



The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENTS, JILL & AVI

After two fun-filled years serving as your Refreshment Vice Presidents—snacking, decorating, and dreaming up festive monthly themes—we're thrilled to begin a new chapter as Presidents of Trail Dusters!

First and foremost, we want to express our deepest gratitude to Patti & Marshall Goldberg, whose outstanding leadership as presidents has left an incredible mark on this club. Their dedication, warmth, and vision have set a high bar, and we are truly honored (and a bit daunted!) to follow in their footsteps. Thank you, Patti & Marshall, for everything you've done to make Trail Dusters the thriving community it is today.

We're also filled with appreciation for our board members. Your creativity, teamwork, and energy have helped shape an unforgettable year. From informative newsletters to our fantastic calendar of events—you've helped our club sparkle with spirit and connection.

Trail Dusters has grown significantly this year, and our momentum is strong. From the student stomp and workshop to our spectacular New

Year's Eve celebration, our incredible weekend getaway, and our fun filled graduation event—filled with food, decor, and entertainment—we've had a fun-packed year full of laughter, music, and of course, dancing! Our newest Trail Duster grads are enthusiastic, talented, and accomplished.

As we look ahead, we must also share some bittersweet news. Our caller, Paul Waters, will be stepping aside due to a scheduling conflict with his other club, Tinseltown, which has moved its dance night to Wednesdays. We are incredibly grateful for Paul's warmth, his talent—and let's be honest—his amazing homemade bread. That is a highlight we will all miss! Thank you, Paul, for sharing your voice and spirit with us.

We are happy to report that the Board has chosen Mike Kellogg to be our new caller. Mike will bring fresh enthusiasm and energy to our club. We're excited about our future. Change opens the door to new possibilities—and we know that Trail Dusters will continue to thrive.

What makes this club truly special isn't just the dancing or the decorations, it's the friendships we've made. We've met so many wonderful people, and that sense of community is the heart of Trail Dusters.

Mark your calendars! We're hosting a Summer Party on Sunday, September 7th. It's the perfect chance to invite friends and neighbors to come see what makes Trail Dusters so special. We'd love for them to meet our community and maybe even become part of it. See flyer on page 18 for your invitation and flyer on page 19 to give to friends.

With gratitude and excitement,

Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell
Presidents, Trail Dusters



It was a weekend like no other. Our long anticipated, incredibly planned, and over the top exciting May getaway was everything and more that a Trail Duster extravaganza could be! See pictures - pages 5-12.

Our weekend began with a hearty welcome and a canvas bag replete with gifts, drinks and schedules detailing all that is fun to do during a weekend in Oxnard. Caren and her able team planned get together lunches, beautiful tours of the Oxnard Wastewater and Treatment Center, Port Hueneme, the Botanical Gardens and boat tours. There were iphone workshops, ukulele workshops, and a stock market "mental health" seminar.

Some TDs met in the am to walk around Oxnard. Others just hung out and relaxed among the hotel

amenities. There was something to do for absolutely everybody.

After a full marvelous Marriot dinner the entertainment at the Friday night dinner was fabulous.

Michael Quest brought his incredible musical talent to sing and entertain the crowd. He had guests dancing, singing, and having an especially amazing experience.

You would think that after such an energetic and full day, TDs would be exhausted and ready for bed-but nay nay! The party continued in the exceptionally well stocked Hospitality Room where guests ate some more, played card games of all nature, and had a completely good time. The end of a great day.

But wait! There's more!

After a full day of activities, Saturday's dining experience was breathtaking, as the pictures in this newsletter will attest. Guests entered a striking room replete with beautiful table centerpieces and Trail Dusters all in creative and some hilarious costumes reflecting their given band's contribution to music. While the famous musicians were presented, the level of talent from our own TDs was unmatched. It was stunning.

The evening ended with a heartwarming play by our own Trail Duster Troupe who acted their hearts and lungs out with their well rehearsed theatrical production. Then off to the Hospitality Room to eat more.

We hated to see the weekend and, that was evident in the Joke-Off on Sunday after a delicious Marriot breakfast. Socks were flying, laughs were contagious, and backscratches were thoughtful. It all ended at the Lazy Dog Café where TDs did their

best to eat again and reflect on a fabulous weekend.

It's going to be a real challenge next year to top this one!

Maureen &
Shelly Fried



Event
Reporters

July Birthdays

Elaine Pfefferman	1
Hy Katlein	3
Steven Katz	4
Joni Simon	4
Cheri Warner	6
Nikki Rosentsweig	7
David Simon	9
Bernie Brauner	11
Mark Abramson	13
Kathy Wein	14
Charles Mond	14
Sheldon Levin	18
Judy Levy (Judy & Stephen)	18
Shirley Brown	20
Sherwin Silver	26
Nancy Sachs	27
Steve Kalan	29

July Anniversaries

Susan & David Britton	2
Paula & Stewart Brooks	4
Paula & Avi Nudell	11
Margie & Jeff Hausman	21
Harriet & Steve Berman	26

Congratulations to all of you who are celebrating a special occasion.

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Sunshine & Showers

Our Trail Duster Family has grown by 19 as we say CONGRATULATIONS to our new graduates! May you all enjoy many years of dancing and making countless new friends!

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to one of our most beloved callers. **Mike Seastrom** recently underwent an appendectomy. If you haven't yet experienced dancing to Mike's calls, you are in for a real treat! If you are already acquainted with him, then let's look forward to his return to the dance floor and hope it will be soon!

The sun has been shining over the **Dickters'** family recently. **Farryl and Bill** are thrilled to announce that their son, Brad Dickter, has been elected Secretary of the Democratic Party for the state of Utah! Brad competed with 3 other candidates and secured 1,000 votes! The job is a volunteer position, so Brad takes this on in addition to his professional career. **Farryl and Bill** are excited and proud of their son's latest endeavors, and we say CONGRATULATIONS to all the **Dickter** family!

Ronna Banks is a proud Grandma these days. Her grandson, Noah Clapham, just graduated from Crespi Carmelite High School and now looks forward to September when he will attend Loyola Marymount University to study Law. Best wishes, Noah, for a very successful future, and to you, **Ronna**, may your grandson continue to make you proud!

If you have children or grandchildren who are advancing in their education or their careers, or perhaps you have children who are about to graduate or have just graduated, or maybe there's a new grandchild in your family, please email me with your news (Rusty_k@verizon.net) and I will call you for more details to share

with our Trail Duster "family." Of course, if "Showers" visit your family, we want to know that as well. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Warmly
Rusty Kaman**

**Sunshine &
Showers Chair**



Coordinators Corner

Save Wednesday, July 23 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm for our first summer workshop It will be calls you have learned and perhaps add a few new calls – see flyer on page 17.

A big thank you to Paul for patiently working with everyone and helping out when extra help was needed.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our summer party with any potential Rail Dusters for next year

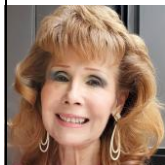
We would like to thank all our new members for their perseverance and all the mentors who worked to help the learning process as well as our more seasoned members who helped keep our squares on target. We wish everyone a happy and safe summer!

Your Class Coordinators

**Caren Blumfield
Sherwin Silver**



Jeri Sobel



**Gayle
Cantrock**



Alan Shotsky



**Stayin'
Alive in 25**



This year's Rail Dusters Graduation was enhanced with a spectacular Snack-a-Thon and a wonderful recognition that was more than this writer can find words to describe.

Our club has been beautifully enriched by nineteen new members whose striking bios presented an exceptional group of creative, accomplished, and delightful new members. Their evening of celebration was replete with eye catching, colorful balloons, a roomful of Trail Dusters adorned in our club's colors and ties, and lots of family members and friends who were thrilled and impressed by their loved one's accomplishments.

The evening was made all the more complete with a dazzling musical presentation expressly written and choreographed by our newest Trail Dusters. The class left no one out as they sang praises and parodies of their past class year. The evening festivities was heightened by another incredible selection of delicious dishes and a small sample of square dance steps led by our caller, Paul.

Especially moving was the kind and loving acknowledgement recognizing the efforts and extensive contributions of Marilyn and Len Bloom. There were more than a few moist eyes in the room as our president showered praise on two of our club's most revered members.

What a dazzling night. Even our newest Trail Dusters really know how to throw a party! See pictures 13-16.

**Maureen &
Shelly Fried**



Paula & Jerry Seliga take the Dusty Tails to



Camp Avalon outside Sedona , Arizona



and to Montezuma Castle in Arizona near Cottonwood

Meet Our Newest Trail Dusters



Front row: Don & Gisele Don, Marty Hect & Miriam Faber, Susan & Steven Perry, Barbara Shore, Don Greenlee
Back row: Arnie Becker, Laurie & Jonathon Bernhard, Leslie & Robert Bergman, Bruce Reisenfeld, Wesley Witherspoon
Picture Sign on the left: Robbie & Alan Jacobs
Picture Sign on the right: Judith Gabriel & Stuart Katzberg

**Our Famous May Weekend
Let's Start with the Tours**



Botanical Gardens



Water Recycling Plant



Port Hueneme



AND NOW THE ENTERTAINMENT



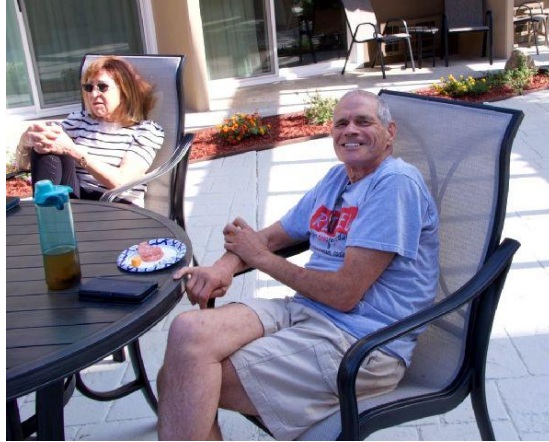
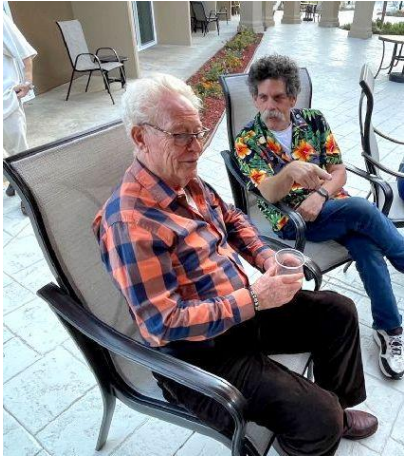
First a special tribute was given to Caren Blumfield for all that she does





LET'S GO TO THE HOSPITALITY ROOM AND ALSO OUTSIDE FOR SOME FRESH AIR





THE BANDS PERFORM



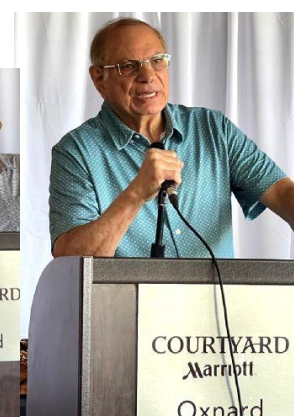
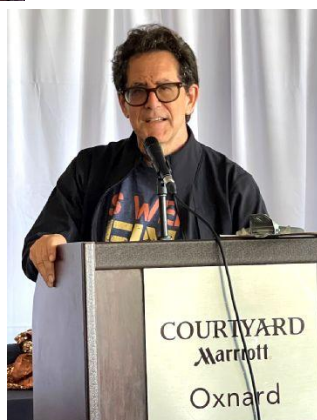
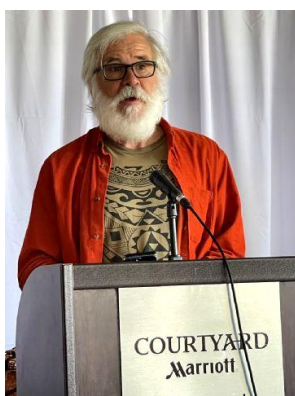


AND NOW THE PLAY





The Famous Joke-off





Stopping at Lazy Dog for Lunch before going Home





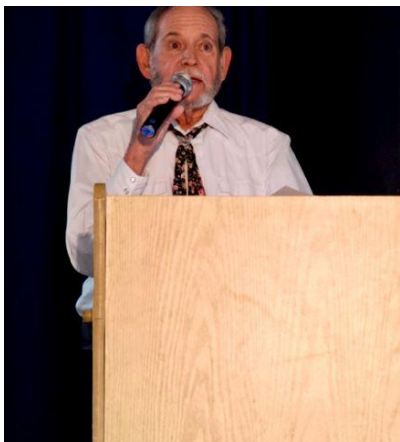
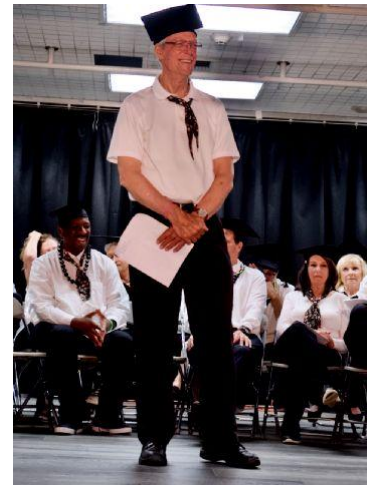
GRADUATION AT BAY LAUREL -



But first a tribute to Marilyn & Len Bloom for all they have done for the club

Let the Procession Begin







Let's Snack



Time for the Play





And Now Let's Dance





Trail Dusters

Wednesday, July 23, 2025 S S D Workshop

Summer is here and weekly classes have ended – but here is your chance to dance! Rod's easy, relaxed style of teaching and singing guarantees that you will thoroughly enjoy yourselves. You will become a more confident dancer as you practice the calls you have already been taught. But the most important reason – the evening will be fun! So, give it a try, do not be shy.



CALLER – ROD SHUPING

7:00 – 9:00 PM

\$10.00 PER PERSON

Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge

***** LIGHT REFRESHMENTS *****

No special dress code -come casual and cool



Plan to join us for dinner AFTER at

Sharky's

18426 Nordhoff St, Northridge, CA

If you are planning on joining us for dinner please RSVP via email to Linda Cole @wdycole@aol.com

For More Information Contact:
Farryl Dickter - farryl.ateam.com



TRAIL DUSTERS'
WESTERN SUMMER PARTY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 7:00 PM

Hosted by: Debbie & Eddie Borden
25625 Queenscliff Court, Calabasas

Their home is located in a guard gated community and a list of attendees will be provided to the security gate.

It is important to RSVP for you and your guests.

Please bring potential Rail Duster couples AS Guests so they experience the fun and friendship and so we can convince them how much fun square dancing can be

Price of Admission for Summer Party:

Bring munchies to share such as: vegetables & hummus, cheese and crackers, (no chips). fruit platter, cookies, soda or wine. Water and coffee will be available. Food must be plated and ready to serve.



Start the evening by meeting for dinner at 5:30 pm for good food and socializing

The Stand, 23683 Calabasas Rd, Calabasas, CA

IMPORTANT - RSVP by September 1st via email to
Caren Blumfield @caren1224@hotmail.com

WESTERN SUMMER PARTY INVITATION



Our Club, Trail Dusters, is hosting a Summer Party for members and guests and we want to invite you to join us! This is an opportunity to meet our members, introduce you to our activity, and experience the welcoming & friendly atmosphere of our Club. Hors d'oeuvres & desserts will be served.

WHEN: September 7, 2025

WHERE: Debbie & Eddie Borden

25625 Queenscliff Court, Calabasas

TIME: 7:00 PM

DRESS: Casual

Join us **AS GUESTS** and experience the fun we have being together.

MUNCH, MINGLE AND SCHMOOZ



Our party is in a guard gated community and we need to provide a list of attendees to the security gate.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO RSVP by September 1st via email to Caren Blumfield [@caren1224@hotmail.com](mailto:caren1224@hotmail.com) **OR** just let your Trail Duster friends know and they will let us know



July 2025 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3		5
6	7	8 Board Meeting & Installation Maureen & Shelly Frieds's House Pot Luck 5:30 pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 SSD Workshop 7:00pm – 9:00 pm See page 17	24	25	26
27	28					31



July 23 SSD Workshop

Sept 7 SUMMER PARTY

Sept 10 FIRST CLASS OF 2025-26