

This is an email from the original and 1<sup>st</sup> owner of Lot 65, Avaneil Harrimann, who passed away after sending this, Her, her husband, Dean, and sons, built Adobe Hacienda or Lot 65, which is now the home of Rich and Roz Bellante.

"In 1969 we lived in Whittier. Dean was an electronics engineer at Rockwell and I had recently gone back to work at Rockwell after many years as our boys were nearing college age. We had a trailer and loved to go camping at all the parks. We were getting more and more frustrated with all the crowds and lack of trailer spaces and decided to perhaps build a cabin in some scenic place. I read in the paper about a cattle ranch that was going to be subdivided so on a Memorial Day, after not being able to find a parking spot on the Kern River, we drove down to find this place. The road was merely a scraped road to enlarge a primitive Forestry road and was so scary we dropped the trailer and drove on.

We found the place which had only a small ranch house and a sales office for the developer. He had subdivided and scraped roads. We really liked the place and the views but the lots were selling like hot cakes. We went home to think about it and the following week decided we had better move fast as most of the best lots were gone. We came back during the week and it was foggy. The trees were so beautiful in the mist we just bought on the spot.

We didn't build right away but came out with the trailer and spent weekends. Other people started building. To our surprise, they didn't build cabins but built retirement homes or permanent homes. Most of them were either building their own home or doing the contracting. We had had done our own contracting on two homes and Dean had put in the electrical system himself. Dean immediately said "I can do that". He started drawing up plans. The people across the street built an adobe house. At that time there was an adobe factory just below Temecula. Our sons were out of college in June 1972 and we started building the foundations."

Avaneil never got a chance to finish this note. She passed away shortly thereafter.

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