

June 2022 Happy Wanderers Campout
Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort & Campground San Dimas CA
Thursday 6/9-6/12

Our campout was hosted by Ron & Valeta Russell with the Traugers as assistants. Most everyone arrived on Thursday while a few even came earlier in the week. We had a total of 18 rigs. The weather was definitely warm but cooled off nicely in the evenings. This campground was new to many of our group & yet it sits just an hour from Simi Valley. I think everyone was very pleased with the sites that were quite large with plenty of trees & lots of nice green grass. These days that is really a big deal! The campground staff was so accommodating & super helpful. We are already looking into a campout for next year.

Friday was the official kick off for club activities. A small group went golfing in the morning while others played games, rode bikes & relaxed. Friday evening, we had an awesome spread of Hors d' oeuvres & enjoyed a cocktail or two followed by fun around the fire with some Ukulele & songs by our own Ron Russell.

Saturday, we started with Bloody Mary's & mimosas served by our bar tender extraordinaire, Moe Nadeau, followed by a wonderful breakfast of eggs two ways, potatoes, bacon, sausage, fruit, croissants...wow! It's a good thing we hydrated & fueled up because shortly thereafter, we were challenged by the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge & I think their club's name is "Sons of Beaches" to a game of cornhole baseball. A vertical cornhole game that none of us had ever played. Super fun game that involves 9 players for each team which was great. We played two games & took second place in both, lol! But we had so much fun!!!! We are already working on making our own boards. They were great hosts & very entertaining. They would love to challenge us at next year's jamboree which is a big fundraiser for their club. Saturday evening was another giant meal of pulled pork & chicken sandwiches along with so many sides. We certainly never go hungry at these campouts. Following that wonderful meal was a beautiful gift of a military banner from our own Frank Padilla to his brother Patrick (him & his wife Liz joined us for the weekend). Frank's love & admiration for his brother brought tears to my eyes. Patrick is an Iraq veteran of the Army & the banner was from their father's unit so it is really special. Once our eyes were dry, we moved on to a fashion show by Chris Trauger & Dave Ham sporting our new club aprons that are in the works to be available soon. Can I just say, "Wow, Dave, you've been working out!" I guess you had to be there for that one. ;-). Next came the 50/50 raffle with Donna Sawyer & Liz Padilla as the winners. Finally, the secret sheriff was revealed & clearly everyone had been misbehaving at some point during the weekend as I think everyone was fined.

Sunday morning the fun was done & it was time to go home. Fun times, good friends & happy memories!

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