

HAPPY WANDERERS-AUGUST 2018

12 rigs, 23 Happy Wanderers and 5 dogs gathered at Lake Cachuma for the August Campout-organized and hosted by Moe and Judy Nadeau.

For those not familiar with the Campground, it is situated in the mountains above Santa Barbara. The Lake has served as a water reservoir for the City and surrounding areas of Santa Barbara since the dam was built in the 1950's. Although swimming is not allowed in the lake, the County Park is well known for its recreational boating, fishing and camping.



The group camping area is visually rustic with plenty of old, mature Oak trees; most of the sites have a view of the water. There is a very large, covered picnic area that allowed all of us to dine together, and plenty of seating and table areas to put together puzzles and gather in the sun or shade to play games. Campground activities include nature walks led by naturalists, a public swimming pool and an interesting nature center. For those who would prefer a little more action, Chumash Casino, Solvang and Buellton are just a few miles down the road. Several of our

true adventurers met at the Nature Center at dusk to watch the resident little brown bats leave their bat hotel and fly off to feast on flying insects in the evening.

Though driving separately, most of the rigs arrived at the site within a few minutes of one another on Thursday. The Bengtssons arrived a little later having recovered from a mishap involving uneven ground and some broken glass. Fortunately, all of the alcohol was saved. Good job Sue and Chris.

An informal Jenga game between Judy Steiger and Denise Swiacki kept all of us entertained Thursday afternoon.



Friday's fine dining included Hot Dogs, chips and potato salad for lunch, and hors d'oeuvres for dinner. While many turned in early, a few gathered at the camp fire, and enjoyed an evening devoid of traffic and other urban sounds.

Saturday morning began with traditional Blood Mary's and Mimosas prepared by Moe Nadeau, the famous (although solo) mixologist for this campout. Drinks were followed by a large buffet breakfast. The food was so plentiful and delicious that we all enjoyed the generous

leftovers before leaving on Sunday morning. Several Wanderers did some hiking, played games or just visited with one another. Early afternoon, on Saturday, was when the SERIOUS dinner cooking began.

Saturday evening's fare included prime rib, stuffed baked potatoes, garlic bread, salad and dessert. A very special thanks to Tom Glynn and Bill Sears who spent the afternoon cooking and making sure that the dinner was perfect.



Sue Bengtsson graciously served as the stealth sheriff. Her fines were assessed with humor and no one guessed that she was the “secret one.” The 50/50 prizes were won by Moe Nadeau and Denise Swiacki. Congratulations and thanks to all the participants.

Sunday morning, we all packed-up and said our farewell's. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the September campout in Paso Robles.

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