
THE ROOSTER

A monthly update from the Inland Empire Offroad Association

What's New

We had a nice long dune trip for Christmas / New Years and are about to head back for Presidents Day. We don't have traditional long articles to cover the trips, but I wanted to get another newsletter out before Presidents Weekend.

Easter 2024

We are planning on a Glamis trip leading up to Easter weekend, starting the middle of the week before, so we will arrive about March 27 and stay through Monday April 1st.

Dumont

We would like to end the season with a Dumont trip, but the weekend is still to be determined. We are looking at early May.

Christmas 2023 / New Years 2024

By Paul Kastle

The Christmas trip was different than we had planned, since Jim couldn't make it due to his recent health issues, so for the first time in my duning career I made a whole trip without him. We still had a great time with the group, and had lots of great rides. Another first was the fact we wound up at Wash 17, because by the time the first members arrived Wash 10 was packed. Ray, Janice, and Mike were able to get a great space just before wash 17, and we had enough room for quite a large group. The riding was good, although camping further down sets us up to enter the dunes further South and we wound up in some different places. One cool feature we found was a big wash running through the dunes that we were able to sweep through headed out towards hill 4. We even made a trip to Oldsmobile at night, but we did so by heading up the washes before turning in about wash 6.

Unfortunately I don't have the notes to provide a detailed trip report with a list of everyone who was there and what we did each day, but I wanted to write up something for the newsletter and include some pictures. We had a bunch of great rides, and again had our traditional spaghetti dinner for New Years on Saturday night, and then omelettes on Sunday. We had our usual repairs to complete as well, but thanks to everyone helping out and having the yellow trailer we got everything taken care of and kept the cars running. We also learned that Tom is one heck of a weldor, as he laid down some beautiful beads to reattach John's steering box.



Upcoming Events

- February 14-19: Presidents Week at Glamis We will try again for Wash 10, Ray will confirm on the 14th.
- March 27- April 1: Easter / Spring Break at Glamis.

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Here’s some pictures of the five plus days of fun for us, and we are looking forward to more fun for Presidents Day. Some items of note are that we finally made it to “China Lake” out by hill 5, and we were smart enough to stay out of the water. We also had great weather and turnout for the pot luck and breakfast.



What's Up With Jim's Health? Part 2

by P.J. Kastle

After being diagnosed with myasthenia gravis shortly before the New Years trip, Jim has been hanging out closer to home and working on getting stronger and taking the medication and steroids. There are good days and bad days, which leaves him with uncertainty about when he will be able to get back out in the dunes. Lately things have been going fairly well, and he is still currently planning on making it out to the dunes for Presidents weekend, but it will come down to a day of the trip decision. We are all hopeful that he will make it out and get to be with us back at the dunes, and finally get to experience the new V8 in his sandrail. Our fingers are crossed and we are looking forward to it.

P.J.'s Mid-Season Maintenance:

By P.J. Kastle

After the New Years trip, I decided to bring my sandrail to the shop at work to spend some Tuesday nights working on some maintenance issues like replacing the rear five link rid ends. As I brought it to the shop, one of the CVs came apart, so they were added to the maintenance list. We also found some cracks on the frame to weld up, and replaced some rod ends on the front end as well, and welded up some wear on a spindle as well. This meant that I had to touch up the paint on the roll cage, but in the 17 plus years I have been running the car the color has faded quite a bit from the original neon green, so I actually had to switch to a more muted color that better matched what the other paint had faded to. It turned out decent, and the weekend before Presidents I brought the car home and am ready for the trip.



This month we'd like to thank everyone for joining in on the New Years trip, and encourage anyone to write articles to ensure there is newsletter content each month. With the season now well underway, we'll be spending some great time in the dunes and there will be plenty of stories to share. Please send your contributions for future newsletters to me at pkastle@msn.com and we will publish them along with a calendar of events each month. -Paul, Melissa, Allie, and Marshall.