



The Rig Runner Gazette

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



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Of Sand and City

January 16-27
Quartzsite and Hemet

January found many members of the Hi-Desert Rig Runners traveling to the Arizona desert at Quartzsite and then on to Hemet for an outing in conjunction with the CA State Club meeting. Eight member rigs and one guest rig made the trip to the desert to enjoy the variety of activities available at Quartzsite during the winter season. Several dry camped with the WIT 365 Club on BLM land about 5 1/2 miles north of town and the others stayed in an RV 'park' near the Main Event in Quartzsite. Most evenings found the group gathered around a campfire shared with the 365 Club. Days found us going our separate ways to



explore what Quartzsite had to offer – the RV Tent and Show, the several flea markets, the Book Store and

the local desert area. Clear and warm weather greeted us each day but when the wind came up it became chilly.

Nights were cool as soon as the sun went down so gathering around the bonfire was a great way to keep warm.



Rigs departed at different times and wound up at Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet for the CA State Club meeting from January 24-27. We had six member rigs and one guest rig in Hemet.

Rain greeted us as we arrived but held off during the events each day. Snow capped the peaks North and



East of Hemet for the weekend. On Friday a shuffleboard tournament was held on the outstanding lanes at Golden Village Palms RV Resort. Orin Gilbertson managed to maneuver his way to a second place finish. Connie Just and Orin Gilbertson and their teammates on the



“Navions” won their three beanbag baseball games to reign as champions. Evenings found members playing bingo or engaged in a poker game. Friday an outstanding seminar on

ID Theft Prevention was given by a member of the Hemet Police Department. Saturday morning was the General Meeting of the CA State Club. Following the meeting on Saturday morning many car pooled out to the Winchester Gouda Cheese Factory for a tour while others remained in the resort for a seminar on RV maintenance and service. Late Saturday afternoon Chapter

members gathered in the Just's rig for our Chapter meeting. Frank and Deanna Kojder treated Chapter members to champagne at dinner to



celebrate their first anniversary. An anniversary cake was provided by the Just's'.

Sunday morning found us all packing up, hooking up and heading out to our respective homes under the threat of more heavy rains.

Denis and Betty LeBrun of Larimore, ND and the NODAKS Winnies were our guests at Quartzsite and Hemet.

Minutes

Hi-Desert Rig Runner Meeting
Saturday January 26 2008
Golden Village Palms RV Park
Hemet California

Called to Order: 3:45

Present : 11 members 6 Rigs Lorraine Brockway, Al & Tryna Morton, Marjorie Morrison, Connie & Jerry Just, Mary Peterson, Frank & Deanna Kojder, Orin & Clare Gilbertson,

Guests Present: 1 Rig Denis & Betty Lebrun

Minutes: Deanna made motion to accept the minutes as published in the Gazette. Lorraine seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Presented by Mary Peterson. Gilbertson's donated \$30.00 for breakfast at December meeting

Sunshine Report: Sympathy cards sent to Marge Myers for her daughter. Mary Peterson for her sister-in-law and Carl Nelson for his brother in-law.

Old Business:

All agreed Banning will be the sight for December 2008 outing.

Discussion for new vests for club will be held until next meeting.

New Business:

Executive Board for State wants to know if California should be split into two clubs consisting of Northern & Southern California.

Tryna suggested we have an outing for April 10 2008 since few wanted to attend Southwest Regional in Paso Robles and State in Buelton.

Orin will cover Quartzsite & Hemet in January newsletter.

Hi-Desert Rig Runners will volunteer to cook at State meeting @ Hemet in Jan 2009

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45

Submitted By: Connie Just
Secretary



- Jan. 4 Frank Stramler
- Jan. 8 Esther Carroll
- Jan. 25 Frank/Deana Kojder, Anniversary
- Jan. 31 Jerry Just
- Feb. 24 Al Morton



Upcoming Events

Local Chapter Outings:

- Feb. 14-17 Death Valley
WM: Gilbertson & Kojder
- Mar. 27-30 Sportsman Lodge, Joshua Tree
WM: Brockway & Peterson
- May 15 – 18 Valencia (place TBA)
WM: Nelson
- Apr. To Be Announced
- June – August Dark
- Sept. 11-14 TBA
WM: Just
- Oct. 16-19 TBA
WM: Athy

Nov. 6-9 TBA

WM: Morrison & Sansone

Dec. 4-7 TBA

WM: Executive Board

Other WIT Events:

Apr. 17-19 SW Regional Rally, Wine Country RV Resort, Paso Robles

Apr. 24-27 CA State Meeting, Flying Flags RV, Buellton

Jul. 21 – 25 GNR, Forest City, IA

Aug. 21-24 Grape Festival Fair Grounds, Lodi

Oct. 1-5 CA State Rally, French Camp RV Park, Manteca

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What Are Your Summer Plans?

Have you gotten your summer travel plans made yet? If not, consider a trip to Forest City, IA for the Grand National Rally. The GNR runs from July 20 until July 25 with nonstop activities both day and night. Starting with early morning coffee and rolls, you can keep busy until well after the sun goes down and the entertainment is over.

There are seminars, classes, vendor displays, entertainment, dealer displays, motorhome and equipment maintenance/repair, and much, much more. (The real problem with attending GNR is trying to find time to sit back and catch your breath.) Not only are the adults busy but the youth are also kept busy with an outstanding youth program. (Consider taking your children or grandchildren. They'll have a ball.)

The real fun at each GNR actually begins the week before. This pre-Rally week is now full of plant tours, area tours, trips to the Mall of America, craft classes, golf and bowling tournaments, Forest City Heritage Days including a parade, entertainment, and food.

If you can't make GNR, you might consider one (or more) of the caravans and rallies provided by WIT Tours. These events cover from a week to more than 48 days so you can pick the length of event you'd like. These caravans and

rallies provide opportunities to visit many different areas within the continental United States and cover portions of Canada, Mexico and Alaska. Take a look at your WIT Club News for more information.

As the fall seasons approaches, the West Coast state rally circuit begins. You can start with the Washington State Rally, continue on to the Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona State Rallies. You can't find better folks to be with and you can always be assured that there will be plenty of great food. Check the state rally schedules in the WIT Club News and try to make some or all of this years West Coast rallies.

If you have any questions about a WIT Tour event you can contact the WIT office or talk to Orin and Clare Gilbertson. They've hosted twenty-four events since 1996.

Check the March issue of the WIT Club News for a sneak preview of the caravans and rallies for 2009 offered by WIT Tours. As soon as the events are announced in the WIT Club News you can make your reservation. Plan now for 2009!

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GRIN!

A man was driving down a country road when he spotted a farmer standing in the middle of a huge field of grass. The man got out of the car and asked the farmer, "Excuse me sir, are you OK?"

The farmer replied, "Sure, I'm just trying to win a Nobel Prize. I heard that they give it to people who are out standing in their fields."

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Did You Know...

Most lipstick contains fish scales.

Like finger prints, everyone's tongue print is different.

On average, 100 people choke to death every year on ballpoint pens.