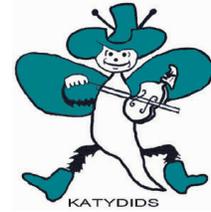


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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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START YOUR WEEKENDS RIGHT ... DANCE WITH THE KATYDIDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT!



CLUB CALENDAR

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| Fri., Jul. 03: | Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP | Fri., Jul. 24: | Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP |
| Sat., Jul. 04: | Celebrate our nation's birthday ! | Fri., Jul. 31: | Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP |
| Fri., Jul. 10: | Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP | Fri., Aug. 07: | Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
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| Sun., Jul. 12: | Executive Board Meeting
6:30 PM at the Stevens' home | Fri., Aug. 14: | Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP |
| Fri., Jul 17: | Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
PARTY NIGHT Bring food to share
Wear GREEN . | Sat., Aug. 15: | Angel Island Tour
8:00 AM Bus leaves Santa Clara First
Baptist Church, 3111 Benton St.
Bring backpack, comfortable shoes & a jacket. |
| Sun., Jul. 19 | Annual Club Picni & Reunione
Central Park in Santa Clara
11:00 – 3:00 PM; lunch at noon
Bring chairs, table service, pot luck item
and a BIG appetite!! | Fri., Aug. 21: | Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
PARTY NIGHT Bring food to share
Wear GREEN . |



RUSSIAN HILL TOUR
with
Gary Holloway
Saturday, May 30, 2009

Great day, learned a lot, delightful architecture, surprising tiny parks and pathways, not to mention a wonderful tour guide and a spectacular lunch complete with "how-to-make-a-rabbit-with-your-napkin lesson"!!



Can you spot the gigantic hare in the garden?!

Photos courtesy of Don Gaubatz, Pat Angotti, and Stephanie Stevens



The car b-a-r-e-l-y fits into the garage!!



Those are orchids growing on the balcony!



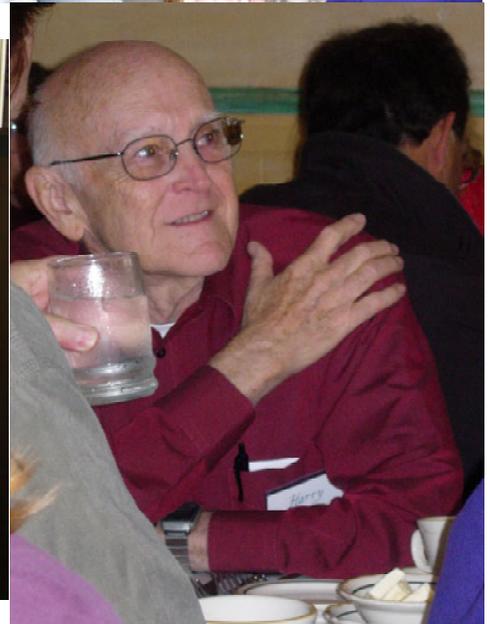
Thank you, Morris, for the portable PA system!



Tiny park overlooking SF Bay



**Lunch at Caesar's ...
Yum! Oink! Oink!**



The rabbit-out-of-a-napkin lesson.

FROM MARY & ROD ---

June 5, 2009

Hello Friends and Family,

Hi, y'all. It's been a long time. No excuse other than having too much fun. I'm going to skip ahead to tell you about our May travels while they're still fresh in my mind. I'll get caught up -- eventually.



We started the month in Fort Worth, where in addition to visiting with many old friends, we had routine checkups for the truck (100,000 miles), the trailer (50,000

miles) and ourselves (who's counting?). After an enjoyable week, we headed toward our spring destination the national parks of Utah. On the way we stopped to visit – with Mary's relatives – Amber, Alex and Alysia. We stayed at the Elks Lodge, a wonderful setup with a dozen full hookup sites – and a swimming pool!

Venturing on at a leisurely pace, we overnighed at two New Mexico state parks located near I-40 –



Santa Rosa State Park (near Santa Rosa, NM)

and Bluewater State Park (near Gallup, NM).



Our first destination was Canyon de Chelly National Monument in northeastern Arizona. It's somewhat unique in that admission is free since it is still inhabited by the Navajo Indians. Even the designated camping area within the park is free, although no hookups. We started with the

North Rim Drive, which has several overlooks of Canyon del Morte to display just how large this canyon is.



We were also able to see some of the cliff dwelling remains from the Anasazi inhabitants of 1000 years ago.

And some of the dwellings of the current Navajo inhabitants –

complete with outhouse. These are summer homes of the elderly raising corn and sheep in mostly traditional methods for sustenance.



The traditional summer home was the "wikiup", a light shelter from the intense sun – rain really isn't a problem!



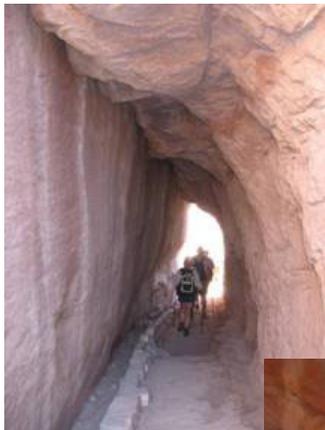
The South Rim Drive provides several additional overlooks – Canyon de Chelly this time. The southern sun provides a dramatically different perspective in lighting and colors. The end of the drive brought us to this beautiful spire, Spider Rock. (Mary & Rod continued on page 6)

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Because this is still an inhabited canyon, there is only one trail to the interior open without a native guide (on foot or by four-wheeler). We opted to take that trail with a Park Ranger – a fortuitous choice, as we got to hike downriver (literally)



for two miles to another trail rather than having to return by the same trail as required of unescorted hikers. The trail down was the White House Trail and the primary destination was a close view of this archeological site. There just happened to be several Navajo nearby selling their homemade wares.



Near the beginning of the trail was this tunnel, which made the trip down possible for us tenderfeet

By hiking down river, we got to exit near Tunnel Overlook, saving us several hundred feet in vertical climb. It was still a climb, though!



Next stop, Page, AZ, Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Powell. A beautiful bridge and the combination of blue water, white dam and red rocks are awesome. There is also a wonderful visitor center here, complete with a tour of the dam. Lots of activity in the area. We stayed at the Elks Lodge – great meals, but smoking allowed.



We took our first “slot canyon” hike here. What a wonderful time we had! Barely squeezing through between multi-colored rocks that tower above you – and probably walking through a little water, too. We tried “the lottery” twice to get passes to hike out to “The Wave” but were not successful. There were 40+ groups (1-8 people in a group) vying for 10 individual passes granted daily.

Another hike took us to an area called “The Toadstools” [There are] several dozen of these formations.



Tracking time zones is a problem on the AZ/UT border – and the Navajo Reservation adds another wrinkle. We were constantly back and forth.



And then, out in the middle of this rock, sand and heat you find a “hanging garden” – a cave-like area where the cooler air condenses the low humidity (10-20%) or the water seeping from sandstone above is collected and a wide variety of

plants and animals can survive.

We took a day long cruise with the Rainbow Bridge as the destination.

This bridge is huge; it’s supposed to be the largest in the country. I was 150 yards away for this picture.



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After the short walk to the bridge, the captain took this 100-passenger boat into this watery slot canyon! We went almost a mile along this twisting waterway with the walls towering on both sides, sometimes only six inches away!

Our last hike in the Page area took us to the "Horseshoe Overlook." A couple of miles below the Glen Canyon Dam, the Colorado



River has formed this beautiful site. As with most areas of the west, normal pictures just can't really capture the expanse – they just serve as reminders for brain memory.

We headed for the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, dropping down to cross the Colorado River at Lees Ferry (historically, the only crossing for a hundred miles) and driving for 50 miles along the Vermillion Cliffs. A gorgeous area well worth a return visit for a longer stay.

At the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, we opted to boondock in the Kaibab National Forest just outside the



entrance to the park. We joined Gina & Harold (we met them on the slot canyon hike) and had this area pretty much to

ourselves. Fresh pine-scented air, bright sunshine and a campfire every night – life is pretty good (especially with our satellite dish).



Here's the view from the incredible Grand Canyon Lodge porch – looking down Bright Angel Canyon to Grand

Canyon at the far end. The haze isn't just distance. Even in Spring, the year's best conditions, the pollution from towns and plants hundreds of miles away is evident. It's getting measurably worse each year – we can easily tell the difference from our visit 10 years ago.

We drove out to Cape Final, the only place along the North Rim that you can actually see to the Colorado River.



Some nice hikes here, too.

We drove out 30 miles along the dirt forest road through Kaibab National Forest – and found that the canyon was still immense.



We took a pretty good hike down the North Kaibab Trail, reaching the Supai Tunnel. Yet this was only part of the way to the

canyon bottom! We get more impressed every year that my Dad hiked all the way to the bottom with us at age 70!

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We moved on – and down – to Zion National Park in southern Utah. Temperatures changed from 60’s to 80’s. The reverse of Grand Canyon, here we were walking in the bottom of the canyon looking up at these towering colorful cliffs the tallest sandstone cliffs in the word. Formed from 2000+ foot sand dunes, they dwarf the Sahara’s tallest 250 foot dunes. Lots of colors, highlighted by sunlight and shadows.

There is much more than Zion to do in the area. Our WHR campground was just across the highway from Red Cliffs National Recreation Area. We spent a wonderful day exploring, traveling up this red streambed. The stream would hide and reappear as we followed the twists and turns, finding surprising pools, small waterfalls, and odd shapes around every curve



Another day we took a loop drive through the Zion tunnel (too short for our RV) and up to

Cedar Breaks National Monument. The road through the park (at over 10,000 feet) was just opened for Memorial Weekend and the campground won’t open for another two weeks due to snow.

Our highlight in Zion was the hike up to Angels Landing. This hike features Walter’s Wiggles, a series of 22 steep switchbacks, and this trail across the ridge that in places is only 4 feet wide with 1000 foot drop-offs on both sides!



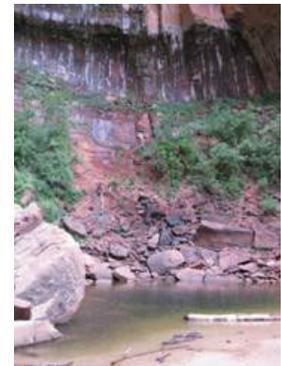
The view from the top is phenomenal! I keep thinking that views of canyons and cliffs can’t get any better – and keep finding out that I was wrong. Well worth the trip – lots of people of all ages and sizes make the trip. Wish you could see the video.



On the east side of Zion tunnel is the Canyon Overlook Trail. From the summit, you can see the road winding up to the

tunnel entrance and the windows that were cut out of the tunnel wall to allow views of the cliffs and canyons. The road was an engineering marvel about 1928, but is limited to one way travel for mid-size RV’s and can’t handle today’s larger ones.

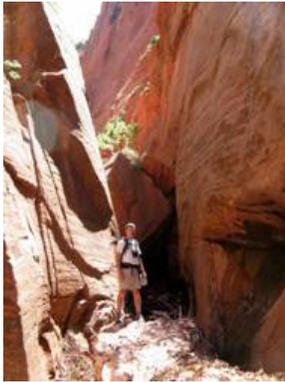
One of the most popular hikes is the Three Pools Trail. The first pool is reached by walking behind a waterfall that mists water across a large opening. The second pool is a short but steep climb above the first. The third pool is a significant climb but rewards you with a v-e-r-y tall (but small) waterfall and these beautiful multi-colored wall paintings from the seeping minerals.



Our last trip in the area was to the western entrance to Zion, known as the Kolob Canyons. We started to take a popular trail to the Twin Arches, but an elderly hiker at the trailhead told us of a little-used trail up a box canyon along the

South Fork of Taylor Creek. This was the view from that trailhead.

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The canyon walls narrowed and the trail climbed up over a centuries-old landslide that had dammed the creek, visible in the middle of the previous picture. This created a lake that gradually filled with silt, resulting in a tree-filled meadow. The walls continue to narrow. Finally becoming impassible, we were walking on 6 feet deep pack snow that had avalanched from the steep walls.

We'll continue in the Utah parks until it gets too hot, and then head for Idaho. July 4th we'll be at a square dance camp in Lolo, MT. We haven't heard from some of you in quite a while – please let us know what you're up to.

Love to all,
Mary & Rod
817-308-5991



From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti – –

APPLE CREAM CAKE

Serves 12-15

- 1 pkg. (18 1/3 oz.) yellow cake mix
- 3 c. sliced peeled tart apples & blackberries
- 1/2 c. chopped walnuts
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 c. heavy whipped cream
- Whipped cream or vanilla ice cream, optional

Prepare cake batter according to package directions; pour into a greased 13x 9x2" baking dish. Combine apples, blackberries, walnuts, sugar and cinnamon; spoon over batter. Pour cream over the top. Bake at 350° for 60 - 70 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream if desired.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- Don Gaubatz July 07
- Rodney Helfrich July 15
- Maxine Darknell July 16
- Joyce Wies July 17
- Sue Parker July 18
- Sandy Franger July 22



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER – –

Hi Katydid!

It's official! Summer has begun . . . finally!! The warmer weather and 4th of July attest to that!

A number of us have been out of town recently with some attending the National Square Dance Convention in Long Beach and others on vacation. It's great to see **Bob Hebson** returning from his leave of absence and **Opal** will return as soon as she is able.

Annie Bennett had her surgery and is doing well and we're all looking forward to her being back on the dance floor as soon as she is able. She is now at the Plum Tree Care Center at 2580 Samaritan Drive in San José (Los Gatos) and is in room 11. Phone number is: 408-356-8181.

While I was out of town last week, I understand that a small, yet spirited group had a great time helping **Jim** celebrate his birthday.

On behalf of the Club, I'd like to give a hearty welcome to new member, **Vic Oros**, and returning member, **Gary Hinze**. It's great to have you on board!!

In a couple of weeks we will be having our annual club picnic and reunion. Sign-ups begin tonight to help setup, cook, and clean-up and to choose your favorite dish to bring. Remember, the Club will be providing the hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, and beverages. I am looking forward to seeing all of you, workshop attendees, as well as past members of the Club. It will be a terrific day of relaxed socializing with good friends.

Later this month, there are several hoedowns to attend, once of which is the Lucky Steppers Anniversary Dance at "The Slab" in Ben Lomond. Our previous Club caller, **Harold Fleeman**, will be calling that night. Should make for a fun evening dancing outdoors.

See you in a square soon!

Stephanie



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ! !

Bob & Opal Hebson..... July 12

**SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS
and DUTIES**

*Acting Super Square Head
Lloyd Darknell (408) 482-9320*

Jul 03 Kernan / Headman
Jul 10 Anderson
Jul 17 Pitts / Powell
Jul 24 Darknell
Jul 31 Angotti / Gaubatz

Aug. 07 Franger / Moore
Aug. 14 Bennett
Aug. 21 Benevento
Aug 28 Clark

Sep 4 Caywood
Sep 11 Kernan / Headman
Sep 18 Anderson
Sep 25 Pitts / Powell

Before the dance:

- Notify the Acting Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, at (408) 482-9320, of any needed change of duty assignment dates.
- Purchase and bring 6-8 lbs ice for the water cooler.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive **by 6:30 PM.**
- Set up tables and chairs as needed. *Note: Chairs should be set up in a horseshoe shape with an opening at the back for access to food & drinks.*
- Make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.
- * Attach special signs to recycle containers.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the sign-in table.
- Offer raffle tickets, 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- Have guests sign guest book and collect a \$4.00 donation per guest and ‘angels’.
- Give guest names to President or Membership Chair for introduction during announcements.
- Divide the raffle proceeds – 50% to the Club, 50% to **one single “prize” cup.**
- Check that water and cups do not run out.
- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.

After the dance –

- **ALL MEMBERS: Clean up!!** Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into the Club Cupboard. *Remove non-recyclable trash accidentally tossed into the designated recycle bins.* Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located in the side parking lot.

NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST (remember the Caller’s table, too), then the chair “rack”.
- Remove signs from recycle containers and put into cupboard.
- Notify the Super Square Head of any supplies that are needed.

**UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS
— PLUS LEVEL —**

Jul. 18: 51st Anniversary Dance; Lucky Steppers
Ben Lomond Slab, Mill Street
7:00 – 7:30 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
7:30 PM; Caller: **Harold Fleeman**

Jul. 25: San Mateo Roadrunners
Beresford Recreation Center
2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo
8:00 – 8:30 PM; PreRounds: Barbara-Lynn Smith
8:30 – 11:00 PM; Caller: Jerry Helt

Jul. 25: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers
Ben Lomond Slab, Mill Street
7:00 – 7:30 PM; Cuer: Sue Harris
7:30 PM; Caller: Eric Henerlau

Aug. 1: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers
Ben Lomond Slab, Mill Street
7:00 – 7:30 PM; Cuer: Sue Harris
7:30 PM; Caller: Lawrence Johnstone

Aug. 8: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers
Ben Lomond Slab, Mill Street
7:00 – 7:30 PM; Cuer: TBA
7:30 PM; Caller: Roger Smith

Aug. 15: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers
Ben Lomond Slab, Mill Street
7:00 – 7:30 PM; Cuer: Sue Harris
7:30 PM; Caller: Bill Silver

Aug. 15: Starlight Hoedown, CPSD
Adira Dance & Costume Parking Lot
1202 Lincoln Ave., San José
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: John Flora
8:00 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Gary Carnes
Bring chairs & food to share

Aug. 22: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers
Ben Lomond Slab, Mill Street
7:00 – 7:30 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
7:30 PM; Caller: **Jim Osborne**

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NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN
Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!
 -- January Class Level --
Sat., July 11: Bows & Beaus
 Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
 728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
 7:30 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Keith Ferguson
 Theme: Red, White and Blue

Picnic

**Katydids Square Dance
Club Reunion**

**Sunday
July 19**

**Central Park
Santa Clara**

909 Kiely Blvd

**11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Eating at Noon**



I can't eat anything - I'm stuffed

Remember to bring:

Appetizers
Salad/side dishes
(with serving spoons/forks)
Chairs
Plates and utensils
Drinks (special if desired)

Club provides:

Hamburgers
Hotdogs
Drinks
Condiments



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