

# The Rooster

a monthly update from the Inland Empire Offroad Association

July 2008

## Summer Duning Time

As I write this, it is late June and there are only two weeks until the start of the annual Coral Pink trip. This will be the club's fourteenth trip to Coral Pink. While this is an exciting time of the year, it doesn't lead to much content for the newsletter. So, for something a little different I thought I'd include a picture from each of the past five Coral Pink trips. This month's edition will also include some content from the ASA and of course a look forward to the fun we will soon be having. We hope you enjoy it and have some great summer fun coming soon. Meanwhile, I still have to find Melissa a birthday present, wish me luck! -P.J.



The cars from the 2003 trip



Rain in camp in 2004



The "Great Lakes" of 2005. Guess who's up to her waist wading in the lake in this picture while Don Ford looks on...

## What's New

- ◆ Coral Pink is probably going on as you read this. We have lots of people joining us on the biggest trip of the year. Tyson Conger is returning, and Bill Martine and Jeremy, The Bacons, and The Shermans all are first timers planning on the trip.
- ◆ River season is in full swing, as the Kastles, Coles, and Hagens have

already made trips to the river. We are all looking forward to the big club trip to Havasu on August 15-17th.

- ◆ This issue is shorter than normal since there weren't many club activities during June. 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*

**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.

**August 13th:**

August club meeting at the Denny's on Alabama in Redlands, 7:00 PM.

**August 15th-17th:**

Club river trip to Lake Havasu. Don and Shirley Ford will once again be hosting this annual trip to play on the lake.



**The cars from the 2006 trip at left, and the group camp in 2007 at right**



**ASA Press Release Regarding Border Patrol Incident**

A United States Border Patrol (USBP) agent was killed recently while attempting to stop two alleged smuggler's vehicles in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) near Yuma, Arizona. The incident prompted the publication of an article which falsely claims that dune users would strongly support closure of the area in order to reduce illegal activity.

On Saturday, January 19, 2008 while attempting to stop the two fleeing vehicles in the ISDRA, 32 year old Senior Patrol Agent Luis Aguilar, a husband, father and six-year veteran of the agency was laying spike strips across the road when he was fatally struck by one of the speeding vehicles. Both vehicles escaped into Mexico. The Los Angeles Times published an article on March 2, 2008 by reporter Richard Marosi, titled Smugglers Hide In Plain Sight, which argues that closure of the dunes south of Interstate 8 is the most effective means of inhibiting the trafficking of drugs and illegal immigrants in the area. The reporter falsely claims that dune users support a proposed closure. He makes this claim because (during the course of an interview with a Border Patrol official in the dunes), a group of dune recreationists approached the BP official and the reporter to express their sympathy for the loss of the agent and to express their appreciation for the service of the USBP in the dunes. The reporter asked the recreationists if they would be concerned if

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the dunes south of I-8 were closed to assist in border issues. The recreationists responded that they did not want to lose the riding area, but that if it would help to control the issues at hand they could live with such a closure.

While most any steward of the dunes would answer the reporter's question in the same manner, the LA Times takes a stern slant towards the closure of these dunes. Simply put, an expression that we are law abiding recreationists is not to be construed into a Duner's call for closure. Further, the eyes of thousands of dune visitors serve as a valuable tool in reporting suspicious activity to the USBP, 'closure' of this area would be a step of digression towards enforcement. Contrary to the reporter's claim, dune users are not in support of closure of the area until other more logical steps are taken.

The USBP has increased their enforcement to address the smugglers in this area. Last month, the USBP enacted a Zero Tolerance Policy for dune traffic that crosses over the Border, citing fines, arrest and/or vehicle seizure as potential penalties. In addition, the USBP has increased in the number of agents in the area.

The American Sand Association (ASA) with 32,000 members vehemently oppose any closure of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area.



Janice Tharp	7/2	Nicole Adler	7/24
Erin Larson	7/6	Dana Schellinger	7/24
Katlin Smith	7/8	David Huggard	7/24
Melissa Kastle	7/20	Mark Rhoades	7/27



This year, the ASA Giveaway buggy is a custom built Extreme Performance Eco II. This is the second car that Extreme Performance has built for the ASA Giveaway Raffle. Tickets are \$20 each and the winner will be drawn at the 2008 Sand Sports Super Show, September 21, 2008. You do NOT have to be present to win. For more info, visit [www.asasand.org](http://www.asasand.org)

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\$4200  
Contact Jeff Oliver:  
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Jeff Oliver has a set of four Ford F-250 Wheels: One piece aluminum wheels. Tires have been sold but wheels are available.  
\$100 for the set of 4.  
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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.  
\$5500  
Contact Dean Schellinger:  
(909) 987-1880 work  
(909) 887-8945 home

The Hagens have two childs 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



Dale and Rebecca Downsworth have the following for sale:  
1995 Newmar Dutchstar 38ft. Motorhome, 8.3 Cummins, single slide, 80K Miles, \$44,500 OBO

2002 Long Travel 2 seat sandrail, Chevy 4.3 V6, bus trans, pwr steering, King shocks, \$19,500 OBO

Contact Dale Downsworth: (909) 376-8490



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This month we would like to thank the ASA for providing this month's article content. Next month should have much more content with coverage of Coral Pink and other summer activities. 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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YES NO

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

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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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