

Earl's Diary - Saturday - February 8, 2014

Dear Loyal Readers, wherever you are;

The day broke bright and clear, not a cloud in the sky. There wasn't too much breeze either. It proved to be a perfect weather day for outdoor events.

The day got off to a ripe roaring start with lots of activity all around the gathering area. There was a swap meet at one end of the area with persons exchanging things they didn't want for things other people didn't want! There seemed to be a good amount of exchanging going on.

A short time later a small group of people gathered around a fellow demonstrating solar panels. I think he even sold a few. This same company was here last year and he sold out of the supply he brought. This year I think returning people didn't need a new supply. Perhaps the market for this particular project has been saturated!

At noonish  
(that's people  
speak for  
approximately  
12:00) things  
REALLY started  
to heat up - soup  
that is! Actually



the time really turned into 12:30ish! One of the traditional events at this gathering is The Soup Thing. Everyone is invited to bring a can of soup (not cream style). All cans are dumped into a pot. (Chicken soups in one pot, and beef soups in another pot) It's surprising how well that mixture turns out. Here, let me show you part of the crowd:



The natives are getting restless



Then can hardly wait!



The weather cooperated, and it was a perfect day for soup lunch.



Another event for the day was the Ladderball Tournament (Sponsored by Scamp Owners International - SOI for short.) This event was held following the Soup Thing. The Ladderball was loosely scheduled for 1:00ish. Actually since the Soup Thing didn't start until 12:30ish, the Ladderball Tournament didn't start until 1:15ish. We had 12 teams enjoying throwing the bolos (at the ladders, not their partners!).

Once again, they say a picture is worth a thousand words, so let me save several thousand words my showing you some pictures!



Let the action begin



Yours truly tried to keep the decorum on a civilized level.



The kid is going to show you how to do it!



Here, let me try.



Oh, that's how you do it!



And the final winners are: 1st: Mike & Patti, 2nd: John & Lance, 3rd Larry & Mike  
SOI provided tournament winners with SOI wearing gear.



OK this is how you do it!



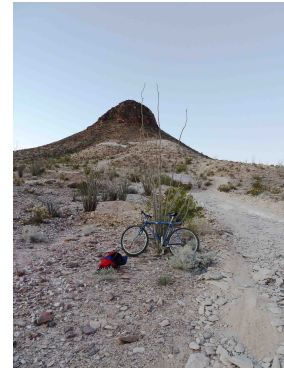




Dome Rock



I really wanted a picture of the whole campsite from the top of Dome Rock, but I sure wasn't going to try that sort of thing. Lance came along and reported that he had made it to the top and took several pictures. Thanks to Lance, the photo you see WAS taken from the top of Dome Rock. He bicycled up the hill as far as he could go, then crawled to the top. Thanks Lance for showing us the eggs scattered all over the desert!



The big surprise this year was the number of Escape trailers attending for the first time. There were a couple of 17 footers and a couple of 19 footers.



Egg Camper - Notice the vertical orientation of the belly? band.



Molded fiberglass trailers are getting bigger. This is a 25 ' Bigfoot model.



Of course, Scamp trailers (13', 16' and 5ers) were represented at this non-denominational gathering of "egg" trailers.

What else went on today? Not to anyone's surprise, more visiting! We noticed several egg trailers pulled out this afternoon. Perhaps they have to get home in order to go to w---. (Darn, I still can't say that work, even in writing.

Oh well, I don't think too much will be happening tomorrow. You guessed it! Lots of people will be leaving for home. Those of us who are left will do more visiting! We'll see what happens. Anyway, thanks for coming along with me today. Bye for now - - Earl