



The Rig Runner Gazette

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

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We're Having a Heat Wave!!!!

By Orin Gilbertson

That might have been the theme for the weekend as eight rigs gathered at Sky Valley Resort in Desert Hot Springs for the March outing. Temperatures were in the mid-80's when folks arrived, about 10 degrees above normal here in the desert. After getting



settled in and catching up on happenings since we last met, we went to the Sky Valley Café for

dinner and then on to the Gilbertson's house for dessert and to watch the Don Cooper travelogue "Trails of the Mountain West". This Cooper travelogue finds Don and his brother designing and building a "motorhome" on a Model-T



truck chassis and then traveling the historic trails along the Rocky Mountains. After seeing their "motorhome" we were all glad we had our modern Winnebago Industries RV for our travels. About 10 p.m. the winds starting

howling and several thought their coaches were going to topple over. (The nighttime gusts were estimated to be 45 to 50 mph by Resort residents.) By daybreak the winds subsided enough to have our potluck breakfast behind a wind break formed by several motorhomes.

Friday morning we car-pooled to the Coachella Valley Preserve where we stopped by the Visitor's Center and then walked some of the trails among the many palm trees growing in this area - right atop the San Andreas Fault!!! The fault has



created a discontinuity and water running underground from the mountains to the North rises to the surface when it encounters this discontinuity and a small stream and pond have developed. Around this natural water source you find not only the palm trees but many different types of vegetation, birds and animals. The afternoon was spent lazing around. Wagonmasters Orin and Clare Gilbertson cooked up a delicious pork loin roast and some baked beans for dinner with others bringing potluck items. After dinner, we played nickel bingo until it got too dark to see. Several



then went off to the hot mineral pools to soak and splash.

Saturday afternoon, Chapter

members car-pooled to the Annenberg Theater in Palm Springs for a matinee showing of *Menopause, The Musical*. It's here that the heat really got turned up as we all enjoyed this musical about the change of life as

experienced by many women (and some men).

Everyone seemed to enjoy the show (even us men).

A potluck hors d'oeuvres dinner was enjoyed when we got back to camp. Five of the women went off to the pools for the evening. It is rumored that they put on quite a show. (They must have gotten some excess energy from watching the musical in the afternoon.)



After a pancake breakfast served by the Wagonmasters on Sunday morning everyone

packed up their rigs and headed home until we can get together again.



Minutes of Hi-Desert Rig Runners Meeting

March 19, 2010

Sky Valley Resort, Desert Hot Springs

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Augie Sansone at 1:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Lorraine Brockway, Orin and Clare Gilbertson, Bob and Paula Gorges, Jerry and Connie Just,

Margorie Morrison, Al and Tryna Morton, Mary Peterson, Augie and Judi Sansone.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Tryna and seconded by Judi to accept the February Minutes as published in the Gazette. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Paula presented the Treasurer's Report in Deanna's absence. The report was filed for audit.

Sunshine Report: Lorraine reported that she sent a card to Frank Kojder after his recent hip surgery. Reports are that he is doing well. It was reported that former member Art Stovall is in the hospital again.

Correspondence:

a. Several e-mails from State Club President Art Schipper which were forwarded to Chapter members by President Sansone.

b. Orin reported that he had sent an e-mail to WIT General Manager Doug Formanek about the Chapter concerns on the wording of the revisions to a couple of sections of the WIT Club Bylaws. No response has been received.

c. Orin read a thank you note from Meredith Culbertson thanking the



Chapter for welcoming her to the activities at the February outing.

Old Business:

a. Thanks to everyone for saving the soda can pull tabs. We have nearly filled (now totally full after receiving tabs at the outing) a large pretzel container. Keep the tabs coming. Clare will make arrangements for us to deliver our tabs to the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House during our December outing in Banning. She will try to get a tour at the same time.

New Business:

a. President Sansone reminded Chapter members that it was not too late to sign up for a month for their outing in 2011. (A list was prepared after the meeting with most months taken.)

b. For 2011, President Sansone would like to see the Chapter expand the types and locations of the outings. This led to a discussion of various ideas and the good and bad of each. Some of the items discussed were: re-consider the distance limitation, possibility of joint outings with other Chapters, do we need a club house, let the Wagonmaster select the site with whatever amenities are available and let Chapter members know early on so they can make an informed choice on whether they want to attend, rotate the months from year to year so a couple/person is not always hosting the same month, if the State Club has a meeting in our area we should have our outing and meeting in conjunction with the State Club meeting with the Chapter President assigned to be host, if we go to a membership park where some Chapter members are members should we share the cost evenly among all who attend.

c. Clare suggested that we prepare a list of what everyone has in the way of camping memberships. (A list was prepared and passed around after the meeting.)

d. Clare went over activities for the remainder of the weekend.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Orin Gilbertson, Secretary



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well we had another great outing. Clare and Orin great job!

I want to say thanks to everyone for an outstanding meeting. Everyone had input, it will help us to make the Hi-Desert Rig Runners a better club.

I felt that no matter what our personal preference is about campouts we all are willing to walk the extra mile for the club and we all respect each others views. This will help open up new places and different camping sites. I wish we had this type of unity in Washington.

Augie Sansone



I'm having a hot flash
A tropical hot flash
My personal summer is really a bummer
I'm having a hot flash

Comes on like a car crash
No warning just hot flash
Outside it is nippy, but I'm hot and drippy
I'm having a hot flash

From Menopause the Musical



SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Lorraine recommends:

Acacia RV
295 N. Hermosa Ave
Colton, CA 92324
(909)824-9674

Connie and Jerry recommend:

CRG MOBILE RV REPAIR
Service. Warranty. Ext Warranty
Generac.Onan.Dometic.Coleman
All Hyd.systems and Satellites
30111 State St. Hemet, Ca. 92543
951 445-8842
[CARFISHINGS17@gmail](mailto:CARFISHINGS17@gmail.com)

Carlos Gutierrez Certified RV Tech

Al recommends:

Pioneer Fuel, a franchisee of Pacific Pride
Free membership to use card lock stations
1400 locations open 24/7
1-800-959-3835
www.pacificpride.us



2010 Outing Schedule

April 15 - 18: SW Reginal Rally, Pahrump, Nevada
April 22-25 Lodi State Meeting

May 20 - 23: Desert Willows, Hesperia
WM: Sansone/Gorges

July 10-23 GNR Forest City, Iowa

September 16 - 19: TBA WM: Just

September 29- Oct 3: State Rally, Bakersfield

October 14 - 17: Lone Wolf, Apple Valley
WM: Brockway, Peterson, Morrison

November 11 - 14: Barstow KOA
WM: Kojder

December 16-19: Banning KOA
WM: Executive Board

2011 Outing Schedule

January 14-17 WM: Just

February 17-20 WM: Sansone

March 17-20 Borrego Springs WM: Gilbertson

April (date TBA) Sedona, AZ WM: Morton

October 13-16 WM: Gorges

Nov 17-20 WM: Brockway, Morrison,
Peterson

December WM: Executive Board



FROM THE KITCHEN

Clare's Raspberry Bars

Crust:

- $\frac{3}{4}$ c white whole wheat flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c chopped pecans
- 2 tbl sugar or splenda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
- 3 tbl cold butter, cut into small pieces
- 2 tbl ice water
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp vanilla extract

Filling:

- 2 tsp unflavored gelatin
- 2 tbl water
- 3 cups fresh raspberries, divided
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c sugar or splenda
- 4 tbl nonfat cream cheese softened
- 2 tbl low fat milk
- 1 tbl confectioners sugar

To prepare crust:

1. Preheat oven to 400. Coat 8 inch baking pan with cooking spray
2. Put flour, pecans, 2 tbl sugar and salt in food processor- run until nuts are finely ground. Add butter one piece at a time pulsing once or twice after each addition until incorporated. Add ice water and vanilla and pulse just until dough starts to come together. Transfer to pan and press evenly and firmly into pan to form a bottom crust.
3. Bake until it looks set but not browned about 15 minutes. Cool on wire rack.

Filling:

1. Sprinkle gelatin over 2 tbl water in small bowl; let stand stirring once or twice while you prepare rest
2. Puree all but 16 berries until smooth. Transfer to medium saucepan and stir in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar (splenda). Cook until bubbling over medium heat. Stir in gelatin mixture and cook until gelatin is melted (about 1 minute).
3. Fill large bowl with ice water. Pour raspberry mixture into medium bowl and set it in bowl of ice water. Refrigerate, stirring occasionally with rubber spatula until mixture thickens to the consistency of loose jam and is beginning to set around edges (about 30 minutes).

4. Meanwhile beat cream cheese, milk and confectioners sugar in medium bowl with electric mixer until smooth.
5. Spread the thickened filling evenly over the crust. Dollop the cream cheese mixture over the filling. Draw the tip of a sharp knife or skewer through the two fillings to create a swirled effect. Nestle reserved berries into the filling evenly spacing them so each bar will be topped with a berry when cut. Refrigerate until the bars are complete set (about 3 hours). Cut into 16 bars.



Skillet Meatloaf - submitted by Augie

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Serves: 6

Ingredients: 1/2 cup water

1/4 cup steak sauce or ketchup

2 tsp. vegetable oil

1-1/4 cups tomato sauce

3/4 cup dried bread crumbs

1 small onion diced

1 small green pepper, chopped

1/4 cup skim milk

1 tsp. garlic salt

1 egg

1 lb. Ground beef or Ground Chuck

Directions:

Combine bread crumbs, onion, pepper, milk, garlic salt, egg and pepper to taste in a bowl. Add meat and knead with your hands until mixed thoroughly. Add oil to a 9 inch skillet. Transfer meat mixture to skillet and form into an 8 inch patty. Cook over medium heat about 5 minutes, occasionally lifting up patty with a wide spatula and tilting pan to let oil run under the patty, until bottom is browned. Discard excess fat. Place a plate over top of skillet and carefully invert skillet and plate together so patty is on the plate. Slide patty uncooked side down, back into the skillet and cook about 3 minutes, until underside is just beginning to brown. Discard excess fat. Combine tomato sauce, steak sauce and water in a bowl. Pour over meat and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer about 20 minutes until patty is cooked through. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting into wedges and serving with sauce from skillet.



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