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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 starts now! A group was in the dunes for Veterans Day, and some will stay through Thanksgiving. Check online for the camp location, because due to a lack of room in Wash 10 they stayed at Wash 6 for Veterans Day.

## Thanksgiving Pot Luck

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We will again have a pot luck Thanksgiving dinner camp on Thursday, November 23rd. Janice has a text thread going if you want to coordinate what to bring, or just bring whatever you want to share.

## SEMA 2023

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Paul and Jim got to go to SEMA once again, so check out the off road related sights in this month's newsletter.

## SEMA Show 2023

*By Paul Kastle*

I once again had the opportunity to go check out the SEMA show in Las Vegas the first week of November, and as always there were a ton of awesome vehicles to see. As the biggest show focusing on the automotive aftermarket industry, it impresses me how big of a part the off-road segment of the market plays in this industry. It is not all street rods and lowered show cars, since Trucks and OHVs are a huge part of the automotive world, and SEMA clearly recognizes this. The Las Vegas convention center expanded to add a huge West Hall two years ago, and this serves as the new home for the trucks and off



## Upcoming Events

- November 9-28: Veterans through Thanksgiving at Glamis. Starting at Wash 6 (due to lack of space at Wash 10), they may move South to Wash 10 if space permits.
- November 23: Thanksgiving Dinner Pot Luck.
- December 26 (or earlier)- January 2nd: Christmas / New Years at Glamis, location TBD.

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highway portion of the show. There are a bunch of off road vehicles and products throughout the show however, and I spent two days and walked over 25 miles to attempt to see it all. I can only share a portion of it here, but I chose to show some unique finds that I thought would be of interest to us as a group of off roaders. I hope you enjoy it, and I want to thank Mike Bacon and Doug Schellinger for providing us the opportunity to get into the show.

Just like in the desert, side by sides are still the hot thing in the OHV market. There were many custom side by sides on display, ranging from ultra tall lifted ones to lowered street versions on air bags. One was even displayed on sand to show its native environment. Others were displayed on truck racks as the ultimate Truck accessory.





Beyond side by sides, there were some dune buggies of interest as well. One was an older rear engine VW beam sandrail but with an electric motor instead of an internal combustion power plant. Named "Big Juiced" this old sandrail is getting attention and poses some interesting questions about the possible future of the recreational off-roading industry. One question I have is how big of a generator will one need to recharge this unit between rides at the dunes?



Another awesome build at this year's SEMA show was from Associated Electrics, a company known for building high quality RC cars since the early 1980s. They had a full scale RC10 rc car built, which uses a VB engine instead of the electric drivetrain of the 1:10 scale original. The car was really well done though, down to custom details like the Single A-Arm suspension and even the allen screws that hold the rims together. It was an impressive sight.





There were many other neat things to see, ranging from truck and Jeep parts to fiberglass dune buggies. Even companies that traditionally have focused on street vehicles are expanding into the off road market, as Factory Five now offers a kit car style chassis that you can combine with a Ford F-150 to create your own desert conquering long travel pickup that could outperform a factory Raptor at a substantially lower cost, assuming you have the time and skill to put it together yourself.



Overall, SEMA is an impressive event for any car person, and it truly has something for everybody who is interested in cars, trucks, OHVs, or anything remotely car related. It is neat to see what's new and to think about the future developments that will be coming as automotive based recreation evolves with the automotive industry as a whole. As an enthusiast, I am glad to get to see ideas for what the future will be like, whether it is a repeat of the past or an evolution into technology that previously was impossible. It is all neat to see!





# Mona Bacon/Pat Starr Memorial Poker Run And Hot Dog Weenie Roast

*by Mike Bacon*

It was a hot weekend in Salton City for this year's poker run averaging about 105 each day, and for some reason we were inundated with flies! The turnout was a little smaller than expected this year, but we all had a good time anyway. My cousins Jon & Malinda came out, along with their friend Zak, Jim Kastle, and Dave Huggard, and PJ brought his new Jeep out to play on Saturday.

Friday we went for a ride down to the old radar station at Superstition. We followed the pole line road all the way to the base of the mountain and the railroad tracks. We found the road that parallels the tracks was a pool of silt, at least a foot deep! We all got swamped by silt as we made our way to the trestle, where we stopped for a break. It was hot and that was the only shade around! We proceeded on to the radar station climbing a treacherous trail up the mountain, but we all made it! We went to The Alamo for dinner and were entertained by the local karaoke participants who I truly believe were all strangling sea gulls instead of singing!



Saturday we left a little later than usual on the poker run. We had to make it a shorter run this year as I had Pat's brother and sister from San Diego coming to visit and we were going to spread some of Pat's ashes in the desert. So we visited Bin Laden's Cave, and Shell Reef, then headed over to Blu In for lunch. Once we got back to camp Pat's family was there so we went out and sprinkled her ashes under a bush then went back to camp and relaxed for a while. We delayed dinner for a bit to let the flies go away, then my cousins did a great job of cooking up the hot dogs, and everyone else brought out their contributions. It was great eating!!!! Prizes were then handed out and we had a nice camp fire.





Sunday I woke to find both Jim and Dave had already left, they both had to get home early. My cousins had to go too, so I loaded up and headed for home. I had not felt very good all weekend, chalking it up to a recent change in medication, but after I got home I went in to Urgent Care and found out I had COVID! So I've been on a ten day quarantine. Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us this year, it's always a great trip because of you!

## Jeeping at Anza

*By Paul Kastle*

I got to make my first off road trip with my Jeep to Mike's Poker Run and Memorial Hot Dog Weenie Roast, and I had a lot of fun. It was really neat following the side by sides on some dirt trails after lunch, and with the hot weather the air conditioning was pretty nice too! I am thinking Dave Huggard has got the right idea for how to cruise around Anza, as he has brought his Jeep out there for years. It was an honor to get to join him, and get to finally take the Jeep somewhere besides the mall. While I didn't tackle any of the obstacles at the OHV park, it was a great day trip to go out and enjoy the Jeep and hang out with my Dad and some great friends. Thanks Mike for putting it together.



This month we'd like to thank Mike Bacon for submitting an article, and encourage anyone else to write articles as well as we move into the sand season. With the season now underway, we'll be spending some great time in the dunes and there will be plenty of stories to 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.