



Rig Runner Gazette



Newsletter of the Hi-Desert Rig Runners

A WIT Chapter

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Barstow Calico KOA

November 2009 HDRR Outing

Our November outing was held at the Barstow-Calico KOA in Yermo, California. We started our weekend by

enjoying a hearty meal at Peggy Sue's Nifty Fifties Diner. After dinner we celebrated our 20th anniversary with birthday cake, fellowship, and browsing through Peggy



Sue's nostalgic soda fountain and gift shop.

Friday morning we shared a potluck at the clubhouse where we spent time chatting about our recent adventures. After breakfast we boarded several high clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles to caravan to *Rainbow Basin*, a national natural landmark managed by the Bureau of Land Management, for a photo shoot. En-route to the basin we passed the *Skyline Drive-In* theater one of about 20 still in full operation in California.



The fantastic and beautiful rock formations of Rainbow basin offered our membership many excellent opportunities to capture "California's Grand Canyon" in its full glory. After a refreshing lunch at the Pizza Hut in Barstow we visited the *Route 66 Mother Road Museum* and the *Western American Railroad Museum*. The museums are housed in the *Historic Harvey House* where we learned a lot about Barstow and the surrounding area. We finished the day with a "walking taco" dinner and games in the clubhouse.



Saturday morning we met in our western style circle of modern day wagons for a potluck breakfast. Following our chapter meeting several members carpooled to

Calico Ghost Town.

Others just hung around camp to relax while a few ventured to Barstow for the *Help Hinkley 3rd Annual Harvest*

Fair. Our Saturday night potluck dinner in the clubhouse was followed by an *Interstate Highway Trivia* presentation and *Saturday Night at the Movies.* Our last weekend meal together was Sunday breakfast which was provided by the wagon masters Frank and Deanna Kojder.



Minutes of Hi-Desert Rig Runners Meeting

November 14, 2009

Barstow-Calico KOA, Yermo, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by President Tryna Morton.

Members Present: Lorraine Brockway, Orin and Clare Gilbertson, Jerry and Connie Just, Frank and Deanna Kojder, Marge Morrison, Al and Tryna Morton, Augie and Judi Sansone

Guests Present: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Frank noted in the Minutes for the October meeting that the catered dinner for the Christmas outing should be Friday, not Saturday as printed. A motion to accept the Minutes as corrected was made by Deanna, seconded by Al and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Deanna and filed for audit.

Sunshine Report: Lorraine sent a get well card to Paula after her shoulder injury.

Correspondence:

a. E-mail from Don Cowden, President of the Arizona Grand Canyon Winnies State Club with information for the 2010 Southwest Regional Rally. The rally will be held April 15-18, 2010 at the Treasure RV Resort in Pahrump, NV. AZ is the host state for the 2010 event. CA is responsible for games, hospitality, 2 breakfasts and 1 continental breakfast, ice cream, food and drink. Cost will be \$20.83 per night for 7 days prior and 7 days after the rally. Cost of the rally will be \$125.00.

b. E-mail from Art Schipper, President of the CA WIT Club. General information about planning for the upcoming State Club meetings and the Rally. Requested Chapters consider how they might become more active in the meetings and the Rally.

c. E-mail from Art Schipper, President of the CA WIT Club. The State Club dropped the ball on the 100% State Club membership patches. Art is working to rectify the problem. (Tryna has responded with our Chapter roster.)



Old Business:

a. Keep saving soda can pop tops. We will save them until we collect a fairly large amount before we try to arrange a delivery and possibly a tour. Gilbertsons' have been attempting to contact the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House with no luck.

b. We will not decide on a badge company until we are ready to order new badges and then will go with the cheapest one.

c. Tryna briefly discussed the 2010 outing calendar. Let her know as soon as you have got a place lined up. A brief discussion was held about how to handle daily camping costs for everyone if we hold an outing at a membership park (e.g. Thousand Trails). One suggestion was take the total cost for camping and apportion it among all the rigs attending, including those whose membership would allow them to camp for free or some minimal cost.

d. Chapter of Excellence pins were presented to the Sansone's.

d. E-mail from Art Schipper, President of the CA WIT Club. Art is looking for Chapters to prepare and serve a dinner on Friday or Saturday night at the January meeting in Hemet. State will pay \$5.00 per person served. The \$5.00 is to cover supplies for the meal; whatever is left over belongs to the Chapter. (Chapter feeling is that they did this last January and don't want to do it again this time.)

e. E-mail from Tryna Morton to Art Schipper. This e-mail outlined the concerns of those Chapter members who attended this years CA State Rally and gave possible ways to improve some portions of a Rally.

f. E-mail from Art Schipper, President of the CA WIT Club. This was Art's response to Tryna's e-mail. Art noted his disappointment in having vendors and seminar participants back out at the last minute. He stated that the Table Decorating Contest and the request for a \$25.00 donation for a door prize was made at the April 2009 meeting. {These items are not mentioned in the Minutes so someone not there would have no knowledge of them. - Orin} Art intends to make "heavy use of the internet to provide information" in 2010.

New Business:

a. State Club membership dues of \$10 per year are due by January 1. We should encourage new Chapter members to become members of the State Club but not force them to do so. The cost to join the Chapter is now up to \$83.50 plus WIT membership plus Chapter shirts.

b. Al reported that Winnebago had announced a recall on 2007/08 Aspect and the 2007/10 Sunova. Neither of these recalls affects any of our Chapter members.

c. Several additions to the Standing Rules were discussed and approved.

Rule 7. All outings shall be held within a 150 mile radius of members' homes. Locations further than 150 miles must be approved by the membership.

Rule 8. Outings will not be held more than once at the same location in a calendar year unless approved by the membership.

Rule 9. Camping fees for Chapter outings shall not exceed \$40.00 per rig per night unless approved by the membership.

d. The Nominating Committee presented the following candidates for officers for 2010.

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| President: | August Sansone |
| Vice President: | Frank Kojder |
| Secretary: | Orin Gilbertson |
| Treasurer: | Deanna Kojder |

A motion was made by Al and seconded by Frank to cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. The motion passed.

e. Tryna presented a certificate to Augie for Honorable Mention in the WIT newsletter competition.





f. Clare asked if those in attendance would want to attend the Palm Springs Follies at the March outing to be held at Sky Valley Park in Desert Hot Springs. Everyone said they would plan to attend the follies. Clare will get further information on possible group rates, etc.

g. Tryna discussed the December Christmas outing in Banning. Thursday dinner at Sun Lakes. Friday breakfast by Exec. Bd., Friday dinner catered (lasagna, etc.), Saturday breakfast is potluck, Saturday dinner by Exec. Bd. We will have the traditional goodie table – suggested homemade items. Bring one wrapped unisex gift of minimum value of ring \$20.00 per person attending. Bring five (5) wrapped white elephant gifts per person attending. Stockings will be available for stuffing. Personal gifts should be done outside the party. Clare will coordinate decorations - Santa and Mrs. Claus and reindeer. Bring what you might have to go with the theme. Clare is to buy a roll of table cloth material.

h. Thanks to Lorraine for sewing the 20 year birthday patch on the Chapter banner. A second birthday patch was presented to the Gilbertson's – the only Charter members still in the Chapter.

i. It was mentioned that the Chapter monthly write-up has not been showing up on the WIT website. Augie will check.

j. Deanna will do the write up for this month.

k. Clare suggested the members think about a possible group trip sometime in the future. It could be short or long and possibly include non-Winnebago rigs. Several suggested areas were mentioned.

l. Thanks to Frank and Deanna for a great outing.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Orin Gilbertson, Secretary

STANDING RULES FOR HI-DESERT RIG RUNNERS

1. Camping Fee for Sites with No Charge. (Apr 90)

There will be occasions where an outing site will be used for which there is no charge. At these outings, each attending rig will be charged a fee of \$5.00 per night. This fee will go into the Club general fund.

2. Pets. (Apr 90)

Each member having a pet with them is responsible for ensuring that their pet is on a leash at all times whenever the pet is outside the owner's rig. The leash must be firmly attached to a vehicle, post, etc., or be held in the owner's hand when the pet is outside. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. The pet owner is responsible at all times for the control of their pet.

3. Christmas Outing/Party. (Nov. 2003)

The Chapter will hold an annual December outing/party to be hosted by the Executive Board. The Executive Board will determine the date and site for the event. If the treasury has adequate funds, the Chapter will pay for the cost of food items for all Chapter prepared meals including Christmas dinner. If the treasury does not have adequate funds, the Executive Board will determine how the cost of the meals will be handled. Non-members will be charged a flat fee of \$15.00 per person to cover the cost of food items for the weekend in addition to any camping fee. If the Chapter elects to go to a restaurant for the Christmas dinner, the Chapter will pay meal costs for each member. Non-members will be responsible for paying their own restaurant bill. Members bringing guests are responsible for collecting from their guests any fees due the Chapter.

4. Installation of Officers. (Apr 90)

Installation of Club officers will be performed at the Christmas outing.

5. Outings With Another Club. (Apr 90)

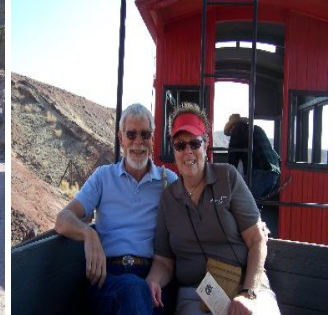
There will be occasions when the Hi-Desert

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Rig Runners will share a monthly outing with another club. If the rig owner is a member of both clubs, they will pay any fees required by each Club under their respective policies for such outings. (This means that if a member is a member of more than one club at a joint weekend and each club has a "no fee outing charge" policy, they would have to pay the required "no fee outing charge" for each club.)

OUTING HIGHLIGHTS



6. In Case of Illness or Death of a Member or Immediate Family Member. (19 Mar 05)

- a. For general illness at home, the Club will send a card to the member.
- b. For an illness or procedure requiring hospitalization of the member, the Club will send the member a card.
- c. In the event of the death of a member, the Club will make a donation of up to \$25.00 to a charity selected by the surviving spouse (or the family in case both members are deceased).

In the event of the death of an immediate family member of a Club member, the Club will send a card to the member.



7. Outing Distance (Nov 09)

All outings shall be held within a 150 mile radius of members' homes. Locations further than 150 miles must be approved by the membership.



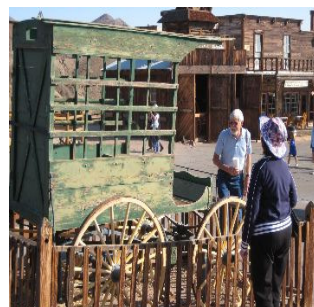
8. Outing Location Frequency (Nov 09)

Outings will not be held more than once at the same location in a calendar year unless approved by the membership.



9. Outing Cost (Nov 09)

Camping fees for Chapter outings shall not exceed \$40.00 per rig per night unless approved by the membership.





RECIPE OF THE MONTH

BRUNCH PIZZA

1-24 oz. Pkg Hash browns
 1-½ cup shredded cheddar or mexi cheese mix
 8 eggs
 ½ cup milk
 ½ tbs water per egg (this is optional)

Optional ingredients: onion, green pepper, mushrooms, bacon, ham, etc.
 recommend Canadian bacon over processed ham (luncheon meat) labeled as ham.

Mix has browns & one (1) large egg or two (2) if smaller eggs are used. Salt & pepper tad garlic.

Spread on flat pan or baking stone
 Pat down and form in a circle, with back of spoon.

Bake at 375 for 20 minutes

Whisk eggs & milk and scramble well
 Spread over baked crust

Top with optional ingredients, sliced or chopped.

Sprinkle with cheese

Bake an additional 10 minutes (or longer if you like them more brown & crunchy).

Cut in wedges serve with fresh fruit.

By Clare Gilbertson

2009 Outing Schedule

December 3-6 WM: Executive Board
 Banning, CA

2010 Outing Schedule

January 21 - 24: WM: Executive Board
 State Meeting Hemet:

February 18 - 21: WM: Morton

March 18 - 21: WM: Gilbertson

April 15 - 18: WM: Executive Board
 SW Regional Rally, Pahrump, Nevada

April 22-25 WM: Executive Board
 Lodi State Meeting:

May 20 - 23: WM: Sansone/Gorges
 Desert willow RV Resort Hesperia, CA

September 16 - 19: WM: Athy's_

October 14 - 17: WM: Brockway,
 Peterson, Morrison

November 11 - 14: WM: Kojder

December :TBA WM: Executive Board;
 Banning, CA

WINTER ROAD SAFETY TIPS

Winter Road Safety Tips

When the snow starts to fall, many sun-seeking pack up and head to warmer weather. If you're planning to migrate south for the winter, these steps can help you arrive safely to your sunny destination.

Although the weather at your snowbird destination may be mild, you're likely to experience icy roads or snow along your route. Be prepared for cold-weather conditions along the way.

- **Plan** - Before you leave consult a reliable resource for weather, road conditions and traffic reports. We recommend the [Dept. of Transportation](#) traffic and road closures website. Make sure to continue checking during your trip for the most up-to-date information. The Good Sam Club offers a free online trip routing program for Club members, which includes weather and road conditions, bridge and tunnel restrictions, and other RV-related critical data to help steer you around any unpleasant surprises.

Tires - If most of your driving will be done in moderate conditions, your all-season tires should be fine. If the roads

- on your route will be icy, or you'll be driving through heavy snow, bring tire chains. You may not need them but some routes will require that you show that you have chains in your unit in order to continue on that route. Needless to say your tires are your #1 piece of safety equipment. We ALWAYS recommend replacing tires before they are 7 years old. Tire disablements are the number one Emergency Road Service problem! Check your owner's manual for the recommended tire pressure - check at least weekly in cold weather, a daily check is better (before you go).
- **Batteries** - As you know, cold weather decreases the battery's ability to hold a charge. Check your vehicle's battery terminals for corrosion. If the batteries in your RV are older than four years, have them load tested.
- **Tune-up** - when is the last time you examined hoses, checked all fluid levels and lights?

Safe Winter Driving Tips

Memorize your license plate number and stay aware of your surroundings at all times.

Avoid "shortcuts." Stick to your planned route. Seemingly shorter routes may lead you to a remote location, which could make it more difficult to locate you in the event of an emergency.

Be cautious on bridges, overpasses and low-lit areas where ice patches are most likely to form and not melt.

Ice makes for low or no traction. Avoid slamming on your RV's brakes. Brake slowly, lightly and smoothly.

Stop and rest often. Driving in adverse weather conditions is more tiring.

If you have to call for a disablement it is very helpful to know where you are! You may want to consider a GPS unit which can pinpoint your location within a few meters. This sounds obvious but we have had many situations where members had no idea where they were and we had trouble finding them in order to send a rescue unit.

If You Get Stranded

If you do experience a mechanical breakdown or get stuck in snow, stay in your RV and keep warm. The best peace of mind while traveling winter roads is with Emergency Road service. and, that has access to emergency dispatchers 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

When you call for assistance, be prepared to provide the dispatcher with your vehicle model and type; license plate number; your specific location and details of the problem. Often, a mobile RV technician can repair your vehicle on the spot (for tire changes and other minor repairs). If your RV requires a tow to an RV repair facility.

It's unwise to drive in dangerous winter conditions without some kind of Emergency Roadside Service. If you get stranded and do not have ERS or are unable to phone for assistance, stay warm and ration your food/water until you are found. Keep your emergency lights on to alert other travelers or the authorities that you are in need of assistance.

Remember, Old Man Winter will soon be in your rearview mirror!

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