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## Rondy Recap Part II

### Rendezvous 2011

By Marian Johns

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ant. Thank you trip leaders! Look for trip reports in the newsletters.

The Saturday evening banquet, although a bit pricey, was, in my opinion, tasty (loved those mashed potatoes). Your \$20 did not include the tip, so the D.E. had to cover that. Did you know that the left-over food has to be thrown away? This seems like such a waste - there was lots of meat left. I was told we could not take the left-overs in "doggie bags" either.

See you all again next year - hope to see some new faces too. We would also be delighted to see you during the year on some of our monthly trips - not just once a year at the Rondy. We have some fine outings with dedicated leaders who put in a lot of time planning and sometimes pre-running trips just for you.

## Rondy Trip Reports Friday Inbound

Leader: Marian Johns

Another year, another Rondy, how time flies. If your missed this one, we're sorry because I think it was one of the better ones, despite the late decisions about dates and place - for which we apologize. Next year we hope to have this information available early so you can set aside the dates. Debbie Miller will be working on Goffs as the venue for next year, but we should probably have an alternate site just in case, so if you have any ideas let us know.

I was really impressed with the outstanding job that Bob Jaussaud and Steve Marschke did organizing the silent auction. It was loads of fun, and we made a significant amount which will now be used for our own expenses and hopefully a donation to a worthy cause/organization. We surely miss Alan Romspert, the Dodds and MayBelle for the work they did putting together past auctions and hope Bob and Steve will continue this tradition. Thank you everyone who either donated or purchased items.

This year's trips came off without a hitch. Even though Friday was a real scorcher (104 degrees I heard), Saturday and Sunday it cooled off considerably and was quite pleas-

Nine vehicles assembled in the (east) Indio TA's parking lot at 10:00. Our Desert Explorers participants included: Shirley and Bob Bolin, Joan and Ted Berger, Sharon and Rick Cords, Rebecca, Leonard and Hannah Friedman, Cathy and Richard Kenny, Ron Lipari and son Jeff, Harry Ogden, Sue Landon and Bob Peltzman, and us (Marian and Neal Johns).

The first stop was near the below-sea-level site of Travertine Point just off Hwy. 86S. We were able to drive right up to the encrusted rocks of the ancient shore of Lake Cahuilla. The rocks are covered with a marine growth residue which makes their sharp edges appear rather soft and rounded. Suddenly, we heard



Photo by Sharon Cords

### Desert Art Near Borrego Springs



Photo by Sharon Cords

### Desert Art

familiar voices on the CB – Sunny and Jean Hansen, who just happened by, decided to join us.

On down the highway a short distance, we turned off for a tour of Palm Wash. Since it was nearly noon and really warming up, we opted for lunch in the shade of the overhead highway bridge. This was about the only shade big enough for our group anywhere within in a considerable distance. After lunch, we drove up Palm Wash which is a pleasant, easy drive. However, when it came time to exit we made a wrong turn somewhere and found ourselves facing a definite four-wheel, low-range climb. We all made it in our (mostly stock) vehicles.

Our next destination was a visit to the Borrego Springs large metal sculptures which can be viewed from Borrego Springs Road, both north and south of Christmas Circle. There is quite a menagerie of prehistoric animals that once roamed this region such as: elephants, camels, saber-tooth tigers, llamas,

sloths, tortoises, tapers, wart hogs, horses, and dinosaurs. Modern creatures included big-horn sheep, a padre with his dog, a prospector and his mule, grape pickers, Juan Batiste de Anza on his steed and even a 4-wheeler in his Jeep! Half way through our tour of the sculptures, Marilyn Martin and son, Michael appeared and joined us.

We arrived at the Palm Canyon Resort about 3:00, in time to relax a bit and clean up before the yummy Friday night potluck - so many choices, so many calories!



Photo by Sharon Cords

### Time to Air Down

were Rick and Sharon Cords, Mal and Jean Roode, Neal and Marian Johns together with their dog Felice, and my wife Sue and I with our dog Cole. We happened to be leaving the same time as the wildflower group and followed them east on S 22 until they turned north while we continued on. Shortly before we came to the microwave tower we turned at the Calcite Mine Road entrance where some of us aired down, and we discussed our itinerary. The group elected to go to the Calcite Mine so we started out.

That road is an authorized route in the Anza Borrego Wilderness Area but is a bit rougher than the easy green trail promised; I'd rate it light blue intermediate. Everyone made it to the mine without any problem, though, but Mal noticed the Cords' camper moving a little when it shouldn't be moving. At the mine site, Rick checked his tie down, found it loose and tightened it. Shortly after we arrived at the mine site, we were lucky enough to see six bighorn sheep on a nearby hilltop, again catching sight of them a little later - a rare treat. We tried calling to them but no one could make a ewe turn.

## Truckhaven Trail

Saturday, April 2

Leader: Ted Kalil

This run was an option at the Rendezvous which was in addition to the several other runs that day. We met at the front of the Palm Canyon Resort and left a little after 9:00 a.m. In the group



Photo by Mal Roode

### Bighorns

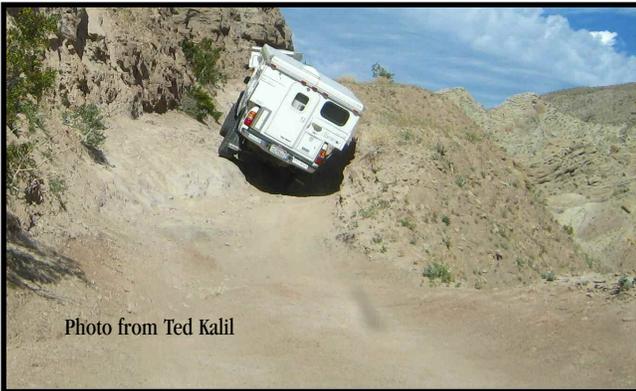


Photo from Ted Kalil

### Truckhaven Trail

for its optical properties and was used on gun-sights and other such applications. It can be highly reflective of light; when you initially look at the ground you might wonder who broke a bottle there.

Following this, we returned on the same route but then turned east on the South Fork of Palm Wash looking for the Four

From there, we went west on Coral Wash first stopping at the Arch that you can drive through if you don't have a camper. There was a bypass used by the Johns and a short way further up was the Tether Ball, a landmark that's been around many years. Occasionally it gets vandalized as it was today: the ball and tether were missing. I'm sure someone will eventually put new ones on, as has happened in the past. Continuing up the wash, we came in sight of the Telephone Booth, not actually a booth but the type that sits on a post without an enclosure,



Photo by Ted Kalil

### Truckhaven Trail



Photo by Sharon Gords

### The Arch in Coral Wash

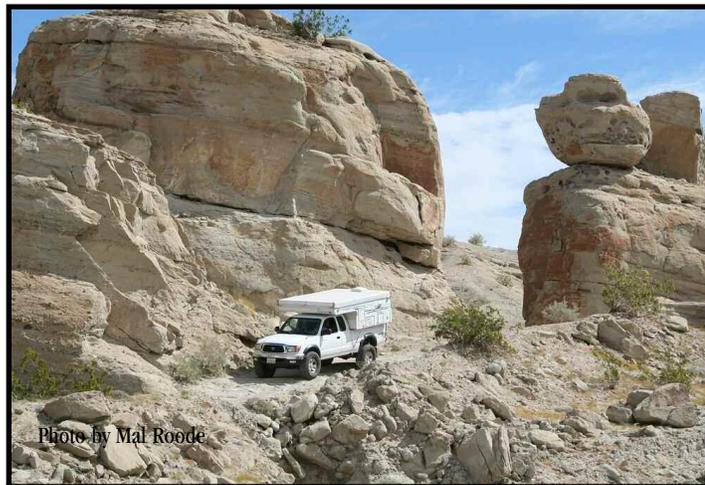


Photo by Mal Roode

### Coming Down from Calcite Mine

This wasn't your typical mine; mineral extraction was done by digging long deep gashes into the earth to find the veins. When you first look at the digs they appear to be severe erosion, but after you've identified one, you begin to see them in many places. Calcite is a type of quartz that was important in World War II

out, we then went across the street to the Alamo Mexican Restaurant – short on ambience but good on food. We ate outside in their patio area, and anything we couldn't stuff ourselves with was boxed up. Maybe some dogs even got to eat the leftovers later; maybe not.

Palms area. It's not right on the trail, and although we found the right area, we'd have had to do a little cross country wheeling to get there, so we passed on that. We climbed out of the wash at the North Marina Drive area, going on to the Arco Station where most of us topped off our tanks.

Since everyone had chosen to eat

the kind that the movie Superman had a problem with in trying to change into his outfit. It's on the top of a high hill that has a very difficult access trail; we didn't try. A little further on was the Street Sign, an actual sign from somewhere posted atop a little hill you can't easily access, and which is part of a larger play area surrounding it.

Back out on Coral Wash to the Truckhaven Trail, part of the original route that connected the Salton Sea with Borrego Springs. That Trail ultimately joins S 22 and from there we went back towards home, turning at the entrance to Font's Point, named after Father Pedro Font, the Anza expedition's chaplain.

Views from this point were awesome: extreme badlands below; Mexico to the south, the Santa Rosa Mountains to the northwest, and the Salton Sea to the east. This was the climax of the day and from there we returned to the resort, our great dinner, and excellent speaker. If anyone was dissatisfied with the day's activities, they didn't say so in time for a refund.

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## Crossover Trail

Sunday, April 3



Photo by Sharon Cords

### Pumpkin Patch

Leader: Ted Kalil,

This was one of two runs offered as an outbound trip, and was attended by Neal, Marian, and Felice Johns; Glen Shaw; Allan Wicker; my wife Sue and our dog Cole. Rick and Sharon Cords had also signed up but with the damage to their camper tie down the previous day, they decided not to come. We missed them but Rick made a good decision - they might well have suffered further damage.

At Christmas Circle, we took the road towards SH 78, passing by the amazing statues of pre-historic animals that grace that area. After getting on to SH 78, we subsequently turned off into the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicle Recreation camping area, then along Quarry Road to the Shell Reef Expressway. This is not really an expressway, just a dirt road, but it's big as local dirt roads go. We passed a recreational sand dune area, Blow Hill, and later stopped to view the placards at Shell Reef. It is so named because of the prolific existence of former marine life found there. Long, long ago (even before my time - maybe not, I can't remember), the sea extended to this area and there were subsequent upheavals. No wonder so

much shell life can be found, and we observed some from samples left there.

A little further on we stopped

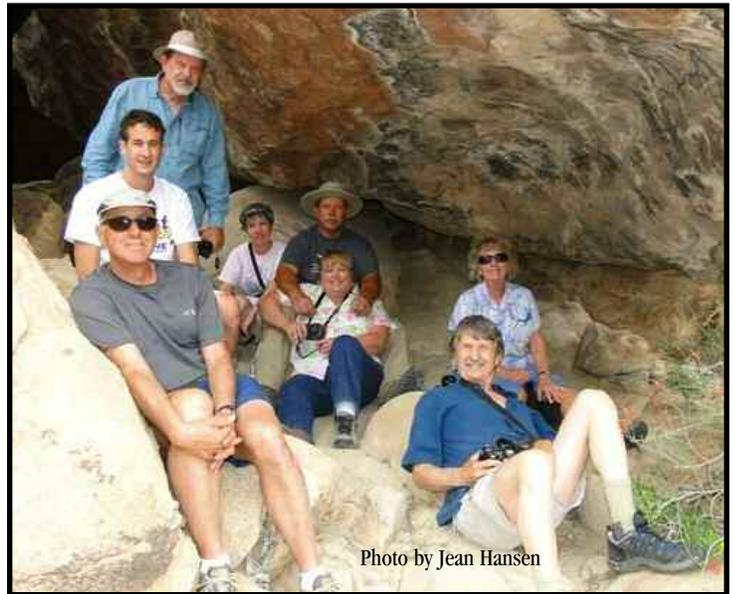


Photo by Jean Hansen

### Group at Carrizo

## Rock Art

Saturday, April 2  
Leaders: The Hansens

briefly to watch the motorcycles and ATV's climbing the surrounding challenging hills, and Allan took some pictures. From there we continued on

to the Cross Over Trail, which basically bisects this area, running north and south and connecting SH 78 with S 22. At Tule Wash we headed up to the Pumpkin Patch, where spherical rocks have been formed by water and wind. The State also had a kiosk there with rangers showing indigenous prehistoric bones of a jaguar and black bear. We were informed that those bears stood over six feet high on all fours, and the rangers showed us a femur from one of those bears to prove it - probably not a Gentle Ben.

Back down Tule Wash to the Cross Over Trail again, ending up at the camping area just south of the S 22 below the hill, an area improved with ramadas and toilets. At this point, Glen and Alan discussed whether to have lunch, Marian and Neal headed on home, and Sue and I went back to the resort to reclaim our motor home. Many thanks to all who came. I didn't hear any grumbling, but is that a good thing?

This was a day devoted to rock art. Our group gathered at 8:00 for the start of the trip. Trip participants were Bill and Barbara Gossett, Mignon Slentz, Glenn Shaw, Alan and Karen Hodes, Jeanne Murrin, Ron Lipari, Jeff Lipari and leaders Sunny & Jean Hansen. Our first destination involved a very scenic, slow drive into Carrizo Canyon. At the end of the road, we left the vehicles and walked a short distance to the first rock art site.

Everyone agreed that it was well worth seeing. It is a unique site in the Anza Borrego area.

We then left the canyon and proceeded up the road a short way and found a nice spot for a lunch break. After lunch, we headed to the Morteros village site and explored the area, finding many morteros and a few small pictographs. We proceeded to the next site, called Smugglers' Cove and after a scenic hike of approximately 1 mile, saw another very nice pictograph site.

We had a great group of people who made the trip exceptional! We could have asked for no more.

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## Carrizo Canyon

# Topiado Mud Caves

Sunday April 3

Leaders: Alan & Cladia Heller

A handful of Desert Explorers bravely became Desert Spelunkers on the last day of the recent Rendezvous in Anza Borrego. The drive to Tapiado Arroyo took the group through the beautiful Blair Valley, past Agua Caliente and onto a dirt road. Shortly past the road to Palm Spring, they came upon an unusual sight. On a low hill stood a street sign which read: "Hollywood Blvd. and Vine Street." Climbing up to investigate, another surprise awaited. There a geocache was discovered and investigated. After adding a few of our own items, it was carefully replaced.

Some 3.5 miles from the base of the arroyo the group reached the Tapiado Mud Caves. Flashlights in hand, we negotiated through three caves including the Big Mud Cave, Carey's Big Mud Cave and Chasm Cave. During their spelunking adventure the group climbed through narrow passageways, found rooms with skylights, negotiated through slot canyons, photographed arches and clamored over boulders. In one cave, they gathered below a shaft of sun which broke through a skylight, listening intently as leader Alan Heller relayed the story of the Mole People who once lived beneath the earth and held sacrifices in just such a room.

Tired from their spelunking expedition, the group settled down in the shade for lunch. It was a fun and educational trip, especially enjoyed by the two young girls along, Hannah and Emily.

Participants: Rebecca, Leonard and Hannah Friedman; Ted and Joan Berger; Mike, Katie and Emily Berger, and Fredric Raab.

# 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.

## Prescott Area

(M.O.E.)

5/19/11 - 5/23/11

Leaders: Messersmith/Taylor

Base Camp with a Bradshaw Mountains Exploration. We plan to camp in the Bradshaw Mountains in an established forest campground. RVs, truck campers, and tent camping will work in this area. We will be exploring the back roads to the south and may reach all the way to Lake Pleasant. Lots of neat country to explore and for some it may be the first time in this area.

We will be leaving from the McDonald's on I-40 & Andy Devine in Kingman at 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

If you would like to go join us this trip, please RSVP via e-mail to Dan [dms@ctaz.com](mailto:dms@ctaz.com) or Dick [dickandmouse@aol.com](mailto:dickandmouse@aol.com)

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## Mina, NV

June 10, 11, 12, 13

Leader: Bill Gossett

High clearance four wheel drive mandatory.

Based out of the Sunrise RV park in Mina, NV. we'll be visiting both historic and prehistoric sites as well as a wonderful rock collecting site if there is time. 10 vehicle limit. E-mail [bandbgossett@verizon.net](mailto:bandbgossett@verizon.net) to sign up.

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## Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade in

## Torrey, UT

(M.O.E.)

6/28/11 - 7/3/11

Leaders: Messersmith/Taylor

This will be our second excursion to Torrey for their 4th of July celebration. Their 4th of July parade (always held on the Saturday closest to the 4th) is worth the trip all by itself, but the backroads around this part of Utah's "Greatest Earth on Show" is a great reason to go. Our plan at this time is to leave Kingman on June 28th.

Those who wish to join our caravan, can meet us at 1:00 p.m. at the Texaco gas station parking lot on the north side of UT-9 just east of Exit 16 (Hurricane/Zion NP Exit) on Utah I-15. From there we plan to camp at the Otter Creek State Park campground at Otter Creek Reservoir near Antimony, UT.

On Wednesday, we will make our way to Torrey and check into an RV park in town for our base camp. On Wednesday we will try to fit in a short visit to Capitol Reef National Park.

On Thursday and Friday we will do day trip excursions in the backcountry around Torrey.

On Saturday we will take in the full day of events including the fantastic town parade. That evening, if we have the energy, we might take in the town dance. Our return trip home would be on July 3rd. This is designed to be an RV trip. Those who wish to tent camp or motel camp could do that and join us.

If you would like to go on this trip, please RSVP via e-mail to Dan [dms@ctaz.com](mailto:dms@ctaz.com) or Dick [dickandmouse@aol.com](mailto:dickandmouse@aol.com)

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## San Bernadino Mountains

July 29, to July 31

Leader: Ted Kalil

CB: 13, Ham: 145.535

Meet at Heart Bar Campground just off SH 38 on Friday afternoon and evening. Spaces are first come,

first served, no charge, and there are rest room facilities, picnic tables and fire rings. Should that campground fill, there are many alternative sites close by. Bring your own meal Friday night. Saturday night we can either have pot luck or go to Big Bear Lake where there are many food choices.

One option for trails on Saturday is 3N03 and 2N02 to Pioneer Town near Yucca Valley with a slightly different return trip. Another possibility is the Lucky Baldwin mine, Holcomb Valley, Big Pine Flats, and Polique Canyon.

Sunday we can do a different, shorter run to leave the afternoon open for your return trip. If you can only make it for a day, please let me know and we'll set up a time and place. <tskalil@msn.com >  
Home: 760-240-0406 Cell: 760-985-6307

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## Kaibab Plateau High-Country Camp

(M.O.E.)

**8/17/11 - 8/22/11**

**Leaders: Messersmith/Taylor**

This trip to the high country will be to get some time in the cooler climates in August. There is lots of forest to see and some really nice overlooks to the Grand Canyon and its tributary canyons. A campsite has not been chosen yet but with all the National Forest area, we should be able to find a convenient site for all types of campers and RVs. We'll get a spot located prior to the trip and let folks know. A good meeting spot for a caravan to camp will be the parking lot at the Mobil gas station at Pipe Springs National Monument on AZ389 on the 17th at 2:00 p.m. to allow for travel time for folks to get there. This is the same meeting point we have used in the past for trips out to our eastern base camp near Jensen Twin Tanks in the Arizona Strip.

If you would like to go on this trip, please RSVP via e-mail to Dan

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## Arizona Strip Poverty Camp

(M.O.E.)

**9/18/11 to 9/24/11**

**Leaders: Messersmith/Taylor**

This will be a late-season base camp outing at one of our favorite sites. It is 60 miles of washboard roads to the site, so this may be one where you may want to do the truck camper or tent thing although we have had numerous RVs in there in the past. Dan will probably take in his little Field & Stream trailer rather than a tent. On the 18th, we will meet folks at the Wal-Mart parking lot near the Wal-Mart gas station at Exit 4 on Utah I-15 at noon to caravan out to the campsite.

This camp allows us to access a number of Grand Canyon over-look points such as Toroweap, Whitmore Canyon, Kelly and Twin.

Late Sept. is a prime time for rock cuts on tires, so make sure your tires and spare are in top shape for this trip. If you have and can bring an extra spare, it can't hurt.

If you would like to go on this trip, please RSVP via e-mail to Dan  
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## Minutes

**By Ruth Harder  
Allan & Ding Wicker's home  
Saturday, April 23, 2011**

Present: Vicki Hill, Allan & Ding Wicker, Bob Jacoby, Mal Roode, Joan McGovern-White, Jay Lawrence, Debbie Miller-Marschke, Ted Kalil, Terry Ogden, Emmett & Ruth Harder.  
The meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m. by Vicki Hill.

Regrets: Marilyn Martin, Neal & Marian Johns, Sunny & Jean Hansen, Steve Marschke, Nan Savage. - Bob Jacoby said Nan is slowly recovering but proba-

bly won't be able to go on any trips for some time.

Having no additions or corrections the previous minutes were approved as written.

Debbie said Bob Peltzman, who does the 'Where am I?' map for the newsletter, had contacted her asking about putting the 'Where am I?' map on the website. After discussion it was decided no one would object to this but it should be posted on the 1st of the month, the same time everyone receives the newsletter.

Financial Report: Bob reported the bank balance on 3/31/2011 was \$3,225.87. This total does not include revenue from the Silent Auction and some misc. expenses.

Membership Report: Allan had the membership from Marilyn. There are 86 paid up members and 15 overdue.

Marilyn will continue to do the newsletter thru June, then, Jean Roode, the new editor, will take over. Jay Lawrence is helping Jean get set up.

After discussing various publishing programs Emmett Harder moved, seconded by Bob Jacoby, that Jean be authorized to spend up to \$200 for a program and anything else she needs to get started. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The pros and cons of possibly distributing the newsletter by e-mail were discussed. This issue was tabled till the next meeting.

A special appreciation to Marilyn for her years of service was discussed. Vicki, Allan and Jay will work on this.

Debbie reported there had been a problem when the web host was upgrading their software and she had been unable to upgrade our site. The problem has been corrected and she will now be able to do the necessary upgrade. Also our original website pirate had renewed ownership for another year so she couldn't do anything with that now except keep checking on it. After some discussion it was decided we didn't really need it so we should just forget about it.

The question was brought up that since the Dodd's had moved who was our contact with the Museum? Debbie said she had talked with Pat Schoffstall at the museum and she is putting Debbie in as the Trip Insurance Representative for Desert Explorers. It was decided Debbie would contact Cliff Walker before each

meeting for any museum news or events.

Mal passed out copies of the trip list and said we were very short of DE trips.

Emmett gave more info about his trip in May. There have been two cancelations so there is room for two more vehicles. Dr. Leo Lyman, a well known author who lives in the area and is very knowledgeable on the Mountain Meadows Massacre event, will co-lead on Saturday. We will take the back roads the way the wagon trains went but it should be easy 4X4 roads.

Bill Gossett's trip to Mina, NV June 10 - 13 is still on.

Allan said Glenn Shaw might lead a trip to So. Nevada.

Bob showed a new book on Nevada Trails that he thinks is very good.

Debbie mentioned the Trona

Gemorama in October and thought that would be a very good group trip.

Ted will try to do a trip in the San Bernardino Mtns. July 29, 30, & 31.

Jay said he will try for a White Mtns. trip the 2nd weekend in July.

Next years Rondy location was discussed. Goffs is a definite possibility. This will be discussed at more length at the next meeting.

Vicki said we needed a volunteer to co-chair with Marian. Vicki wants more time to pursue other interests.

The next meeting will be June 18th at Neal & Marian Johns' home.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

## Marian's

### CURRENT DESERT EXPLORERS WITH E-MAIL

## Message

Debbie Miller Marschke deserves a special thanks for arranging to have Mark Jorgenson be our Rondy speaker. Mr. Jorgenson, a former park superintendent, presented a very educational and humorous talk about the desert bighorn sheep that reside in the Anza Borrego area.

Vicki Hill also deserves a special thank you for doing much of the leg and phone work to put this year's Rondy together.

## Member Doings

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# Marian, George and Me at Sai Baba's Place in Sri Lanka

By Anne Stoll

Our Fearless Co-leader Marian Johns shared a most enjoyable recount of our January trip to Sri Lanka in the last DE newsletter. Yesterday's news of the death of Hindu spiritual leader Sathya Sai Baba has inspired me to add on to her tale with mention of her visit to Sai Baba's ashram on our last day in Colombo. We had been careening by bus for days through the lush Sri Lankan countryside when I learned from our guide, Asanka, that the people of northeastern Sri Lanka

(the area where the recently subdued Tamils live) were suffering from the aftermath of horrific flooding. Their fields were wiped out, animals drowned, and houses destroyed. I asked him if there was anything I could do, some way to donate to the relief effort, and he said he thought there might be an opportunity when we returned to the capital, Colombo. I thought this might be a way to see something a little different from the normal tourist fare and passed the word, but only Adventuress Marian Johns wanted to join us. So early on our last day in Sri Lanka, we three left with Asanka in tuk-tuks (also called auto-rickshaws) for our first white-knuckle ride through the narrow streets of Colombo. By my request our first stop was St. Anthony's, the strangest Catholic church I've ever been in, an odd mix-

ture of Hindu worship and Christian belief -- very interesting, but we were on a mission.

We hopped back in the tuk-tuks and headed for an upscale part of town where we were dropped off at the modest compound of Sai Baba's Colombo ashram. While waiting for the head man to receive us, we took off our shoes and entered what looked like a high school gymnasium, no furniture but a nicely polished wood floor and on the walls, paintings of the world's great holy men (I recognized Jesus, Mohammed, and Buddha) as revered by all faiths. On the stage was a large framed photo of Sathya Sai Baba with piercing eyes and a very wild Afro hairdo; below were offerings of fruit and flowers. Above him hung a lotus symbol with his tenets written on the petals: peace, love, right conduct, truth and non-

## Where am I?

Here are the solution and winners for May: Mal Roode, James Proffitt, Beverly & Gene Stoops, Bob Thille and Leoinard Friedman. Solution: North-East Anza Borrego State Park Bob Peltzman is lost again. "Where am I" Bob went right when everyone else went left, and is completely lost. Send him your guess as to where he is to Bob at bopeltzman@aol.com (with the word lost in the subject), and he will send me the names of the people who correctly guess the location along with a different 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"

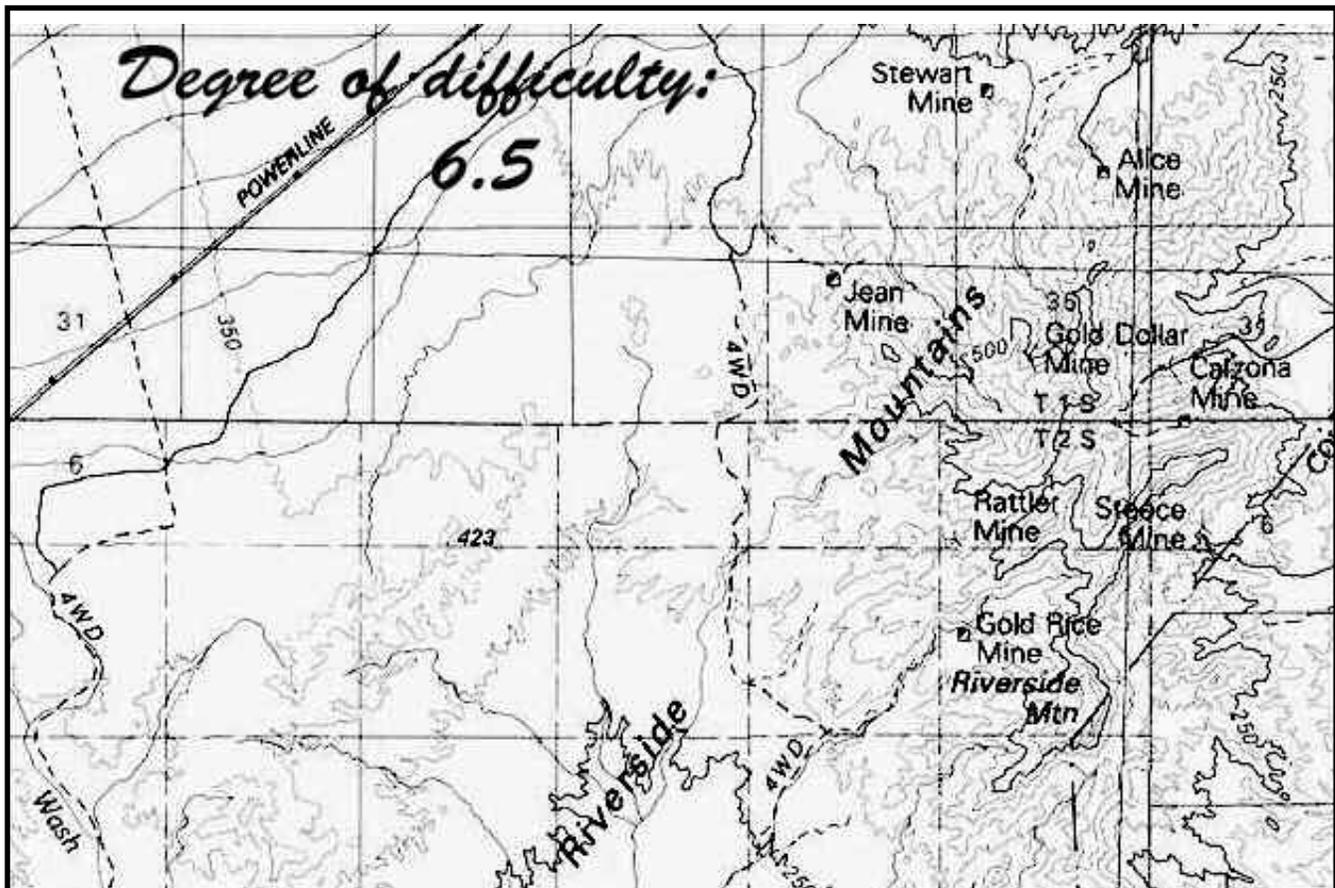




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**Off-roading in Anza Borrego**

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**Arch in Coral Wash - the Other Side**



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**Incoming Trip Getting Ready to Roll**

Ed. note:

I received so many great photos taken at the Rendezvous, many were identical views taken by different folks. Please forgive me if you think I mixed up the photo credits - maybe I did..

**Do you have a new phone No.? New cell phone No.? Is your e-mail address correct?**  
**Please let Jean know so she can keep the lists updated.**  
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**Directions to the Johns'**

**13825 Lytle Grove Lane  
 Lytle Creek, CA**

From I-15 exit at Sierra; drive north past the Johns' current house about one mile. On the way, you will pass the fire station and the Forest Service Applewhite Campground on the right and then the Forest Service picnic area on the left. Immediately after the picnic area, turn left on Sycamore, cross the little white bridge, continue up the little hill and then straight (all the way!) until you reach a "T". At the "T" turn right on narrow Lytle Grove Lane. Go a short distance to near the end. The new place is on the left. Turn left into driveway at the detached three car garage and park.

lence. That was it – no worshippers present at that time, only mosquitoes who

**Next Meeting**  
**June 18**  
**Neal & Marian Johns**  
**13825 Lytle Grove Lane**  
**Lytle Creek, CA**  
**11:00 a.m. Potluck**  
**Phone 909-887-1549**

quickly found me, prompting me to

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### Badlands Vista

**Welcome**  
**Mike Berger**                      **Irvine CA**

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### M.O.E. Trip Schedule

Jun. 28 - July 3    Torrey UT Messersmith/Taylor  
 Aug. 8-11    Kaibab                      Messersmith/Taylor  
 Sept. 18 - 21    AZ Strip                      Messersmith/Taylor

### Desert Explorers Trip Schedule

June 10-13    Mina NV                      Gossett  
 July 29 - 31    S.B. Mtns.                      Kalil

### DESERT EXPLORERS Newsletter

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

#### General Trip Information

1. The Mojave River Valley Museum has two sections (groups) that explore the desert environment (Museum membership required):
  - a. 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 \$20 a year.
  - b. 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 and Field Trip Leaders Richard and Lori Shapel 760-254-3897.
2. You **MUST** be a member of the Mojave River Valley Museum to attend a trip. Membership applications are included in every newsletter.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. To receive the Desert Explorers' Newsletter, send \$20 for a subscription to Marilyn Martin, PO Box 291759, Phelan, CA 92329-1759. Make the check out to Mojave River Valley Museum (MRVM).

Communications: CB is required and is the normal mode of communications between vehicles on a trip. Channel 13 is the Desert Explorers' channel. Its 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: Malcolm Roode. Send your trip proposals to Mal. Mal 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:

1. 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.)
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Support your other leaders' trips (by attending) or the Trail Gods will get you.
5. Maximum loss (vehicles or people) is 10% per trip.
6. 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.

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

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