. They call great together. Your reporter was



dancing with the future Mrs. Seastrom, who will probably be the new Mrs. Seastrom by the time you read this report. A big

congratulations to both of them and their families. Another huge hurrah goes to all the visiting clubs



who brought many squares to our dance. We wish all of you could have joined us,



Thank you Sandy & Bob Sobel who are a constant in the kitchen.

it was a dance not to be forgotten. Cheer up, next month you can dance to the music of Vic Cedar at our Strawberry Festival dance – see article page 2.

We always appreciate those of you who stay for a few minutes after the dance to help,

Your Dance Reporter
Caren Blumfield



List of callers - 2019 page 10

Visitation

Our May visitation is to
Sierra Hillbillies
Sunday May 5, 2019
2:00 Rounds – 2:30 Squares
Caller: Darren Moorhouse
SVC Senior Center – Santa Clarita

Upcoming Visitation

Our June Visitation
Buckles and Bows
Saturday June 22, 2019
7:00 Rounds 7:30 Squares
Caller: Charlie Robertson
Cuers: Gus and Lynn De Fore
Goebel Adult Center
1385 E. Janss Road, T. O.

Visitation Chairs,
**Lynn & Joel
Ovadia**



May Birthdays

Jeri Sobel	3
Bob Zoren	5
Vita Bret	8
Gloria Schwartz	8
Ron Lynn	8
Denise Kurtzer	11
Rick Kessler	12
Jane Lief	12
Neil Sandler	12
Iran Ausley	14
Sandy Cohen	15
Terry Karsh	15
Otis Rogers	16
Gayle Cantrock	17
Nancy Wallach	17
Stan Zwicker	17
Sandra Sabatino	18
Leonard Bloom	20
Mark Cutter	23
Wendy Goldzband	23
Joyce Smith	23
Lana Collier	24
Kay Mann	24
Jerry Seliga	24
Elise Sandler	29
Marlena Zeavy	30

May Anniversaries



Diane Jubelier-Light & Les Light	15
Ellen & Mike Sternfeld	28
Mindy & Joe Dill	29

Congratulations to all of you who are celebrating a special occasion

**Ilene & Mark
Abramson**
Membership
Chairs



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Sunshine & Showers

It is with deep sadness that I write this article about the loss of one of our long time Trail Duster family members. **Richard Wallach** passed away on Friday, April 19, following a near five week hospitalization during which time his beloved wife **Nancy** and his family remained at his side. Prior to that time, **Richard** was a vibrant individual who put his family above all but also maintained many interests and countless lifelong friendships. He was very handy and loved to help others fix things. He always had a joke to tell, and of course, he loved to square dance! **Richard** and **Nancy** graduated with the Class of 2004 and remained active in our club to this day. Burial took place on April 23rd. **Richard** leaves behind his wife **Nancy**, daughter Denise, son Paul, and four cherished grand - children. To you **Nancy**, and to all your family members, our hearts and our sympathy are with you.

The month of April found your "Sunshine & Showers" Chair, **Rusty Kaman**, undergoing major hand surgery. At this time of writing, I am struggling to put this article together with just my left hand as I am wearing a hard cast from my fingers to my elbow! A bit of a challenge to be sure, but the show must go on!

A bit of "sunshine" to report; I am proud and excited to share that in mid-May, I (**Rusty Kaman**) will become the new Director of a group of about 40 senior volunteers called the "Forever Young Singers" out of the Thousand Oaks Goebel Senior Center. We meet every Friday morning for 2 hours to practice music from the 40's, 50's and 60's, and we entertain at least once a week at numerous assisted living

facilities in the area. Reaching so many elderly people with music is truly a rewarding experience.

This is as much as I have to report for now. To you, my fellow Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters, this column will become a lot more interesting if you will take the time to contact me by e-mail (shown below,) and share your news; engagements, marriages, new grandchildren, graduations of family members – coming up in May and June! Of course, being the caring family we are, we want to know about any "showers" that have come your way, too. I look forward to hearing from you!

Warmly,
Sunshine &
Showers Chair
Rusty Kaman
rusty_k@verizon.net



***** Coordinators Corner

We have two months left to go until graduation and we marvel at the Rail Dusters' accomplishments. They had no idea the extent of commitment they would have to make. We are very proud how they persevered every week, in spite of their outside activities.

You will have the opportunity to get to know some of our new class members at the Spring Weekend but we urge you to walk over and talk to them during class. They are writing and organizing their graduation skits now, and are worried about performing, just as we once were.

A big "THANK YOU" again to our angels who continue to support the Rail Dusters each class.

Open up your calendars and save June 12th for Rail Duster graduation. Details will be coming next month

Meet another Rail Duster.



Alan Shotsky

Alan was born in Brooklyn and moved to Los Angeles in 2002. He was a Jr. draftsman and was responsible for the architectural drawings of recessed fluorescent light fixtures for the World Trade Center. He is also the owner of a Custom Coffee Service, Vending and Bottled Water Co. As if this wasn't enough, Alan is also a Real Estate Agent and member of the million dollar club. Need a handyman, call Alan! He makes a killer cheesecake which I hope we can sample in the near future. Alan is most proud of his excommunication from the Church of Scientology. Once, when in Israel during his honeymoon, Alan was thrown out of the Muslim Quarter of the Western Wall by a guard for kissing in public. Alan Shotsky is divorced and has two identical "mirror" twin daughters.

It was poker that we have to thank for bringing Alan into our club. He plays the game with Mark Abramson, Art Hirsh, Bill Shapiro, Len Bloom, and Bernie Brauner. For years they had been trying to get him to join. Ilene Abramson was the one who encouraged him to join the poker game. Alan wears many hats and we plan to add a "graduation cap" to his many others.



Mark Cutter
Class Coordinator

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee presented a Slate of Officers to the board. A motion to accept the Slate of Officers was approved. Ballots were recently mailed to the membership. If you have not received your ballot, e-mail Mark Abramson markabe@aol.com

Slate of Officers for 2019 – 2020 is as follows:

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Farryl Dickter

Dance Reporter

Caren Blumfield

Parliamentarian Judy Comroe

CAMP TRAIL DUSTERS



The anticipation is building for the 98 Rail and Trail Dusters, who will be attending our Spring Weekend. This is as big a group as last year and your wagon masters are so excited! We have been working diligently getting the centerpieces, seating, name tags, and activities completed. Our tours promise to be wonderful and we have so many people going on both that we are sure the docent for our Walking Tour of Downtown Ventura and our Ventura Harbor Boat Cruise pirates will remember us for a long time. Please remember to pay in advance for the Walking Tour. We will all meet in the lobby and car pool to the sites.

We have attached our "Places to Go and Things to See" plus our tentative "Schedule of Events" on pages 12-16. You will also be receiving additional information and instructions regarding the weekend before your departure. Many people like to leave early on Friday and stop at some of the venues listed on their way to the hotel and others like to stop on their way home.

Our theme is "Camp Trail Dusters" and we know your Saturday night tables are diligently working on creating your "masterpiece." The entire weekend is casual so don't worry about dressing up.

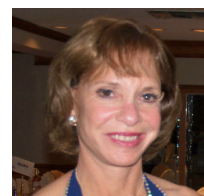
Rehearsals for the Weekend play are in progress and the cast will be ready to perform for you on

Saturday, June 1st. We have many games and activities planned to surprise you. We will be putting sheets in the hospitality room for people to sign up for the various activities. including shopping, in case you would like to go together.

Don't forget your maj cards and quarters. Bring your phones to take pictures at our "Photo Opp" booth. Also, Ron Lynn will be conducting a ukulele workshop during the weekend, so please bring your ukuleles to participate and he will have a few extras for those of you who want to join in. Roy Okada has also volunteered to teach a ballroom dance class for those of you who are interested.

Our new officers will be installed and we will laugh our heads off with Judith Altman at the famous "joke-off". We will take plenty of photos and videos to show to those of you who couldn't make it. We know you will all want to rush to sign up for next year! Get ready to have a great time!

Your Head Counselors,



Caren Blumfield



Jane Lief

NEXT BOARD MEETING

MAY 14, 2019

7:30 P.M.

ILENE & MARK

ABRAMSON'S HOUSE



Kitchen Korner

Dear Rail Dusters & Trail Dusters,

April found us eating and eating some more. Between those observing Passover and those observing Easter, I'd say we all have been doing an **amaazing** amount of eating. Here we are, entering May and our final six weeks of classes, and guess what - we're still looking forward to doing lots of Wednesday night eating. That's what your refreshment committee is all about. If we didn't do our job, we'd get FIRED. We're completely depending on you guys to help us in this area because none of us want to get fired (guess I should just speak for myself).

So, here's our monthly spiel!!!

When you are scheduled to bring snacks to class, please arrive early to help **Denise and Richard** with the table set-up. Bring all food set up, plated (including serving pieces when necessary) and all ready to serve. Our classes are very large, and very hungry (close to 100) most weeks so please be generous. Also prepare to stay for a few minutes after class to help with clean-up. With a large group helping everything goes faster and smoother.

We thank **Judy Comroe** for doing an excellent job of organizing and reminding weekly those scheduled to bring the treats. Also, we couldn't do any of this without **Bob & Sandy Sobel**. Saying thank you to the Sobels is hardly enough.

Now I'd like to share with you some information I'm sure you've always been curious about. **Who Invented the Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich???**

The significance of the bread component is the invention of pre-sliced bread. You're probably familiar with the popular expression, "the greatest thing since sliced bread."

Soon people were looking for spreads to use with this new found wonder food. The most important person in this part of the story is Paul Welch. In 1917 Welch secured a patent for pureeing grapes and turning them into jelly. A paste made from peanuts was originally made by a doctor to help his geriatric patients who had trouble swallowing or had bad teeth. This was considered to be a high protein, less expensive meal during the great depression of the 1930's. But the actual PB&J sandwich went over the top in WWII. These became sandwiches on the US Military ration menus. They were easily portable on long marches. Kids loved it because of the great taste, parents loved how easy it was and that kids could make it themselves. College students on budgets loved it. We all still love it.

Coordinators



Flo & Bill Tapp



Judy Comroe



Denise Kurtzer & Richard Rose

Ways & Means

We're adding another new restaurant this month that so many of our Trail Dusters have raved about. We have a great variety in coming weeks as we circle the globe with different culinary delights.

We'll start with Italy, move to Mexico and then back to those terrific hamburgers at The Habit, The Stand, and Hook Burger. Remember that all these restaurants give back a percentage of our sales so we truly appreciate your support.

Here's the list of locations where we'll be eating in May.

May 1	Mod Pizza
May 8	Poquito Mas
May 15	The Habit
May 22	The Stand
May 29	Hook Burger

See you all at 5:30 before our class

Your hostess,
Jane Lief



Ways & Means
Chairperson

Lief.jane@gmail.com

TIPS

- * To remove salad oil from linens, pour a packet of artificial sweetener, cornstarch, or cornmeal onto the area to absorb the oil. Then brush.
- * Candles chilled for 24 hours in the refrigerator will burn longer and will not drip.
- * Pull bananas apart before putting them in your fruit bowl.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Lois Horn, Flo Tapp, Judi Hirsh, Lela Heslin

FANTASTIC JOB MARILYN AND HY KATLEIN



On Saturday night, March 30th, **Marilyn and Hy Katlein** organized a special treat for Trail Dusters and their friends - a showing of "Newsies" in Simi Valley. Over 100 people attended this very successful fund raiser which raised \$600. Many of the attendees went to dinner at Golden Panda Express where it became a social event while we enjoyed an "all you can eat " dinner buffet.

"Newsies" was an energetic musical about a newsboy who leads his shortchanged buddies in a strike against publisher, Joseph Pulitzer in New York. What talented performers who sang and danced to lively

music that we will remember for a long, long time. It was a wonderful evening!



Marilyn and Hy you did a superb job, with all the trimmings, and we can't wait to see what you're going to do next year!

THE DUSTY TRAILS WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS TO:



Anza Borrego State park where Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig convince the Serpent to join the Trail Dusters



To Hawaii with Percy Calkins & Louise Schoennemann



To the plains of Africa with Eileen & Ken Burkenheim



To Mazatlan with Paula & Al Masters



REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS MAY 2019

May 1

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Lois Horn
Bette Jo Weinstein
Lori H & Terry H
Louise S & Percy C
Diane Townsend



May 8

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Madeline Johnson
Adrienne & Mike Kreisberg
Bren & Jack Levy
Diane & Les Light
Helene & Hendon Harris



May 15

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Paula & Al Masters
Sandy Sabatino
Michael Whitman
Lynn & Joel Ovadia
Lainey Parlen

May 22

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Linda Peck
Elaine Pfefferman
Jill Pivnik
Janice Reiss
Rosalie Rifkin



May 29

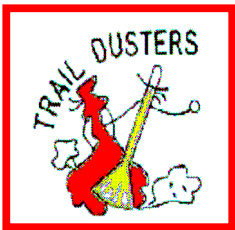
Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Larry Rofe
Nikki & Steve Rosentweig
Geraldine Rothenberg
Leslie & Bob Ruiz
Beverly Rutkin



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For more information call Judy Comroe (818) 932—9929- email judycomroe@socal.rr.com



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule - 2019

2ND Saturday of Month

Rounds @ 7:00 PM – First Tip @ 8:00 PM
 Alternating Rounds & Tips with 1 A-1 Tip

Wilkinson Senior Center – 8956 Vanalden – Northridge

DATE	CALLER	THEME
April 13, 2019	<i>Mike Seastrom</i>	Cupcake Night
May 11, 2019	<i>Vic Ceder</i>	Strawberry Fair
June 8, 2019	<i>Paul Waters</i>	* Crazy Hat Dance
July 13, 2019	<i>Ken Bower</i>	* Watermelon Crawl
August 10, 2019	<i>Pat Carnathan</i>	* Pool Party
September 14, 2019	<i>Buddy Weaver & Mike Kellogg</i>	Pearls & Black Tie Parade
October 12, 2019	<i>Tim Pepper</i>	Scarecrow Ball
November 9, 2019	<i>Rod Shuping</i>	Great American Barn Dance
December	<i>Dark</i>	

** Summer Casual Attire**

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Joni & Mark Simon 323-333-4947



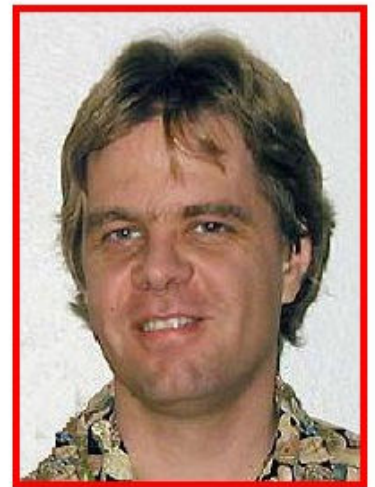
TRAIL DUSTERS MAY 11, 2019

STRAWBERRY FAIR

Caller: Vic Ceder



David Moorehouse



*Rounds 7:00 – 8:00 pm and between tips
Squares 8:00 – 10:00 pm - Plus Level, A-1 Tip
Wilkinson Senior Center,
8956 Vanalden Ave., Northridge, CA*

UPCOMING DANCES

JUNE 8, 2019	PAUL WATERS	CRAZY HAT DANCE
JULY 13, 2019	KEN BOWER	WATERMELON CRAWL
AUGUST 10, 2019	PAT CARNATHAN	POOL PARTY



For More Information Call: Joni & Mark Simon 323-333-4947
Website: www.traildusters.com – Singles and – Couples Welcome





COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT IN OXNARD

600 East Esplanade Drive
 "Oxnard, 93036

MAY WEEKEND - May 31 – June 2, 2019

The weekend is almost here and we need you to think about what you will need to bring. The entire weekend is casual. Check the weather report a few days in advance so you know how to pack. Always bring a light sweater.

Every couple is also asked to bring a bottle of wine to serve in the hospitality room during the weekend. **Also bring your Trail Duster/Rail Duster name tags.** We will provide sodas, water, and munchies. Here is the schedule of events so you can plan your excursions around it. We will have sign-up sheets for tennis, bowling, shopping etc at the check-in desk and hospitality room. This year, Ron Lynn has volunteered once again to teach a ukulele class. So bring yours from home and he will provide a few extras for those who want to join him. Also, Roy Okada will be teaching a beginning ballroom dance class.. Can't wait for all the fun!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday

3:00 pm Check in and the fun begins
3:30 Hospitality room opens in suite # 135
5:30-7:15 pm Happy Hour (games) in hospitality room
7:15 pm Welcome in the Santa Monica Banquet Room
7:30 pm Opening Ceremonies and dinner is served
9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Entertainment
10:00 pm- midnight Hospitality room #135 (Games and mingling)

Saturday

8:00 am Walk - meet in lobby.
8:00 – 10:00 Buffet breakfast in Santa Monica Room
10:00 am Tennis anyone (sign up sheet in hospitality room)
10:30 am Hospitality room opens in suite 135
 Meet in lobby for tour of Downtown Ventura
 (15 minute drive and carpools)
Lunch on your own
12:00, 2,pm Ventura Harbor Boat Tours
3:00 p.m. Play rehearsal in Vantana Banquet Room - (cast members)
 Ballroom dancing - Courtyard
4:00 pm Last Ventura Harbor Boat Tour
4:30 pm Ukelele in the Conference Rom
5:30-7:15pm Happy hour (games) in hospitality room
7:15 pm Dinner in Santa Monica Banquet Room
8:30 pm Evening Games with lots of laughs
9:15 pm Play performance in Vantana Room
10:15 pm-mid. Hospitality room #135
 Ballroom dancing to be determined

Sunday

8:00 -10:00 am **Check out time is 12:00**
 Buffet breakfast in Santa Monica Room
10:15 am– 12:00 pm Installation & Joke off

Lunch following weekend for those interested at BJ's. (across the street)



THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN OXNARD AT OUR SPRING WEEKEND - MAY 31-JUNE 2, 2019

There are many places you can visit on your way to the Hotel because our check in doesn't start until 3pm. The following are suggestions of things to do during the day in the area, but you can be as active or restful as you like. The two tours we are offering are sure to be rewarding.

Heritage Square in Oxnard

715 S. A Street, Oxnard CA (Directions at desk). Please note that Heritage Square is open to the public for tours all day Saturday and Sunday and/or you can take a self-guided tour of the square on your own. Google their website, Heritage Square in Oxnard

Camarillo Premium Outlets: The outlet stores in Camarillo are well known. They are open from 10am-9pm.
740 Ventura Blvd. Camarillo, CA 93010

Main Street Downtown Ventura: 607 East Main Street. Lots of antique stores, thrift stores and shopping. Places to have lunch also.

Ojai Olive Oil Ranch (10am-4pm) 1811 Ladera Rd. Ojai, CA 93023. (805) 646-5964 Info@ojaioliveoil.com They give free guided tours of the olive groves, olive oil mill and tasting room. Stop on the way down or on the way home.

Carpinteria Harbor Seal Preserve and Rookery

The preserve is home to almost 100 adult seals who give birth through May 31st. Bring binoculars. Nice hiking trail. The easiest thing to do is take the 101 to Ballard Ave. exit. Turn towards the ocean and go into The Bluffs parking lot and follow the footpath that leads to down to the bluff, over the railroad tracks then along the bluff top. It is about a half a mile walk.

San Buenaventura Mission 211 E. Main St. Ventura, CA 93001
Founded on Easter Sunday, March 31, 1782. Welcomes visitors from sunrise until sunset. Known for its beautiful gardens and restored artifacts.



643 Project Space 643 N. Ventura Ave. Ventura, CA 93001

This is an alternative exhibition space to give artists opportunities to exhibit their work.

Albinger Archeological Museum 11AM-4pm

113 E Main St. Ventura 93001

Offers displays of local archaeological relics, including items from Chumash Indians and Chinese immigrants. Located next to the San Buenaventura Mission.

Carnegie Art Museum 10-5pm

424 South C Street, Oxnard CA 93030

It is dedicated to showcasing Californian artwork including paintings by famous artists from the regions. Photographer George Hurrell has a prized collection there.

Channel Islands Harbor: Unfortunately, most of the shops have closed down and the word is that they are “redoing the mall” but no one is really sure. There is the **Ventura County Maritime Museum** there if you are interested in this subject. The entry is free and the docents at the front desk are wonderful. There is a seafood restaurant and BBQ place there if you want to see it and have lunch. From here you can drive 5 minutes to the Ventura Harbor, which has lots of shops and restaurants to browse around. The boat tours leave from the Ventura Harbor.

The McGrath Farm at 505 North Wood Road, Camarillo, (take the Central Avenue off ramp from the 101. (McGrath is just south of the freeway). It is a sustainable farm that grows organic fruits, vegetables and flowers. There is a farmers market, farm tours, visits with the farm animals and you can pick your own produce.

Downtown Oxnard and Ventura: There are a lot of interesting squares and plazas, parks and buildings to see. If you like antiques, boutiques, thrift stores or window whopping, don't miss Main Street in Ventura off of the California Exit North. Our walking tour will take us to the important sites here.



Ventura Harbor:

A delightful area of shops and restaurants to walk around and an interesting Ranger film presentation at the end of the harbor with a 22 minute film of the wildlife and plant vegetation from the Channel Islands. Free parking.

Mandalay Bay Hotel and Park:

A great place to rent bikes and surreys and walk around the Bay on a scenic pathway. One of our morning walks will go here but you should visit on your own if you like to walk along the beach. Minimal fee to park.

State Parks and Hiking Trails

Refer to your Oxnard guide, it describes them.

Boating, Kayaking and fishing: Check guide for information and phone numbers.

Swap Meets Nearby – both in Oxnard

Vogue Indoor Swap Open Sat-Sun. 10-7pm 246 W. 6th St.
Oxnard Swap Meet at Oxnard College open Sun 8-3pm
4000 S. Rose Ave.

Tennis and Bowling Available

Bring your equipment in case you decide to play. We will post a sign up sheet Friday night for people interested in playing on Saturday. The tennis courts and bowling alley are nearby. **GOOD LUCK AND HOPE YOU HAVE SOME GREAT EXPERIENCES.**

Breweries and Wineries

There are so many wineries and breweries in the area that I didn't know which ones to suggest. You can ask the front desk for recommendations or google them.

Here are the 5 best Breweries I found if you want to google them.
Red Tandem Brewery: Casa Agria Specialty Ales, Posidon Brewing Company Made West Brewing Company.



Manavino Cellars, 961 N Rice Ave. Oxnard, CA 93030

Four Brix Winery and Tasting Room, Rancho Ventavo, 741 Oxnard, CA 93030

Strey Cellars, 951 Rice Ave Oxnard

Panaro Brothers Winery, Day Time Plan B Wine Cellars, Labyrinth Winery, CA

Camarillo Custom Crush Winery, and DeLiese Cellars

The Hertzog Winery is supposed to be excellent but unfortunately it closes for Shabbat. You can visit it on the way home Sunday. Another suggestion I have - if you have grandchildren or love animals why not make a date to spend the day with them on Saturday at the Santa Barbara Zoo. Say goodbye and then head to the hotel for a fun adult weekend.

So much to do and see and not enough time. Some of you may not even want to run around but may prefer to stay at the hotel and play maj, poker or other table games in the hospitality room. Ask Ron Lynn or Ray to give you extra ukelele and ballroom dance lessons! Hang around the pool and lobby.

May Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Mod Pizza 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	e	3	4
5 Visitation at Sierra Hillbillies caller: Darren Moorhouse SVC Center see page 3	6	7	8 Poquito Mas 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Dance at Wilkinson - callers ; Vic Ceder cuer: David Moorehouse see pages 2 & 10
12 Mother's Day 	13	14 Board Meeting 7:30 pm Ilene & Mark Abramson's House	15 The Habit 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day 	28	29 Hook Burger 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	30	31 Weekend at 	

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