

Happy Wanderers-March

As in past years, the Happy Wanderers RVs gathered at the Newport Dunes Campground in Newport Beach for their April 2018 campout. Despite the stormy weather warnings, Mother Nature smiled on the group, as evening clouds and rain made way for clear and sunny daytime skies.

This campout, as well as those in the past, was a joint venture with the Happy Wanderers from Simi Valley and the Elks Camping Club from Thousand Oaks. The campout was coordinated by wagon-masters Jeff and Debi Drake.

While some of the reported 26 total rigs arrived on Wednesday, the balance arrived on Thursday and Friday. Most left on Sunday, with a few staying over until Monday to enjoy this beautiful beach resort.

Friday, eight enthusiastic bicyclists took advantage of the clear beach weather by transporting their bikes on the Ferry to the Newport Peninsula, riding to The Wedge, and arriving back to the campground in time for Friday night hors d'oeuvres and a welcoming campfire.

Saturday morning included a delightful group breakfast, and Bloody Mary's prepared by Dave Ham and Jeff Moe. Debi raffled off a crocheted item she had made.

Saturday, Frank Padilla (our designated adventurer) and, took his kayak out into the bay. After mentioning that it had been a "little windy" and a "little tough" getting back to shore, Frank's offer to loan the kayak to others went unaccepted. Hopefully he will have some takers next year.

Thanks to Debi and Jeff for reserving and organizing this campout. For those who were unable to attend this year, Newport Dunes reservations have been made for April of 2019. Looking forward to seeing you then!

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