

Arizona Outlaws Ride in the Rain

Fall in Arizona is something the locals cherish. The extreme heat of summer is at our back and it marks the start of the 356 driving season - beginning with the annual Javelina 100 tour of Northern Arizona. This October we returned to the red rocks of Sedona, the site of past Javelinas, two West Coast Holidays and quite possibly a third. Fifty cars were entered



the beautiful home of David Gill and Betty Loos, surrounded by the majestic views of Sedona, for the wind-down party. Cold ones and brats for all as we discussed the beauty mother nature had offered us this day. We talked of water leaks we didn't know we had and enjoyed the hospitality and laid back atmosphere of the Arizona Outlaws and the Javelina 100.

Sunday morning brought blue skies and more sunshine as luggage was loaded and good-byes were said. Think about joining the Arizona Outlaws for the 12th running of the Javelina 100 where we plan to run the longest remaining stretch of Route 66 in early October, 2007. 🚗

Mike Wroughton



with John Harvey making the trek all the way from Maryland. Others joined in from Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, California and of course, Arizona.

Most arrived on Friday afternoon at Sky Ranch overlooking Sedona and made their way to the Welcoming Party at the Gold Fish Pond. Old friends exchanged smiles and greeting as they grabbed a cool one.

Saturday morning dawned with rain drops beading on perfect and not-so-perfect paint work. As most made a quick run to fill the tank, a tornado warning was announced on the local news. Wow, we're not in Kansas anymore, Dorothy. But this is Arizona where dust and no humidity is the name of the game. As entrants assembled and received final instructions mother nature was getting ready to throw a hissy fit. But the hardy entrants of the Javelina came to drive, and drive we did - ascending Oak Creek Canyon and on to Mormon Lake Lodge for lunch in a driving rain storm.

Warmed up, dried off and bellies full, we dodged the rain as we scurried past the puddles to our cars. Rain, dense fog and even some BB size hail was encountered while making our way to lower elevations. Just as we saw the Verde Valley ahead the sun beamed through the broken clouds. This was a welcome sight as we arrived at

Photos are from Jim Fleming, who writes: At left is a photo of our fearless leader Mike Wroughton and his wife Karen Sue giving their great license plate awards. Member Brian Lum happens to be getting the "whiner" award given to the last person who gets caught complaining before the wind-down party. The pig gets passed around all during the event; I had it just before Brian grumbled about not having put on his windscreen wipers for the event.

The Outlaw pumpkin with the club logo was carved by the party hosts David Gill and Betty Loos, who have some gangbuster Sedona views (above).

Right: Check the gas, oil level and towels.

