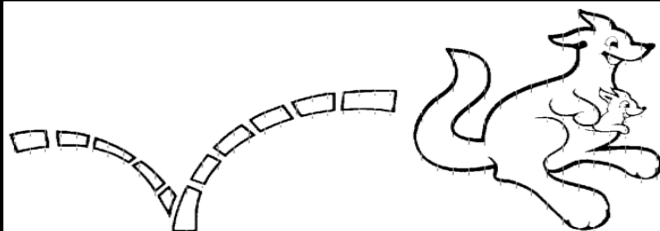


# KANGA ROOS NEWSLETTER

Front Page



Kanga Roo Chapter of California, Bounders United, Inc.

President  
Ken's Message

*BOUNDERS  
UNITED, INC.*

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## President's Message

We just got home from the 5<sup>th</sup> (I think) annual Multi-Chapter outing in this area held at 49er RV Village in Plymouth, CA. We had about 35 coaches, representing over 6 chapters, full hookups and a large clubhouse for meeting and dining in. The Banjo Band that played after dinner on Wednesday night was very good. How do I know that? I did not see anyone get up and leave early before they were done playing. The other highlight was the Chili Cook Off. Everyone, it seemed, had an opinion and lots of tasting. I would like to thank Bob Scharmann and everybody else who helped organize and put this on. You did a fantastic job.

I would like to welcome Bob and Carol (Buzz) Zimmerman to the Kangaroos as our newest members. They were at the outing and decided to join us. Be sure to make them feel welcome at our next outing.

Be sure to reserve June 12-15 for our next outing at Jackson Rancheria RV Park in Jackson CA. It is a beautiful park. There is shuttle service to the casino if you want to gamble, eat or drink. Other things are also being planned. Reservation form was in the last newsletter. This is being hosted by Cliff and Lois Benzel and John and Sue Nussbaumer.

We have five volunteers for this year's nomination committee. They are John Fewins, Shelley Graham, George Martin, Carlene Null and Randy Trujillo. Please don't run and hide if they approach you. They may plan on asking if you would like to have a drink with them or would you run for an office.

Jim Selner passed away in February. He and his wife Julie have been very active members of our chapter. He will be greatly missed. As you know, there was a memorial service held for Jim Selner in Tracy while a lot of us were at the multi-chapter outing. During our business meeting, we held our own toast to Jim Selner.

Jim will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on June 18, 2012, with full military honors

Ken Martin

## **Member Emergency at Outings**

If any member has an emergency, such as spouse needing help, most of us cannot take the time to go get help from another coach. The following is recommended!

1. Turn on headlights and emergency flashers.
2. Honk your horn with long blasts at least three times.
3. Make sure your door is unlocked.
4. Give all your attention to your spouse.
5. When help arrives, explain what the problem is and the provider will do what they can.

## **FUTURE OUTINGS**

**June 12-15, 2012, Jackson Rancheria, Benzel's, Nussbaumer.**

**Aug. 2-5, 2012, Sugar Barge RV Park, Nussbaumer & Gohl's.**

**Sept. 10-Oct. 11, 2012, Kanga Roo Rolling Rally to BU National Rally, Scharmann's**

**Dec. 10-13, 2012, 49er Resort, Plymouth, CA. Graham's, Freunds & Brockmann's, Trujillo.**

**Jan. 16-Feb. 20, 2013 Quartzsite & Yuma, no host.**

### **Tom Robb**

Tom Robb passed away on December 29, 2011. Tom and Leslie Robb. BU #9606, are members of the Kanga Roo Chapter and have been members of Bounders United since 2004. They formerly were from Fresno, CA but moved to Indiana to be nearer their son. Tom will be missed by his family and Bounder friends.

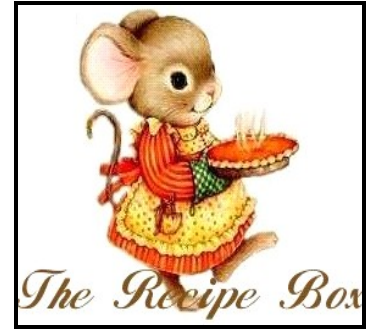
For all members who are going on the Rolling Rally to the National Rally, be sure and take your US Passport. We may want to go to Victoria and it will be needed to re-enter the US.

**We all plan to go into the rally one (1) day early. Please register for an extra day beginning Sept. 18th.**

## Chicken Tortilla Soup

By Sandy Martin

- 2 or 3 chicken breasts uncooked (use frozen boneless)
- 2 or 3 cans black beans 15oz. (undrained)
- 3 cans Rotel tomatoes
- 1 C. Salsa (any kind)
- 1 4oz. can diced green chilies
- 1 14 1/2 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 or 2 cans chicken broth
- 1 chopped onion (optional)



Combine all ingredients in crock-pot. Cover and cook on low 7-8 hours. Just before serving, remove chicken and shred or cut into bite size pieces. Return to pot.

Serve: Put small handful tortilla chips in bottom of bowl. Ladle soup over chips. Serve with shredded cheese, sour cream and cilantro

### IDIOT SIGHTING:

My daughter and I went through the McDonald's take-out window and I gave the clerk a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her a quarter. She said, 'you gave me too much money.' I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar bill back. She sighed and went to get the manager, who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the quarter, and said 'We're sorry but we could not do that kind of thing.' The clerk then proceeded to give me back \$1 and 75 cents in change.

Do not confuse the clerks at McD's.

There are 5,000 types of snakes and 4,998 of them live in the South

*it's*  
**HAPPY**  
**EASTER**  
*time*

**There is no such thing as lunch. There is only dinner and then there's supper.**

## Northern California Multi-Chapter Outing

Mar. 26-29

The fifth Multi-Chapter outing was held in Plymouth, CA with 35 motorhomes in attendance. Almost everyone was anxious to get traveling so they arrived a day early at the Far Horizons RV Resort.

The first actual day of the outing found everyone enjoying the wine country and getting together to greet old and new friends and hold chapter meetings before all the real festivities began.

On Tuesday, the campground furnished firewood for the clubhouse fireplace which was enjoyed by everyone since the weather was unseasonably chilly.

In the evening on Tuesday we had an opening ceremony. In attendance were the BU Western Region Vice President, the Special Interest Vice President, the Constitution & Bylaws Committee Chairperson and the BU Scholarship Chairperson.

When we had a Chapter attendance count we found that there were nine BU Chapters present. They were as follows: Gold Country Roos, ReBounders, Silicon Valley Joeys, BUTTN's, Outward Bounders, Ramblin Roos, F Troop, Webfoot Roos and Kanga Roos,

The ladies enjoyed a wonderful luncheon, with some bringing salads and others bringing desserts. There were many raffle prizes given away to those purchasing tickets with the proceeds (\$150) going to the BU Scholarship Fund. There was a delicious catered spaghetti dinner in the evening and then a well-attended game of card bingo took place later that night.

Wednesday started with a delicious continental breakfast. A GREAT chili cook-off found about seven contestants chopping and mixing their famous recipes for judging by local judges and for a popular vote by all members who thoroughly enjoyed the tasting. In addition to the chili to taste, a local winery came to pour wine to cool off the hot chili appetites.

In the evening, after awarding the prizes to the many winners of the cook-off, a delicious catered steak dinner was enjoyed by everyone. To top off the great outing, several members of the Sacramento Banjo Band came and entertained us for an hour or so. They were wonderful and one couple (names not mentioned) did a rousing polka to every ones approval. They were Jay and Ruthie Gohl!!!

Will there be a sixth annual Multi-Chapter Outing? Who knows???



Jay & Ruthie  
cutting a rug



Bounders parked  
at Multi-Chanter



Deep  
Concentration



Members enjoying  
entertainment  
Multi-Chanter Outing



Ladies Luncheon  
Picking Prizes



Super  
Taster!

## Minutes for meeting 3/25/2012

Meeting called to order by President Ken Martin 4:05 PM

Greeted newest members, Gary and Sherilyn Roderick and older members, Don and Kathy Malick whom we haven't seen for a while.

No new business.

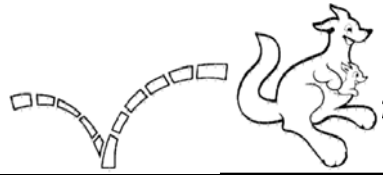
Coming outings discussed. Dates will be in newsletter.

Nominating committee: Shelley Graham, John Fewins, Geo. Martin, Carleen Null, Randy Trujillo

Toast by members for Jim Selner who passed away Feb. 15, 2012. Several memories of Jim and his accomplishments were presented.

Meeting adjourned 4:15 PM





**Chapter Officers**

Pres.— Ken Martin  
VP—Jay Gohl  
Secretary---Evie Low  
Treasurer---Don Low  
BU Point of contact---  
Anna Scharmann



**BIRTHDAY**

**Mar.**

Joan Fewins —————4  
Jay Gohl —————20  
Leslie Robb —————23

**April**

Jim Graham —————7  
Tom Bamert —————9  
Steve Holbo —————27

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Mar.**

Cliff & Lois Benzel —————27

**April**

Nathan & Jan Adamson ———14  
George & Judy Martin ———22

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

# Handling Propane Safely On Your RV

**"Better safe than sorry."**



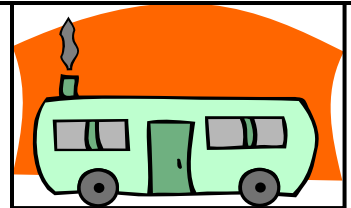
"You should have your motor home, travel trailer or fifth-wheel propane system inspected each year by an RV dealer or by a Railroad Commission-licensed propane gas supplier. A technician will check the system for leaks and for proper regulator settings, inspect the valves and fittings and certify that tanks are free from rust and dents. Any damaged equipment should be replaced immediately.

You should also inspect the various propane-operated appliances in your RV, including your refrigerator, stove, furnace, lanterns and other devices. Be sure that the supply lines connecting these appliances to propane tanks are the correct length and properly installed, with no supply lines rubbing against sharp edges or corners.

Properly install a Propane Leak Detector based on manufacturer instructions and check it each time you use of your RV. If you suspect your RV's propane detector isn't working properly, replace it with a new one immediately.



Easter Sunday is  
April 8th.



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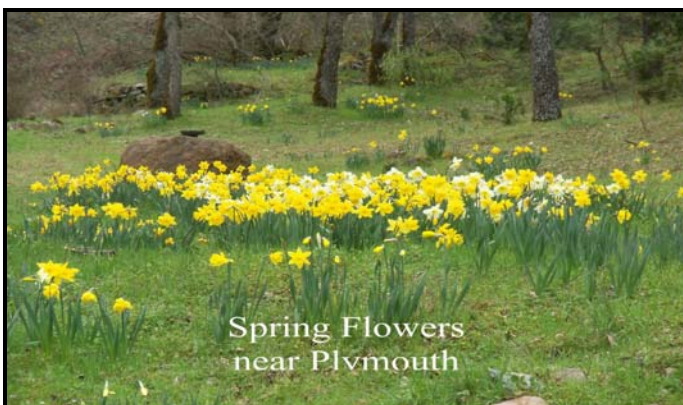
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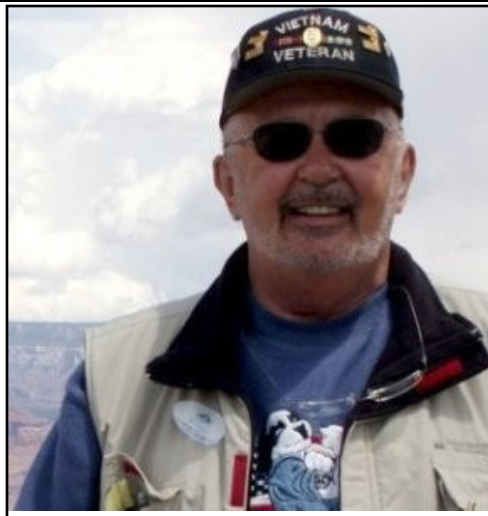
**Appliance Repair**

**Doug Escalante**  
**(209) 824-9852**

**477-3 East Wetmore**  
**Manteca, CA 95336**



Spring Flowers  
near Plymouth



**Jim Selner BU # 520**

Jim passed away on Feb. 15, 2012 after a long battle with various illnesses. Jim was a charter member of Bounders United, joining in 1988.

He was very proud of his 35 years in the United States Navy, visiting almost every country in the world. He retired in 1998. He worked at Foothills College in Palo Alto California for the next ten years. Jim will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors.

With "traveling in his blood" they purchased their first Bounder in 1988 and was very instrumental in beginning many of the California Chapters of Bounders United. He was the Rally Master for the BU National Rally in Los Banos California in 1994, which was the largest attended rally at that time, with 327 Bounders in attendance. Jim was proud that this was the first rally that ended up in the black and was the beginning of the Rally Fund.


Jim was also the vendor chairperson for many other rallies and they were all very successful. He worked very hard on the National Rally in Victorville California, which was attended by 588 Bounders of which had 65 vendors that attended.

Jim spent many years as a Western Area Rep, assisting many chapters with their problems that they were having.

Jim will be sorely missed by his wife, Julie, his family, friends and all BU members.



DAVID ELLISON  
Owner



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## Information regarding Jim Selner

I've been working on arrangements for Jim's burial at Arlington and this is what I have so far. If I've shared any of this with you before, I apologize.

1. Date and time: June 18, 2012, 9 a.m.

Attendees need to be at the Administration Building no later than 8:30 a.m. When you arrive, tell the Security Guard you are there for Jim's funeral. You do NOT need to go to the Visitor's Center to check in. You will also need a vehicle inside the cemetery. There is no shuttle service or other means of mass transit inside the cemetery.

2. The ceremony will take about an hour. I've already contracted with a videographer to take videos of and still photos of the ceremony. If anyone wants professionally done photos or a copy of the DVD after the ceremony, they will be available for download from a password protected website or from the photographer for a cost.

3. Once the ceremony is done, attendees have 2 options. You can move your vehicles back to the Visitor's Center, get a map and take a self-guided tour of Arlington, or you can come back to my motel, the Residence Inn Arlington Rosslyn for a light lunch before returning home. I'll provide a map/directions the day of the burial to whomever wants to join us.

4. If you are looking for a place to stay the night before the burial (given the early start on the 18th), the Residence Inn Arlington Rosslyn is offering discounted room rates to anyone reserving a room who says with are in town for Jim's ceremony. The Sunday night rate will be \$109.00/nite. If you stay longer, each night's rate will most likely be different, but will average about \$30 less per night than the posted rates with Monday - Wednesday night rates being the highest due to demand.

And finally, Maddie and I will be in town from early June 13th (would have been Jim's 76th birthday) until VERY EARLY on June 20th. I was lucky enough to see Washington DC with Jim on 3 different occasions, so probably won't be doing the "tourist thing" on this trip. We WILL be spending some time with his Aunt Ginny in White Plains, MD, but for the most part I have no specific plans for that week. If you're planning on "playing tourist", enjoy yourselves. Washington DC is a gorgeous place and you need days to see just the main attractions. ENJOY!!!

Let me know if you have any questions.

Julie

PS -- One of the "highlights" of my first visit to Washington DC was a tour of the White House. Back in the 80's it was on a "drop in" basis and is not so easy any longer. However, if you are interested in doing so while in DC, here's a link to get you going. I'm NOT opening my own travel agency, but thought it might be of interest, especially to "virgin" travelers to DC. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/tours-and-events>

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In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

God

Bless and keep them.

## ARLINGTON CEMETERY FACTS

Question:

On Jeopardy the other night, the final question was "How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns" ---- All three contestants missed it! --This is really an awesome sight to watch if you've never had the chance.

Very fascinating.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

1.

How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why? 21 steps: It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2.

How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why? 21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

3.

Why are his gloves wet? His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4.

Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and,if not, why not? He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path,he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5.

How often are the guards changed? Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6.

What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10' and 6' 2' tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30. They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe Lewis {the boxer} Medal of Honor winner Audie L. Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII and of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty..

ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT  
SHINE UPON THEM.

# KANGA ROO JUNE OUTING

Jackson Rancheria RV Park  
12222 New York Ranch Road  
Jackson, CA

June 12-15, 2012

**\$110 per rig.**

**(Includes full hookups, Wi-Fi and Cable TV)**

**If you want to stay additional nights, please add \$30 for each night and tell us which nights you will stay over. We need ten rigs for the group discount.**

- Tues 12      Arrival and set-up  
5:30 BYOD and Heavy Hors d' oeuvres  
(Bring your own plates and utensils)
- Wed 13      Courtesy coffee in clubhouse daily  
1:00 optional WII bowling tournament  
5:00 Happy Hour  
6:00 Western Night-No Host Pizza, etc. @ the ole Jailhouse  
Western attire is encouraged -- Sutter Creek, CA
- Thurs 14     Courtesy coffee in clubhouse daily  
10:00 Business meeting, if necessary  
10:30 Kitchen Store Demo  
5:00 Happy Hour  
5:30 PM - John's Famous Rib dinner (A-L dessert, M-Z salad)
- Fri 15      Goodbyes and Travel Safely

Make check payable to Cliff Benzel  
Send to John Nussbaumer  
851 Donner Way  
Manteca, CA 85337  
209-239-2690

**Must have reservations by May 10<sup>th</sup> to hold sites.**

Hosts Cliff and Lois Benzel, John and Sue Nussbaumer

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Detach and send with check

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Length of rig \_\_\_\_\_

Number of extra nights \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

# KANGA ROO AUGUST OUTING

August 2-5, 2012  
Sugar Barge RV Park  
1400 Sugar Barge Rd., Bethel Island, CA 94511  
Three nights = \$125.00

Wagon Masters: Nussbaumers (209) 239-2690, Gohl's (209) 824-1111

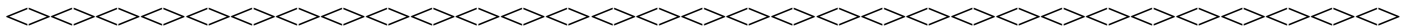
Thursday 2nd	11:00 am	Arrival and set-up.
	4:30 pm	Hoppy hour, BYOD.
	5:30 pm	Dinner on your own. Games to follow, if desired.
Friday. 3rd	7:00 am	Coffee is on.
	9:00 am	Biscuits & gravy, eggs, OJ. Bring your own table service.
	10:00 am	Meeting to follow in clubhouse
	4:30 pm	Hoppy hour, BYOD.
	5:30 pm	Bring your favorite Hors d'oeuvres and your own table Service. Games to follow, if desired
Saturday 4th	7:00 am	Coffee is on.
	8:00 am	Continental breakfast; bring your own table service.
	4:00 pm	Hoppy hour, BYOD.
	5:00 pm	BBQ Tri tip, salad & potato. Bring table service.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 am	Coffee for early risers. Goodbyes. SAFE TRAVELS.

Deadline for registration -- July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Early arrival or stay over, \$33.50 make reservations with park @ (800) 799-4100  
Tell park you are with Kanga Roo group.

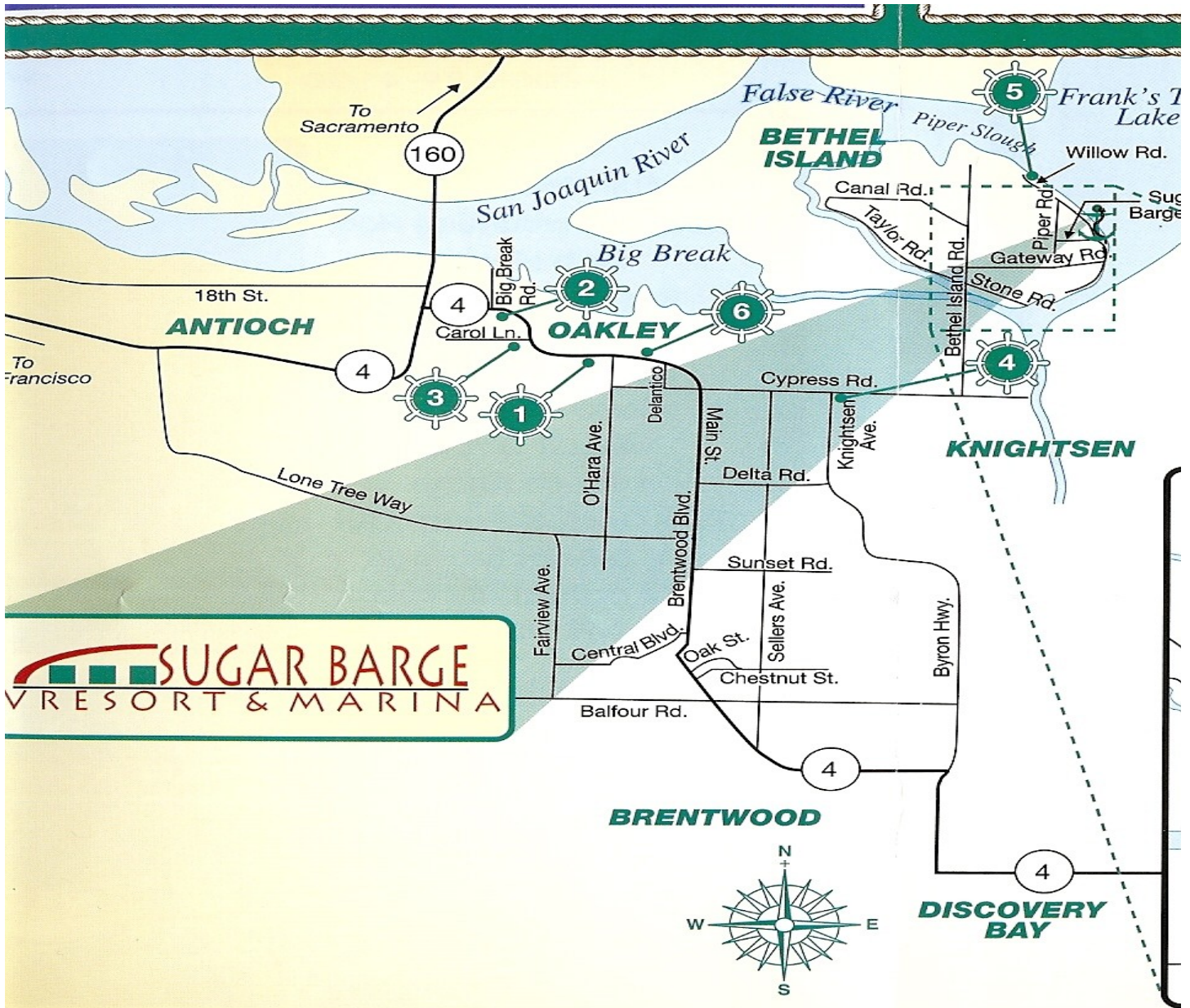
Please send checks made out to:

**John Nussbaumer, 851 Donner Way, Manteca, CA 95337**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Arrival & Number of Nights: \_\_\_\_\_



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