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## Bob Martin

August 1, 1927 - March 31, 2005

Gentleman - Husband - Father - Grandfather - Friend

**T**HURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 31, 2005. BOB Martin died today. The grief I feel comes from the core of my being. Our world was a much better place with Bob in it. The days will never again be as good as they were this morning. Bob was one of a kind.

Sue and I went on a walk along the river with Toby tonight. We both cried a lot. We're lucky to be in this ageless desert. It is comforting somehow. The river still moves timelessly by. The night is clear, the stars bright and sparkling. Out here, it's easy to get lost in the sky and feel as one with the world. The understanding comes to me from the desert sky, that we will all be together with Bob soon.

He has only gone on ahead of us. He will have his blue light flashing for us when we come to join him in camp once again.

It was always good to see the Martins' Skamper on any trip. Somehow, when they were along, the trip was always so much better. It never failed. Bob knew how to put everyone at ease. He was always there when you needed a helping hand or a kind thought. I believe he was the soul of the Desert Explorers.

I will miss Bob so much. There will be a chair that goes empty at happy hour. We have lost our best leader. We have lost our sweep.

Stay well Bob until we meet again.

*Bob Jausaud*

# Rendezvous 2005 Report

By Marian Johns

**I** SIT HERE TRYING TO WRITE THIS REPORT, but the tears keep getting in the way. Bob Martin's sudden death overshadows the good time we had at this year's event. It's ironic that we lost Bill Ott just after last year's Rony too.

Except for the loss of Bob, I would venture to say this year's Rony came off fairly well. On the other hand, the weather could have been a little more cooperative, so it was fortunate that we had the large

(and warm) hall for our dinner and silent auction. I heard several good reports about the catered dinner. Personally, I thought it was tasty and plentiful.

On behalf of myself and all DE participants, I would like to thank new member, Bill Gossett, for his enjoyable, after dinner talk and slide show. And I thank last year's speaker, Emmett Harder for talking Bill into doing this year's program. Thanks also go to Ron Ross and Nancy

McLean for supplying the computer and digital projector needed to present Bill's photos. And, oh how I wish Bob Martin was still with us so I could thank him for supplying the Karioke/audio system. He and Ron and Emmett set up all of the equipment for Bill's presentation. What are we ever going to do without Bob? He was our anchor and mainstay.



# TRIP REPORTS

## Cajon Pass Revealed

By Sue Jausaud

**O**UR TRIP BEGAN AT THE JUNCTION OF I-15 and I-215 under threatening skies and a cold wind. As we drove through the little town of Devore, I shared via CB radio some history of the area that local resident Emmett Harder had provided in an earlier email. Originally an Indian encampment, the town was named for a railroad surveyor, and developed as a ranch that grew fruit to be dried and shipped east. Cement for the local ranch buildings came from kilns using the limestone present in the hills above the town. Emmett had provided one juicy bit of information: seems that William Randolph Hearst had a “hideout mansion” for his girlfriend (Marian Davies?) in Devore. We spotted the tile-roofed house hidden behind a grove of trees near the school.

As our group passed under I-15, we



Charles Can read !

turned right on a section of Old Route 66. In researching this trip, we found lots of wonderful history of the area on the Internet. The alignment we were on was built in 1931. It was so well engineered that, when it was “improved” in 1953, that improvement consisted of simply adding an additional two-lane roadway paralleling the original 1931 road. And that combination of the original 1931 road and the 1953 addition lasted until they were replaced by I-15 in 1969. Quite amazing.



Blue Cut Monument



Charles Can read ?

We paused briefly at “Blue Cut”, named for the unique rock color nearby, and a historic rest stop on Route 66. Today it’s a place for rail buffs to photograph the huge trains lumbering over the pass. A quick detour on to Swarthout Canyon Road brought us to Lost Lake, an unexpected little body of water sitting atop the San Andreas Fault. A little further along, we turned left up a beautiful canyon with a stream and large trees, to our turn around at the junction with Sheep Creek Trail, which was posted by the Forest Service as closed to vehicles. There had been spectacular views from here when we scouted the trip a few weeks prior, but there were none this day as the clouds closed in and the rain began

Our next stop was Mormon Rocks,



named for the Mormons who camped nearby in 1851, on their way south to found what would become the City of San Bernardino. The Mormons certainly weren’t the first non-natives to travel through Cajon Pass. Padre Francisco Garces crossed in 1776, and Jedediah Smith in 1826. The Old Spanish Trail, originating in Santa Fe, New Mexico, passed near here. The word “cajon” means a box, or a chest, or a drawer. It can also mean a narrow canyon. And that was what we were going to see next.

As you drive I-15, take a quick look at the small, narrow canyon immediately behind the truck scales on the east side of the highway. That is Crowder Canyon, a precipitous, boulder-strewn defile. As we hiked along the narrow canyon trail (now part of the Pacific Crest Trail), we found sections that had once been paved, and remnants of a bridge that crossed the stream. This canyon was where the Old

Spanish Trail came through, followed by John Brown's improbable toll road in 1861, followed by the first paved highway, built by the state in 1916. This section of the passage through Cajon Pass had a reputation among everyone who traveled it, especially the teamsters, as being one of the most difficult. Everyone in our group, even those who live nearby, were awed to discover the history that took place here.

Stomachs growling, we returned to

highway 138 and traveled east, turning north on a nondescript dirt road that soon had evidence of earlier pavement. It led us to the Summit Inn, which has been serving travelers since 1952, and the burgers they serve are as good as ever. As we lingered over lunch, talking about all that we had seen, everyone was amazed at the history that the area had revealed. Driving over Cajon Pass on I-15 now, I have to admire all that came before. What a trip that must have been.



Too many supervisors!



Stop! Stop!

## Rattlesnake Canyon

By Marian Johns

**W**OW! HOW THINGS DID CHANGE between the time Neal and I reran this trip back in January and April 19. The copious southern California rains really did a number on our route of travel up this scenic canyon. In January, we just zipped right along and drove the entire canyon in about half an hour. This time, however, there were multiple hurdles of large boulders and an abundance of flowing water the whole way. But what a group of good sports we had! Everyone was game for the challenge and pitched in when help was needed to rebuild the "road" or when the Pattersons slashed a tire on a sharp rock that everyone else miraculously missed.

In addition to us leaders, Marian and Neal Johns, our participants included Betty Wallin and Don Sweinhart; Bob and Carole Rodemeyer; George and Jacque Johnston; Bob and Shirley Bolin; Mel and Nette Patterson; Ted and Joan Berger; Don and Murtie Putnam; James and Karyl Neeld with kids, Chris, Heather and Tayler; Homer Meek and daughter, Andrea; and Willie Walker, who started out with us but had to turn back at our first stop at Rattlesnake Spring when a migraine headache became unbearable.

Thanks to the Putnam's sharp recollections, we found a memorial to a unlucky fellow who had gotten caught in a flash flood a few years ago. A little farther up the canyon, we stopped for photos of some beautiful blue Canterbury Bellwildflowers. Then the fun began. We were nearly stopped at least four times by rock obstacles over which we had to build a ramp/path – right in the midst of all the water. As you might guess, the result was wet feet and pants.

By the time we finally slogged our way to the head of the canyon, it was too late to do anymore exploring, so we headed on back to camp, dry clothes and a warm meeting hall.



Flash flood victim memorial

# East Ord Mountains and Jelly Roll Rocks

Nancy Dodds and MayBelle Lipking,  
Leaders, March 19, 2005

**R**AIN NOR WIND WAS GOING TO STOP OUR first trip as leaders. Thank you to all the brave souls who ventured out with two women and a "Kuma".

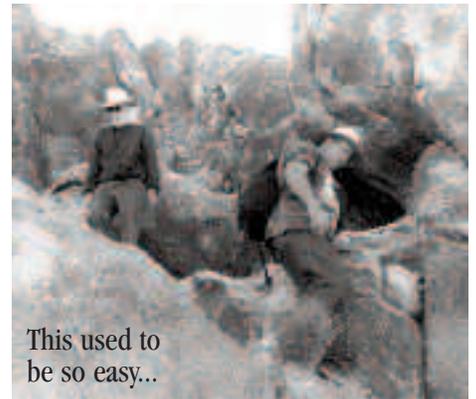
and rough but everyone did a great job. The Ford mine is a tunnel that goes in about 45 feet and has tracks made out of wood. This mine was never productive.

Our next stop, after admiring the beautiful wildflowers, was the Grandview Mine. Bill and Barbara Gossett were forthcoming with valuable information about mining procedures. The Grandview must have produced a low grade of gold because of the use of cyanide.

We then headed to the Jelly Roll Rocks. There, after having lunch, I issued a chal-

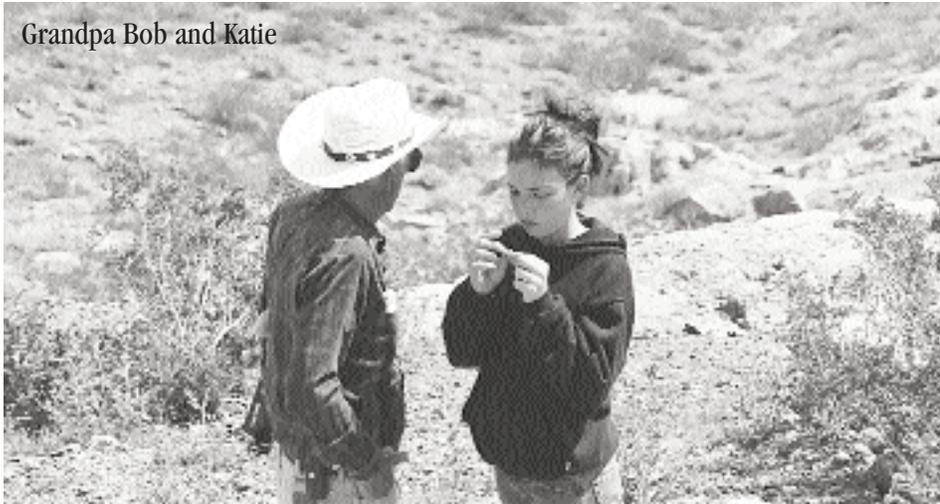


The rat-race seems so far away...



This used to be so easy...

lenge. I made three pre-runs and never found the 2000-year-old Ord Shelter. So the plan was if anyone found the shelter they would receive a prize. Well that's all it took as everyone took off in different directions hunting.



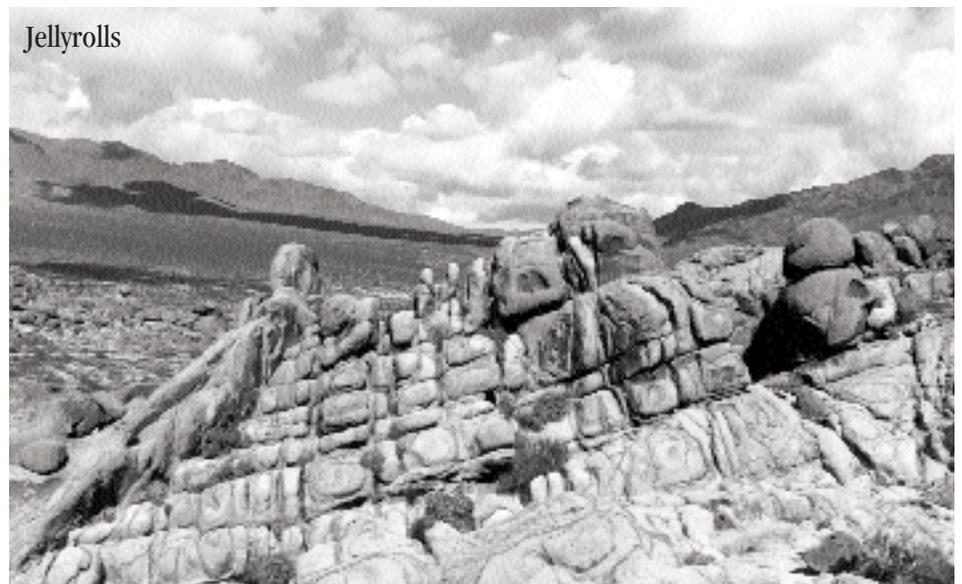
Grandpa Bob and Katie



Maybelle and child



Lunch time!



Jellyrolls

Thank you Katie Martin and Grandpa Bob for being sweeps. You did a great job. Mom and I tried real hard to sound like we knew what we were doing. We had eight vehicles signed up and one tagalong (Bob, Sue and Toby).

Our first stop was the Ford Mine in the East Ord Mountains. The hills were steep

Two young ladies



The Department of Anthropology at UC Riverside and Cliff Walker excavated the shelter in 1971. The shelter was of interest because its well-preserved assemblage was left there perhaps by a single person. Unfortunately no one found the shelter but the find of the day was made by Bill Gossett. He found a cave that was 15' deep. There was evidence of fire and some boards lying around that were possibly from the 1940's judging by the nails. Bob Jaussaud suggested wouldn't it be neat if the cave was a hideout for Willy Boy. We can only wonder.

After spending almost two hours there we headed north to the Indian Sleeping Circles. We passed Tyler Lake also known as Ericksen Dry Lake on the U.S. Geological Survey Map on our way to a path made by the Indians to the top of a plateau. The climb separated the fit from the unfit. The circles are in perfect condition. Once again Bill Gossett spotted a site of interest. There was a point of rocks and a pass through the mountains. So he, Bob Jaussaud and Katie went to investigate. They found petroglyphs and a mining claim in a bottle. What a find! We all agreed we need to come back to do some searching another day.

As happy hour approached we headed back to camp right on time. I lost only two cars. They headed back to camp after lunch. It turned out to be a beautiful sunny day. As we arrived at camp we were greeted by a gorgeous rainbow.

### PLEASE WELCOME

Beth Cobb	Fallbrook
Brad Green	Telluride
Steve Hooper	Henderson
Bob Cooper	Barstow

## Mitsubishi Cement Plant

By Nan Savage

**W**HEN I READ BILL NEILL'S DESCRIPTION of the planned Saturday trip to the Mitsubishi Cement Plant, I was thrilled! There is nothing better than a good field trip. I remember touring the old Wonder Bread bakery in Beverly Hills as a child (now turned into Gucci and other upscale shops), and ever since, I've been hooked on field trips.

Most tours of factories are quite interesting and this one was especially so. Doug Shumway, the Mining Manager, met us personally and took us on a hands-on tour of the facility. In case you wonder, the Mitsubishi Cement Plant is not affiliated with Mitsubishi Motors - the mother company was broken up after World War II - now the Mitsubishi name links a family of completely independent companies. If they were combined, they would make up the largest corporation in the world. However, Doug assured us that Mitsubishi mines is able to choose any vehicles for the plant they want - Fords and John Deere are the favorites. Speaking of vehicles, we saw tractors (I think?) - huge things with enormous tires that measure 10 feet high - the tires alone cost \$6000 each! Speaking of tires, the plant "burns" two million used tires a year as extra fuel in its furnace, taking care of a large part of the 35 million used tires discarded every year in California.

But I am getting ahead of myself. Doug met us at the office and made us welcome. Then we set off in the company van fighting with the seat belts which resembled octopus arms entangling us as we struggled to get to the back of the van. Those of us deemed "small" had to go through the worst maze.

First we visited the quarry site where they mine the granite. Doug explained that all mines start out as sites for something else: first gold, then a silver, and finally granite - the mother lode. There is high quality granite, very white in color; it has a crystalline structure and looks like marble. Then there is poorer quality granite, resembling plain grey rock. The two are mixed together in a proportion that favors the high quality. If the plant

mines too much "grey" matter, called "transitional" rock, it must be stored and added in to the mix bit by bit.

The granite is ground, mixed with other minerals, and melted to create cement. From what I could tell, cement is really cooled down liquid rock. Doug used the analogy that making cement is like baking a Betty Crocker cake - you have to blend and bake the ingredients properly. The wrong proportions make a bad cake.

In the control room we saw live closed circuit TV images of the inside of the furnace - very hot and blazing - "like the inside of a volcano" - as Doug described it. I immediately had visions of a scene out of Dante's Divine Comedy. The control room operator sits in front of the row of computers and monitors for any irregular readings or problems in the processes of the whole plant. The operator's job is essentially, "Hours of boredom broken by moments of terror." The plant operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year since it takes one whole day to shut it down and one whole day to start it up again. After our tour we returned to the office for lunch on the grass trying to catch any bit of sun we could.

## Rodman Canyon Trip

By Bob Martin & Jay Lawrence

**T**HE FOLKS ON THE TRIP WERE: RON Lipari, Bill Gossett, Bob Rodemeyer, Leonard and Rebecca Friedman, Emmett & Ruth, Jay Lawrence, Terry Odgen, Nan Savage, and Bob Martin and Granddaughter Katie Martin. Once off the pavement we had an easy drive up Camp Rock Road (though Jay managed to put a thumb sized hole through the tread of a fairly new tire...)

After a couple of turns we arrived at the petroglyph site. There has been some discussion on what the proper name of this canyon really is but trip participants settled on Rodman Canyon. We parked at the foot of the canyon and walked up a dry creekbed flanked by volcanic rock walls about fifteen feet tall. The first few boulders had a few petros that only hinted at what was around the next bend. The rest of the canyon walls were covered

with great petros - geometric forms, bighorn sheep, patterns, sunbursts and lines that might have been maps or trail records. At the head of the canyon we found one glyph that mirrored the lines of the southern mountain range with the creek walls in the foreground. An early landscape artist!

We had lunch at the site of Camp Rock Mine in the lee of a marooned boxcar. Our last stop was at Hercules Finger, a heroic stone pinnacle that is famous as a landmark and also as an embarrassment to the local church conservatives.

We made our way back to the campground and said our goodbyes before heading home. A fine time was had by all.



## Desert Explorers 2005 Silent Auction

**W**E HAD 23 MEMBERS DONATE ITEMS TO the auction. I would like to thank Bob & Shirley Bolin, Ann Fulton, Jerry Harada, Nancy Hoops, Charles & Mary Hughes, Bob & Sue Jaussaud, Neal & Marian Johns, Peggy Kelley, MayBelle Lipking, Nancy Lipking-Dodds, Nancy Maclean, Ed Manes, Bob & Marilyn Martin, Joan McGovern-White, Chuck & Kathy Mitchell, Betty Oliver, John Perko, Bob Rodemeyer, Alan Romspert, Allan Schoenherr, George & Anne Stoll, Al Walters, and Allan & Ding Wickers for those donations. We took in \$1,320.75 plus a \$18.00 discount from the caterer for her purchase.

There were 116 items purchased by 47 individuals for amounts of \$ .50 to \$ 365.00. I would like to thank the following people for their donations to our

coffers: Craig Baker, Bob Bolin, Shirley Bolin, Leonard Friedman, Rebecca Friedman, Dave Given, Barbara Gossett, Bill Gossett, Jean Hansen, Jerry Harada, Emmett Harder, Ruth Harder, John Hoopes, Nancy Hoopes, Mary Hughes, Bob Jaussaud, Sue Jaussaud, Marian Johns, George Johnston, Jacque Johnston, Jay Lawrence, MayBelle Lipking, Nancy Lipking-Dodds, Nancy MacLean, Bob Martin, Katie Martin, Marilyn Martin, Joan McGovern-White, Andrea Meek, Homer Meek, Heather Neeld, Jim Neeld, Terry Ogden, Nette Patterson, Don Putnam, Joe Pyle, Bob Rodemeyer, Carole Rodemeyer, Alan Romspert, Nan Savage, Allan Schoenherr, Danny Siler, Norma Siler, Don Sweinhart, Willie Walker, Edna (Ding) Wicker and the Caterer "Eleni".

We had a good time, we made some money for the organization and we hope that everyone is thinking about all those "goodies" you need to bring for next year.

Alan Romspert  
Silent Auction Jefe

### Desert Explorer Ham List

Pete Austin	-----Diamond Bar	-KF6FZD
Janet Austin	-----Diamond Bar	-KF6FZE
Craig Baker	-----Sylmar	-KC6KKR
George Baskevitch	--Laguna Beach	-KD6CPY
Steven Bein	-----Culver City	-K6MBP
Jim Byrne	-----Chatsworth	-KE6RFR
Herb Clark	-----Mission Viejo	-KF6EAU
Lorene Crawford	-----Redlands	-KD6TLO
Joseph A. Daly	-----Saugus	-KG6GCW
Neal Johns	-----Lytle Creek	-KC6IYI
Matt Jones	-----Norco	-N6KFC
Chuck Kalbach	-----Phelan	-KE6TAT
David Legters	-----Pomona	-KC6MPQ
Homer Meek	-----Torrance	-KF6HKT
Jim Proffitt	-----Garden Grove	-WB6FXG
Don Putnam	---Newberry Springs	-KC6SMI
William A. Ramsden	-----Orange	-KF6BCJ
Bruce M. Rausch	---San Clemente	-KG6IVZ
Ken Sears	-----Cerritos	-KD6UHY
Bob Thille	-----West Hills	-KF6OWH
Brad Thompson	-----Valencia	-KA6UED
Betty Wallin	---Desert Hot Springs	-KD6CY
Bob Younger	-----Santa Barbara	-N6VMN

### DESERT EXPLORERS

Newsletter Editor: Bob Martin

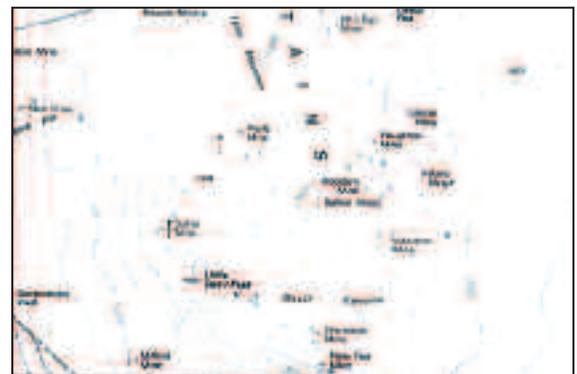
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Marian & Neal Johns

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## Where am I?

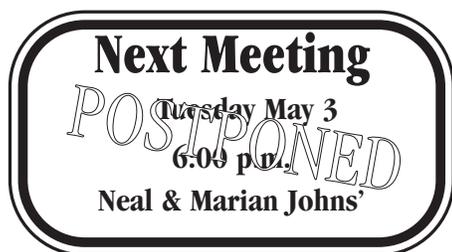
Bob Peltzman is lost again. "Where Am I?" He says he went left when the rest went right and is completely lost. Send your guess as to where this is to Bob at chiefrodey@comcast.net (with the word "Lost" in the subject), and he will send me the names of the first three people to correctly guess the location along with a different lost image to publish in another newsletter. Your answer to Bob should let him know what area he is in such as "The southern part of Death Valley near the Devil's Golf Course."





# FUTURE TRIPS

All trips require a four-wheel drive vehicle and a working CB unless otherwise specified by the trip leader. Non-complying vehicles will not be allowed on trips. Leaders may authorize a variance at their discretion.



## Arizona Strip

May 21-28

Leader: Dan Messersmith

I HAVE WAITED TO THE LAST MINUTE TO SEE if the wet weather was going to take a break or quit, but it appears to have settled in for the long haul which is causing me to reschedule the Arizona Strip trip scheduled for late March. As most of you know, especially those who have made the journey into the Arizona Strip, the one thing you don't want to get caught in out in the Strip is wet weather.

Thus, I am rescheduling the Mojave Outback Explorations (MOE) AZ Strip trip from March to May. The week selected is the one just prior to Memorial Day Weekend. The color and flowers should still be spectacular in May given all the rainfall this winter. Ponds will be filled, and everything should be quite green. It should be significantly different than any other trip we have made to the area in the last 10 years.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact me so that I can get you on the e-mail list for all updates in the near future.

## Cary Ranch Rock Art Tour Anza-Borrogo area

Sat. and Sun. June 11-12.

Leader: John Page. Co-leader: Anne Stoll

CB: 13

(Museum sponsored)

HEADS UP, ROCK ART PEOPLE! THANKS TO friends in the non-profit La Puerta Foundation, the Desert Explorers are being offered a unique tour of the pictographs and archaeological sites on the privately-owned Cary Ranch at the head of Coyote Canyon about 20 minutes drive from the village of Anza. On Saturday, June 11, we will take a guided tour of the property, including historic ranch buildings, Bautista de Anza's campsite, and extensive archaeological sites. We'll also be guided to several little-known pictograph caves, after which we'll have a picnic lunch among the boulders. Please note, some rock scrambling is required to see and photograph the rock art. Dogs on leash permitted. Space on the tour, which costs \$5 per person, is strictly limited to 25 people. Contact John Page for reservations and details about the rest of the weekend.

## Taklamakan Desert

September 2005

Reda Anderson

ON OCTOBER 1, 2001, A GROUP OF internationally minded Desert Explorers were scheduled to do a bit of exploring and four-wheeling in the Taklamakan Desert, Western China. The trip was canceled due to the September 11, 2001 Pearl Harbor-type attack on our home, the United States of America.

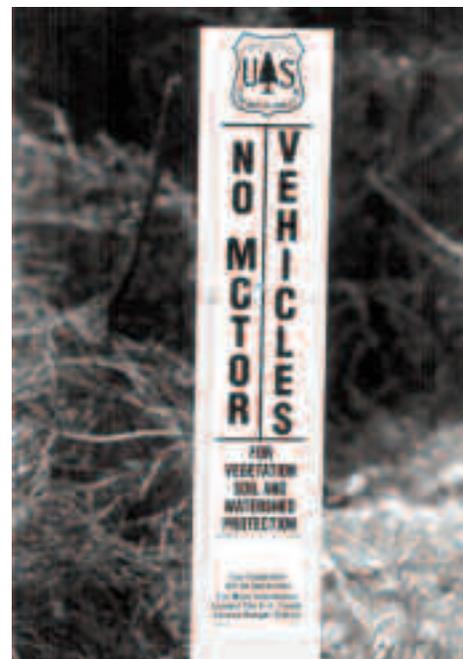
Well, about three years have passed since then, and I'm in the mood to take up the baton again. How about some of you desert enthusiasts joining me?

Our travel agent will be the excellent Boojum Expeditions who led us flawlessly through Mongolia a few years ago. The price should be less than \$3,250 all inclusive. In other words, air, hotels, gers (tent-like-structures), and food are included in the price for the 14 day trip period.

If you have an interest, please contact me at [redafllygal@aol.com](mailto:redafllygal@aol.com).

## Australia 2006

NEAL AND MARIAN JOHNS ARE GOING TO Australia in April 2006. They plan to rent a pickup truck with a pop-top camper and travel around Australia for 6 to 8 weeks. They are looking for company. If you think you would like to go with them, contact Marian via e-mail or phone for details. See leader list for e-mail address and phone number.



Visit Desert Explorers on the Web!

See more pictures and in color!

<http://desertexplorers.org>

## SOME WEB SITES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

Mojave River Explorers	<a href="http://www.wemweb.com/shortfuse/group/">http://www.wemweb.com/shortfuse/group/</a>
Mojave River Valley Museum, Barstow California	<a href="http://admenu.com/mvm/">http://admenu.com/mvm/</a>
Rock Art Of The Southwest - Annotated Links	<a href="http://my.ispchannel.com/~leszekp/rockart/">http://my.ispchannel.com/~leszekp/rockart/</a>
Oregon-California Trails Association	<a href="http://bobcat.etsu.edu/octa/">http://bobcat.etsu.edu/octa/</a>
Ghost Towns and History of the American West	<a href="http://ghosttowns.com/">http://ghosttowns.com/</a>
Tire size dimensions	<a href="http://www.americastire.com/discount_readsidewall.html">http://www.americastire.com/discount_readsidewall.html</a>
BFGoodrich® Tires -- Take Control	<a href="http://www.bfgoodrichtires.com/">http://www.bfgoodrichtires.com/</a>

## Lost Without a Compass? from: Reda Anderson

ACCORDING TO THE BACKPACKER MAGAZINE, "If you are lost without a compass, point the hour hand of your watch at the sun. Halfway between the hour hand and 12 on the watch will be south. This even works with Daylight-Saving Time."

## Some good folks to know...

### Mojave River Valley Museum

<http://www.wemweb.com/mrvm>

Dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the scientific, historical and cultural heritage of the Mojave Desert.

### Discover Baja Travel Club

(800) 727-BAJA and on the web at [www.discoverbaja.com](http://www.discoverbaja.com)

Great newsletter, spectacular insurance prices, weather and road reports, etc.

### Colorado River Historical Society and Museum

2201 Highway 68, Bullhead City, AZ

Located in historic 1940's Catholic Church

(520) 754-3399 e-mail: [mhach@juno.com](mailto:mhach@juno.com)

Exhibits: steamboats, early ranching, mining, Mojave Indians, Hardyville, gifts. Open daily, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. AZ time  
Closed Mondays.



[www.eco4wd.com](http://www.eco4wd.com) . [info@eco4wd.com](mailto:info@eco4wd.com)

Harry Lewellyn leads desert trips and teaches off-highway driving through several Orange County colleges. He also stocks good maps and books, and a killer tire repair system that is worth its weight in gold.

### Friends of the Eastern California Museum

Independence, CA

Check them out! Open weekends. Old farm machinery, bookstore, reference library, great old photos and Owens Valley memorabilia. Nice folks, too.

### Shoshone Museum Association

118 Hwy. 127 PO Box 38 Shoshone, CA

### Friends of the Mojave Road

37198 Lanfair Rd.G-15 Essex, CA 92332

(760) 733-4482

<http://www.mdhca.org/>

Historian Dennis Casebier writes desert guidebooks, leads trips, builds museums(!) and has other odd habits. Newsletter subscription is \$20.

### Searles Valley Historical Society Museum

In Trona just off the main highway

### Map & Compass

[compassdave@webtv.net](mailto:compassdave@webtv.net), (714) 647-2352

Navigation Classes by David Mott.

### Mohave Outback Explorations

2945 Leroy Ave. Kingman, AZ 86401

[dmess@ctaz.com](mailto:dmess@ctaz.com) Motto: "The world isn't too bad if you can just get out in it!"

## Organizational Fine Print and Choice Pieces of Potentially Useful Info

### General Trip Information

- The Mojave River Valley Museum has two sections (groups) that explore the desert environment (Museum membership required):
  - The Desert Explorers, who use 4WD vehicles and cover the Southwestern states and Mexico/Baja, camping out wherever nightfall catches them. The trips are led by numerous experienced Desert Explorers subscribers. The Desert Explorers newsletter is available for \$18 a year.
  - The Mojave River Explorers, who establish a base camp in the Mojave desert, usually with motorhomes and trailers, and make daily 4WD/2WD sorties, attempting to find seats for those without 4WD vehicles, returning to camp each night. The trips are led by experienced Museum members who, collectively, have spent decades learning the hidden wonders of the Mojave. Their newsletter is available for \$7/year from editor Gene Stoops (760) 253-2419.
- You MUST be a member of the Mojave River Valley Museum to attend a trip. Membership applications are included in every newsletter on the back of the last page.
- When you join a trip, you agree to abide by the decisions and directives of the leader throughout the trip or until such time as you inform the leader that you are leaving the group to proceed on your own. The leader may, if his decisions or directives are not followed, inform a participant that his participation in the trip is terminated.
- The Desert Explorers is a family oriented 4WD organization. Spouses and kids are welcome. Friendly dogs are OK as specified below. Trips will meet and depart from somewhere near the trip route, usually not from the Museum.
- To receive the Desert Explorers' Newsletter, send \$18 for a subscription to Marilyn Martin, PO Box 291759, Phelan, CA 92329-1759. Make the check out to Desert Explorers.

**Communications:** CB is required and is the normal mode of communications between vehicles on a trip. Channel 13 is the Desert Explorers' channel. It's a good idea to monitor it whenever you are driving so that other members can contact you should they spot your vehicle on the road.

**Weekend Trips:** There is normally one major trip each month. This will be the trip on which you can look around and find old friends, new friends, collect debts, flirt with other wives/husbands and lie about other trips. There may be another trip during the month for people who have time for it or can't make the main trip. The purpose of all this is to generate more coherence as a group and get everybody to know everybody. We stole this idea from the Mojave River Explorers. Don't forget their fixed-camp trips on the first weekend of the month.

**Trip Coordinator:** John Page. Send your trip proposals to John. John will resolve any time conflicts and maybe bug you if you are late with a promised trip write-up. He will also coordinate private trips for subscribers upon request (see below).

**Non Museum sponsored trip Point of Contact:** We publish reports of subscribers' non museum sponsored trips in order to fill the pages, encourage you to get out into The Great American Desert, and to amuse and entertain you. Some trips, because of

time or limited number of people, are not suitable for official museum trip status. Our Trip Coordinator is the point of contact for Subscribers having or wanting to go on a non museum sponsored trip.

**Potluck:** There will be a Potluck on Saturday night of our weekend trips unless otherwise noted by the Leader.

**Trip Details:** Participants may be required to send a SASE to the trip leader to receive information on trip meeting place and other details. A SASE is a self addressed stamped envelope.

**Finances:** The cost of preparing and mailing the Desert Explorers newsletter is covered by the annual subscription fee as are extraordinary out-of-pocket expenses by Trip Leaders or members, which are incurred as a result of Desert Explorers activities. These expenses include costs of telephone calls, office supplies and postage but do not include any travel expenses, vehicle damage or personal injuries. Other extraordinary expenses must be authorized by the Executive Committee.

### Hot Tips for Leaders:

- The leader is responsible for sending the trip announcement and trip report to the newsletter editor. The write-ups should be detailed enough so the participants will know what to expect and, if possible, have enough information in it so that a SASE is not necessary. (See the ones in this issue for examples.)
- Try not to schedule trips on the first weekend of the month. This weekend is used regularly by the Mojave River Explorers for their outings.
- Try not to use a reservation system or vehicle limits unless absolutely necessary. This will save paperwork for everyone. Request a SASE if necessary for sending out further trip details, meeting place, time, etc.
- Support your other leaders' trips (by attending) or the Trail Gods will get you.
- Maximum loss (vehicles or people) is 10% per trip.
- Leaders, please put your CB channel 13 (or other channel if circumstances prevent using Desert Explorers' channel 13) in your trip write-up.

### Dog Policy:

Dogs can become a problem in camp mainly because of the large number of them and the sometimes blind eye of their humans. Therefore, and forevermore we will have a Dog Policy so that shy leaders will not have to make ad hoc policy.

- Bringing a dog on a trip requires the ADVANCE PERMISSION of the Leader!
- Dogs will be leashed/confined during happy hour & mealtimes.
- People with dogs will be expected to clean up any poop in the campsite.
- Dogs that fight, harass wildlife, eat small children etc., will be confined and banned from future trips.

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