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Christmas in
Palm Springs

by UncleMarkie

Piglette and BoBo
Christmas in Palm Springs

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What a strange way to arrive in
Palm Springs. Hey, there's no
cable for that cable car—it
must be out of service.



Actually, these are the old Palm
Springs Aerial Tramway cars.
UncleMarkie, Pigletté, and BoBo
will be riding in the new ones.



Brandon and Councilman Curt decide
to join UncleMarkie, Pigletté, and
BoBo for the ride to the top.
How long does the ride take?



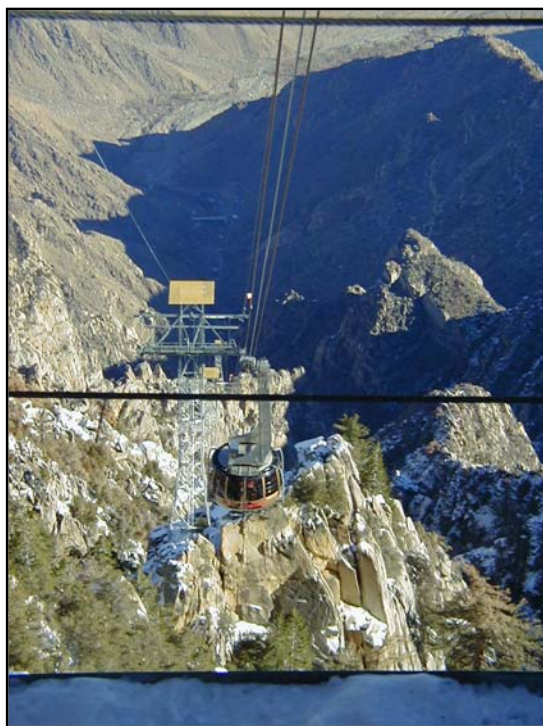
Hey—that other cable car is
going to smash into us!
Oh. It is on the other cable and
swings right past us.



Wow! What a view from the top.
How far above sea level are we?
Mommy will give you five dollars
for the correct answer.



The correct answer is 8,516 feet above sea level. The cable travels a distance of 12,780 feet at a speed of up to 21 miles per hour.



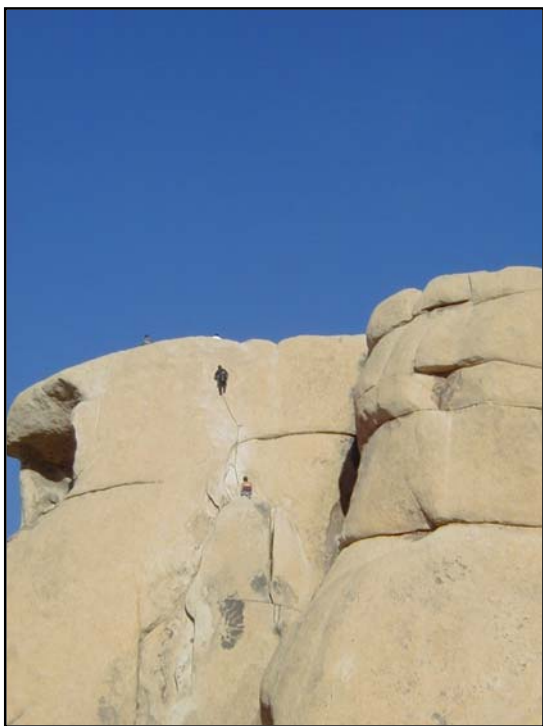
Time to head back down the
mountain so we can visit Joshua
Tree National Park,
outside Palm Springs.



Pigletté and BoBo pause to
pose with UncleMarkie at the
entrance of the 800,000 acre
Joshua Tree National Park.



Rock climbing is a very popular sport in this park. If you look closely you can see some climbers. Can you see them?



Look! There are three climbers.

Can you find the third?

He is on top of the rock—

you can just see his head.



We drive a little further
into the park so that we can get
some exercise on the twelve
different nature walks.



We know it's Christmas time,
but there sure isn't any snow here
for Brandon, UncleMarkie, and
the boys to play in.



Councilman Curt tries to explain
to UncleMarkie that not everyone
has a white Christmas.
Was your Christmas white?



Lunch time! Councilman Curt and
Brandon set out a nice lunch for
the boys. Pigletté and BoBo
like these two!



Ouch! Maybe these nature walks
aren't so fun after all. What
strange plants Pigletté and
BoBo have stumbled into! Oww!



Maybe we should just look at the view instead. The desert park is between 3,000 and 4,000 feet above sea level.



Back in Palm Springs in time for dinner, the boys stop for yet another tourist picture featuring Councilman Curt and Brandon.



There is even time for Pigletté
and BoBo to sit with the
bronze statue of Lucille Ball on
the way to dinner.



Once at dinner we are joined by
Councilman Curt's friend,
George. George is wearing a
bright red beret for the holiday.



After dinner it is time for
Piglette and BoBo to open their
Christmas presents.
Uncle Markie pretends to be shy.



Brandon looks on with
anticipation as Uncle Markie makes
Rusty Nails to celebrate Christmas.
Much better than a lump of coal!



The next day is all about
sightseeing in Palm Springs
proper. First stop: the Coral
Sands, owned by Ruby Montana.



No trip to Palm Springs would
be complete without a visit to the
house once owned by Liberace.
But where are the sequins?



Time for a bit of lunch for
Pigletté and BOBO. Are
Bloody Marys and Gin and
Tonics considered lunch?



Councilman Curt tries to stay out
of the sun. He burns easily, just
like Aunt Piggy. Piglette and
BoBo love the sun.



After lunch comes the Desert Museum. Besides having lots of modern art, they have an exhibit on the Desert Tortoise.



As our last night in Palm
Springs comes to a close over
dinner, some are happy and
some are sad.



The Palm Springs Airport is open-air. This makes Pigletté and BoBo very happy—even if they are going home.

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