
THE ROOSTER

A monthly update from the Inland Empire Offroad Association

What's New

We had a nice end to the dune season at Dumont, and are looking forward to summer fun and yes, a 28th annual return to Coral Pink.

Summer Plans

What do you have planned for the months when it is too hot to dune in Southern California? Some have beach trips, river trips, and even trips North with the off road toys to pass the time until October.

Dumont in May

By Paul Kastle

We just had our annual season-ending Dumont trip, and since I'm so late getting a newsletter out I didn't want to wait for a write up so I decided to quickly jot down some notes and share some pics. Over the last many years we have come to really enjoy starting and ending our dune season at Dumont, where the lack of crowds and nice dunes make for some of the very best riding of the year. With a Hawaii trip thrown into early May this year, I contributed to delaying the trip until the weekend after Mother's Day. While heat is always a concern at Dumont in May (we actually almost melted there on Memorial Day) we still hoped to have enough people to make this trip happen. As the trip date neared, the weather didn't look too bad and Jim, John, Steve Porter, Danny Burns, Mark Knowles, Ray and Janice, and I all agreed to make the trip and see how it went. Barry and Ann also wanted to come, but had their plans thwarted by issues



Upcoming Events

- May 12-16: Dumont Weekend
- June: 19th: Father's Day
- July 27-30: Revised Coral Pink Trip Dates.

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June, 2022						
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with the sandal they are rebuilding being too wide for my trailer while their fifth wheel still is in need of repair. They headed to Havasu instead, but the rest of us had a great weekend at Dumont. Some arrived on Thursday, and Marshall and I made it out on Friday afternoon and were the last to arrive. I didn't ride on Friday but it was great to be there before dark and to enjoy the campfire.

On Saturday we had some nice rides, despite early complications with Jim's car. His momentary issues resulted in me attempting to lead a ride on Saturday morning, and thanks to the awesome dunes at Dumont we had a great time. As usual it felt slow in the lead, but everyone said the pace was quite enjoyable. Jim was able to re-join the ride as his car decided to behave, and when we took a break at the North Pole he borrowed a flashlight from Danny. He asked everyone if we knew what the British call a flashlight, to which we responded "a torch". He explained that was right, and then proceeded to officially "pass the torch" to me. He enjoyed following me, and not having the responsibility for everyone was a relief. I'm personally not sure I will have as much luck leading elsewhere, but we did have a lot of fun the rest of the weekend at Dumont.

We also had a great Mexican pot luck dinner on Saturday night, where John expertly cooked carne assada and everyone contributed sides to share. It was a great dinner as always, and we stayed up late enjoying the campfire. Ray had brought out one of his old riding buddies, and was corrupting him by letting him drive the Can AM for the weekend. This will likely cost him, as he already started shopping for toys, a trailer, and a truck to tow them...



On Sunday Danny and Mark headed home, but the rest of us went for another nice ride. We rode from just after 8AM until about 10 when the sun made it hard to see, and then we headed back to camp and I packed up to head home. Our break was at the North Pole again, where they have built a very substantial metal meter totter. I had no problems packing up, and headed out shortly after noon. John, Jim, and Steve made another ride that evening, then everyone else headed home on Monday morning.



It was a great trip, and has become a nice tradition. We are all looking forward to kicking off the season at Dumont in a few months.

-Paul Kastle



The Other Baker To Vegas Race!

By Mike Bacon

Photos by Lameah Bacon

Some of you may remember many years ago the Barstow To Vegas motorcycle race, and the little lesser known Baker To Vegas race. I actually rode the Baker To Vegas race once, and was all set to ride Barstow To Vegas when I fell and broke my wrist two weeks before the race. The next year the race was canceled due to “environmental concerns” and I never got the opportunity to ride that race again. However that’s not the race I’m talking about now!

In 1985 a couple of LAPD officers came up with the idea of a relay foot race from Baker to Las Vegas comprised of teams of law enforcement personnel. It has now become a major event with law enforcement teams coming from all over the world to compete. This year’s race took place on the weekend of April 9-10, 2022. A team is 20 runners, with 10 alternates and extra support people. They run various legs, each averaging about 6 miles long, starting outside Baker, CA, going through Pahrump, NV, and ending at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. This year over 5000 runners participated, one of which was my son, AJ!



AJ was the team captain for his CHP station’s team and he ran leg 6 on Saturday afternoon. It was hot and long, and his legs were really sore by the end, but he did it! In the end his team finished in 20 hours and 59 minutes, and placed 190th out of 220 teams. Not too bad for first time participation!

Coral Pink Reschedule

There has been a lot of uncertainty regarding this year's Coral Pink trip, and unfortunately that resulted in us not having enough participants to keep the group site for our usual week. With my changes at work, Pat's health challenges, and the Bakers issues with their truck, trailer, and dune buggy, it just wasn't going to work out. Sadly we called and cancelled the space. Not wanting the 27 year tradition to end, we decided to reserve a couple of camping spaces for an appreciated trip a little later in the month. We are excited to share that the 28th annual Coral Pink trip will take place from July 27-30 2022. If anyone wants to join us and check it out we will be there, and we have the usual group planning on returning in 2023. -PJ.



This month we'd like to thank Mike Bacon for sending in an article, and as always encourage everyone else to share what they have been up to. I will make my best effort to get a newsletter out each month, but they might be pretty light on content over the summer. 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.