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Aloha from Maui, from studio J-220

Aloha to those who have emailed inquiries about staying in studio J-220, and a special Aloha and mahalo to guests of Maui Eldorado J-220 who have stayed with me.

A photo taken from the lanai of J-220 facing west. The Maui Eldorado beach cabana can be seen on the right in the distance.

Aloha

Location

Comfortable Maui Living

Come, Again!

An idea on how to celebrate the 2009 Inauguration or spend vacation time this winter

Recently I saw this article-

For Inaugural, Obama Faithful Say It's Washington or Bust

Hurdles Aside, They Vie to Witness History; Princely Room Rates at the Red Roof Inn

WASHINGTON -- Well before Barack Obama vaulted ahead in pre-election polls... a couple bought train tickets and booked hotel accommodations in Washington, D.C.: \$700 for one night at the Red Roof Inn downtown. "I said to my husband, 'What price is history?' And he said, 'Book the darn room.'" (Wall Street Journal)



If you're not going to Washington this winter and would like to celebrate or vacation in sunny Maui, J-220 is much nicer than the Red Roof Inn and you'll save a lot too.

Reflections on doing business with people I have never met.

How fortunate I am. 26 years ago when I bought J-220 I had no idea what the future would bring. I did know that the property was in a great location and being in the real estate business on Maui and later in Phoenix, I did know what they say about location location location.



After 6 years of renting the unit through the Maui Eldorado front desk it became necessary to explore alternative ways to rent the condo. Close friends introduced me to the person who has continued to take care of J-220 for me and for you for all that time. If J-220 is pristine condition when you arrive it is because Patricia makes it so.

Initially the only way to advertise the condo was in newspapers, but the internet changed that and is continuing to evolve each year. One guest was grandfathered when I bought the condo. He told me he had been staying there each winter for several years and wanted to continue to do so. He did for many years. One year he told me that when he was young he had roomed with a man with the same last name as mine- Crook. It turned out that his roommate 50 years ago was my uncle.



Two regular guests of J-220 have become owners at Maui Eldorado. Several guests have stayed many times; many guests have stayed more than once; and I look forward to welcoming everyone back many times in the future. There have been many honeymoons in J-220, including mine. Personal friends have stayed there as well as their kids.

Out of all the guests over the years, how many have I ever met in person? I believe only 2, both from Phoenix not surprisingly.

For the rest of the guests, I feel as though I have met every one of you, and it has been and continues to be a pleasure. Mahalo! Hurry back.



Hawaii Hint: How to find my Web Site

I always wonder how anyone ever finds my web page. If you type in “maui condo” using Google, it produces 473,000 possible responses; Yahoo will produce 7 ½ million responses. But if you type “maui dave crook” (in any order) both search engines will take you immediately to my page.

To be honest, Crook was never my most favorite name. Naturally I got teased a lot growing up and occasionally still do. I would have preferred a really great name like...Joe Montana... Indiana Jones...Tennessee Williams. Maybe Maui Dave Crook isn't so bad after all. It will help you eliminate 8 million unneeded web pages and is easy to remember.

Nearby Construction Updates

As is necessary with all properties, renovations and repairs are always needed. Over the years many things have been done to Maui Eldorado to keep it in tip top condition and I'm happy to say that at the moment most of the big (or inconvenient) jobs seem to have been completed.

Nearby at the Whaler, major work is still being performed as these October photos show.



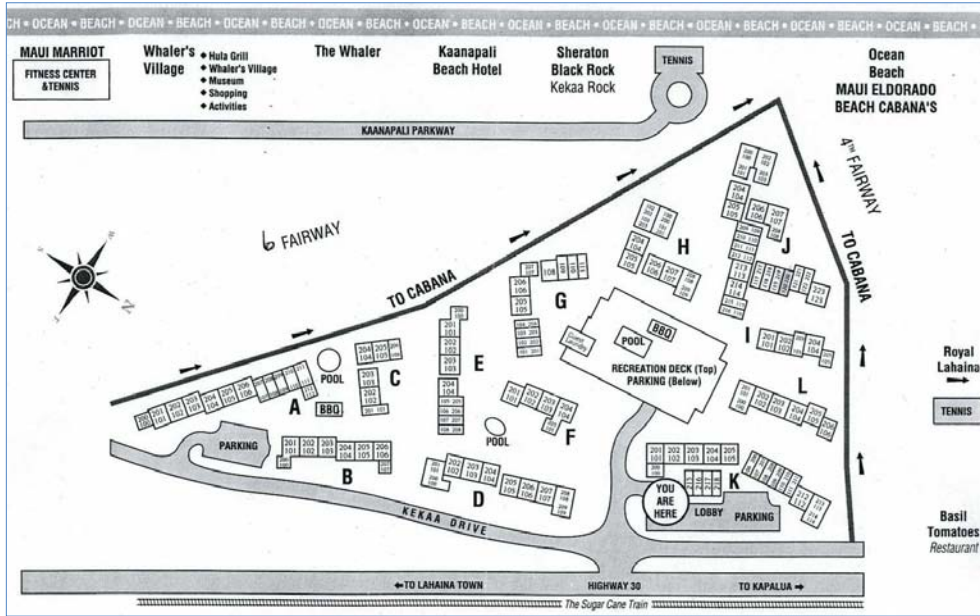


Work at the Whaler is scheduled to be completed by late June of 2009. If you contemplate staying there soon be aware of this ongoing project.

Meanwhile, at Royal Lahaina, sales of the proposed new condominiums are challenging. As of October, 10 of 60 units had deposits put down. Those units were at the lower end of the price range which varies from \$2,000 and more per square foot.



Where we are



Maui Eldorado Resort Studio J-220 has an excellent view and location



Visit for the first time, or return again.



2008 has been an anxious year and 2009 most likely will be challenging as well. Nevertheless, Maui is one of the best vacation destinations in the world and J-220 is and remains a great vacation bargain.

2009 will be the 26th year I have been renting J-220 to guests. The guest books are full of thoughtful and fun comments by people from around the world. So plan ahead if you can and please email or call. I do get cancellations occasionally so your last minute travel plans are well worth an email too. Rentals of less than a week are difficult and can only be taken if they fit in with prior longer term stays. Based on guests' comments dating back to 1984, J-220 is a real favorite. If you come, I think you will enjoy it too.

Best Wishes for a joyous holiday season and rewarding New Year. Regards, Dave.

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