

OK Hitchhikers

**Sallisaw KOA
March 10-14, 2010**

The News:

The 2010 camping season began with a great campout at the Sallisaw KOA. Nine rigs were present: the Barratieres, Callahans, Griffins, Holidays, Marshes, Maxwells, Owens, Rileys and Tuckers. In spite of warnings of bad weather, we still enjoyed a little sunshine and mild temperatures. The Barratieres were hosts. Lu had her foot in a walking cast, but that didn't slow her down very much.

Thursday morning the group ventured to Spiro, OK, the garden spot of eastern Oklahoma. We stopped by the Spiro Lock and Dam on the Arkansas River and watched a tug and 12 barges pass through the locks as they were heading down stream. Next we went to the Spiro Mounds Visitor Center and the manager gave us an hour lecture on the activity in the area during the Mississippi era (0700-1400 AD). We found out that the site was a location of a town site that housed the royal family who ruled the Indian world during that era. Only one of the mounds was a burial site. The other mounds had houses on them. It was very interesting and we all came home with a better appreciation of the history of the area. We finished off the excursion with a stop at Wild Horse BBQ.

Friday was a leisurely day, the women went shopping and the men did "men things." Friday evening everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck followed by the business meeting.

Saturday morning several folks drove over to Fort Smith National Historic Site. We went through Judge Parker's Courthouse and learned a little about life in the early Oklahoma Territory. It was almost too much culture for our group. Saturday afternoon the group went to Shad's Catfish Hole, which was six miles south of the park. They served the meal family style in two courses. When they started clearing the plates from the first course some of us got really worried that we had missed the fish. Griffins' friends, Rod and Glenna York from Farmington, AR joined us for the meal.

Sunday morning hosts Lu and Barry served biscuits, sausage and fruit. Rev Barry gave a great devotion using Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it". Lu and Barry did a great job as hosts and the Callahans were nice enough to jump in and assist since Lu was slightly incapacitated.

*I joined a health club last year, Spent about 400 bucks.
Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.*

Business Meeting:

John Riley, Vice President, reported that 2011 Site Selection Committee (John Riley, Drewman Marsh and Ron Griffin) met and developed a tentative camping agenda for 2011 and shared it with the group. The final camping agenda for 2011 will be presented at the June Campout. Lou Ann Callahan, Treasurer, reported \$1997.96 in the bank and all of the membership dues have been collected with the exception of Doyle Rowe. Dennis Maxwell, Wagon Master, had to return home due a health issue with Carolyn's mother. Jim Owens discussed the April campout. Jim and Mary Lou will be hosts. We will be eating at Simons Catch on Friday and have a pot luck on Saturday evening.

In New Business, Jim Owens asked Inez Tucker to be responsible for making Christmas lunch reservations at the Western Heritage Center for December 4, 2010. Everyone was in agreement to have our December meal there once again.

*The only reason I would take up walking
Is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.*

Next OUTING:

The April 7-12 campout will be at Elk Creek RV Park in Elk City. If you are not signed up or must cancel, please notify Wagon Master Dennis as soon as possible.

Directions to Elk City RV:

From Jct of I-40 & S Main (exit 38), N 500 ft on S Main to 20th St, E (right) 500 ft on 20th St (L) Phone number: 580-225-7865

*I have to walk early in the morning,
Before my brain figures out what I'm doing.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

John Riley

April 14

Remember in Prayer:

A number of members have difficulties and health issues to surmount and would appreciate our prayers.

Thanks to President Jim for providing the information for this communication.

**Walking can add minutes to your life.
This enables you at 85 years old to spend an
additional five months in a nursing home at \$7,000 per month.**



**“The handle on your recliner does
not qualify as an exercise machine.”**

3/15/2010

Oklahoma HitchHiker Club 2011 Camping Schedule

January 08, 2011 (Drewman)	Kendall's Noble, Ok	405-872-0303
February 12, 2011 (Ron)	Hometown Buffet Oklahoma City, Ok	405-946-9501
March 09-13,2011 (Drewman)	Cedar Valley RV Park Guthrie, Ok	405-282-4478
April 06-10,2011 (Drewman)	Fort Cobb State Park Fort Cobb, Ok	405-643-2249
May 11-15, 2011 (John)	Western Hills State Park Wagoner, Ok	918-772-2046
June 08-12, 2011 (John)	Keystone State Park Mannford, Ok	918-865-4491
July 06-10, 2011 (Ron)	Natural Falls State Park West Siloam Spring, Ok	918-422-5802
Aug 10-14, 2011 (Ron)	South 81 RV Park Duncan, Ok	580-252-7300
Sept7-11, 2011 (John)	Wanderlust RV Park Eureka Springs, Ar	479-253-7385 800-253-7385
Oct 05-09, 2011 (Drewman)	Ben's Texhoma Lake Texhoma, Ok	580-564-2560 800-528-0593
Nov 09-13, 2011 (Ron)	Arbuckle RV Resort Sulphur, Ok	580-622-6338
Dec 01-04, 2011 (John)	Twin Fountains RV Park Oklahoma City	405 475-5514