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RIDGEVIEW RESORT

October outing was held at the Ridgeview RV resort in Bullhead City, Arizona. We started our weekend by heading to the Avi Casino for a great buffet dinner and then into the Casino to try our luck. Friday morning we shared a potluck at the clubhouse where we spent time chatting about our summer adventures. After breakfast we went to the Colorado River museum where we learned a lot about the local history of the river and the surrounding towns. We took a drive to the Davis Dam and then to Catherine's Marina at Lake Mohave. The view was beautiful and we enjoyed feeding the fish and ducks. A few of us stayed to have lunch and then drove to see the petroglyphs from the early Mohave Indians that lived in the area. We then crossed over the bridge to Laughlin to play a couple rounds of Bingo. We met for dinner at Casa Serrano Mexican restaurant and then enjoyed the rest of the evening in the Casinos. Saturday morning we met again at the clubhouse for a potluck Breakfast. After our chapter meeting we carpooled to the historical ghost town and mining camp of Oatman. We enjoyed a gun fighting show and mingled with the burros that roam the streets. We spent time browsing the unique shops and enjoyed ice cream. Saturday night the Just's invited us to their clubhouse for dinner. We relaxed and shared great conversation as we watched the Angels/Yankees game (NY Won). Sunday morning came too fast as we said our goodbyes.

Minutes of Hi-Desert Rig Runners Meeting

October 17, 2009

Ridgeview RV Resort, Bullhead City, AZ

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:19 a.m. by President Tryna Morton.

Members Present: David Athy, Lorraine Brockway, Orin and Clare Gilbertson, Bob and Paula Gorges, Jerry and Connie Just, Frank and Deanna Kojder, Marge Morrison, Al and Tryna Morton

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The May 2009 Minutes should be corrected to state that the Gorge's paid \$20.00 for their Chapter shirts. The May 2009 Minutes were approved as printed in the Gazette and hereby corrected. The September 2009 Minutes were approved as printed in the Gazette.

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

Sunshine Report: Lorraine reported that Marge had been ill with a cold and that Clare was recovering well from her recent knee surgery. Clare thanked Lorraine (and the Chapter) for the get well card.

Correspondence:

a. The Chapter received a letter from an Ed, a youth who attended GNR this year, and sent a thank you note for the gift the Chapter had sent.

b. Tryna mentioned the e-mails she (and others) has been receiving from WIT, particularly the "blasts" with regard to some of the WIT Tours events. Frank indicated that members can "opt out" from receiving future e-mails of this type by responding to a received e-mail.

Old Business:

a. Continue to collect your beverage can pull tabs and turn them in to Orin. Orin will check with the Redlands Ronald McDonald House about possibly taking the tabs there in December and getting a tour.



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b. Deanna reported that badges obtained from both 'approved' badge companies are about the same price. We cannot get the gold stamped WIT logo anymore so will go with the engraved logo.

c. Deanna showed a sample of a shirt she had made by a local vendor. The shirt used an iron-patch made from a digitized copy of the Chapter logo and had an embroidered name. The color was not quite the same as the current shirts. Cost was \$25.00 per shirt. The embroidered shirt made by the agency in Palm Desert cost about \$30.00 per shirt. It was decided to continue with the Palm Desert agency.

New Business:

a. State Rallies. Tryna asked members who attended the four western state rallies to give brief reports on them.

1. The Washington Rally was well organized, excellent food, many seminars, had several vendors. Everyone got a door prize. The rally is well supported by local dealers.

2. The Oregon Rally had a few seminars and good food. They had a good "get acquainted" game the first night to get folks to mingle. The electric power at the recently renovated grounds was not good at times. Many door prizes.

3. The California Rally was very bad. There were no vendors or seminars. Food was bad. Very few door prizes. (Some of those attending said they would not go back to a California State Rally because of how bad the 2009 Rally was.)

4. The Nevada Rally only had about 35 rigs attending. Food was good but often not hot because of not having a kitchen in the assembly building. No vendors or dealers. Several seminars were held. Everyone received a door prize but there was a wide disparity in prize value.

Orin was requested to draft a letter to the California State Club relaying Chapter member concerns about this years Rally and asking if the State Club still was giving the 100% State Club Membership patches.

b. Tryna suggested that it was time to review the Chapter Standing Rules and add the following two item to the list:
All outings shall be held within a 150 mile radius of

7. members homes (unless otherwise voted upon at a Chapter meeting) .

8. Outings will not be held more than once at the same location in

a calendar year.

c. David Athy is heading the Nominating Committee.

d. Tryna passed a sheet for folks to sign up for 2010 outings.

e. Chapter of Excellence award pins for 2009 were distributed to those members in attendance.

f. Frank Kojder discussed the November outing at the Barstow KOA and outlined some of the proposed activities. RSVP by November 5.

g. Tryna reminded members that the December outing would again be in Banning on December 3-6. It was decided that the members would like to again have the catered Italian dinner (lasagna, salad, rolls) for Saturday evening. On Thursday the members would like to again go to the Sun Lakes Country Club for dinner. Clare was asked to coordinate decorations.

h. David Athy will prepare a write-up for this campout and forward it to Tryna.

Announcements:

Tryna and the Chapter extended their thanks to the Just's and Athy's for hosting this weekends outing.



Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Orin Gilbertson, Secretary

Nominating Committee

We will be voting on the following slate of officers at the November meeting. If anyone would like to run for office, please contact David ASAP.

President: Augie Sansone
V. President: Frank Kojder
Treasurer: Deanna Kojder
Secty: Orin Gilbertson



Message from the President

It was great to see everyone after being gone for four months. What fun we had in Bullhead City (except for the heat!).

It was fun hearing about the Western State Rallies – I can't believe that for such a small chapter, we were represented in Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada.

As I discussed at the meeting, we will be voting on changes in the Standing Rules at our November outing. Please take a few minutes to look over the present rules and think about the proposed rules that were presented at the meeting. The proposed additions are:

- A. Rule 7: All outings shall be held within a 150 mile radius of members homes.
- B. Rule 8: Outings will not be held more than once at the same location in a calendar year.

Thank you everyone for signing up to be wagonmaster in 2010. I recommend that you firm up location ASAP as trying to find a place at the last minute is not fun. Please let Augie and myself know as soon as you have a location so we can be sure that it gets published in the WIT News.

I forgot to mention that we will once again use the \$25 uni-sex criteria for our gift exchange at the December outing. More on the outing in November.

Keep saving those pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House – everyone did a great job over the summer! If anyone is interested in me putting together a short slide show of summer travel, please get your photos to me ASAP and I will put it together for the December outing.

I have a friend who is looking to purchase a used 32-34 foot Winnebago. He would really like an adventurer but would probably buy a different model if the coach was right for he and his wife. If you know of anyone selling can you please let me know.

See you in a couple of weeks at Calico.

Tryna

WHO

Who walks into other peoples coaches at night without being invited?

Who collected burro poo in Oatman?

Who turned 79 during the campout?

Who became casino hoppers over the summer?

October 2009 outing



Oatmeal cookies: Sugar Free recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 c. whole wheat flour
- 1 c. oatmeal
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 c. unsweetened applesauce
- 1/4 c. water
- 1/3 c. vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/4 c. chopped nuts (optional)
- 1/4 tsp. sea salt



Preparation:

Combine all ingredients in a [mixing bowl](#). Beat well. Drop by spoonfuls onto a lightly oiled baking sheet. [Bake](#) in a 375 degree oven for 10 to 15 minutes or until browned. Makes 48 cookies



2009 Outing Schedule

November 12-15 Calico KOA Yermo, CA WM: Frank & Deanna Kojder

December 3-6 Banning, CA WM: Executive Board

2010 Outing Schedule

January 21 - 24: State Meeting Hemet: President

February 18 - 21: Morton

March 18 - 21: Gilbertson

April 15 - 18: SW Reginal Rally, Parumph, Nevada

April 22-25 Lodi State Meeting: President

May 20 - 23: Sansone/Gorges

September 16 - 19: Athy_

October 14 - 17: Brockway, Peterson, Morrison

November 11 - 14: Kojder

December : Executive Board; Banning



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Notes for meeting

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