OK HitchHikers

Elk Creek RV Park
April 7-11, 2010

Jim and Bill, two elderly friends, met in the park every day to feed the pigeons, watch the squirrels and discuss world problems. One day Jim didn't show up. Bill didn't think much about it and figured maybe he had a cold or something. But after Jim hadn't shown up for a week or so, Bill really got worried. However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Bill didn't know where Jim lived, so he was unable to find out what had happened to him.

A month had passed, and Bill figured he had seen the last of Jim, but one day, Bill approached the park and -- lo and behold! --there sat Jim! Bill was very excited and happy to see him and told him so. Then he said, 'For crying out loud Jim, what in the world happened to you?'

Jim replied, 'I have been in jail.'

'Jail?' cried Bill. ' What in the world for?'

'Well,' Jim said, 'you know Mary Lou, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where I sometimes go?'

'Yeah,' said Bill, 'I remember her. What about her?'

'Well, one day she filed rape charges against me; and, at 89 years old, I was so proud that when I got into court, I pled 'guilty'

'The darn judge gave me 30 days for perjury!

The Campout News:

On April 7, fighting a stiff wind, eight rigs made their way to Elk Creek RV Park in Elk City for a few days of sunshine, comraderie and good food. Camping were the Barratieres, Callahans, Holidays, Marshes, Maxwells, Owens, Thrailkills, and Tuckers. Our hosts, the Owens, provided a well-planned weekend for the group. Thursday the ladies invaded Stage and other hot spots in an effort to lighten their billfolds. Always fun to do that! The men found their own entertainment but kept mum about it!

Friday morning Jim Owens rounded everyone up for a 10:00 a.m. departure for Sweetwater and a visit to the Wind Farm located there. Bill and Loreta West joined us for the presentation by David Kroeker, Plant Leader for NEXTera Energy (a publicly traded company). We learned. . .

A turbine's life is 20-30 years.
They produce electricity with winds as light as 5 mph.
The blades are 157 feet long and are made of fiberglass and balsa wood.
The blades rotate 16 times per minute and the tip of the blade revolves at 270 miles per hour.
Each structure stands 287 feet high and costs $5 million.
One turbine turning in the wind for one hour would supply electricity to one home for a month.
The private landowners are WELL compensated for having turbines on their land.

. . .and, we learned so much more. Our group asked excellent questions and Mr. Kroeker was patient and happy to answer them all. Later, we drove out to a turbine with an

opportunity to go inside. No one jumped at the chance to climb the 276 steps to the top. Thanks to Jim for lining up this educational and interesting field trip!

Our lunch stop was at Raptor T's in Erick. We tried hard to lunch wisely, as catfish dinners at Simon's Catch were scheduled just 4 hours after our mid-day meal. The dinner bell rang at 5:00, the catfish was superb and our appetites unaffected after all.

A highlight on Saturday was Elk City's Home and Garden Exposition at the Conference Center on the edge of town. Everyone grabbed a plastic bag and filled it with freebies--fly swatter, rain gauge, key chain, pencils and pens, pot holder--life's necessities. Free samples of freshly baked wheat bread and cinnamon rolls plus live entertainment made visiting the Exposition a must. The day was topped off with a sumptuous potluck supper. Each evening's games provided plenty of laughter and competition.

Sunday morning biscuits and gravy greeted us in the Rally Room followed by Jim's devotional on "Service and Commitment to the Lord."

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital.
When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was,
a nurse said, 'No change yet.'

Business Meeting:

President Owens called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. The minutes of the March meeting were approved and Lou Ann reported a balance of $1,987.23 in the Club treasury. The group was informed that the Rileys' trip east was great and we look forward to hearing all about it next month. Lou Ann reported that the two traveling tubs have been replenished with supplies. The Maxwells will be our May hosts and Carolyn announced that we will have Indian tacos and the women signed up to bring the "fixins" plus desserts. Dennis discussed activities for the May campout and although there was a "no vote" on the asparagus farm visit, Dennis was given full vote of confidence to plan the weekend activities. An often discussed topic of new membership met the usual conclusion; we all feel we should make a bigger effort to encourage new memberships.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned
out to be an optical Aleutian .

MAY OUTING:

The May 12-16 campout will be at the Checotah KOA RV Park. Dennis and Carolyn Maxwell will be our hosts. Please contact Dennis, our Wagon Master, if you are planning to attend.

Directions to Checotah KOA:

From Jct of I-40 & US-75, E 15 miles on I-40 to Exit 255, W 0.7 mile on North service Rd (R)

She was only a whiskey maker's daughter, but he loved her still.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall.
The police are looking into it.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

George Hall	May 9
Drewman Marsh	May 18
Dennis Maxwell	May 18
Zane Callahan	May 29
Dennis and Mildred Boelte	May 20
Ron and Shirley Griffin	May 23

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

Remember in Prayer:

All our prayers are with Shirley and Ron Griffin, Lu's sister Bess, Doc and Susan Holiday in the loss of his mother, Loreta West's mother and Jim Johnson's father.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger.
Then it hit me.

Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects!

* * BIG SURPRISE! * *

Your HH Secretary will have a gift for everyone
in attendance at our May campout.
You will not want to miss this!