

The Rooster

a monthly update from the Inland Empire Offroad Association

October 2008

2008 Club Picnic



Thanks to the members who attended, those who donated prizes, and especially Dave and Cindy Huggard the picnic was once again a great way to kick off the sand season.

What's New

- ◆ The sand season is here. The first Glamis trip will be Halloween weekend, October 31-November 2nd.
- ◆ Many club members will be attending the Spook Run at the Salton Sea on October 26-28.
- ◆ Many memberships are due in October. If you didn't get the chance to renew at the picnic go ahead and send in your dues for another year of the Rooster and the other benefits of Inland Empire Offroad.
- ◆ We are hoping that some members will stay out Thanksgiving week, allowing others to leave their toys and do two weekends in a row. Let us know if you can stay the week.

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Calendar of Events

Club Picnic

October 8th:

Club meeting at Denny's.

October 24-26th:

Salton Sea Spook Run.

October 31-November 2nd:

Halloween weekend at Glamis, Wash 6.

November 7th-11th:

Potential Veterans Day Glamis trip. Check with Walt for confirmation.

November 12th:

Club meeting at Denny's.

November 21-30th:

Thanksgiving week at Glamis, Wash 6. Someone will be spending the week, allowing others to do both weekends.

The club picnic was once again a success, and resulted in a net profit for the club of \$610 including the memberships that were renewed at the event. We had a good turnout, and lots of participation in the fan belt toss for raffle tickets. Cindy Huggard even won a prize with a ticket she won by tossing fan belts. There were lots of great raffle prizes, including Gift Certificates from Acacia RV, Car Craft, Kar Tek, Mama Jeannie's, and once again a deep cycle battery from Sport Trailer. Thanks again to all of the sponsor businesses who donated items for the raffle which is the club's biggest fundraiser. Jeananne Becker helped make sure there were prizes of interest to all who attended, adding various gifts and a Brighton bracelet to the prizes available. Young Stump also donated some non-automotive items to keep it interesting. The food was another great part of the event, and besides the hot dogs and hamburgers that the club provided and Dave Huggard cooked we had lots of great side dishes and desserts that members brought. The weather was great, and I think everyone had a genuinely good time and we're all looking forward to the start of another dune season.

At the picnic we had the second annual raffle for a free membership based upon writing newsletter articles. For each article that they wrote for the newsletter over the prior year members received a ticket that was entered into a drawing for a year's free membership. This year Pete and Linda Hagen won, which was appropriate with their having written 5 articles. Walt Fisher also wrote 5 articles, Jim Kastle wrote 6, and Mike Bacon wrote the most with 7 articles. Thank you all for participating and contributing to the Rooster.

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Cottonwood Cove Trip



Cindy Huggard 10/2

Jeremy Grossmann 10/22

Nina Nass 10/21

Susan Carver 10/26

Two weeks after Labor Day many club members headed for Cottonwood Cove to enjoy one last trip of the river season. We had 10 boats and 2 Sea Doos, as the Coles brought their houseboat, Pete and Linda Hagen brought their boat and motorhome, Dave and Cindy Huggard brought their boat and motorhome, and Jim and Nancy Kastle had their boats and Melissa and I brought our Pontoon boat for the dogs. We had the most amazing weather, with very calm glassy water on Friday and Saturday. As the pictures show, it was absolutely beautiful. The water was still nice and warm and it wasn't very crowded. We all got together for dinner at Jim and Nancy's and had some excellent Mexican food. Pete brought the vide of the Havasu river trip, which we showed after dinner. It was a fun night. On Sunday morning we helped Dave and Cindy Pack up and headed out for some more fun on the water. The Coles got to stay for one more night, but the rest of us packed up and headed for home. The trip turned out just perfect, and I think we should plan on repeating it about this same time next year. -P.J.



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The Fallbrook Four Visit Lake Havasu

We initially were heading to lake Shasta this summer, but drought conditions never filled the lake and by June it was already dropping. By August it was down over 120', so we decided to change plans and join the club for the 3rd annual River trip. We made reservations at the Islander RV resort. We wrote Don and Shirley advising of the change and looked forward to seeing everyone. After a pleasant 5 1/2 hr. drive, we arrived on Wednesday afternoon, yeah it was hot (109). We launched the boat and parked the RV on a beautiful site overlooking the lake, just a stone's throw from where the boat was beached. We called Don and Shirley to see if they were available for dinner and were shocked to hear from Don that Shirley was in the hospital with complications from surgery she had 2 weeks ago. Of course we did not know the seriousness of the situation, but Don said she was in good hands and in good spirits. We relaxed that evening and watched the Olympics. The next day we met Don in the morning and he graciously lent us their Dodge truck to use while we were in town. Thank you Don and Shirley!! He said she was still in the local hospital undergoing more tests but was in no danger. After I drove Don home we loaded up the coolers and Rudy and headed to one of our favorite coves "Buzzards Cove", just south of "Steamboat Cove", about a 20 min run south of LHC. The lake was empty, with just a few boats on the water, smooth glassy conditions and clear blue skies. The day was spent lounging in the clear warm water. Jeremy wanted to ride the tube on the way home and hung on for over almost a half an hour. That evening Linda and I (and the twins) celebrated our 19th anniversary with a great meal at "Shugrues" on the channel overlooking London Bridge . On Friday we cruised down to "3 Dunes Cove" and set up an awning to reserve the spot for the club gathering. We spent the day there and enjoyed another quiet day on the lake. That evening we met Don, Bob and Karisa Keirns, the Kastle's, the Martine's, the Schellinger's and the Huggard's at The China Buffet. Don gave us another update on Shirley. The plan for Saturday was to meet at the Ford's for breakfast, Bill & Bob cooked up a ton of pancakes and bacon, others cut up fruit and brewed coffee. The Oliver's and the Tharp's joined the group and after breakfast everyone headed down to launch from "Cattail Cove". We left from the Islander and had a fast cruise down river and we all met at "3 Dunes". The day was perfect until the ranger showed up looking for "Day Use Fee" tickets. He informed us that 2 other rangers reported the site was not occupied over night and that you are not allowed to leave awnings unattended to save a spot. He said he could impose a \$500 fine. Apparently he remembered us from last year and since we were polite and a darn good looking bunch, he strongly suggested that we not do that again. We all thanked him and breathed a sigh of relief. Back to the party!!!!

Bob Keirn's son Bobby showed up with his kids and girlfriend in their Monster Engine jet boat. The only thing missing was Shirley, we all missed her mischief and energy. Some worked on their tan, others floated on tubes, a few had a bad case of "Lake Fungus" growing from their tubes, Rudy was Boogie Boarding, a few took some boat rides and the day went by fast. That evening we all gathered at the Golden Corral for dinner. Jim stood up to present Bob Keirns a "Life Time" membership award for being the last charter member of IEORA. The crowd cheered and for the first time Bob was speechless and a little teary eyed. Congratulations Bob!!! Bob was also celebrating another birthday and our waitress sang him a sultry version of "Happy Birthday to You" and gave him a kiss at the end. On Sunday 3 boats decided to head up river and check out Topock Gorge. The Huggard's had never been there. We met at Windsor Beach and Bob lead the way with his passengers the Schellinger's and Jim. I followed with the Huggard's behind us. Bob navigated the shallows where the lake ends and the river starts. With cattails on both sides, I held my breath as our depth finder went down to 2.7 feet. Dave said he saw a mud trail behind our boat. I was relieved when we found 10' again in the main channel. After cruising for 20 mins we rounded a turn and beached on the famous "Sand Bar". On busy weekends this place is packed and rowdy, Bob says he picks up extra money MC'ing the Wet T Shirt contests. Ok Bob, calm down. We let the dogs run around and the kids were throwing the Frisbee around. The water was much cooler than in the lake. Soon we were on our way north again. After going thru the canyon we spotted the I-40 bridge and turned into the waterway to Park Moabi. There is a long stretch of sandy beach there where we had a picnic lunch. Jim and I headed to the marina for fuel and an Ice Cream. There we saw a really nice looking twin engine Sea Plane up on the beach by the slips. Wouldn't want to run into him taxing down the waterway!!

When we returned to the others, we had new neighbors, a complete Tiki Hut Bar on a trailer towed by a jeep. I was waiting for Jimmy Buffet to pop out and start singing. Bob's crew had to get on the road so they left for home. We left Park Moabi and headed down river and in the "No Wake" section of the gorge decided to check out a nice pocket cove. We beached and set up our chairs in the water. The kids explored a back water lagoon complete with cattails and thick gooey black mud that made Karisa Keirns look like the creature from the Black Lagoon. The scenery was awesome with steep red rock cliffs and blue green water. The slow zone kept the waves to a minimum. Dave noticed the water level had dropped a little and that his boat was getting beached. With some effort we pushed it out to deeper water. I checked our boat and discovered the same problem. We tried tot push it off, but no luck. Dave hooked a tow line and dragged me off the sand. We re-anchored and enjoyed the rest of the afternoon. It was time to head back and this time through the shallows we found a little deeper channel with 4' of water under us. The remaining club members met up at one of the Ford's favorite Mexican restaurants and we enjoyed a last meal together and cheered for Shirley's quick recovery as Don left to go see her. Monday was real quiet with hardly any boats on the water. We took a morning cruise and decided to explore the coast for potential new coves to have the club gathering. After checking out a few we discovered a really nice island with a se-



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cluded, protected cove, aptly called " Friendly Island ". It's just 10 mins south of LHC on the AZ side. It has several picnic spots, rest rooms and 3 nice cove beaches. The water was deep and no lake grass or muck anywhere. The only problem with using it next year is that someone will have to "volunteer" to sleep over to secure the spot and keep the rangers happy. Hey, the Cole's have that house boat with AC, John and Anna, come on down!!!! Our time came to an end we loaded up the RV, swung by Don's house to return the truck and had an easy ride home. Thank you to Don and Shirley for their hospitality and offering their home to all of us. We all wish that Shirley gets back on her feet soon. Overall it was another great Club Adventure.



Back In The Saddle Again! By Mike Bacon

Many (many!) years ago I got started off roading riding a Taco mini bike. It wasn't too long before I learned a mini bike isn't the most efficient off road machine, the first attempt at a jump proved that! So I moved up to a Yamaha Mini Enduro and rode that for a number of years. A long line of Yamahas followed for trail riding and desert racing until I "retired" from motorcycles in my early 20's and graduated to sand rails.

I have thought about another motorcycle many times, but never got around to doing anything about it. With one exception, a ride of about 100 yards while helping a neighbor fix his bike, I haven't swung a leg over a bike in 28 years. Well, with gas prices approaching \$5.00 a gallon, and me surpassing 50, I decided if I was ever going to do it, it better be now. So, with Mona's blessing, I went looking.

I had decided I wanted a dual sport bike so I could use it around town and on the trails up in the mountains by our home in Lake Elsinore. Just before the Coral Pink trip I came across a bike that called out to me. It is a 2007 Honda XR650L that only had 185 miles on it. The guy had been trying to sell it for about four months with no takers and had just dropped the price again to move it. Turns out he had bought it new and had the dealer guys load it in his truck when he bought it and he never sat on it until after he got it home. He is only about 5'-5" tall and found his feet were each about six inches off the ground when he sat on the bike. He tried lowering the bike, but in the end he just didn't feel confident riding it. All good for me!

So I am Back In The Saddle Again! Since buying it I have put about 1400 miles on it just riding around town and a lot of time on the trails in the hills. AJ was very happy to see me get the bike as he has had motorcycle ideas for some time. I made a deal with him that if he finished up his Eagle Scout I would help him buy a bike of his own. He committed to that and I happened to find a great little bike for him, a Yamaha XT225. He just loves the bike and is learning to ride very well. We usually try to go for at least one ride together every weekend, even if it's just a short evening ride before it gets dark.

AJ and I both have our Motorcycle permits, and while he is on Christmas vacation we will be attending the CMI School for their Beginning Rider Program to get our licenses. So far, it has been a great time for both of us, and something we both can share. So if you hear the roar of motorcycles coming upon you LOOK OUT! It could be the Bacons tearing up the road!

Here's AJ and I riding up in the hills above Elsinore on a Sunday morning.



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P.J. and Melissa have a Yamaha Golf Cart For Sale:
Late 1990's G14 Gas golf cart with lift. Floor sits 24 inches above the ground. Stock motor, runs well.
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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.
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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
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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

The Hagens have their Monaco Motorhome for sale:

Monaco Dynasty (Baron) 36 foot Diesel Pusher with 300HP turbocharged Cummins engine, Allison 3060 6 speed transmission, 6.5 kW Onan propane generator, lots more. Check out the club website for more details.
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Note: Dale and Rebecca Downsworth still have their motorhome and sandrail and are looking forward to joining the club for dune trips this season. This is great news for the rest of us in the club as we enjoy their company at the dunes.



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This month we would like to thank Pete Hagen and Mike Bacon for this month's articles and also thank everyone who wrote articles over the past year and those who signed up for another year of fun. It is so neat that Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and then New Years follows right after that. Hopefully we'll see you in the dunes soon. -P.J. and Melissa Kastle

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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.

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