

THE ROOSTER

A monthly update from the Inland Empire Offroad Association

What's New

We had a nice long trip for Presidents Week, but aren't done with Glamis yet and are looking forward to some late season trips with the dunes a little less crowded.

Wash 10 vs 6

Staying at Wash 10 has worked out well for the big trips this season. It is a smaller wash, so there is less space to work with overall, but the crowd has been much quieter than we tended to have at Wash 6. We have wondered if going further might get more space, but so far it seems like a decent compromise.

CA Nonresident OHV Pass

Beginning Jan 1, 2022, CA nonresident OHV stickers are required. See more on page 4.

Presidents Weeks at Glamis

As remembered by Jim Kastle

I posted that I would arrive on Thursday the 10th, and stay through the 21st. I got a call from Kevin that he, Frank, and Steve Porter planned to go to the flats on Monday the 7th. I haven't duned much with them recently, so I eagerly said yes. We all arrived on the flats within an hour of one another on Monday afternoon. They usually share cooking responsibilities with each one providing one dinner. This provided a great opportunity to get together, and enjoy the "glamping lifestyle." Eating inside Frank's motorhome provided protection from the widely varying weather, and watching the Winter Olympics was a bonus. Frank ended up hosting dinner each night. No one went hungry, and the conversation was great! I got a message that Ray would arrive Tuesday, now that he has a sand rail he wanted to ride with the rails. Ray arrived Tuesday and everyone was impressed with the new sand rail. Ray has done quite a bit of suspension tuning, and continues to perfect it. Kevin has done a lot of tuning his suspension, so they worked together to further perfect Ray's. We went on at least one ride every day, and a second one a few days. The rides were all fast, and Kevin does a great job of leading very fast rides. We usually went for about three hours and ended up getting ice cream at Sweet Marie's. The trip was amazingly almost trouble-free, and the one problem was not mine, nor Kevin's, Frank's, or Ray's, but for only the second time I ever recall, STEVE stopped the ride with a ring and pinion failure. We were in the dunes about two miles east of the swing set. We removed the axles and discussed our options for a route back to camp. Ray offered to tow Steve. He headed towards the swing set and saw what turned out to be THE perfect path to Gecko. Steve's car is lighter than most RZR's,



Upcoming Events

- March 24-28 Glamis Trip, Wash 10
- April 15-18: Easter Weekend trip to Glamis, Wash 10.

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and Ray had absolutely no problems towing him. We even stopped for ice cream. We thought we'd go get a trailer, but Ray offered to tow him the rest of the way back to camp.

The motor home guys left Friday after the morning ride. Ray and I packed up and moved to Wash 10. It was surprisingly crowded, but we found an area we hoped would be big enough. As only Mark had posted he was coming, we had little idea of how many were coming. It was Super Bowl weekend. I was surprised how many people left late Saturday or early Sunday. By Monday there were only two other camps anywhere near us. It had been really windy, resulting in some very tough dune conditions. There were several dunes with what I would call a ditch at the bottom of them. With only two cars, we were very careful. One time Ray went over a small dune, and he hit the ditch on the other side hard enough the rear wheels lifted off the ground! He was only going about 10 miles an hour, but the conditions were that bad. We went for a few rides with just the two of us, but had to be unusually cautious. Ray had to head home Sunday afternoon for some appointments. Monday I headed to Yuma for some supplies and a Texas Roadhouse meal. Tuesday I took the opportunity to do some maintenance on the buggy. While working on the buggy, a motorhome, that could have parked anywhere in the wash, parked no more than 100 feet from my buggy box. I was surprised. The driver came over and seemed OK, but I thought it was rude to park so close. That was nothing compared to what would happen. He was later joined by a very large group, one of whom ended up parking close enough to my buggy box that he blocked the road that was between the two camps. RUDE!!! That evening I was eating some pistachios when

I felt an unusually hard pistachio in my mouth. It wasn't a pistachio; it was a dental crown that had come loose. Fortunately I didn't swallow it, and it appeared to be in one piece. Wednesday morning first thing, I called my dentist, and told them what had happened, and they were able to schedule a next day appointment for Thursday. Mark then texted that he would arrive Wednesday afternoon. Ray and Janice arrived, followed by Pete, just in time for me to say goodbye, as I headed home to clean up before seeing the dentist Thursday.

At home I bought diesel and gas, filled my water barrel, swapped some dirty clothes for clean ones, showered, slept great, was out of the dentist with the crown reattached as good as new, and was back on the road to Glamis by 11:15. I received a text that Ray and Janice had to go to a fire near Bishop. They left quickly in the middle of night, and had to leave the sand rail as the battery was dead and they didn't have time to mess with it. They would figure out how to get it home later. I got back in the afternoon with no problems. John Cole arrived that afternoon. Friday, as we got back from a ride, there was an unfamiliar trailer in camp. At first I assumed it was overflow from the rude camp right next to us, but it was Ryan Harju and his two daughters. Ryan came out with Darrel, his uncle, a few years ago, and camped with us. He remembered the yellow trailer. He just bought a small go kart for the girls and they wanted to use it in the sand. When I got back in the trailer, Darrel had texted me about Ryan coming to join us. Before they had to leave, Ryan asked me if the girls could go for a ride in a sand rail. I asked John if he would take one of them, and of course he did. The girls LOVED the ride and Ryan told me later he was sure that was going to cost him. P.J. and Marshall arrived late Friday. Melissa and Allie stayed home to prepare for friend/associate at Executive Elevator, Kathy's, bridal shower Melissa hosted the next weekend. Scott Cole arrived with P.J.'s flatbed in tow to pick up Ray's sand rail. Scott is relocating to Yuma, and commutes for the weekends. He "volunteered?" to pick up the car and tow it to the shop Monday.

I don't recall anything special about the rides, but I had fun. John, Mark, and I shared leading. They both lead extremely well, and are FAST! I found it was easier for me to be near the back of the line, as the cars between the leader and me provide a buffer, and I don't have to go 110% to keep up. I do recall most of the rides involved ice cream. Jeremy, who has been working in Texas, flew to San Diego Saturday morning, and made a bee line to Glamis, without his car, for the weekend. John has established a tradition of cooking carne asada on the less crowded weekends. He generously cooks the carne, but refuses to coordinate who brings what. No one else desires to coordinate it either, so we, (I) call it a "loosely coordinated carne asada

potluck." It's really in the spirit of a true pot luck, where it's up to luck what people bring. I'm sure that drives the "control freaks" (said in a loving, non-judgemental way. I wouldn't want to trust Thanksgiving to luck!) nuts!! But somehow it always works out great. This one was really impromptu as most of the participants had no idea it was happening until Saturday afternoon. Ryan, on the spur of the moment provided bar b que pork, beef, and a third meat, sausage maybe? We had everything we needed for a great dinner. GO JOHN!



The dune season is rapidly coming to a close. Our numbers are down somewhat, largely due to health issues, NOT our ever increasing average age, but

we still have great times together. My fingers are crossed the health issues will go away and our numbers get back to full strength. I miss you! I'm hoping for two more Glamis trips, March 24-28, and Easter weekend. Our annual end of season Dumont trip will be May 13-16, or thereabouts. I hope for lots of participation. Let's go dunin! -Jim Kastle



CA Nonresident OHV Sticker

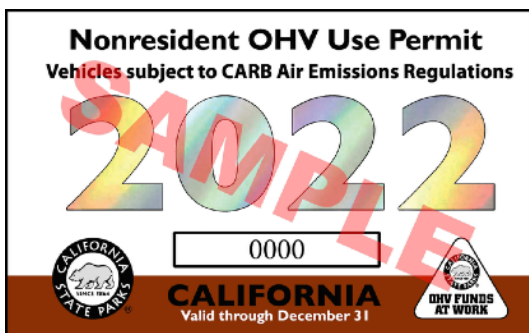
Since many states have stopped offering reciprocity with California by recognizing California OHV registration stickers in those states, starting January 1, 2022 the state of California will be requiring

nonresident OHV permits for vehicles that are registered in states which do not honor California OHV registrations.

This means that vehicles that are registered in states such as Arizona will need a nonresident permit to be used in California, including at Glamis. These permits are \$30 each, and are available online at: <https://secure.cloudwisesolutions.com/app/products.html>

Once you add express shipping and a convenience fee the cost is over \$40, but in my recent experience the shipping was fast and I received the sticker in just a few days. It will be

interesting to see if Rangers are enforcing this requirement on January 1st, but in general I believe it is best to avoid giving them probable cause for a stop. -PJ.



Havasu Fun

By Mike Bacon

Since Pat started dialysis back in November we haven't been able to get any camping trips in, the extent of our camping has been in AJ's driveway when we have to go to Kaiser in Riverside for Pat's appointments.

That doesn't mean we're not having any fun though! A couple weeks ago we joined up with Dave & Donette, Jeff & Lavon, Jason & Chrystal, and Kenny & Debbie for an offroad trip to the Bunker Bar on the north end of Havasu. It was a nice ride and we met Don & Shirley there as they had driven in via the highway in Dave's truck. Pat rode along with them as she wasn't really ready for a long offroad ride.



The Bunker Bar is a pretty extensive place, lots of military displays, and had a live band playing. It was pretty crowded, but we found some seats and enjoyed some refreshments. We stayed a couple hours and when we decided to leave we didn't want to go back the long, offroad way, so we jumped on the highway and drove back in to town.



After everyone got cleaned up we all met again over at Dave & Donette's house for a pizza party celebrating Jeff's birthday. We all had a great time.



This last Saturday we all met again at Dave & Donettes for a hot dog dinner and watched the last night of fireworks from the Fireworks Convention that had been in town all week. Even though we were about 5

miles away we still got a great show and didn't have to fight the crowds!



Miscellaneous Notes from P.J.

I have a partial page to fill, so I was trying to think of what to use, and I couldn't think of any one thing big enough to do it but I did have a few ideas, so here they are:

Rugged Mobile Radio Programming

I finally have successfully programmed the new (well about a year ago) mobile radio from Rugged, and now Jeremy and Adam are using them. It uses a USB programmer which should make it easier, but drivers have posed issues that made it a little tricky. These were the 91st and 92nd radios that I have programmed with the "custom" IEAO channels.

End of Season Dumont Trip

We are again planing to end the dune season with a trip to Dumont. Due to schedule conflicts it looks like May 13-16 will be the best weekend for this, and hopefully we can get quite a few people to come out and join us if the weather looks decent.

Upcoming Sand Sports Super Swap

The annual end of season swap meet at the orange county fairgrounds is coming up. The event will be held on Saturday May 21 from 8AM until 2PM. Last year we rented a space and got together to bring stuff out to sell, and it was a fun day. Let me know if you'd be interested in doing this again, and if so we need to reserve our space pretty soon.



Elevator Work Continues

My new job is going well, and I am having fun and learning a lot. Scheduling time off will be a challenge for a little while, but we had John, Scott, and me in Glamis at the same time over Presidents weekend. So far it also turns out that I'm fine with heights and am learning how to talk to customers. I am really enjoying getting to apply what I have learned working on cars in the dunes to fix things at work. It definitely might make you second guess riding an elevator though... -P.J.

This month we'd like to thank Jim Kastle and Mike Bacon for sending in articles, and as always encourage everyone else to share what they have been up to. With all of the changes, I will continue to put together a newsletter each month, so 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.