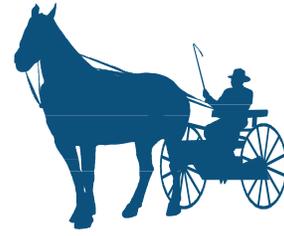




**PXL - ECV AT THE  
WHISKEY FLAT PARADE  
SATURDAY, FEB 16, 2019**



IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS SINCE WE'VE MARCHED IN THE WHISKEY FLAT DAYS PARADE UP IN KERNVILLE (OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE, UP NEAR LAKE ISABELLA), BUT SEVERAL GREYBEARDS HAVE ASKED IF WE COULD DO IT AGAIN ---- I'M GLAD THEY ASKED, BECAUSE I HAD ALREADY SUBMITTED OUR APPLICATION! THE PARADE IS ALWAYS ON THE SATURDAY OF PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND, SO THAT WILL BE FEBRUARY 16, 2019. WE ALWAYS LINE UP ON SIERRA WAY, JUST PRIOR TO THE PARADE. I WILL BE THERE AROUND 0830 (THAT'S 8:30 AM). XNGH Donny "Sawdust" Johnson has offered to let the Widders ride in the back of his truck, and he will have a couple of bales of hay to sit on. So, dress up in your finest 1890's outfits, or come as you are ladies! My Widder, Jayne will have her truck available if more ladies show up than can safely fit in the other truck.

I've had a new, easier to carry, banner made up for the event. Years ago, the PXL had a band; well, I don't know anything about music except I like it --- but I bought 20 Kazoos if any of the brothers would like to join in. You only have to know how to hum to play a kazoo. Our Vice-Humbug, "Pokey" has suggested the "Bridge Over the River Kwai" (I think that's how you spell it) theme song for starters. Sounds good to me. The Police will most likely have the roads blocked off for the parade, and you may have to walk to get to Sierra Way. Just follow the main road through Kernville as far east as it will go. It dead-ends at Sierra Way. Turn right and go down the road until you find us. All groups have a specific place in line, but they don't issue those place numbers until just before the parade starts. The Judges will come by some time between 9 and 9:30 am. The parade starts usually at 10 am.

We never know what the temperature will be, but it will probably be chilly. Five of six years ago it even snowed the day before, but the snow was gone the day of the parade. The wife and I are also Ham Radio Operators and must stay in touch with other Ham operators every morning, and every morning we mark down what the daily / weekly temperature are, or will be. I went back for two years and the temperature for the 2017 parade was 51 degrees, and in 2018 it was 67, so as you can see, it can be just about anywhere. Clamper vests, red shirts, and jeans are appropriate for we Redshirts.

For anyone who wants to march in the parade, Jayne and I will make our ranch land available for you to camp on the Friday before the parade. BUT IT IS DRY CAMPING, NO WATER, NO ELECTRICITY, AND NO TOILET FACILITIES --- **and dress warm, because the nights get windy and cold up here (we are at 3600 ft).** But we won't charge you anything for the use of our pasture (same place we Redshirts camp when we come to our ranch). Also, cellphones don't work up here. It will take an hour to get from our place to Kernville. The ranch address is: 20325 Redstone Ave., Caliente, CA (It's a Caliente mailing address, but actually located in Walker's Basin). Since the Clampers have been here several times before, I'm attaching the directions for getting to the ranch. Our ranch phone, 661-867-2414.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE ! ---- Al "The Quack" Price, PXL Humbug

I'm assuming that you know how to get to Kernville (almost the same way you get to Lake Isabella, then just follow the signs). Below are the directions to Jayne and my ranch in the Walker Basin.

**HOW TO GET THERE:**



**From Bakersfield:** Take SR 178 east through Kern River Canyon to the Bodfish/Havilah Exit. Turn right at the bottom of the off-ramp and continue until you dead end at Caliente-Bodfish Road, then turn right again. Follow Caliente-Bodfish Road for about 15 miles, up the mountain past Havilah, until it T-intersects with Walser Road. Turn left onto Walser and follow the asphalt for about 2 miles to Basin Street. Turn right onto Basin. Unhook and go through the cattle gate but make sure to **CLOSE AND HOOK THE GATE BEHIND YOU!** Follow Basin ST to the end, it will curve left and become Redstone AV. Just look for the signs. The Clampsite will be on the right.

**From Mojave or L.A.:** Take SR 58 to the Caliente exit. Go north through Caliente for about five miles until you reach a fork in the Road. The left fork is the Caliente-Bodfish Road. Follow it up the mountain for about 9 miles until you reach the Rankin Ranch, where you'll turn right up Walker Basin Road. Follow that until you come to another Walker Basin Road (not a typo) where you will turn right again. Go to Basin Street and make another right. Unhook and go through the cattle gate but make sure to **CLOSE AND HOOK THE GATE BEHIND YOU!** Basin Street will curve to the left and become Redstone Ave. Just look for the signs. The Clampsite will be on the right.

**RULES FOR THE WEEKEND- read & follow them:**

This is a working cattle ranch. **If you open a gate, close it!!!!** Keep your dogs in the Clampsite and away from all live-stock. Fires are allowed only if conditions permit, and then only in containers. A phone is available for emergencies but you will be out of cell range so plan accordingly. This is a dry camp, so **bring LOTS of WATER!!!**

**The nearest store is twenty miles away, so bring plenty of stuff and don't forget the coffee, paper towels and BEANS!**