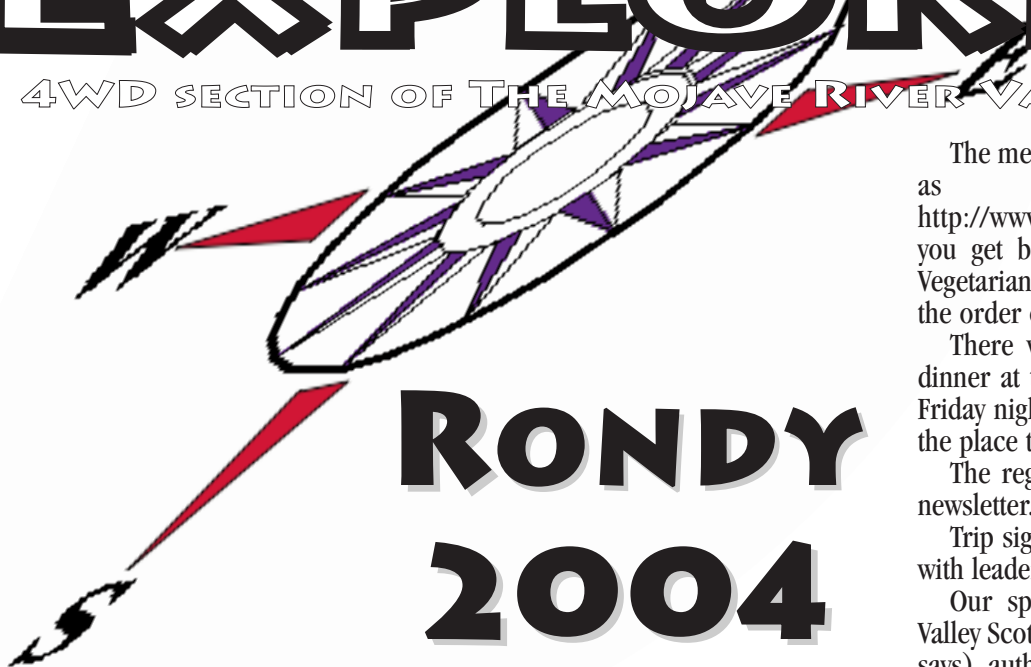


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**APRIL 23, 24,  
25**

IT'S RENDEZVOUS TIME AGAIN! WELL, ALMOST anyway; put it on your calendar and start getting excited. The Ridgecrest, CA, Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Road, is where (for the first time!). We have the whole Fairgrounds to ourselves; lots of restrooms and showers, even a laundromat, a meeting hall/dining building in the Fairgrounds from Friday noon to Sunday noon, a grassy tent camping area, and a full service town a mile away.

The area is full of canyons and areas to explore via the field trips led by the usual suspects and a few new ones. Anne Q. (for Quasimodo?) Stoll has arranged two private trips of twenty people each trip to the famous petroglyph site on the nearby Naval Base.

Children, wives and leashed dogs are welcome at the Fairgrounds; ignore the "No Dogs" signs that are in effect only during the Fair.

A nearby motel is available but not encouraged for reason of camaraderie; meet new people and welcome them to the DE.

The menu will be the Country Elegant Buffet as shown at <http://www.hitterscatering.com/buffet1.html>; you get both Tri-tip and Breast of Chicken. Vegetarian meals can be pre-ordered. BYOB is the order of the day.

There will be a Happy Hour and Potluck dinner at the Meeting Hall in the Fairgrounds Friday night at 5:30 p.m. (BYOB). This is also the place the Silent Auction will be held.

The registration sheet is on page 9 of this newsletter.

Trip sign-ups can be done this year directly with leader prior to Rendezvous!

Our speaker will be the Ghost of Death Valley Scotty a.k.a. Emmett Harder, famous (he says) author of *These Canyons are Full of Ghosts*.

## RONDY TRIPS

### Southern Sierra Canyons

Saturday

Leader: Marian Johns

CB: 13

Meet at 8:30 a.m.

ON THIS TRIP, WE WILL EXPLORE THREE delightful canyons - Sand Canyon, Short Canyon and Indian Wells Canyon - west of Ridgecrest and Hwy. 395. Expect to see some gorgeous scenery, with the Sierras in the background, trickling streams, an old mine with



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## Desert Explorers Trip Schedule

January 16-18	Orocopia Mountains	Schoenherr/Romspert
January 17-25	Quartzsite	Martins
January 28	Peru Slide Show at MRVM	Johns
January or Feb.	Anza-Borrego Noodle	Page
February 14-16	Sloan Canyon	Johns
March 1-12	Antarctica	Reda Anderson
April 3-6	Pegleg Smith	Page
April 23-25	Rendezvous	Committee
May 8-9	Granite Mtns.	Hill
May	Land sail	Martin
May or June	Hunter Mountain	Page
May or June	Owens Valley Petros	Jaussaud
July 4	Coyote Flats	Sears
October	Pahrump Petroglyphs	Martin

lots of remaining equipment and a miners cabin that has become one of the BLM's adopted cabins that campers are welcome to use. There are other pretty camp spots along the way that will entice you to return. Last year at this same time wildflowers were at their peak in this area, so hopefully, we'll be treated to a colorful display this year too.

## Ayres Rock

**Saturday**  
**Leaders: Bob & Marilyn**  
**Martin**

**CB: 33**

**Meet at 9:00 a.m.**

**C**ONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF YOU DON'T have to travel all the way to Australia to see Ayers Rock. You don't even need four wheel drive to see California's own Ayers Rock. You will have to hike approximately 1/2 mile to reach the site from the parking area.

Bring a lunch and join the Martins for an approximately half day tour to this interesting pictograph site. There is speculation that the site may have been retouched by a shaman as recently as 150 years ago.

A CB radio is required. Children and dogs should be closely supervised as last time we visited the site there was evidence

of desert critters on the trail and at the site.

## Tiptoeing through the Tulips (Wildflowers) Again

**Sunday - on the way home**  
**Leaders: Marian and Neal**  
**Johns**

**CB: 13**

**Meet at 8:30 a.m.**

**T**HIS WILL BE A RERUN OF LAST YEAR'S Mother's Day trip. Awesome wildflowers two years in a row??? Maybe we'll get lucky.

We'll take the round-about way home on this trip, down through Red Rock Canyon (Hwy. 14) and then turn west at Hwy. 138 and head for the poppy fields of Antelope Valley. From there, we'll continue on to the Gorman area where, hopefully, wildflowers will cover the hillsides with acres and acres of solid colors - blue, pink, yellow and orange. If you have never seen these areas at their peak, you wouldn't believe how spectacular they can be. And finally, if there are those who don't have to rush on home, we can take Old Ridge Route back to L.A. or wherever home might be - just like we did last year.

## DESERT EXPLORERS SILENT AUCTION

**N**OW IS THE TIME TO START LOOKING FOR those special items that you thought were very necessary when you bought them but have never been used by yourself, but could provide useful for another Desert Explorer member. These are the items that we need you to bring to the Desert Explorers' Rendezvous this next April. If you happen to also have a white elephant or two that could liven up

the auction that might also be an item to consider bringing. I want people to bring their items to the rendezvous where I will take charge of them. If you will not be able to attend the rendezvous but have an item or items that you want to contribute, please get them to another DE member who is going to the rendezvous for inclusion in the auction. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

**Alan Romspert/ Silent Auction**  
**Jefe**

## TRIP REPORTS

None!

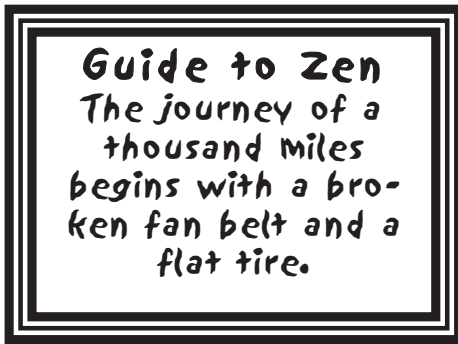
## FUTURE TRIPS

*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.*

## Orocopia Mountains

**January 16 -18, 2004**  
**Leaders: Allan Schoenherr &**  
**Alan Romspert**  
**CB: 13**

**J**OIN THE ONE AND TWO "L" ALANS' FOR A trip featuring scenic campsites, a historic mine, a historic railroad with a wooden trestle, as well as rare plants and



animals. We will begin our trip on Friday evening in a very scenic, easy-to-reach campsite, just off Interstate 10 on the north side of the Orocopia Mountains. This site lies between Hayfield and Red Cloud Roads, tucked into giant granitic boulders. Exit the freeway at Hayfield Road. Take the wooden-pole road to the west that parallels the freeway. Go 2.3 miles and look for a paper plate that says D.E. It will point southward, up a wash, to our camp site.

Saturday morning we will take the pole road east to Red Cloud Road and travel to the historic Red Cloud Mine. That afternoon we will make our way to the Bradshaw Trail and travel westward to the point where the old Kaiser Railroad crosses Salt Creek Canyon. The wooden trestle at this location has been featured in many motion pictures. Also this is the site where the beautiful rare Orocopia Sage has a home. This is also the area where we are likely to see Desert Bighorn Sheep. After practicing rail-walking we will travel to a cozy campsite near Canyon Spring, a known watering hole for the Big Horn Sheep. A short hike will take us to the spring which is closed to vehicular traffic to protect the habitat for the Big Horns. Bring something to share for our dinner on Saturday night. On Sunday we will go explore scenic Red Canyon and then cross the Orocopia Range on the only four-wheel drive road left open in this area by the Desert Protection Act. Our trip will conclude near Chiriaco Summit on Interstate 10.

The nice thing about this trip is that it is reasonably close to where most of us live, and it is located in a very scenic landscape. Travel time to the start and finish point is just over two hours from most points in the greater L.A. area. Interested parties should contact Allan Schoenherr by e-mail (aschoenherr@fullcoll.edu) or phone (949) 494-0675. Or contact Alan

Romspert (aromspert@fullerton.edu) or phone (714) 870-0946.

## Quartzsite 2004

January 17-25, 2004  
**Leaders: Marilyn & Bob Martin**  
**CB: 33**  
**Private trip**

IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN. YOU MUST HAVE missed several valuable, one-of-a-kind treasures last year so come to the Quartzsite shows one-more-time! The show schedule is as it was last year so that all but the Pow Wow is open during this week, but most close on the 25th. while the Pow Wow doesn't open until January 28th. So, if you want to see the Pow Wow, adjust your schedule accordingly. We have decided to pass on it this year so will leave on the 26th.

If you haven't been before, send me a SASE, and I will send you a map. We will be as close to the usual camp spot as possible - blue flashing light at night as usual.

## Petroglyphs a Plenty

February 14-16+  
**Leaders: Neal & Marian Johns**  
**CB: 13**

SOUTHERN NEVADA HAS PETROGLYPHS galore. We'll visit a couple of sites (Bridge Canyon and Hiko Springs) near Laughlin, the Sloan Canyon Petro site 15 miles southeast of Las Vegas (1,700 glyphs!; even Ann Stoll has never been there!), and the "Man From the Cave" site near Boulder City (recommended reading: Colin Fletcher's The Man From the Cave to learn about Chuckawalla Bill, the man who lived there). For those who don't need to rush home, we'll go on to see the Lower Arrow Canyon site, northeast of Las Vegas. This is a spectacular slot canyon just barely wide enough to drive through and has petros within the narrows. Upper Arrow

Canyon also has petros. In the same area is Wildcat Canyon and the Meadow Valley site (up for sale), and, of course, a few side trips to see beautiful Nevada country. We will camp Friday night between Needles and Laughlin where the Mojave Road crosses the highway, have breakfast at the nearby Avi Casino, and leave the parking lot of the casino at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. If you are still with us Monday, (and Marian doesn't have jury duty) we will head north from Meadow Valley to Saint George, Utah following the railroad, passing through beautiful Rainbow Canyon and the little town of Caliente. Contact the leaders via e-mail/telephone if you want to go.

## Antarctica

March 1-12, 2004  
**Coordinator: Reda Anderson**

ONCE AGAIN, THE DESERT EXPLORERS International is about to take off for remote regions of the world. Antarctica beckons.

We will be traveling with G. A. P. Adventurers on a 300-foot ship that holds about 110 folks. The ship price ranges from \$2,350 sharing with two others, \$3,250 double, which covers food and tours while on board. Airfare is an additional charge of under \$1,000.

Briefly, on Day 1, March 1st, we will arrive at Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, South America. Day 2, we board the ship and spend 12 days touring the Beagle Channel, Drake Passage, South Shetland Islands, visiting penguin rookeries, looking for seals and whales. On Day 12, we return to Ushuaia and head home.

Those wishing to do so, have the option of joining me for a couple of days in Buenos Aires, and/or taking a helicopter to the Falkland Islands from Ushuaia.

If you are potentially interested in the trip, please immediately call G. A. P. Adventurers at 1-800-465-5600, talk to Maureen or Diane, and place your name on the waiting list. There is no charge for doing so. For additional information, go to [www.gapadventurers.com](http://www.gapadventurers.com) or contact Reda Anderson at (310) 322-5098 or

preferably redaflygal@aol.com.

To date, six of us have registered and paid for the trip. Won't you join us?

## Pegleg Smith Liar's Contest

April 5 - 7  
Leader: John Page  
CB: 13

**E**ACH YEAR, ON THE FIRST WEEKEND AFTER April Fool's Day, the folks at Borrego Springs sponsor the Pegleg Smith Liar's Contest in memory of that famous horse thief and teller of tall tales. This year it will be on Monday, April 5, and we will be there.

We'll form up someplace in the Anza Borrego area on Saturday morning and noodle around the Park until Monday afternoon, when we'll pitch camp near the event. After an early dinner we'll go to Pegleg Smith Corner and enjoy the contest. Another run the next morning will take us to blacktop for the trip home.

E-mail John Page for a reservation and more information about the trip.

## Desert Explorers Meeting Minutes

By Debbie Miller  
Neal and Marian Johns'  
House

November 20, 2003

### **PRESENT:**

Forgive me, folks. I offered to take the minutes, and as it turns out, (according to the group) I offered to be the Secretary (whenever I show up). In my confused state, I didn't record the names of all present. I feel so used!

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was finally called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Johns had rounded up quite a few pizzas that needed to be devoured. The group was most gracious for the meal, and for the blessing that the

Johns' house was spared from the tragic fires that ravaged Lytle Creek recently.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Subscriptions:**

Marilyn Martin reports that we have 140 current subscribers, and 6 past due.

#### **Newsletter:**

Bob Martin requested that items for the next newsletter be expedited, due to scheduling conflicts he is expecting.

#### **Treasurer:**

Ken Sears reports that the treasury has \$4,900.00, of which \$1,235.00 is reserved for the newsletter.

#### **Website:**

John Page proudly announced that the website is going well. We now have OFFICIAL full control of the address at desertexplorers.com. There was much clapping and rejoicing. The old and new website addresses will need to be coordinated, and John will ensure that the dues are paid for the new one.

#### **Future Trips:**

The current future trip schedule was discussed and lauded. It was brought to Bob Jaussaud's attention that his Goat Canyon Trestle trip may have it's 10% loss ratio built right in – the grapevine says that the rail line is active again! The Johns are putting together a trip to Sloan Canyon; Neal assures us that he CAN still remember the location of where the cave is (that he found at the turn of the century) by using a protractor and topo map.

#### **Rendezvous:**

This was an exercise in cost/benefit analysis. The Johns did tour the facility extensively, and digital photos are available via e-mail if you bug Neal. Anne Stoll has concluded that the Maturango Museum is a nice place to visit but we don't want to have a reception there. There is a restaurant, er, warehouse, er, banquet hall available at the fairgrounds, and decisions needed to be made regarding how many days it should be rented & available to the Rendezvousees. It was moved and passed that the hall be rented for 3 calendar days, beginning Friday. It was suggested that someone go to Costco and gather grazing foods for Friday night Happy Hour...but it was finally agreed

that our famous Potlucks could not be topped and thus, Friday Happy Hour is potluck (whip out your finest!)

Following some gentle exhorting, John Page respectfully requested that trip leaders step forward for Rondez trips.

There was an energetic exchange regarding the proposed registration fee. The main concern was the lack of equity in charging per vehicle/family, which means a single registrant pays the same as a group. Obviously, it would be fair to charge \$5.00 per person, but DE's only cash flow problem is agreeing on what to spend the money on. It appears that charging \$5.00 per registration is the simplest solution.

Emmett Harder, author and book peddler, has agreed to entertain us with a program for Saturday night.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Spending the money in the bloated treasury is still a quandary. Though it would be great to have a satellite phone or spare CB's for future trips, there is no easy way to ensure that these items are readily available for the leaders.

It was moved that the trip leaders be reimbursed the fees upon voluntary completion of CPR classes. This was passed unanimously.

Emmett Harder brought several copies of the Panamint Breeze. It was decided that the DE would purchase a subscription to be forwarded to the newsletter editor.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The January meeting will be at the Jaussauds' in Glendale on Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## Letters to the editor

Inyo National Forest Field  
Trip

September 12, 2003

by Ann Fulton

West is west. In the West, we outdoors people get our highs by getting away from the madding crowd in "hid-

den" places, communing with nature, relishing our special plants and animals, delighting in the lofty elevation of this place or that. It's what sets us apart from Kansas, Dorothy. We try to be somewhat circumspect and restrain our enthusiasm when we talk about our preferred places, lest such treasures become too widely known. But the secrets are long since out. During the media blitz of the gubernatorial recall, we were reminded about California's population being some 35,000,000. With that many people, there has been, and is, enormous and illimitable pressure for multiple use of our backcountry.

**Take only pictures, leave only footprints.** Multiple use is the mandate for our national forests and BLM lands. Notwithstanding the relentless pressures from environmentalists for "no use" of public lands, there have been some positive, long-term movements in the other direction. Many of us feel strongly that the emphasis should be on simultaneously preserving our scenic areas and providing accessible places for solitude and unstructured outdoor recreation; stressed-out urbanites with only weekends to spare and the rest of us lovers of the outdoors cannot maintain our mental equilibrium without access to such places.

**What's afoot in Inyo National Forest.** John and I signed on for an early fall field trip sponsored by Inyo National Forest, Mammoth office to show the "Pilot" road decommissioning area and the "Glass/Hartley Restricted Use Area." We met at 9 a.m. at the Mammoth Ranger Station and Visitor Center for a brief overview in the conference room. Part of the trip would be devoted to other forest management objectives. U. S. Forest Service (USFS) personnel, Sandy Hogan, Special Project Coordinator, and Scott Kusumoto took us into the backcountry on Bald Mountain road off Hwy. 395. Other participants were a USFS hydropower person from Washington, DC, gentlemen from two different OHV motorcycle groups, and a Sierra Club member from Mammoth.

These areas had recently been "GPS'ed" to accurately detail the maze of roads that had proliferated and never been properly mapped. Members of the Mammoth Lakes/Eastern Sierra 4WD Club (many of whom some of our

## PLEASE WELCOME

George Baskevitch      Laguna Beach  
Steve Marschke         Hawthorne

## AND WELCOME BACK

Emmett Harder         San Bernardino  
Jerry Bates              Red Mountain

Backroad Explorers have met), volunteered many hours in this initial effort, particularly Brian Hamilton and Jerry Spurgin. This group steadfastly supports the "Tread Lightly" program, has aided in apprehending off-highway violators, keeps an eye out for the forging of any new tracks where they shouldn't be, and sponsors periodic clean-ups of a backcountry shooting area. They provide creditable input into what roads should be kept open; their input, in fact, has been instrumental in keeping a number of routes on the map.

The Pilot area is a former fuel wood gathering region east of Hwy. 395 where there is a proliferation of roads, primarily created during the older logging days. This is one of the two areas that will be the focus of 2004 and 2005 road decommissioning projects. For the past two years, the public has provided input, as well, for the Glass/Hartley road decommissioning projects west of Hwy. 395, including route designations, shrinkage of some routes to single-track, and restoration of excess and dead-end routes to their former wild state. Several public field trips, the last of which was in July, resulted in the designation of a number of routes and identification of restoration projects, and now the public has been invited to review some of the work that has been done since then.

The Forest Service goal is to provide recreation areas for multiple users: tracks and trails for bicyclists, ATV'ers, snowmobilers, hikers, crosscountry skiers; roads for 4WD'ers; leave some deadend roads for solitude-seeking campers; provide interesting and viable routes for each of these categories of users, and routes that have the potential for a worthwhile experience. They are working toward decommissioning (1) the lesser road where there are parallel roads, (2) many of the deadend, no-particular-purpose roads (e.g., in the Glass

Creek Campground, an uphill track in soft terrain passes too closely alongside a spring and only deadends anyway at a spot that isn't even suitable for camping), (3) little loops off main roads that exhibit no merit. Sandy referred to the drainages created by seasonal precipitation as "ephemeral drainages." The superfluous roads that cross these drainages are being eliminated to prevent further erosion. They are working toward having a maximum of four miles of roads in any one square mile of the forest.

The Forest Service term for the physical process of decommissioning roads is "restoration." Sometimes they "subsoil," a sort of roto-tilling, at least the first 100' or so of such a road to eliminate the visual look of a road. Camouflaging is done by dumping on branches, pine cones. Berms or boulders as barricades are frequently put at the road head to further deter usage.

**Some of those special plants.** We drove through a Jeffrey pine forest, reputedly the most extensive of its kind per Sandy, but also one of few places on the globe where there are Jeffrey pines period. Thinning in these areas is to encourage more healthful growth - Jeffreys like a lot of sunshine - and to move the forest back to its original condition of widely spaced trees.

A lot of the forest we saw was lodgepole, but it doesn't look like the typical lodgepole forests you see in other parts of the west where the trees are densely packed and devoid of lower branches. Here in Inyo N.E. they grow in open space and tend to be "wolfy," Sandy's term for branches widely spaced all the way down a trunk. These trees, with their ample spacing, can reach impressive circumferences and ages of 300 or more years old. She described the bark as "oatmeal" texture.

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color!**

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## Next Meeting

at the Jaussauds'

Thursday

January 29, 2004 6:00 p.m.

### BE THERE!!!

The address is: 2052 Valderas Drive Glendale CA 91280 Phone: (818) 542-6404

The townhouse is located near the intersection of the 210 and 2 freeways, which form a "T" as the 2 dead ends into the 210: Thomas Guide page 534, grid H4. Note that Valderas is a cul-de-sac, tho it is not posted as such, so you'll have to go back home the same way you came!

From the 2/Glendale Fwy. northbound: Stay to the right (toward Pasadena) as you approach the end of the 2. Exit at Verdugo Blvd. Turn left (west) at the end of the off ramp. Turn left at the next signal which is Valihi - watch CROSS TRAFFIC and BIG DIP as you turn onto Valihi. Valihi dead ends into Broadview, where you turn right. Proceed to first left which is Clifton, and turn left. Immediately turn left again onto Valderas. The house numbers are very difficult to see, especially at night, so come up the hill on Valderas to the third driveway on the right. It's OK to park in the driveway or on the street, but be sure to turn your wheels to the curb on the street.

From the 210 Fwy. westbound or from Angeles Crest Highway: Exit at Angeles Crest Highway. and turn left at the end of the off ramp onto Angeles Crest. Angeles Crest dead ends into Foothill Blvd. where you turn right. Turn left onto Verdugo Blvd. After passing a big hospital on the left, you will go under the 2/Glendale Fwy. Turn left at the first light past the 2 Fwy. which is Valihi. (Watch cross traffic and big dip as above!) Valihi dead ends into Broadview, where you turn right. First left is Clifton; turn left there, then immediately left again on Valderas. Third driveway up the hill is us. Turn wheels to the curb if you park on the street.

From the 210 Fwy. eastbound: Exit at Ocean View and turn right at the end of the off ramp. Left on Montrose Ave., which will curve south and become Verdugo ROAD (NOT Verdugo Blvd., which runs east/west. How's that for confusing?) Stay headed south on Verdugo ROAD past the intersection of Verdugo Blvd./Honolulu Ave., and turn left at the next light which is Broadview. Turn right on Clifton, then immediately left on Valderas. Third driveway up on the right side is us. Turn your wheels to the curb if you park on the street.

The Forest Service methodology now is to do prescribed burns to mimic nature; make deliberate deadfalls and create standing "old-growth" trunks called snags. These measures are done with input from biologists, botanists, and other experts in each proposed burn area. The Forest Service plan is to revisit each of these areas in 6 to 7 years and do controlled burns again if lightning doesn't do this naturally. Thinning is done in some areas to provide a better mix of young and old trees. Smoke was visible from the Dexter Canyon fire near Glass Mountain; this lightning-caused fire is being monitored and allowed to burn naturally as long as it behaves in a beneficial manner, slowly burning the understory, rather than moving rapidly and posing any great danger.

#### Now it's scenic and fire-resistant.

The Forest Service contracted out a massive thinning project along the Mammoth Scenic Loop. This has opened up a view to interesting crests formerly obscured by the thick forest, as well as serving as a fire prevention measure. Selected trees were taken down, lower branches were removed from the rest to keep any fire from traveling upward. Piles of the debris were left for burning after snowfalls later this winter when burning won't pose as much of a danger. With a permit, wood gathering from these areas is encouraged.

Enjoying the front range and the backcountry. We were at a heady 8,000 or so feet most of the trip (there's that elevation thing again) and saw some truly beautiful country. Sandy suggested other rewarding routes in other parts of the forest, such as Alpers /Big Spring Road, East Craters Loop, et al. These are detailed in a nice map available at the Visitor Center: "Off-Highway Vehicle (4WD) and Mountain Biking Map: Mammoth Lakes, Crowley Lake, Hot Creek, Convict Lake, June Lake." The web site is [www.visitmammoth.com](http://www.visitmammoth.com).

A cautionary tale for town and country. Sandy had advice for motorists and mountain bikers to be on the alert for animals, domestic or wild, when traveling roads in the forest. We laughed with her as she recounted her most memorable exercise session, back when she first came to woodsy Mammoth eight years ago - funny in retrospect, though the outcome was dire enough to have landed her in the hospital for a bit. She was riding

her bicycle down Canyon Blvd., enjoying the open road and rush of wind at 36 mph (verified later by her fractured speedometer), when she caught a glimpse of a dog, she thought, about to enter the roadway. Evasive action was impossible and she collided with the animal - only to realize it was no dog, but a bear! Sandy went flying and the bear-unaware went flying. While Sandy was dazedly scraping herself off the pavement, that whacked - out bear took action to the max. It lit out for parts unknown, never to be encountered near civilization again as far as anyone knew.

Naysayers and yea-sayers. Sandy was very enthusiastic about the Forest Service programs, knowledgeable about past philosophies, open to input from everybody. We felt this day was well spent. We came away with an enhanced perception of the Forest Service's efforts to handle forest fires in line with their current prerogatives for management, emphasizing measures to achieve what they think nature intended. But as with any such actions nowadays, there's controversy. These issues can create some strange bedfellows. The Sierra Club person seemed to be against prescription fires because they aren't "natural." Duane Rossi, a Big Pine restaurateur, representative of a long-time ranching family in the Owens Valley, and an anti-wilderness-bill person, says no to prescription fires too, but I think his reasons would give the Sierra Club apoplexy. He believes cattle grazing and selective timber harvesting are the dollars-and-sense choices for forest thinning. It's natural for us to complain about that nasty pervasive haze that blankets many square miles of our generally salubrious atmosphere every summer now. If the current programs prove over time to provide the broader desired effects, I guess we'll be rewarded for tolerating the poor air quality when the fires, be they of natural origin or prescribed burns, are allowed to burn away for weeks on end.

In the matter of the road decommis-

### DESERT EXPLORERS

Newsletter

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Marian & Neal Johns

# Desert Explorers' Little Petroglyph Canyon Trip

## April 24 - April 25, 2004

Little Petroglyph Canyon is a unique and remarkable place, only 1.2 miles long with basalt walls 20 to 40 feet high, yet it contains one of the highest concentrations of rock art in the Western Hemisphere. There are literally thousands of petroglyphs to see, some perhaps 16,000 years old, some as recent as the 1800's. Elevation at the site is 5,000 feet and the canyon floor is sandy. It's an easy walk until you reach the 300 foot dry waterfall, which involves sliding down and climbing back up, but even this is not really difficult. The only facilities are pit toilets and a covered picnic area in the parking lot.

To reach the rock art at Little Petroglyph Canyon, we must enter the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station and go through their security system. They can cancel the trip at any time, including the day we are to go. Low clearance vehicles are discouraged, and motorhomes are not allowed. A full tank of gas is recommended. The trip takes about 5 hours, total. Be sure to bring food and plenty of water, sun protection, good boots, etc. Since 9/11, new military security requirements have been put in place. **No alcohol or weapons** of any kind are allowed on the base (so be sure to take the beer out of your cooler!). A search of your vehicle is likely. Also, no photography is allowed until the canyon is reached.

We have reservations for **two** private tours of Little Petroglyph Canyon, one Saturday and one Sunday, with room for 20 participants and 5 vehicles on each tour. Slots on the trip will be given out on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis, determined by when I receive your reservation form. Please indicate your preference for the Saturday or Sunday trip on the form below. There is no cost to take the trip. The Saturday trip will leave at **9:00 a.m.** and the Sunday trip will leave at **8:00 a.m.** For both trips, meet up, gassed up and ready to go, at the **Ridgecrest Cinema** in the triangle at the north end of town at China Lake Boulevard and the Inyokern Road. Meet there Saturday at 8:30 a.m., Sunday at 7:30 a.m.

**IMPORTANT:** To take the trip you must be issued a **security clearance**. This takes several weeks and must be done ahead. If you sign up and no-show, your slot will remain empty. You must be a U.S. citizen. **No pets or children under age 16** are allowed. You may be asked to show a picture I.D. at the NAWS gate, along with proof of citizenship (such as a birth certificate, naturalization papers, voter registration card, current U.S. passport, or a U.S. Active Duty Military I.D. card).

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This information is **REQUIRED** for **each** participant. **SEND BY MARCH 15, 2004**

Saturday first choice \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday only (cannot not go on Sunday) \_\_\_\_\_)

Sunday first choice \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday only (cannot not go Saturday) \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.# \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.# \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

How many passengers can you take? \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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sioning program in the two areas, we came away with a conviction that there are defensible and positive reasons for some road closures when handled properly; this wasn't about denying public access to public lands, rather about getting rid of duplicate roads and the confusing maze of nonsensical roads that have come about from open wood gathering and from careless past use.

## Burma Shave Signs

### E-mail from Steve Mills

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO NEVER SAW THE Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930's and 1940's. Before the Interstates, when everyone drove the old 2-lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each

containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet .... and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream.

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD  
TO GAIN A MINUTE  
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD  
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT

DROVE TOO LONG  
DRIVER SNOOZING  
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT  
IS NOT AMUSING

BROTHER SPEEDER,  
LET'S REHEARSE;  
ALL TOGETHER,  
GOOD MORNING NURSE

CAUTIOUS RIDER  
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR  
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL  
AND LOTS MORE STEER

SPEED WAS HIGH  
WEATHER WAS NOT  
TIRES WERE THIN  
X MARKS THE SPOT

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE  
OF PAUL FOR BEER  
LED HIM TO  
A WARMER HEMISPHERE

AROUND THE CURVE  
LICKETY-SPLIT  
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL NEW CAR  
WASN'T IT?

NO MATTER THE PRICE  
NO MATTER HOW NEW  
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE  
IN THE CAR IS YOU

A GUY WHO DRIVES  
A CAR WIDE OPEN  
IS NOT THINKIN'  
HE'S JUST HOPIN'

AT INTERSECTIONS

LOOK EACH WAY  
A HARP SOUNDS NICE  
BUT ITS HARD TO PLAY

BOTH HANDS ON THE  
WHEEL  
EYES ON THE ROAD  
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL  
DRIVER'S CODE

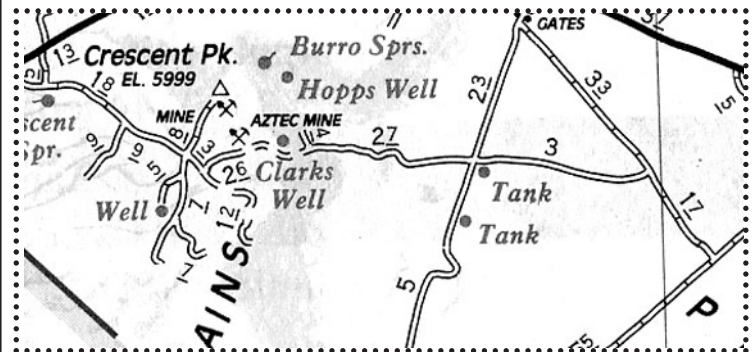
THE ONE WHO DRIVES  
WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING  
DEPENDS ON YOU  
TO DO HIS THINKING

CAR IN DITCH  
DRIVER IN TREE  
THE MOON WAS FULL  
AND SO WAS HE.

And my all time favorite:  
PASSING SCHOOL ZONE  
TAKE IT SLOW  
LET OUR LITTLE  
SHAVERS GROW

### Where am I?

Bill Ott was the only one to correctly guess Aguerberry Point in Death Valley as the December's Picture. 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: bopeltzman@aol.com (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 map 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."



### Some good folks to know...

**Southern Nevada Rock Art Enthusiasts**  
e-mail snrat@hotmail.com

Just as the name says, their thing is Rock Art, both Pictographs and Petroglyphs.

**Mojave River Valley Museum**  
http://www.mvm.4t.com

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

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

**Map & Compass**  
compass2@webtv.net, (714) 647-2352  
Navigation Classes by David Mott.



www.eco4wd.com . 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

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

**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.



# DEsert Explorers Rendezvous 2004

**AT RIDGECREST CALIFORNIA**

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY APRIL 23-25 APRIL, 2004**

All Names in party \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## **Banquet Saturday night**

Dinner includes Sliced Tri-Tip w/BBQ Sauce, Breast of Chicken w/BBQ Sauce, Choice Baked Beans or Deep Pit Beans or Red Potatoes Parmesan, Biscuits and Honey or Fresh Baked Bread, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Tossed Garden Salad or Tossed Caesar Salad, Dessert Bar, Coffee/Ice Tea, or Vegetarian. (Tax and tip included).

**Registration Fee (per vehicle) \$5.00 -----\$ 5.00**

## **Meals:**

Adult and Child 8 and up -----\$ 17.00 X \_\_\_\_\_=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian -----\$ 17.00 X \_\_\_\_\_=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child (4 to 7) -----\$8.50 X \_\_\_\_\_=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child (0 to 3)- -----Free

## **Camping:**

Tent camping per vehicle -----\$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Camper/motorhome dry camping with tent campers (recommended) -----\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Camper/motorhome water and electricity - no sewer, has dump station \$12.00 senior \$11.00 \_\_\_\_\_=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL (Registration, meals and camping) -----=\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make check out to Desert Explorers, Include SASE.

Send to Marian Johns, 406 Lytle Creek Rd. Lytle Creek, CA 92358 **before April 16, 2004**

Notes: Trips (full and half day) may be signed up for with Leader prior to Rendezvous. **You must be a member of MRVM to go on trips.**

**Special government restrictions apply to the Naval Base Petro trips - see special sign-up sheet**

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## 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).

Private Trip Point of Contact: We publish reports of subscribers' private 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 private 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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Family - Annual -----\$20.00  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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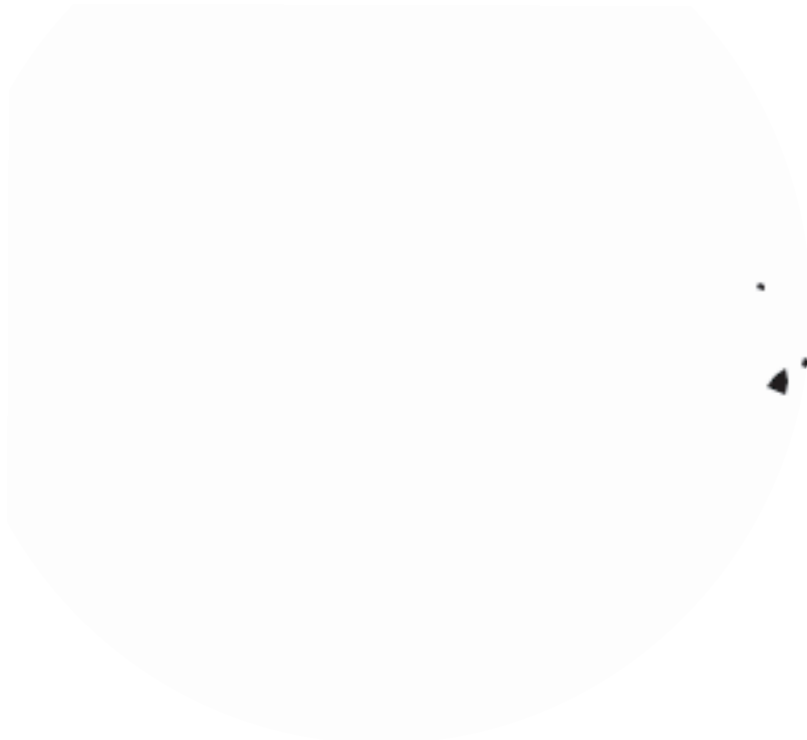
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*You **MUST** be a Mojave River Valley Museum member to go on field trips... See above:*

we'd like your address



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## OF THE MOJAVE RIVER VALLEY MUSEUM

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