Happy Wanderers-July

For the Happy Wanderers July campout, spots were reserved at the Elks Lodge in Oceano. The campout was perfectly choreographed and executed by Wagonmasters Ed and Sally Slattery. They were ably assisted by Co-wagonmasters Russ and Luanna Moon; 12 rigs were in attendance.

While a few were able to check in a day early at Oceano, a relatively large contingent spent Thursday night at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge. Several campers took the opportunity to dine at Jackos Steak House in Nipomo, while others BBQ'd in the camping area. Tom and DeAnn Glynn created quite a stir by driving in with their huge new 5th wheel in tow.

The weather at the beach was spring-like, with daytime temperatures in the mid-70's and nighttime temperatures in the mid-60's.   Most of the time was spent outdoors: visiting, walking and playing Cornhole. A surprise Cornhole challenge by members of the Thousand Oaks Elks resulted in a total rout of Thousand Oaks by the Happy Wanderers team comprised of DeAnn Glynn and Jeff Moe; it was a sweet victory.

Friday night dinner was at the Oceano Elks lodge. A local band played live music from prior eras. It was nice to see so many from our club dancing (and actually staying up past 9:00 PM)!

Saturday night was pulled pork sandwiches with yummy side dishes. Special thanks to cooks Ed Slattery, Tom Glynn, Bill Sears and Ron Hilmer for cooking and pulling all of that pork. Yes, Dorothy's dessert was spectacular. There was plenty of food left over for Sunday lunch AND dinner.

Cathy Fuller did a fine job hiding her identity as sheriff and collecting fines. The 50/50 raffle was won by Debbie Minzer and Dave Ham.

Most were able to stay over until Monday, which left Sunday to include a visit to the Elks lodge in Pismo Beach and some jeep rides on the sand at Pismo. Pismo traffic notwithstanding, it was a lovely, cool and relaxed afternoon.

Thanks to all who contributed to this campout. Looking forward to the August campout at Lake Cachuma.

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