



The Rig Runner Gazette

Newsletter of the Hi-Desert Rig Runners, a WIT Chapter



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May Campout- Bakersfield

The Hi-Desert Rig Runners kicked off the summer travel season with a great campout in Bakersfield, CA. A total of ten rigs gathered - one was a guest who later joined the club. Lorraine Brockway turned out for



her first campout in her new Aspect motorhome. Two units were on the first leg of their summer journey: the

Morton's were headed for Alaska and the Gilbertson's on an extended tour of the eastern states. More members will be leaving at later dates for GNR and other interesting places; hence the club has no planned campouts for June, July & August. Those left behind with no travel plans perhaps may get together for no host campouts or dinners as their fancy dictates.

Those arriving Thursday were met by an unusually hot day for May. However, Hilde & Bill Siener had the BBQ ready and some mighty good hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's to enjoy for the evening meal in a nice air-conditioned clubhouse. Just

visiting and relaxing after the meal was most enjoyable. Our guests Ralph and Ester Carroll, who later joined the club, were reintroduced. They attended the March Campout in Mojave. Other guests were Diana Miller's niece, Karen Odom, and Jim and Pauline Moore's daughter, Debbie.

A field trip on Friday to the Jackson and Perkins Operations Inc. Rose Farm near Wasco turned out to be most interesting and informative. Wasco is very well known for its rose growing operations. Joe Martinez, of Jackson & Perkins, gave us a very detailed tour and explanation of the commercial rose growing operation. This was one of the largest rose farms in the country. We soon learned that it was a very labor-intensive operation. Labor of a type that requires skill, dexterity and back breaking close to-the-ground work to perform the intricate budding operations on the roses.

Commercial rose growing is a year round operation.

Jackson & Perkins supply bare root rose plants through out the country to many of the well-known stores such as Home Depot,



Lowes, and many large nurseries. The rose farm is operated like many other large farms. Roses will be grown on certain areas for a number of years and then torn out and replaced with other crops (crop rotation) in order to replenish soil nutrients.

Friday evening we enjoyed one of our famous pot luck dinners in the clubhouse. Our Honorary Member, Martha Teeters, was able to join us - we were happy to visit with her again. Later we had a rousing game of card bingo. Somehow a couple of members were able to win three games each, however the big winner was Diana Miller who got all of our quarters.

Saturday a few hardy souls visited the California Living Animal Museum (CALM) where injured animals from the wild are nursed back to health and live safely. It just happened to be the 23rd birthday celebration for the facility therefore a lot of activity was going on. A wild animal show was of interest in the amphitheater.



Saturday evening, sixteen of us went to Buck Owen's Crystal Palace for dinner and entertainment. A critique of the dinner certainly would not give the Palace a five-star rating but some entrees were very good and others not so good. The entertainment was country-western with a lot of rock & roll interspersed. The dance floor was full most of the time. Jim Moore does a really great job dancing bare-footed, Lorraine Brockway kept those faint-hearted men busy and Al



Morton seemed to be having a spinning good time on the dance floor.

Sunday rolled around too quickly and everyone was up and ready to travel. After a continental breakfast, it was time to say adieu and happy travels. Have a good summer. Hope to see a most of you at the State Rally in September.

Submitted by Carl Nelson

HI-DESERT RIG RUNNERS
20 May 2006
MEETING MINUTES
A Country RV Park, Bakersfield

Call to Order: President Dave Athy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: David and Barbara Athy, Bill and Hilde Siener, Orin and Claire Gilbertson, Carl Nelson, Al and Tryna Morton, Mary Peterson, Lorraine Brockway, and Diana Miller.

Guests: Ralph & Esther Carroll, who later became members. Jim & Pauline Moore were present and Jim signed up to renew his camping membership. Other guests were Jim's daughter Debbie, and Diana's niece Karen from Portland, Oregon. Honorary member Martha Teeters joined us for one dinner at the RV Park.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the April 2006 meeting accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurers report filed for audit.

Old Business: Dave reported on club shirts. Shirts to be paid for by members. The club will pay for the set up fee.

New Business: Orin & Claire said their good-bye's and will be touring the county for approximately 18 months. Orin's motion to donate \$25.00 to GNR Youth Fund was carried by a majority.

Tryna, the Newsletter editor, will email the newsletter where possible and send hard copies where necessary.

The next outing will be the California State Rally, Sept. 27 - Oct. 1, 2006 at Wine Country RV Resort, Paso Robles.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. by Dave Athy.

Respectfully submitted,
Hilde Siener, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Local Chapter Outings:

June, July, August No Outings

Sept. 27- Oct 3 CA State Rally, Wine Country RV Resort, Paso Robles

Oct. 19-22 Sierra Trails RV Resort, Mojave
WM: Athy, Morton

Nov. 16-19 Imperial Spa, Niland
WM: Morrison

Dec. 14-17 Pine Ranch RV Resort, Banning
WM: Executive Board

Other WIT Events:

Apr 20-23 CA State Club Meeting, Far Horizons
49er RV Village, Plymouth

July 16-21 Grand National Rally
Forest City, IA

Aug. 24-27 CA State Club Meeting
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, Lodi

Sept 27-Oct 1 CA State Rally, Wine Country
Resort, Paso Robles

Sausage Supper From Tryna's Kitchen

1 pound sausage (Farmer John)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped onions (sorry Mary)
1 cup uncooked elbow macaroni
1 pound can tomatoes - drained and chopped
2 tsp chile powder
8 oz. Sour cream

- * brown sausage with onion
- * add macaroni and cook 2-3 minutes
- * drain off fat
- * add remaining ingredients
- * heat to boil
- cover and simmer until macaroni is cooked



Don't forget to check out our club website at:

www.hi-desertrigrunners.com

Note from the president: We are now taking sign-ups for wagon masters for the 2007 club year. Let me know if you have a date you want to reserve.