



The Rig Runner Gazette

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



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May 2008 Campout News

By Carl Nelson

Seven rigs with eleven members met at A Country RV Park in Bakersfield for the May campout of the Hi-Desert Rig Runners. Unfortunately, an early heat wave gripped the west on the same week end scheduled for the campout. However, Bakersfield was probably as good a place as any to be since the area is prepared for hot weather. After arrival on Thursday evening we dined out at one of the famed Basque Restaurants in "Old Town Kern" called The Woolgrowers, which is probably the most popular. The family style dining provided a very hearty meal for everyone.

After a good night's rest we had a delightful pot luck breakfast in our air conditioned club house and Friday morning was mostly visiting, rest and relaxation. The afternoon found several wild card players at the poker table trading their nickels and dimes. Friday evening we went to Buck Owens' Crystal Palace for dinner and entertainment. Buck Owens' son Buddy Allen Owens and the Buckaroos were the featured entertainers and they did a very good job. It is interesting to note that most of the Buckaroos have been together for over thirty years. Gus Sansone was celebrating his 60th birthday and of course was recognized by the group as "Augie-Doggie" which he is more affectionately called by his wife Judi. After an enjoyable evening at the Crystal Palace we returned to our air conditioned club house at the RV Park and lo and behold someone had produced a birthday cake for "Augie -Doggie", decorated, no less, with a beautiful siren on top. Now how on earth would you ever find a siren in Bakersfield? Well believe it or not the Kern River is (or was) considered a

navigable waterway. Anyway Gus was surprised and we all enjoyed his birthday cake.

Saturday after another delicious pot luck breakfast we had a very productive business meeting. We seemed to accomplish a lot since our last meeting was in March and this will be a final meeting until September. The big horse race seemed to take up the afternoon for most of the group and this was topped off by a potluck dinner. Needless to say light entr ees were well received. Dinner was followed by more wild games of poker and spinner.

Sadly, on Sunday morning after a continental breakfast, everyone was ready to say farewell and head back home. Those going to GNR had made some of their plans but the loose ends still had to be taken care of before leaving.



Gus Sansone is presented this very special birthday cake to help him celebrate his 60th birthday at the May outing.

Hi-Desert Rig Runner Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2008.

A Country RV park Bakersfield, CA

Called to Order 10:00am

Present : 14 members; 7 Rigs: Lorraine Brockway, Al & Tryna Morton, Marjorie Morrison, Connie & Jerry Just, Frank & Deanna Kojder, Gus & Judi Sansone; David & Barbara Athy, Carl Nelson, Martha Teeters

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

Treasurers Report: Presented by Carl Nelson \$1139.08 in account. \$385.00 Camping Fund; 754.08 General Fund. \$25.00 was sent to GNR for a donation to the youth group. \$150.00 was sent to Desert Willows Hesperia for camping deposit for May 2009. Caliente Springs returned \$150.00 deposit. They charged us \$20.00 cancellation fee. Tryna will call to see about refund.

Sunshine Report: Sympathy card sent to Jim Moore's Family. Get Well card sent to Frank Stramler

Old Business: Lorraine continued to work on vests for the fall.

Frank handed out membership flyers. It will be posted on our website. Destination for September outing will be at Casa Del Sol in Hemet. Justs will make reservations.

October to be announced. November will be at Sportsman Lodge in Joshua Tree by Morrison/Sansone.

By-Law changes were reviewed. Gus made a motion to approve changes. Jerry 2nd. All approved.

New Business: Tryna has submitted our Chapter of Excellence Form. She also submitted our newsletter and website for the contests.

Barbara presented a craft quilt idea to work on for fund raiser for the club.

Mary checked out 29 Palms Resort and found it very nice.

We are not going to use WIT members list at this time.

Gus will be our Editor for the Newsletter starting in the Fall.

Meeting adjourned: 10:50am

Submitted by: Connie Just, Secretary



Jerry Just spends a few minutes with one of the 'ladies' at the Crystal Palace in Bakersfield.

Celebrations

- Jul 21 Orin Gilbertson
- Jul 30 Tryna Morton
- Aug 11 Just anniversary
- Aug 11 Barbara Athy
- Aug 19 Sansone anniversary
- Aug 20 Morton anniversary
- Aug 21 Gilbertson anniversary
- Sep 3 Clare Gilbertson
- Sep 13 Marge Morrison
- Sep 18 Judy Sansone

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Upcoming Events

Local Chapter Outings:

- June - August Dark
- Sep 18-21 Casa del Sol, Hemet. WM: Just
- Oct 23-26 Sierra Trails, Mojave. WM: Athy
- Nov 6-9 Sportsman Lodge, Joshua Tree. WM: Morrison & Sansone
- Dec 4-7 Pine Ranch, Banning. WM: Executive Board
- 2009**
- Jan 22-25 State Meeting, Hemet. WM: Morton
- Feb 19-22 Indio Date Festival. WM: Gilbertson

Mar 19-22 Sportsman Lodge, Joshua Tree. WM: Brockway, Peterson
 Apr 16-19 TBA. WM: Kodjer
 May 14-17 Desert Willow RV Resort, Hesperia. WM: Sansone
 Sep 19-23 TBA
 Oct 15-19 TBA. WM: Just, Athy
 Nov 19-23 TBA. WM: Morrison
 Dec TBA. WM: Executive Board

Other WIT Events:

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



Chapter members pose in front of a statue of Buck Owens at the Buck Owens Music Hall in Bakersfield. Shown: L-R: Jerry and Connie Just, Deanna and Frank Kodjer, Carl Nelson, Marge Morrison, Judi and Gus Sansone, Al Morton, Lorraine Brockway and Tryna Morton.

Tomorrow - Today

Have you ever noticed how today continues to turn in to tomorrow?

Yesterday has quickly become today.
 where does the time go?

Days fade to weeks - weeks to months - months to years!

Meanwhile, we march on filling our time with chores and tasks.

Hoping that tomorrow will be just a little bit better.

Tomorrow, I'll take that extra day off.

Tomorrow, I'll go fishing.

Tomorrow, I'll take that special trip.
 Tomorrow, I'll sit back, relax and finally notice all of the great things that surround me.

Tomorrow!

Take the time TODAY and share special times with those who mean the most to you!

After all, today will be tomorrow in the blink of an eye!

You cannot change yesterday.

So, start TODAY.

SAVING GAS SAVES MONEY

In these days of ever increasing fuel prices, the following tips taken the AAA of South Dakota should help you save some money.

- Keep the engine tuned properly.
- Keep tires inflated.
- Check air filter.
- Use correct oil.
- Don't be an aggressive driver.
- Check the gas cap.
- Avoid excessive idling.
- Observe the speed limit.
- Combine errands.
- Avoid heavy items.

From Your Newsletter Editor

As we prepare this issue of the Gazette, we are parked in the Chesapeake Bay Thousand Trails Preserve at Glouster, VA. We are backed up along the bank of the Piankatank River and have a wonderful view of the river. We will do a bit of sightseeing here and in the Washington D.C. area before meeting for our WIT Tours caravan in Callaway, MD which begins on June 3. There is a tremendous amount of early American history in the area; almost too much to comprehend and keep straight.

....Orin and Clare...