
THE ROOSTER

A monthly update from the Inland Empire Offroad Association

What's New

The sand season is wrapping up for many people, but we still have another Glamis trip planned and then there's still time for Dumont as well..

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.

Three Places One Trip

By Mike Bacon

Three Places One Trip!

In February I had the opportunity to go riding in three different places and I decided to put them all together in one trip. I have composed each place in to separate articles to make it easier on the editors.

Glamis North Resort

I had heard about this place for years and had always wanted to check it out, so when friends asked me if I'd like to join them for a weekend adventure I jumped at the chance. I joined Dave & Donette, Jim & Becky, and Chuck & Kathy for some dirt, and rock, riding in the desert east of the Salton Sea. I have to say I wasn't really impressed with the campground, but that's just my opinion. At least they had hookups.

Saturday morning after breakfast we followed paved and dirt roads seventeen miles south to Slab City and Salvation Mountain. We couldn't get very close to Salvation Mountain as it had been raining and the "caretakers" had blocked it off so people wouldn't damage the area walking in the mud. It's an impressive sight considering the amount of time, and paint it took to make it. We then drove through Slab City and worked our way back to camp.



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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April, 2024						
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Saturday afternoon we went north looking for some highlights we found on a trail map on the campground’s website. We took the canal road to the Bradshaw Trail and found abandoned railroad tracks and trestle used by the old Kaiser Steel Mine.



In 1974 Patty Hearst, grand daughter of William Randolph Hearst (Hearst's Castle) was kidnapped from her apartment in Berkeley and held hostage by the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA). Supposedly sometime during her captivity she was held in a mobile home in the hills southeast of the Salton Sea. I could find no reference to verify this, however the remains of the mobile home was supposedly still in the hills, so we went looking for it. The info we had was pretty sketchy and we didn't find it, so we headed back to camp for dinner.

On Sunday we were determined to find the Patty Hearst trailer. I had done some research Saturday night with the internet and Google Earth and believed I had found the location of the trailer, so we set off on our quest. After about an hour of sand washes and Jeep trails we came upon the location and found a mobile home trailer frame and a bunch of other debris. No actual proof this was where she was held, but it was kind of cool to actually find it!



We went on to find a couple of mining/hunting cabins on a great Jeep trail through the middle of nowhere, then headed back to camp for a wonderful dinner of chili and cornbread, of which I ate way too much!



The others left on Monday morning, I stayed one more day just lounging around, then left Tuesday morning to go to the Salton City Golf Course. It was a great weekend of riding with good friends. Can't wait to do it again!

Golf Course Week

By Mike Bacon

I left Glamis North on Tuesday and moved to the Salton City Golf Course for a few days of riding Ocotillo Wells with Doug & Kris, and their family. I arrived just in time for the rain to hit. It rained pretty steady for a couple of hours, then the wind came up.

Wednesday morning arrived cold and windy, and the wind just got worse through the day. I went out scrounging firewood for a little while, trying to avoid all the mud puddles. By afternoon most of the mud had dried up and the wind was blowing sand and dust with a vengeance.

The wind blew until Friday morning, then Doug & Kris arrived. It was a pretty calm day, we didn't do any riding, just relaxed. We went to The Alamo for dinner after their kids arrived. It rained a little Friday night, then the wind came up again Saturday morning. We got a couple of nice rides in despite the wind and cold. We visited Shell Reef, but not much going on there.





Sunday was a pleasant day and we got a couple of rides in, visiting the Pumpkin Patch, Tiera Del Sol, and Techtonic Gorge. Everyone was going home on Monday so I changed out my dirt tires for paddles, loaded up, and headed for Glamis.

Glamis President's Day

By Mike Bacon

I arrived at Glamis Monday afternoon and was able to secure a place in Wash 10, roughly the same place we camped at Thanksgiving. I unloaded, set up, and took the car for a short ride. Tuesday I rode up to the vendor area. Most of the vendors were gone for the week. Tuesday afternoon Ray & Janice arrived. I helped Ray change his buggy tires and we had a nice campfire.



Wednesday saw more people come in to the wash. Ray and I went to storage and got the yellow trailer and Jim's fifth wheel, then we went for a nice ride out to Olds and Hill 3.

Thursday saw more people arrive, in our group and in the wash. It was starting to get crowded! We rode out to the flagpole in the morning, then another ride out and around in the afternoon.

Friday was our warmest day yet. We went for a shorter ride out to Hill 3 so Jim could try out his newly modified buggy. He really enjoyed being back in the dunes with a bunch more horsepower! The SxS's took an afternoon ride over to Sweet Marie's for ice cream and churros, then stopped by Olds on the way back to watch everyone running the hill.



Saturday I woke up not feeling well so I took the day off from riding. I did run up to the vendor area, but it was so packed I didn't stop, I came back to camp empty handed. I found later in the day I had miscalculated meds for the trip and I was out of some critical items so I decided to pack up and go home. I arrived back in Havasu just as the big fireworks show was getting out and sat in a traffic jam for 35 minutes before getting home.

In all it was a great trip, visiting and riding in three different spots, different terrain, with different people, I enjoyed it thoroughly! Can't wait to get back out there!

Yellow Trailer Update

By Paul Kastle

As the season comes to an end, we have to once again figure out what to do with the Yellow trailer. Thanks to the money raised this year we were able to pay to store it for the season, but we have to get it out of the space by April 1, and we don't want to spend the money for off season storage. Fortunately John came up with the idea of storing it at his brother Scott's house in Yuma, so that will greatly increase the chance of being able to bring it back out and have it in camp next season. We all benefit from it, not just for having the shop to fix broken cars, but to have cones to mark camp, tables for group activities, and the propane, burners, and pots for the omelets breakfasts. Jim has provided an accounting of the trailer expenses so far this year, and it is included below. If we have enough interest next year we hope to be able to store it there and have it in camp again.



Yellow Trailer 2023-2024

Income	
Collection from Janice (Bacon, Hagen, Broker, Burns, Knowles, Broker, Simpson)	\$800
Dave Huggard	\$100
Jim Kastle	\$100
Total	\$1000

Expenses	
October Rent	\$245.00
November Rent	\$122.50
December Rent	\$122.50
January Rent	\$122.50
February Rent	\$122.50
March Rent	\$122.50
Total	\$857.50

The remaining balance from 2022-2023 was \$65.20, so the current balance is **\$207.20**. There may be some expense to haul the trailer to Yuma, but hopefully it won't be significant and we can have a head start on next year's expenses.



This month we'd like to thank everyone for joining in on all of the fun in the dunes this season, and Mike Bacon for writing up three articles this month and Jim Kastle for keeping track of the yellow trailer. 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.