



Simi Valley Elks Happy Wanderers camping club headed north to Paso Robles / Wine Country. There were 11 rigs and 25 folks that were able to make this trip. The sun was out and a bit breezy at times. Our "HUB" was the gathering place between four rigs and close to every rig. The HUB setup was a bar, tv, speaker, fire-pit, BBQ's, Cornhole, Baseball Cornhole and canopies. Thursday started with a mid-afternoon Charcuterie at the Capaldi's. All that had arrived were invited, good fellowship for those attending. Everyone started to arrive filling our block of sites around 4:00 pm. We watched the NFL game and then the Karaoke started. Cyndi (Asst. Chairman) & Tim Egan were the headliners. Friday, some of the fellas went golfing at the Paso Robles Country Club, along with visitors Mike Nolan & John Puckett (Thousand Oaks Lodge, Leading Knight). Some other folks went thrifting and site seeing. Then back at the HUB, the Cornhole Challenges began. Winners made \$\$ and so did the Happy Wanderers \$80. We now loaded all the cars and headed to the Paso Robles Elks for "Cook Your Own" meat choices were Steak and Chicken with all the fixings. We met the SLO Happy Wanders, fun times exchanging stories. Again back to the HUB, Newcomers David Wilson, girlfriend Diana, Troy Gould (an Elks, soon to be a Happy Wanderer), Kristin & Trever Sherman started the karaoke off right. Mike Nolan, Tim Egan & John Puckett (John, broke out some eats, Jalapeno Poppers) soon joined in. Karaoke was turned off at quiet time 10:00 pm and the firepit was put to work, stories lasted until 11:30.

Saturday morning Dennis VanSloten & Ron Hilmer handled the cooking pancakes, bacon, eggs and sausages for breakfast. Our first meal together as our group, The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Mike Nolan and Prayer by Charlene VanSloten. The Paso Campout souvenir coffee cups were given out to all the campers. Again lots of extra food was donated (Ham's chorizo & eggs. (VanSloten's) yogurt, canola and fruit. Trever Sherman, was our Mixologist (Mimosas & Bloody Mary's) were flowing, always there to refill your glass. A group went to Tobin James Winery for wine tasting. Sandy Horridge, was able to purchase bottles of wine for our group at a 15% discount with her membership. Others continued wine tasting and others prepped for dinner. Don Corson & Dennis VanSloten handled cooking of the Fajitas Asada & Chicken was the main dish, several side dishes were brought (Phillips') cucumber salad, chicken quesadillas, chili, Caprese Skewers, Shrimp Ceviche, guacamole, green salad and Shrimp tray. Dessert featured Cherry Pie, Ice Cream, Rice Krispy Treats, Hilmer's 13 years old Apple Pie MoonShine, Flan Everything tasted great. Thanks everyone with all the cleanup (teamwork is key). At the HUB the madness continued until 10:00 karaoke by the firepit.



Paso is the furthest campout on our schedule. Thank you for staying committed. I know there's a closer campout within weeks of this location and 150 miles closer, again thank you for the commitment. Kudos to the Corson's for continuing to Paso, after breaking down on Santa Barbara, towed to Pismo and to Paso on Friday mid-afternoon. Russells and Dave Francis, sorry we missed you, hope you're feeling better . I have a Paso Coffee cup for each of you.

** Vanda & Ron, sorry about your site flooding. You get the HouseBoat next year.

Special thanks to the VanSloten's, Hilmer's, Corson's, Ham's & Capaldi's for their help and direction on being a Wagonmaster.

Simi Valley Elk Officers on the trip were Mike Nolan, Trever Sherman, Kristin Sherman, Cyndi Phillips & Sandy Horridge, thanks for the support.

Membership in the club is open to all Simi Valley Elks in good standing. Our meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month, in the Lodge Meeting Room at 7:00 pm. Come join in the fun.

Photos were mostly handled by Vanda Hilmer. If you have any photos to share, please forward to Ron Russell russron@sbcglobal.net

Your first-time Wagon Masters,
Tim Egan, Joyce & Vic Su'a