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# THE ROOSTER

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A monthly update from the Inland Empire Offroad Association

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## What's New

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There's not much riding going on as the summer heats up, but Mike Bacon didn't let that stop him from riding in Utah. Check out his report this month as we get ready for Coral Pink in July.

## Website Update

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The new club website is online. To see it, visit [www.inlandempireoffroad.org](http://www.inlandempireoffroad.org) Note that if you had bookmarked the old Shutterfly site then you will need to update your bookmarks to point directly to the new site in order to view the new site and stay up to date on all the latest happenings and trip pictures.

## Arapeen Trail Ephriam, Utah

*By Mike Bacon*

I recently came across an organized ride happening at the Arapeen Trail System out of Ephriam, Utah. I signed up and this last weekend I made the drive up to Ephriam. This was to be a "sunset" ride so we signed in at 5PM, received a flag, a map, a hat, and a raffle ticket. We all then went to Roy's Pizza for dinner. Roy's put on a heap of pizza and drinks, all included in the cost of the ride. There were roughly 60-70 cars signed up for the ride, and probably 120 people. I found it interesting that a good 80% of the people were 50+ years of age, and with a large variety of cars.



## Upcoming Events

- July 21-30: Coral Pink! We'll once again be visiting the sand dunes of Southern Utah.

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- Also mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 21** for Mike Bacon's Patt Starr and Mona Bacon Memorial Spook Run and Weenie Roast.



After our pizza dinner there was a short raffle, of which I won nothing, and we lined up to start the ride. There were two courses, and easy and a harder one. I chose the

harder course. Both groups had leaders and tail-enders keeping an eye on everyone. Our group had about 35-40 cars in it.



We drove through the outback of town and up in to the hills. The trails were very similar to what we ride around Coral Pink, somewhat rocky, lots of trees, tight and twisty. We did a lot of climbing and when we got to our first stop we were at about 9200 feet elevation. There was still some snow on the mountains very near us, but we never actually got to it. We crossed a lot of streams and the snow runoff was flowing pretty well, and there were a lot of mud holes to get through.



Our second stop was at a fast flowing creek we had to get through. It was deeper than I thought and I got some water in my floorboards! At this point we had our group's first and only breakdown, an off brand utility SxS just stopped running. After about 30 minutes of diagnosing it was determined to be a bad ground on the computer and a few minutes later it was up and running again.



By this time it was getting dark. I had a great time riding the trails at night! The guy behind me was a little slow so I would wait for him any time we came across a trail intersection. Once the guy in front of me saw what was happening he would wait for me at intersections. It made me a lot more confident as there were a lot of intersections!

Our last stop was at a clearing close to a campground where they had set up a campfire with chairs all around, and were serving individual desserts and drinks. Once most had their dessert and were sitting down a guy came out and recited some cowboy poetry for about 30 minutes. It was getting late so when a large group started back to town I joined them. I got back to my hotel about 11pm. I was very tired, but I had a great time, and I will definitely be going back!

## Reminder: UTAH OHV Operator License:

We have ran the following reminder the last couple of months, but I'm sure someone else besides me has been procrastinating and put it off, but will need the license for Coral Pink. Go online and get yourselves licensed...

Hi Everyone!

A new law in Utah requires anyone operating an OHV in Utah take a driver safety course. That course can be found at:

<https://recreation.utah.gov/off-highway-vehicles/ohv-education-course>

It takes about 15 minutes, and is a lifetime cert.

Thanks! Mike Bacon

## Coral Pink Is Coming!

As we wrap up this brief newsletter, I realized that we will be at Coral Pink in only one month! Here's a few pictures looking back on 28 years of July Coral Pink trips as we get ready for the 29th annual trip this year.



More pictures from 28 years of Coral Pink trips, here as we moved on to the side by side era:



This month we'd like to thank Mike Bacon for submitting an article, and encourage anyone else to write articles as well. As there isn't much going on during the summer I will still try to get what content I can to get a newsletter out each month. Next month, we will cover the 29th annual Coral Pink trip. Please send your contributions for future newsletters to me at [pkastle@msn.com](mailto:pkastle@msn.com) and we will publish them along with a calendar of events each month. -Paul, Melissa, Allie, and Marshall.