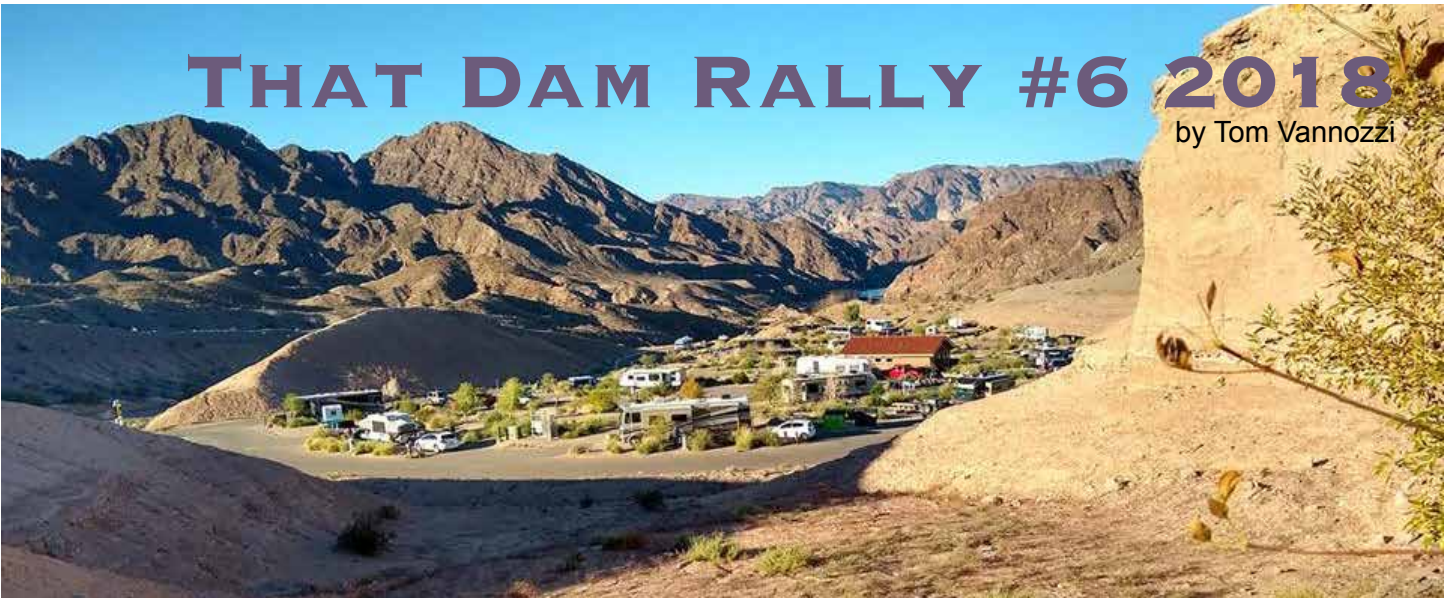


THAT DAM RALLY #6 2018

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Willow Beach RV Park

The Dam Pre-Rally

The Willow Beach RV Park and Marina on Lake Mojave, has an unusual layout in that the spaces are very large. Sections A, B, C, and D each surround large gravel mounds, covered in natural Mojave plants. The mounds are about 10-12' high or about even with the roof of our buses.

The 2018 Dam Rally was held from November 2 – 4 at Lake Mead RV Village in Boulder City, NV. There was a pre-rally at the Willow Beach RV Park in Willow Beach, AZ from October 31 – November 1. Both were NRG's (Non-Rally Gatherings) where no activities are scheduled. You simply show up, meet with other Bus Nuts, and swap lies about bus conversion travel. NRG's seldom charge a rally fee and everyone is expected to contribute something, even if it is a can of nuts for everyone to enjoy.

Some folks prefer NRG's over an official rally, where events are scheduled throughout the week with pre-planned activities throughout the rally. The folks that enjoy NRGs like them because they can go where they want and when they want. Others like to go to a regular rally where activities are planned so they have something to do every day. Some of the larger rallies even have seminars to attend, but they are not so common with the bus rallies anymore.

There are different types of bus rallies for different types of Bus Nuts. Even at an official rally, with pre-planned activities, you are free to participate in the events or go out on your own. Frequently, at rallies, people take a day off from the activities and go into

town or go out exploring to see what the area has to offer. Some extend their stay an extra day or two, or come early to go out and explore. All while, they make sure not miss any of the rally events.

There were eight buses at the pre-rally and 14 buses at the main rally. Even though some folks signed up too late for the main event, they were able to secure a



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