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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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The sand season has arrived. We had a great fast start to the season at Dumont, and there were large crowds in the dunes for Halloween.

## Veterans Day - Thanksgiving

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Ray and Janice plan on staying at Glamis most of the month of November, arriving before Veterans Day and staying through Thanksgiving.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

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We will once again have a Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck dinner in camp. Join us for one of the best meals of the year.

## Dumont October 19-24

*As Remembered By Jim Kastle*

Ray and Janice arrived Wednesday evening and found the access road was nearly completely paved. She texted photos of this long awaited improvement, and told us no passes were available in Baker, but the machines were working. She also told us there were a lot of camps. I arrived Thursday about 1:00 PM. and found the paving was nearly completed. I had the smoothest drive to the ticket machines ever! I found Ray and Janice and we set up camp near the first restroom, just off the graded road. We didn't want a repeat of the spring trip where two of our motorhomes got stuck in the soft sand. Steve Porter soon arrived. Ray and I took a short ride and found a lot more tracks than we usually do on a Thursday, but still plenty of great sand.



## Upcoming Events

- November 10-14th: Veterans Day at Glamis, likely wash 10
- November 14-28: Thanksgiving at Glamis, Wash 10. We will have our annual pot luck Thanksgiving dinner.
- December 24-January 3: Christmas / New Years at Glamis

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John arrived Friday morning. We got a text that Danny and Charlie were on their way. We soon got another that Danny's motorhome was having problems and he was returning the five miles or so to the house, but Charlie was continuing to Dumont. John, Ray, Steve, and I went for an uneventful ride. Uneventful until John hit a hole and broke a rod end on the right front, but he had a spare and installed it. Charlie arrived, and was glad to be in the dunes for the first time in nearly a year. Later Danny found a mobile mechanic who diagnosed the problem as DEF system related and needed a part and should be ready to roll soon. We then received an update the motorhome was fixed, but Danny was tired and would decide later whether to come. Saturday morning he decided not to make the drive. In retrospect, given the high diesel prices and the amount of wind, he made the right call. P.J. and Marshall arrived just about midnight after being stopped for nearly an hour in traffic on the I-15 due to a roll-over south of Baker.

The weather forecast called for strong winds Friday night and all day Saturday. Overnight Thursday I could feel the wind rocking the trailer. Saturday morning it was very windy, but we went for a ride anyway. As will be the norm, P.J. led the ride, and lead he did! But the wind definitely made it less than perfect. John lost a CV, or so we thought. It turned out the axle pulled out of the inner CV. Ray towed him back to camp and Ray and John with a little help from Steve, P.J., and me installed shorter 5 link bars and a clean CV and apparently fixed the problem. Back in camp it was REALLY windy. Janice's weather station showed winds of up to 70 miles an hour. We stayed inside most of the afternoon, but did go for an afternoon ride. John ended up following P.J. and I followed John. We had a good ride in the wind-smoothed sand, but the wind continued to be a factor. At one point, John's right front wheel and tire departed the vehicle. A quick check showed the axle spud had broken. Not to worry, John is always prepared for such things. P.J. and I drove the 1.1 miles to



camp and got John's spare spindle. The major problem was holding the stub of the axle to allow us to unscrew the nut. Ray pulled some magic out of his hat and managed to get a bite on the break in the axle with a screwdriver allowing the nut to be removed, freeing the bearings to install on the new spindle. Of course, the wind was blowing A LOT of sand and the greasy bearing attracted a lot of sand, and dropping one of the bearings in the sand didn't help, but some gasoline in a cut off water bottle cleaned it enough to get us back to camp.

It has become one of my favorite traditions to have a "loosely coordinated carne asada potluck" on the Dumont trips, and this was no exception. Somehow they always turn out great, in large part due to John's willingness to cook the carne. He also made it much better by allowing us to eat in his trailer out of the persistent wind. THANKS JOHN! Thanks also go to those who stepped out of their comfort zones and bought food to contribute, hoping we'd have a good variety. I imagine sometime we'll have a dinner of beans, tortilla chips, and carne, but it'll still be fun. This one was a highlight of the trip, as it usually is.

Sunday morning P.J. expertly led a trouble-free ride that everyone, especially Steve, seemed to enjoy. Dumont is a special place. It is a great compliment to Glamis. I hope the tradition of starting and ending



the season continues for a long time. P.J., Charlie, and I had to head home after the morning ride. The others waited until Monday to (as P.J. found out) wisely avoid I-15 Sunday traffic. John really enjoyed the time he was able to spend talking with Steve. He said later that was the most he's ever spoken with him. I'm looking forward to a great Glamis season and another end of the season return to Dumont! Let's go Dunin'!

## Bar 10 Ranch and Grand Canyon

*By Mike Bacon and Malinda Sudduth*

We were invited to go on this trip by my cousins, Jon & Malinda Sudduth, however we couldn't go due to Pat's condition. They did tell us about it though!

They left the Casa Blanca in Mesquite and drove out in to the desert, crossing the mountains to the east. The Bar 10 Ranch is 90 miles by dirt roads from Mesquite. Once arriving at the Bar 10 they dropped some supplies and continued on to Whitmore Point, one of the more popular overlooks at the north side of the Grand Canyon. Then it was back to the Bar 10 where they had dinner and slept the night in a covered wagon!



The next day they were off to Tuweep State Park and another overlook of the Grand Canyon. On the way back they went by Frog Creek, but only had a short time there as they had to get back to camp. Dinner is served at 5pm sharp, and if you're not there you miss out!



The next day found them back a Frog Creek where they had more time to explore the frog shaped rocks, the source of the creek's name, They then went on to Papocket for more views of the Grand Canyon.



The last day they headed back to Mesquite taking a different route over Mt Turnbull Peak and arrived at Casa Blanca in time to spend some time at the pool.

It was a great trip, very scenic, but if you go plan to really move as they covered over 450 miles in only four days!



This month we'd like to thank Mike Bacon and Jim Kastle for submitting articles. We are looking forward to the new dune season though and having more content so share. 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.