

## ***Frisco Eddie's Revenge: The Return***

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They had actually done pretty good, considering the money Eddie had won at the Blackjack Tables. However, the inevitable wait along with the endless searches and all, made what might have been a fairly enjoyable ride into a pure pain in the ass! All in all, it took almost three hours to complete a flight, which lasted less than 30 minutes.

They would be landing at the Ontario Airport; which was in the San Bernadino area of Los Angeles county. They were going to be picked-up by an old shuffleboard friend who lived in that area. Her name was Darlene, and she would be able to fill them in on all the current action.

They met as planned, and were finally able to get out of the terminal after another avid search and interrogation. They had to make arrangements for another 7-day car rental also, so it (once more) took a while before they could settle down in Darlene's Double Trailer set up near the small town of Visalia.

Darlene had her house keeper set-up two Very nice guest rooms for the boys, and after looking around the inside, and then exploring the exterior area with it's lush tall evergreens and view of the mountains, Jack made a declaration: "OK! This is the spot I want to come back here and settle down some day!"

After they got all settled, including one of Darlene's all out Fried Chicken Dinners (with homemade biscuits) and All the other trimmings, they settled into the Family Room - whereby they could lay out some planning for the trip.

A rough draft of the plan was starting to develop (with some Wild Turkey bourbon) to help give it some flavor, of course. They would spend part of tomorrow's day playing at the Howling Wolves Tavern. Now Eddie and Darlene had both figured it would be a good 'Jumping-off' spot, mainly because it was lust Monday today. They wanted to match Jack up with Eldon Childers, whose Father was one of the greats.

Darlene knew that Eldon usually arrived at the tavern at least by mid-morning as a rule, so they all decided to turn in fairly early, in anticipation of tomorrow's action. This arrangement should prove to be a good "warm-up" for Jack. The rest of the

week would find them working their way through San Bernadino, then Pomona, and several other towns during the week finally ending up in Downy, on Thursday, or Friday, which is where the "Big Guns" of Southern Cal. would for sure be waiting for them. The name of the game in this part of the Country was 'WORD TRAVELS FAST' and that was no joke to be sure!

In fact, there WERE several players just 'biting at the bit' in anticipation of their arrival - some of which Eddie really didn't want to have anything to do with.

Eddie wondered just who these 'undesirables' could be AND what will their presence do to 'stir-up' things in a most 'Unpleasant' sort of way!

*(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH...)*

### ***In Fond Memory of... Vera Wasson***



Vera Wasson (above), manager of Barbara's Beer Garden in Springfield, Missouri passed away on May 22, 2002 after a short battle with cancer. No other information available at this time.