The Greybeards of PXL and NGH Charles "Al VII" Topping invite you to join us at

# Bald Eagle Ranch – Havilah, CA October 17-19, 2014 (6019 C.E.)

# **Important S\*\*t to consider:**

<u>Thr, Oct 16:</u> Early arrivals welcome from 10:00 am. BBQ Tri-tip Potluck Dinner hosted by VNGH Jim Bailey. <u>Fri, Oct 17:</u> Gates officially open at 10:00 am. Help set-up camp with "Petey's Flying Circus."

6:00 pm- Timbo & NGH Charles will have your dinner of slow-cooked chicken, beans and cole slaw ready to eat.

7:12 pm- PBCs must present themselves to the Hangman for survival instruction at the cook shack.

8:15 pm- Cowboy poetry, redshirted tales and other open mic shenanigans at the cook shack. BYOB

Sat, Oct. 18: A great day of Clamping with the Brothers...

5:15 am- All PBCs report to the cookshack for our XNGH breakfast preparation/bonding ritual.

7:20 am- Potluck breakfast - We provide the EGGS! You bring sausage, ham, potatoes, tortillas, salsa, bacon, etc. Our XNGH cook team will prepare a meal guaranteed to cleanse your colon.

8:11 am-PBC & sponsor check-in at the cookshack. PBCs will be Clean & Sober -even retreads!

9:06 am- Redshirt check-in at the bar (No Grub-stub, no meals). No Kiddin'.

Noonish- Lunch at the cookshack. Experience the Humbug's Super Weenies and Mystery Legumes.

2:33 pm- PBC interrogations, entertainment, bribes, presentations, tomfoolery, etc.

4:44 pm- Necrology Ceremony (if needed) & Hall of Comparative Ovations.

6:01 pm- Dinner- steak à la Timbo, with his Clamper beans & other vittles for your enjoyment.

7:15 pm- Fireside fun - Raffles, stories, jokes, male bonding, pass the bottle and the usual BS.

Sun, Oct 19: The dreaded "morning after."

7:00 am- A continental breakfast at the cook tent. Aspirin & Rolaids for those who survived.

8:09 am- Camp clean-up. Everybody helps, from XSNGH to XPBC! New Redshirt? No helpy? No sheepskin.

10:06 am- Join us for the Ride to Kernville for the plaque dedication at the Ardis Walker House. Tour our late Brother's collection of historical and Clamper memorabilia at your leisure. **Then drive home SOBER!** 

#### What's the rub?

Pre-paid Redshirt: \$55.00, Pre-paid PBC: \$75.00 For either one it's \$10.00 more at the gate. So, don't delay. If you don't pre-pay, you may not eat. We're in the mountains and the cook needs to know how much to bring. Pre-paid means in our hands by October 7, 2014. After that, you're late and maybe hungry.

\*\*\*\*\*All PXL events are free to any Brother who is active-duty U.S. military. It's our way of saying thanks.\*\*\*\*\*
All Chapter Hawkers are welcome to ply their goods. But, be prepared to do some trading.

**<u>DO BRING</u>**: Shade, firewood, burn barrels, raffle/auction prizes, water buckets, stuff for Saturday's potluck breakfast (but not eggs), libations for yourselves and your Brothers, good PBCs, ideas for PBC games, trash bags. Please bring personal hygiene items for the ladies and toys for the kids at the women's shelter in Bakersfield. **<u>DON'T BRING</u>**: Dope, firearms, explosives (including females), eggs, weaponry, anyone under 21, pissy PBCs or any of the usual No-Nos. <u>Violation means expulsion without refund.</u> So, don't risk it. This applies to EVERYONE!

All PBCs must have a bribe for the board <u>and</u> an historical presentation, as well as their dust. PBCs will submit to the authority of our Hangman upon entry to the Clampsite and remain under his control – retreads included!

NOTE WELL: This Chapter follows the rules of the Board of Proctors of E Clampus Vitus®, Inc.

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# PETER'S PROSS

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BY MEDIUM GREEN MIKE RAMIREZ, CYBERGEEK

Hello my Brother! Charles Topping, our 53<sup>rd</sup> Humbug, cordially invites you to attend PXL's 2014 Fall Doin's, at the Bald Eagle Ranch in Havilah, beginning Friday morning 10 a.m., October 17, 2014, through Sunday. Early arrivals are also welcome beginning Thursday morning. Our Clampcrier, Gene "Dickhead" Duncker, PXP, has done his usual bang-up job of putting our flyer together, so I'll just highlight the stuff that makes this a Clampout you won't want to miss.

"The Bald Eagle" is owned by our XNGH Wes Kutzner and his Widder Janet, who've loaned us a flat, oak studded meadow with access to running water, and plenty of room for tents and RVs. You'll be riding into the mountains, where the roads are well maintained but are twisty in places. Typical mid-October weather is dry, with highs in the low 70's and lows in the high 30's, so you'll want to bring your warm jammies.

PXL is not a huge chapter, but we aren't cliquish, either. In fact we try to plan some **Friday Night activities** so that everybody can get to know each other. This time we're starting with **Friday Night Dinner**, which will feature our Humbug's slow cooked **"Chicken Poulet."** Or as I heard our Clamp Chef Timbo Gillespie shouting at the Humbug, "Charles, there's no need to choke your chicken, 'cuz we're pulling it for you!"

After dinner all are invited to participate in our Open Mic Night, aka "The Clong Show." Get up and show your CQA by telling a story, reciting a poem, singing a song, telling a joke or playing an instrument. You're under no obligation —unless you're a PBC — but you will want to laugh out loud. We're also expecting a special visit by the Unknown Clamper.

Then don't go away or you'll miss **Hole's Clamp-renowned "Queen Califa Cl'Ampitheatre and Sinerama."** Presented by our Clampatriarch Russ "Hole" Chapman. It's a collection of absurdist video shorts, with contributions from our audience and a little sing-along mixed in.

On Saturday the fun continues, starting with our Graybeards' Potluck Breakfast. You bring the breakfast meats and other goodies and we provide the EGGS and a lot of PBC elbow grease. Our cardiologist calls it "CLOGAPALOOZA 2.0," but we call it our meat-0-rama, which includes our Humbug Super Weenie Lunch and Timbo's One Pound Ribeye Steak Dinner with all the fixings including Tim's award winning super beans!

After lunch get ready to roast a few tender hinnies as our **Gray Beards' Examination** puts the PBCs to the test. In fact, if you were hesitant to bring a friend into ECV, this would be the perfect time to do it. **At PXL**, **it's not about the mud, it's about the mind f\*ck.** And you can be sure that your friend will get plenty of personal attention from our Board as he stands before the assembled Brethren. **Just make sure he's brought a really good bribe to share.** 

On Sunday we'll be plaquing the Ardis Walker House in Kernville, where after the late morning dedication you'll tour the house and see some of Ardis Walker's unique historical Clamper memorabilia.

**So what do we ask for this kind of fun? Sign-up by October 7**<sup>th</sup>, and if you are active military, you get in free. For the rest of you it's \$55, unless of course you're a PBC, in which case it would be \$75. A bargain at twice the price, just remember, it's \$10 more at the door!

Postmark your dust by October 7<sup>th</sup> to assure yourself of the discounted rate. Or go to <a href="http://www.peterlebeckecv.com/detailsF14.html">http://www.peterlebeckecv.com/detailsF14.html</a> to use our all new electronic sign-up where you can register yourself as well as your PBCs. Then either use the U.S. Mail to send in your rub or go to our handy Paypal page to get 'er done. And remember, at PXL it's BYOB.

Brethren who sign up by October 7<sup>th</sup> qualify for a personalized PXL coffee mug for an additional \$10 each. Just make sure to submit and spell correctly the name you want on your mug. We won't be responsible for any errors. A generic mug is \$12 at the Doin's.

# CHAPTER NOOSE



Well don't let anybody tell you that PXL isn't making progress, because this summer we actually got off of our butts and made stuff happen.

On June 7, 2014, as part of the annual Havilah Days street festival, PXL erected a monument at the 1866 site of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Cemetery, marking the establishment of the first Catholic parish in Kern County. Humbug Charles Topping led the work party, and we had over a dozen Redshirts and their Widders come by for the dedication. The director of Catholic Cemeteries for the Diocese of Fresno also came by to bless and reclaim what had become a lost, orphaned cemetery.

The St. Joseph's church building had burned down back in the late 1800's, and was never rebuilt. The old burial ground remained but the diocese had lost track of it; that is, until 2014, when history buffs from the "Cemetery Interest Group," including Jayne Hotchkiss-Price, Widder of our Brother Al Price, went looking for answers and prompted the diocese to search its records. Officials at the diocese were surprised and grateful. Father Francis Dade, the circuit priest who had established St. Joseph's, was himself a celebrated Kern County pioneer, and his little cemetery was once again back on the rolls. The diocese researched the burials and laid a special headstone with the names of all those known to have been buried at St. Joseph's. It was a most satisfactory day.

Our efforts to up our plaquing and to reach out to the greater Kern historical community continue. As reported on the PXL CLOG, Charles Topping and VNGH Jim Bailey met with the Kern County Historical Society in April to offer our help and support with future plaquing projects particularly in the Bakersfield area. We have been invited back to meet with their new board on Saturday, January 17, 2015. Jim Bailey is our "Goto Guy" on this so any help you can offer him is appreciated including you attendance at that Bakersfield meeting in January.

Jim has also been working hard on next year's erections, and has already submitted drafts on two projects which have been approved by the owners of the properties. One is the West Kern Oil Museum in Taft, where we would be pouring a monument inside the museum's gated area. The subject matter would be the Jameson #17 oil derrick and the establishment of the museum. The second erection would be a plaque at Ethel's Old Corral Café in Oildale. The building dates from the 1940's, and it's a watering hole and restaurant known for its eclectic clientele. The dates for these plaquings have not been set, but we would likely be Clamping at Camp Okihi the weekend of the Oildale dedication.

Never say never, but it looks like we are going to see less of our celebrated Brother, Gene "Dickhead" Duncker after January's Widders' Ball, because as fast as you can say "Super Bowl XLIX," he and Widder Lumpy are moving to Nevada where they have purchased a retirement home with a one horse garage. As our Clampcrier, we could always count on DH to do the crying part really well and his PBC History Lesson is second to none. So if you have someone you've been wanting to invite into the chapter, you definitely want to bring him in at this next Doin's so that he benefits from Gene's knowledge of PXL and ECV.

That was bittersweet, so before I short circuit my keyboard I'll end with this. If you're coming to the Fall Doin's, please bring some small gifts of toiletries and personal hygiene items to support the Women's and Children's Shelter in Bakersfield – things that a woman and her kids would need if they had to flee their home in an emergency. Travel sizes work best, and if nothing comes to mind, ask your Widder for help.

Lastly you can't get Cooties from turning on your computer and reading the latest chapter news at <a href="http://www.peterlebeckecv.com">http://www.peterlebeckecv.com</a>. We also have a Facebook page. Just search for "Peter Lebeck" to find us. --MGM

## **MANDATORY ADMISSION FORM**

By completing and signing this form, I recognize and agree to the following pertaining to the event I will be attending at Bald Eagle Ranch in Havilah, CA on October 16-19, 2014:

- 1. This event is hosted by E Clampus Vitus, Inc.® and the Peter Lebeck Chapter, the Proctors, Officers and Greybeards respectively thereof.
- 2. I am attending as their guest. As such, I will behave in a manner respectful of the persons and property of the other guests and hosts.
- 3. I will abide the rules, regulations and guidelines of the host(s), and defer to their authority at all times while in attendance.
- 4. Failure to do so will subject me to immediate expulsion from this event without refund, and denial of attendance at future events.
- 5. I have read the Rules as published by the Board of Proctors on 5/17/08, and agree to abide by them.

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3. As consideration for being permitted by ECV to participate in these activities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives, hereby release from any and all liability and will not make a claim against, sue, obtain a judgment against, and/or attach the property of the Peter Lebeck Chapter and ECV, and/or the owners of the Clampsite property, or against any officers or members of the Peter Lebeck Chapter and ECV for injury or damage resulting from negligence or other negligent acts or omissions, howsoever caused, including, but not limited to, the acts or omissions of negligence by any ECV member including the sole acts or omissions of negligence of these persons as a result of my participation in, or travel to and from the Clampsite. I hereby release the Peter Lebeck Chapter, ECV, and/or the owners of the Clampsite property and any officers or members of ECV from all actions, claims or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may have for injury or damage resulting from my above-described participation at the Clampsite (initial here)
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### **HOW TO GET THERE:**

**From Bakersfield:** Take SR 178 west through Kern River Canyon to the Bodfish/Havilah Exit. Turn right at the bottom of the off-ramp and continue until you T-intersect with Lake Isabella Boulevard/Caliente-Bodfish Road, then turn right again. Follow Caliente-Bodfish Road for 6.7 miles. The turn-off to Bald Eagle will be on the right.

**From Mojave or L.A.:** Take SR 58 to the Caliente exit. Go north through Caliente for 5.2 until you reach a fork in the Road. The left fork is the Caliente-Bodfish Road. Follow it up the mountain and down into Walker Basin for 12.4 miles where you'll come to a T-intersection. Turn left to continue on Caliente-Bodfish Road for 9.7 miles. The turn-off to Bald Eagle will be on the left.

#### Rules for the weekend:

We are the guests of XNGH Wes Kutzner and his Widder Janet. Make sure your diggin's are clean when you leave. Fires in containers ONLY!!! A shovel and water are required so bring a bucket, the area is bone dry! Dogs are OK, so long as they get along with the farm dogs, so be prepared to crate if necessary. Civilians will be present at Sunday's dedication in Kernville so please maintain seemly decorum!

PBCs remain as such <u>UNTIL</u> they get their sheepskins on Sunday. That means they help with dinner cleanup and camp breakdown. No exceptions!!!!

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