

# The Rooster

a monthly update from the Inland Empire Offroad Association

June 2008

## Feel Better Shirley

In early May Shirley Ford was admitted to the hospital in Lake Havasu with a Pancreatitis attack. Fortunately she is doing well and looking forward to Coral Pink. The club sent her flowers on May 15th, and we all can't wait to see her in the dunes soon. Below is Shirley's article about the incident:

I would like to thank the Club for the Flowers while I was in the hospital it was so thoughtful. I had a Pancreatitis attack. I had to lay there for 7 days with no food or water so the Pancreas could calm down before they could go in. Just Saline plugged into the arm. And a little stick with a sponge on it, dipped in water so you can wet the lips. Oh goody. Oh sure every morning, noon and night the smell of food can drive a person insane. Or I should say more insane then I am. But after that, they gave me liquid diet, broth, water. Talk about good. I'm ready for Coral Pink. They have Hospitals in St. George if I need one.

The hospital evens allowed your pet to visit. While Don and I were taking a stroll down the hallway, I spotted what I thought was a stuffed animal on a bed, turned out to be a little dog. I asked the lady if they allowed animals and she said sure. It helps heals the patients. So we ask the nurse and she sure as long as they are small animals. She said, her head nurse didn't like, but the Hospital didn't care. So Don brought in Tara to visit me. Tara didn't care for it. I guess the medical smell made her think she was at the Vets. After that we saw



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## What's New

- ◆ Coral Pink is close, and we have lots of people joining us on the biggest trip of the year. Bill Martine and Jeremy, The Bacons, and The Shermans all are first timers planning on making the trip.
- ◆ River season is here as well. The Kastles and Coles went to Cottonwood for Memorial Day, and are looking forward to lots of river weekends his summer.
- ◆ This issue is shorter than normal since there weren't many club activities during May. Please send your articles about dune trips, buggy repairs, summer fun, or anything else to [pkastle@msn.com](mailto:pkastle@msn.com)

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# Calendar of Events

**June 11th:**

Club Meeting. Come update your friends about your off-season projects. This is also the last meeting before Coral Pink!

**June 24-26th:**

The Hagens and Kastles are headed to Lake Mohave.

**July 7-10th:**

Pre Coral Pink time in Mesquite.

**July 10-19th:**

Coral Pink! Join us with quite a big group this year.

**July 19th:**

Saturday night at Mesquite on the way home.

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2 other dogs. One which was a yellow lab if you can believe it. Now, I've heard of old folks homes allowing animals, but not regular Hospital I guess this a small town Hospital for you. It's wonderful.

Again, thank you again. Shirley Ford

# Coral Pink Tune Up Trip

With temps taking a sudden down turn we decided to take a quick trip to Anza over Memorial Day weekend as a tune-up for the upcoming Coral Pink trip. I arrived Friday morning to find virtually no one in the area. The wind was blowing a bit and I could see a rain storm coming across the valley, but I only got a few sprinkles. I played with the Ranger for a while, and tuning up my new GPS. I made a couple of speed runs on the paved road by camp and was able to get the Ranger up to 49.8 MPH! I was shooting for 50, but right at 49.8 the rev limited kicked in, darn it! Of course this was going down hill with a tail wind! I tried going down another road, a little steeper downhill, but in to the wind, and could only get 42 MPH, so I guess I'm not very aerodynamic! After dark I drove around the local area trying out my new HID headlights. I just love them! They are replacements for the stock headlights and are very bright. Other than the wind blowing it was a very quiet night. Saturday morning I woke to find the wind still blowing about 10 mph, not bad. I also found a few people had arrived in the general area, but the closest was still over a mile away, and only about five camps total. Mona and Ashley arrived shortly thereafter and we sat and talked for a little bit until Doug and Kris arrived. Once we unloaded Doug's Ranger we headed off to the Travertine Grill for breakfast. Mona had decided she wanted a very low key day at the trailer so Ashley and I, and Doug and Kris took off on a ride. We went up through Tectonic Canyon and back down through another canyon to the

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North Arroyo Salada Wash, where we took Cross Over Trail over to Tule Wash, and on to the Pumpkin Patch. This was all familiar terrain for most of us, but Ashley hadn't been here since she was about two years old and was enjoying it a lot. Once we left the Pumpkin Patch we headed off towards the Gas Domes where Ashley played in the dull, gray mud bubbling up from the wells. I don't think she was impressed, but she did get gray mud

on her nice pink tennis shoes. From there we headed back towards camp via the Pole Line Road. Once back at camp we found we had traveled 41.4 miles in about four hours. Not bad! Once we refilled the coolers we decided to travel down to the Salton Sea. Down through the Arroyo Salada Wash we went all the way to the shore of the Salton Sea. It really is a beautiful body of water, but it's toxic, and doesn't really smell too good either! We found a lot of dead fish all along the shore line, and could see where the shore line had recently been by the other lines of dead fish. We decided we had enough of dead fish so we headed back towards camp, but decided to try to find Bin Laden's Cave before we finished off the day. A couple of wrong turns later we found it, and I marked it in my GPS. We then went back to camp so I could record the actual route in the GPS. It was time for Doug and Kris to start heading back as they had just come for the day, so we got them loaded up we went down to the Travertine for dinner and then bid



**Ashley enjoying the stone chair in front of Bin Laden's Cave**

them good bye. Mona and Ashley were staying the night with me so we went back to camp. There was still a lot of daylight left so the three of us got in the Ranger and I followed my recorded route back to Bin Laden's Cave as Mona had never seen it. We got back just as it was getting dark. Ashley and I scrounged a little firewood from the area and we tried having a fire, but the wind had come up a bit. We only burned a few pieces of wood before deciding to call it a night. The next morning we had breakfast and Mona and Ashley took off for home as Ashley had to be at work by 4 pm. I took my time putting the Ranger away and cleaning up the trailer then took off myself. I was home by 1 pm. I have a few things to do to the trailer and Ranger, but Coral Pink is not far away. I can't wait! Hope to see you there! Mike Bacon

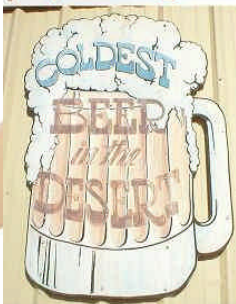
# Happy Birthday!

Karissa Hagen	6/3	Linda Hagen	6/20
Jeremy Hagen	6/3	Matt Becker	6/21
Michael Utterback	6/8	Steve Porter	6/25
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**Ashley Bacon checking out the dead fish at Salton Sea**

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\$5500  
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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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This month we would like to thank Mike Bacon and Shirley Ford for submitting articles. Coral Pink is oh so close, and we will have lots of fun to report on from there. If you can't make Coral Pink this year, now is the time to start planning for 2009. The stories and photos from this year's trip should be good motivation. In the shorter term, we are hoping to see many of you at the river this summer and at Summer club meetings. We'll be in Utah for the July meeting, but we'll be back at the Redlands Denny's in August. Hopefully we'll see you there. -P.J. and Melissa Kastle

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## Membership Application

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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.

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