

The Rooster

a monthly update from the Inland Empire Offroad Association

April 2008

Our Rooster Gets a Facelift!

After about 6 months of talking and about a month of brainstorming and a couple weeks of sitting at the computer coming up with graphics our newsletter has a brand new look! I think this is a fresh change and I hope you all like it too. -Melissa

Easter 2008

Going to Gordon's Well for the last long trip of the season has become a tradition. Since about 1999, we have used the Spring Break trip as an opportunity to explore the south end of the Imperial Sand Dunes, and thanks to the bridge completed a few years ago we can even explore the Buttercup dunes south of Interstate 8. It never ceases to amaze me how different sets of dunes have different characteristics that give them a different "personality". Melissa and I arrived on Friday night, after a nice quiet drive out there. Leaving work at 1:45 helped, and after getting dinner on the way we were in camp by 10:30. We saw that the Huggards, Tranthams, Porters, Walt, and my Dad had arrived and set up camp in the same spot as last year. Don and Shirley, usual contributors to this great trip, had family reunion commitments that made them unable to come, and they were missed. The flats weren't soft at all thanks to this year's rain. On Saturday morning, we went for a nice ride with six cars, and toured the bowls South of Patton Valley. I stopped the ride after hearing a clicking noise, and we headed back to camp to investigate. Unsure if the issue was a CV or maybe something in the transmis-



The group from Sunday morning's ride.

What's New

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- ◆ Easter weekend was a success at Gordon's well, although there were noticeably fewer people out there in general. By Monday, most had gone home and it looked like the remaining club members would have the dunes to themselves for the week. Read more about the rest of the trip next month.
- ◆ We will be at Dumont the weekend

of April 11-13th. It offers a great chance to get out to Dumont before the weather heats up. Come on out for what should be a great trip.

- ◆ Update cards for the club directories are included in this month's newsletter. Cut them out and add them to your directories. If you need a complete directory, contact P.J. at pkastle@msn.com.

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Calendar of Events

April 9th:

Club Meeting

April 11-13 :

April Dumont trip. This has been a great trip over the last few years, so plan to join us for some early April fun at Dumont.

May 14th:

Club Meeting. Don't let the start of the off season make you miss a chance to get together for dinner and to talk about the dunes and plan river trips.

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sion, we took it pretty easy. Back in camp, I took the left axle off and found one CV that looked fine, but the other one was quite dry and showed significant wear thanks to a small slit we found in the boot a couple of trips ago. Those boots are important, and even though it can be a messy job, replacing them after any issue is probably a good thing to do. Fortunately Dave Huggard had an assortment of spare new and used CVs in his trailer, along with grease to go with them. We had a new boot, and thanks to everyone's help I had the car ready for the afternoon ride. During the afternoon, Doug and Jeananne Becker arrived, followed later by Dan and Iliana Adler and family. The Adlers are new members who found the club on the internet. They have a VW sandrail, Polaris RZR, and kids toys, as well as a Patio Hauler fifth wheel and a cool flatbed that has a hot tub and generator built right into it.

On Sunday morning, we had our annual Easter egg hunts. This year we had both a kids and adult version, first with the adults hiding candy, toy, and money filled eggs for the kids (including Jeremy and Karissa



Adults waiting to hunt eggs.

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Happy Birthday!

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| Pete Hagen | 4/7 | Susan Tidball | 4/17 |
| Dave Medlin | 4/9 | Janel Loer | 4/18 |
| Edward Loer | 4/10 | Brian Stump | 4/29 |

April

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Hagen) who hunted for them before starting the task of hiding the eggs for the adults. Walt offered to help put with the hiding so that Melissa and I could play too, which we enjoyed. There were lots of eggs to hunt for, with eleven \$5 eggs and a \$20 egg provided by the club, and lots of other goodies provided by the other participants. After the egg collecting was done, we went for a nice ride to Patton Valley. The Adler's had some rear tire trouble due to a leaky bead, but with the CO2 they were able to drive it back. After the ride we headed in to Yuma for lunch, another perk of camping at Gordon's Well. Back in camp, we discovered that Dave Huggard had a leaking rear wheel, so we replaced the tires and wheels on his car with my old set. It was nice to be able to help Dave so soon after he kept my weekend going with the CV joint. What a club! Dave's car at first looked like a de-clawed



Sunday afternoon's ride group at Buttercup.



Relaxing in camp on Saturday.

animal with the noticeably smaller tires on there, but Dave was able to ride, roost and wheelie anyway, just using higher gears. Sunday evening we went for a nice fast ride in the South dunes on the other side of the freeway. They are building a new cement lined canal and it was interesting to see the progress on it. The ride was great fun, and the unique Buttercup dunes allow for some fast transitions between nice tight bowls, all in 3rd and 4th gear. Another neat part of this ride was Jeremy Hagen following right along and keeping up on his quad. He can definitely ride with the buggies now. Later that evening Jeremy and Pete took the buggy out with Jeremy driving. Seems quite familiar, and very cool.

On Monday, (yes, we decided to take two three day weekends in a row for this trip) we got up and went for a morning ride after an unsuccessful attempt to get breakfast at Duner's Diner (Pair-A-Dice) since they were closed. We'll have to try that on the second weekend. The ride was a great tour of Gordon's well, covering Test Hill to Patton Valley with four cars. After the ride we did some maintenance my a-arm has needed all season, and my dad finished the welding while we were gone during the week. As I write this, I am looking forward to going back out there tomorrow, which we will cover in next month's newsletter.

-P.J. Kastle



Overlooking I-8 above test hill.



Jeff Oliver has a 2007 Yamaha Banshee For Sale:
Last year made, 7 hours on entire bike, sand and dirt tires, chrome T-6 pipes, K&N, \$7000 invested, must sell, can't ride it any more.
\$5200
Contact Jeff Oliver:
(760) 774-1991
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Jeff Oliver has a set of four Ford F-250 Tires and Wheels:
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Dean Schellinger has a Buick V-8 Mid Engine Buggy For Sale:
Bought from Acacia RV. I've had it for two years and have not touched it and I feel it is a shame for it to just sit there. Includes two extra solid rims and bearings for front wheels. Great buggy I just don't have the time anymore.
\$7000 firm
Contact Dean Schellinger:
(909) 987-1880 work
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The Hagens have two child's helmets for sale:
Both were purchased at Chaparral, 3 years ago. Both are full face with visors. Exterior is in good shape, minor scratches. Inside is in perfect shape, foam intact, no tears. Black one is a child Small and the Yellow one is a child Medium. \$50 each. Contact Pete/Linda at 760-451-0845

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As the Glamis season comes to a close we are really looking forward to Coral Pink. Reservations for individual sites can be made after March 31st and you can find more information about that on the club website. The end of the Glamis season also means that the newsletter can get thin so don't forget to send in articles about whatever you're up to. We hope you like the new look of the newsletter, after three years we thought it was time for some freshening, and the Rooster will continue to evolve. As always your contributions and ideas will make the future issues great. -P.J. and Melissa Kastle

Membership Directory Updates:

Here are some more updated cards for the club directories. Cut out the information below and add it to your club membership directory card index. If you don't have one, contact P.J. or Melissa and we will get you a complete set.

Inland Empire Offroad Association

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Membership Application

Please Print

Birthday

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Child: _____

Child: _____

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Would you like your name and address put into our club directory? (The directory is given to club members only)

YES NO

If you would like your business included in the directory please include the information below:

Business Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business Phone: _____

As with any organization there are guidelines we operate within. Please read and abide by the following:

1. NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED WITHIN CAMP BOUNDRIES
2. DOGS MUST BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES (BLM law)
3. ON A RIDE, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VEHICLE AHEAD OF YOU AND THE VEHICLE BEHIND YOU. If they stop, you stop and wait for the group to return to you. This prevents separation and in this manner we never leave a member in the dunes. Remember, it's easier to find you if you stay still: "a moving target is harder to hit"
4. PLEASE OBSERVE THE "RIDE RATINGS" ON THE CLUB BOARD AND SELECT THOSE RIDES YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN. If you wish to lead a ride, put the time and type of ride you want to lead on the board and then stick to that time. No passing on rides (except #6 rides). You can always change your place in line at a break or if you are waved on by the driver ahead of you.
5. REMEMBER, WE ARE A GROUP OF FRIENDS who share a common interest in riding in the desert. Always keep in mind how your actions affect the other members.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

How did you hear about the club? _____

Annual dues are \$35 per family. Each 12 month membership includes a monthly newsletter. Send your check or money order to:

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