

Western Road Runner



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To the members:

- Thanks for your support and attendance at the Rallies
- Please contribute articles and photos to this Newsletter. The Membership Directory has the contact information for Phil Beautrow, the Editor.
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President's Corner

The 2007 Pahrump, Nevada, Mini-Rally has come and gone. As usual, the members who were not there were sorely missed. We did have the opportunity to meet a number of new members and not so new members (first timers to the rally). I can say that the new members were just as great as the old members and fit right in! So this column is dedicated to them: Don and Dotty Bundy; Stan and Kit Oliveira; Cindy Rowe and Peter Paccone; Dick and Suzy Bowers; Bob and Vera Raudman; Lynn & Marian Ewer and Hal and Mary Seeley. Thank you for your presence and making it just that much more special. See if you can recognize the repeat attendees in the group picture: Ole & Barbara Jensen; Barbara Todd; Phil & Marion Beautrow; Kathy Bailey & Jan Olmstead; Mike & Margie Froess; Earl & Joyce Ruby; and Bert Wall.

REMINDER: If you haven't reserved your spot for Fourth Annual Rally in New Mexico, **do it soon / don't wait**, as there aren't that many left. Send your deposit to Lena Prentice. Check for more detailed information on web site. I hope to see you, and I promise that you will have a wonderful time.

Lastly, I would like to recognize Bert and Marta Wall for all the hard work and effort in organizing the 2007 Pahrump Mini-Rally: You did a good job, thanks!

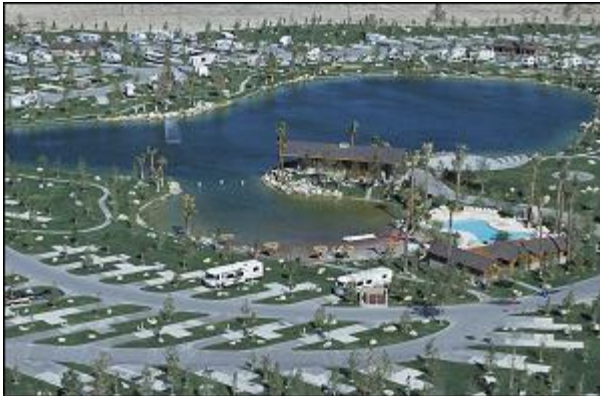


**"There were 15
Chinooks that
attended the rally."**

Pahrump Nevada Mini Rally Report

March 29—April 1 By P. Beautrow, Editor

Some facts about the place: The name derives from Shoshone Indian “Pah-Rimpi” or water rock. Artesian wells provide lifeblood for the area. This is one of the fastest



growing areas in Nevada with 10,000 new homes planned. Access from Las Vegas and the gateway to Death Valley seem to be the big drawing cards.

We started out from Santa Barbara, Thursday, March 29th and stopped for gas at the usual place, COSTCO in Victorville. Standing out in the parking lot sea of cars was another Chinook. It was then that we spotted the Earleys with an armload of groceries. After exchanging hugs it was decided that we would follow them to Pahrump since we had never been there. I-15 had its usual jam-packed lanes of trucks. There were several stops to switch drivers (not coach-to-coach). Winds were blowing like crazy, the pace was very comfortable and we arrived uneventfully.

Terrible's Lakeside Casino and RV Park was an oasis to some of us newcomers. A lake in the middle of nowhere; Bert Wall had made a good selection. Evidently there was a 99.9% occupancy since few spaces were vacant. Where do all these people come from?

Thursday night was used to catch up and meet new friends. Retirement was early and the winds kept blowing. A few coaches were yet to arrive.

Friday was free time which was spent visiting and relaxing. The side trip to Death Valley was not scheduled since most people had been there. The day was spent swapping stories, exchanging recipes, and talking about favorite Chinook topics: brakes, tires, alignment, mileage, and storage. Speaking of the latter, Jerry E. sported a new pod on rear called a “Terrapin.”



(edible fresh water turtle) It plugs into the trailer hitch receiver and swings out of the way for access. This allows Jerry to carry oodles of extras and keep Jane happy.

After a snack time the Potluck started. There was an extraordinary variation of dishes with wines that matched. Also, we met a number of new members. A group picture was successfully taken with the usual catcalls and remarks. At dusk, the “tech-guy” set up his projector and showed movies of the various Rallies on the side of his coach. This was accompanied by music from his iPod sound system. What a deal!

Saturday was another day of R & R. That evening we had Potluck No. 2 with all the leftovers from the day before. There were plenty; wine flowed again. Jerry entertained showed more pictures on the side of his coach.

Sunday was the end of the mini rally and most of the people set off and joined the maddening crowds. Our brief interlude in NV was a good experience. Now back to the high California gas prices!

2007 Pahrump : “The Group”



Attendees

Bert Wall, NV; Jerry and Jane Earley, CA; Ole and Barbara Jensen, CA; Barbara Todd, NV; Phil & Marion Beautrow, CA; Don and Dorothy Bundy, AZ; Stan and Kit Oliver, CA; Cindy Rowe, CA; K. Bailey & J. Olmsted, CA; Mike and Margie Froess, CA; Dick and Suzy Bowers, NV; Earl and Joyce Ruby; Robert and Vera Raudman, CA; Lynn & Marian Ewer, UT; Hall & Seely, NV

Pahrump Mini Rally Pictures



Come On! Get Closer.



Jane...You have got to behave!



Trying to catch up with Earley



Ahh...life is so sweet



You gotta problem?



Window view of the park

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