



# The Rig Runner Gazette

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



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## October Campout

Reported by Carl Nelson

The Northern Mojave Desert Sierra Trails Campgrounds was the meeting place for the Hi-Desert Rig Runners October Campout. Seven rigs made the trek over the mountains and through the desert to enjoy a wonderful weekend in the desert. The highlight of the weekend was a VIP tour of Edwards Air Force Base arranged by our President, David



Athy, who works on the base as a video conferencing expert. We toured the base by bus with an excellent guide who knew his job

very well and had a personality that made the tour enjoyable and educational. A few of the things learned were 1. The base is huge, some 400,000 acres; 2. It is not just "an air base" but serves many other functions, such as a NASA base for the space shuttle, a test site for rocket engines, a test site for new and experimental aircraft, and for commercial use as well; 3. The base is run by the Air Force but now employs many civilians; 4. Muroc Dry Lake bed contains many runways for aircraft landings and takeoffs. The lakebed itself is so huge that it is a notable landmark from outer space; and 5. Edwards Air Force Base is one

valuable asset for our country.

Warm, sunny days and cool nights provided a delightful atmosphere for a great campout. Lorraine Brockway managed to bring both the washer toss boards and the bean bag baseball board in her new Vue. Carl Nelson at the expense of Roland Boepple who really had the 5 spot hole zeroed in and couldn't stop at 21 finally won a hectic game of washer toss elimination. Somehow in drawing names for teams at beanbag baseball we managed to pit the men against the women. To the chagrin of the male contingent, the women won the game. (You might say chivalry is not dead in our club).

Lorraine Brockway brought along Nancy

Athey, a guest. This was a first for Nancy. She joined right in with the group and helped out greatly with the potluck meals. As



usual we had a great variety of good food and certainly didn't go hungry.

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"Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't."

Erica Jong

MEETING MINUTES  
24 October 2006  
Sierra Trails RV Park, Mojave, CA

Call to Order: President Dave Athy called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM.

Members Present: Bill & Hilde Siener, Harold & Norma Miller, Diana Miller, Carl Nelson, Lorraine Brockway, Dave & Barbara Athy, Rolland & Connie Boepple.

Guests: Nancy Athey

Minutes: Minutes of the October 2006 meeting was read by the Secretary. Motion was made and seconded to accept September minutes as read.

Treasurer's Report Lorraine Brockway reported we have \$1115.54 in the bank.

Sunshine Report: Mary Petersen had surgery on her right shoulder and can't drive, therefore, was unable to attend. Pauline Moore was in Memorial Hospital for a week then transferred to a convalescent Hospital.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: Dave Athy handed out Club shirts.

New Business: Dave suggested we establish an election committee for 2007. Barbara volunteered to chair the election committee. David and Diana Miller will research the options for the Christmas dinner. We will be at Pine Ranch RV Park, in Banning.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:45am by Dave Athy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hilde Siener, Secretary

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Local Chapter Outings:

Nov. 16-19 Imperial Spa, Niland  
WM: Morrison; Boepple  
Dec. 14-17 Pine Ranch RV Resort, Banning  
WM: Executive Board

Chicken Pumpkin Stew  
Barbara Athy

Serves 6

- 1 Tbsp canola oil
- 1-1/2 lbs skinless, boneless chicken thighs, visible fat trimmed, cut in 1 inch pieces
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 1 red pepper cut in 1-in pieces
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 can (14 oz) chicken broth
- 1 can (14 oz) diced tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3 cups peeled sugar pumpkin - 1-in cubes (1-lb butternut squash can be substituted)
- 8-oz fresh green beans cut in half
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat creamy peanut butter

1. Heat oil in large saucepan over medium high heat.
2. Add chicken; sauté 4 minutes or heat to medium.
3. Add onion, pepper and garlic; sauté 4 minutes until softened.
4. Add 1-1/2 cups broth, tomatoes, paprika, pumpkin and beans. Reduce heat, cover & simmer 12 minutes or until chicken and pumpkin are tender.
5. Mean while stir remaining broth, cornstarch and peanut butter in a bowl until smooth. Add to pot; stir until blended. Cook 2 minutes or until thickened.

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Note From The President



According to our club by-laws, each member is responsible to be wagonmaster for at least one outing each year. There seems to be a on the part of our active members to sign up.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know which month you would like to be responsible for during the 2007 year. Thanks.