

Dusty Tales

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Cavalcaders

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Next Membership Meeting :

Tuesday Sept. 1 (first Tuesday of every month) @ Megabites Pizza. 1153 S. State Street Hemet CA.

Dinner 5:30 PM

Meeting 6:30 PM

Board Meeting 7:30 PM

President's Message

Hello Cavalcaders,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I would like to welcome to the club our new members, Mark Townsend and Steve & Ginny Miller. I would also like to thank Annette Rosen and Doug Hansen for the two years they spent on the Board of Directors, and also welcome Kaye Hansen and Jeff Goorsky as their replacements. I'm looking forward to working with them along with the rest of the board in the future. It's time to start thinking about our annual Gecko run that's scheduled for Oct 9-11 at Larry's and Sandy's ranch in Borrego Springs. If anyone has any fresh ideas for the run, I'd love to hear from you. We'll see you at the Sept. meeting.

— Steve Loomis

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

SHOES

Bring all shoes you no longer need or want to Steve Loomis or to the next club meeting.

No shoe will be turned away! Shoes of all shapes, sizes, and styles are welcome.

Please tie the laces together or tie with twine. No duct tape please. We are earning money for every pound we have. Let's make this fundraiser our best yet!



Celebrating Cavalcader Style 2015

This season we celebrated birthdays , anniversaries, and our nation's independence. Our celebrations began with Larry Minor's 75th birthday celebration at our May meeting. After the club sang "Happy Birthday" a beautiful cake, complete with a jeep on it, was brought in. It was delicious, and everyone enjoyed generous slices.

In June, Pete and Terry Byrke invited all club members to their home to celebrate their anniversary. The band was great, and everyone danced the night away . The food was fantastic, and everyone had a fun time.

John Curtis hosted a 4th of July B-B-Q at his home and all Cavalcaders were invited to attend. Celebrating socially with one another both on and off the trails is what makes our club special. We are looking forward to more social events in the coming months.



Larry's Jeep cake in celebration of his 75th birthday! Happy Birthday!



Toni, Grampy, and Chris enjoying dinner at the Byrk's party



Lyn, Steve, and Yolie having fun at the Byrk's party



Hostess, Terry Byrke (left) and Dennis, Hannah, and Dakota (right) having a fun time.



Man's Playday Run To Johnson Valley



Cavalcaders making slow and steady progress in Johnson Valley

spots. Emil really worked hard to keep his little jeep moving forward; it did in fact have to be pulled. Oh yes, his rope winch cable broke at one point. All of us with the rope needed to be aware, however, that it did not snap back like the steel cable type winch.

We stopped at the Mailbox on Sledgehammer for a quick snack and then proceeded up the rest of Sledge. The rocks and water falls got bigger and deeper. I was leading now, so I only stopped when the others were having considerable trouble with the first water fall. On the last canyon, there is a tough one. That last canyon is only 150

feet or so and still took us an hour or so to finish.

Now we decide to try. I call it The Dennis Scott Canyon.

It is a left turn at top of Sledge, and it is simply nasty. I had to back up three times before I could make the first waterfall. Finally I just used some extra Chevy power to get up. I knew it was going to be hard on Emil, so the guys behind me stacked rocks etc. and finally had to pull Emil up. what really surprised me was how much trouble Dennis and Jeff had. The second obstacle was super fun and it took a bunch of rock stacking for that also. Then, on the third, I thought I was going to roll over backwards at one point, but I made it! My co-pilot was not with me, so I tried a little harder than I would have with a passenger. Jeff played on that spot for what seemed like 30 minutes before finally getting up. The last obstacle is a squeeze while climbing up a rock but not too difficult.

We decided to take a break and eat some food. Emil was actually not planning to go up this canyon, but I assured him we would not leave him or his jeep that we would get it through one way or another. After lunch someone suggested that we do Chocolate Thunder which is where they held the King Of The Hammers qualifying. So you know it has to be tough. The gate keeper used to be almost undoable but now it is not much of a problem. However, it got real nasty after that. There is a light sand powder, if you will, coating these smooth rocks making traction hard to get. You had to be there to see how much bounce Emil and Dennis had to get to get up. Not to be out done, Goorsky hits the spot pretty hard, and he hit a rock the size of a

This weather is incredibly perfect! So, what shall we run? There are four vehicles: Dennis Scott, Jeff Goorsky, Emil Worm, and myself-- the Blue Cruiser. We all had passengers-- two club members, Steve Ingersol and Steve, Jeff's brother in law, Jim with Dennis and Jose with Emil. I do not think Jose actually knew what he was in for. You could tell by the look on his face and a few other indications.

So, we decided to do Wrecking Ball and headed that way. Dennis was leading because I wasn't sure where exactly it started and apparently Dennis did not either; so, we ended up going up Jackhammer down meaning the last mile or so of Jack hammer. We have never done it before, and we soon found out nine pounds of air was too much. We went down to five. Yes, it was seriously technical and sliding off a little meant not making it through a spot. The rocks were big and all in the wrong places. Jeff soon found out that big old rock buggy worked pretty well, but it was big in some



Emil navigating the tough trail in Johnson Valley



Dennis navigating the obstacles on the trail

Man's Playday Run To Johnson Valley (Cont'd)

house and immediately stops going forward. He is now bounced backward like a ball on a paddle board. Cool looking could have been a whiplash, I guess, but no one was complaining. Oh, I forgot to mention on the down side from the Sledgehammer trail, we all got to play Larry Minor style in the sand dunes and go as fast as we could and drive. It was a blast! After we got throu with playing, we went back to look for Jeff's ice chest, but we had no luck. So, if any of you go and play on Dennis Scott Canyon look for the ice chest at the end. Hope the pictures all come out and do the trails justice thanks you guys for coming out and playing this hard. We will do it again.

---The Blue Cruiser



Jeff crawling up and over challenging obstacles on the trail.



Emil has a natural attraction for large rocks. They flock to him and place themselves under his differential.



Cavalcaders keep on trekking, guiding, spotting, and navigating on the Johnson Valley Man Run.



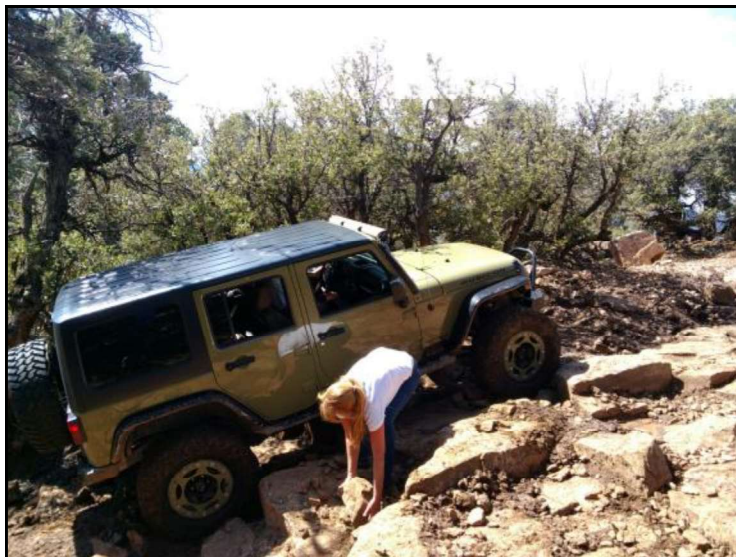
The trails in Johnson Valley await the next Cavalcader adventure seekers.

Big Bear Run 2015

This was a great run for the 6 of us! Jeff and Cyndi Goorsky were leading all the way, of course, that means if you pick the wrong line, Jeff, your wife has to get out and stack rocks. What a gal Cyndi. The Millers, Rosens, Dollarhides, and Bindels were there and also the little guy, Brett and his wife Reyana. Now please folk, if I spelled your name wrong, I will try and do better. Anyway these guys are relatively new to the club and it seemed to me that they had a good time and enjoyed the rain trails and watching Steve Miller change a tire at lunch time. He had a stem that kept leaking so putting air in it every ten or fifteen minutes was getting old.

When we started out, Jeff was telling us that the a group of jeepers who were out the night before until midnight just doing the first obstacle. Seems that wet rocks and mud impede some. We had no trouble - a back up here or there but a little Moab bump got everyone over no problem. We did not attempt the upper John Bull only because it was raining pretty well and none of us really wanted to stand out in the down pour spotting, and on that section as many of you know, that is what it takes. So, we opted to do Jacoby Canyon, a nice trail usually with some deer to be seen, but not in the rain as they were in the deer motel I'm sure.

It was nice to have Tom and Jan out with us. Tom is suffering from foot pain; he was in a lot of discomfort, but he still enjoyed the run. Oh, young Mitch Hoover was supposed to be with us, but on Saturday he



Teamwork! Cyndi stacking rocks for Jeff.

decided to get stung by a sting ray in the ocean at Oceanside. I understand he is doing ok now, and his parents celebrated 30 years of blissful marriage. Congratulations Laura you did a fine job! Chuck just went along for the sheer joy of it all.

Hope to see you wonderful jeepers out on a trail somewhere in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,
The Blue Cruiser, or should I say Orange Blossom Express



Changing and plugging tires on the Gold Mt/John Bull Run



Great spotting on the trail

Silverwood Run 2015

Well, it was not hot outside yet, and we, only had to wait a while until Burt, Reyna, and the Goorsky's. Jeff and Cyndi, arrived as Paul Gooder and his son were with me at the trail head.

After airing down, we proceeded up the gatekeeper's first little hill. Paul Gooder with 33 inch tires followed me up, and he had a little problem. His limited slip in the front was not working real well, but he kept moving over until he got the right line for his jeep to go up. Like I said before, this is a game of inches an inch or two either way makes all the difference. Burt on 35 inch tires had no issue as well Jeff in the green JK. I understand Paul is putting 35 inch tires on now and who knows what else he is doing.



Onward and upward on the Silverwood Trail.

We enjoyed lunch along the way and then we crossed Deep Creek where there is one rock garden after another until you get to the section of trail which is Dish Pan Springs. There you will use 4 wheel drive, and at the one waterfall, spotting is usually done.

Well, after I went up Paul without a hick-up drove right up and then Burt and Jeff. Everyone got up without a scratch or a strain to the amazement of the bystanders. Onward and upward! Now, I had to be somewhere, so I had to leave and air up. Paul did the same. I believe the others went and played on another trail in the area, but I'm not sure.



Next came Hill Two. I thought I was going to go up and try to figure how to get the others up without crying too much. I tried a half dozen times with different angles and whatever only to end up in same big holes. The cruiser did not make it, so we used the bypass, and I know that in the near future that hill is going to be a challenge for all comers.

Now, the next several miles are just easy going with an obstacle or two to try but not very difficult, and you do not have to try them if you don't wish to.



Navigating the challenges on the Silverwood Trail

On down the mountain we go. Where did this heat come from? Talk about driving a Blue Metal box on a freeway that is probably 110 degrees. It was miserable. Everything is hot—me and the steering wheel that drive home is tougher than you know what in a vehicle with no AC. By the time I got home, the heat had taken its toll. I did not want to go anywhere. I just wanted a cool shower. Did I say or mention a cool shower??

Folks it was still a fun day, and I wish more could make it. I know it is a long trail-- 26 miles I think start to end. See you all next time on the trail somewhere. If you have an idea for a trail or information about doing a trail please contact a board member, the president, or myself.

----The Blue Cruiser

26 miles of pretty country and some challenging terrain

4 th Annual Cavalcader Gecko Run

It's time for the 4th Annual Cavalcader Gecko Run! This year's event will take place October 9-11 at Larry and Sandy Minor's property in The Anza Borrego desert near Borrego Springs. Plans are in the works for a potluck dinner for Saturday night and carne asada and pollo asada have been suggested as the main entrée. A potluck coordinator is needed. If interested please sign up at the Sept. 1 meeting. DJ Chris Rhine will have music and karaoke for entertainment. If you have any special song requests, e-mail him at cdhrine@verizon.net. There will be a raffle along with a fun week end of jeeping. Mark your calendars for Oct 9-11 and plan to join in all the fun. Volunteers are needed to head various committees. Get involved, have fun! And stay tuned for more info at the Sept. 1 club meeting and through e-mail.

A week end of Jeeping, Dancing, Singing, Eating, and Celebrating the club's Anniversary! Plan to join in all the fun, festivities, and the comradery.



A fun week end of jeeping in the desert is planned



Is the Anza Borrego Area Haunted??

The Anza Borrego desert is a popular destination for off-roaders and the Cavacaders. We make a few trips each year to the area to explore, test our vehicle's capabilities, celebrate our club's anniversary, and to ring in the new year. But, what are some of this area's secrets? Is it possible this area is haunted? As we prepare to travel to Anza Borrego for our annual Gecko Run in October, the month of Halloween, I found some information that could raise and/or answer the question.

Lynn Bremner, in her article, "The Haunted Desert" writes about these haunted places. (click this link for more information <http://www.desertusa.com/desert-people/haunted-deserts.html> and to read the full article.)

The Lady In White - The Lady In White haunts the Vallecito Station in Anza Borrego Desert State Park. She died there sometime in the 1850's. She had become very ill on her journey to meet her fiancé who had found gold in California. And, at this station, died from her illness. It is said she was buried in her wedding gown in an unmarked grave at Campo Santo a few hundred yards from the station. She paces the ground where the station once stood waiting for the next stage that would take her on to Sacramento where she would meet her love. If you camp in the area or perhaps drive by, you, too, may see the lady in white.



The Phantom Stage of Carrizo - It is said that a phantom stage forges its way through the Carrizo Wash and passes through the original location of the Carrizo Stage Station located in Anza Borrego Desert State Park.



The White Ghost Horse of Vallecito - There is a tale of a white ghost horse who continues to haunt the Vallecito Station looking for his master who was murdered in a gun fight and shot dead from in the back.

The Ghost Lights of Borrego - Mysterious and unexplained lights have been seen since 1858 on Oriflamme Mountain in Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Reports have been made over the years. The accounts are always slightly different, but the general description of the sightings is the same.



The Eight-Foot Skeleton - If you find yourself between the Superstition Mountains and Seventeen Palms you may encounter a skeleton ghost wandering the desert carrying a lantern. Many accounts have been made over the years of similar sightings in the same area.



So, Cavalcaders, keep your eyes open when you are out on the trails this season. Maybe you can help decide if a haunted Anza Borrego is fact or fiction. Anyone up for a ghost run this October?

Boo !

Cavalcaders Fun Page

Lemon Lush

- 2 cups unbleached flour
- 1 cup butter, soften
- 2-8oz cream cheese
- 1 cup sugar (or powder sugar)
- 2-(3.4oz) instant lemon pudding mix
- 3-1/2 cups milk
- 1 (12oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed



**Cavalcaders
Cook**

Recipe Submitted by Yolie Bindels

Preheat oven to 350. In a medium bowl, combine the flour and butter using a pastry cutter until small balls form. Press into the bottom of a 9x13" baking dish. Bake for 25 minutes in the preheated oven, or until lightly golden. Remove from oven and allow to cool completely. In a medium bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar together until smooth and well blended. Spread evenly over the cooled crust. In another bowl, whisk together the lemon pudding mix and milk for 3 to 5 minutes. Spread over the cream cheese layer. Chill until set, then top with whipped topping.

Notes: Add 1 to 2 tablespoons of lemon juice to the cream cheese part. May use a Graham Cracker as crust.

MATH TRICK

Here is a math trick that will stump you. Personally, I would like to know who came up with this and why that person isn't running the country.

1. Grab a calculator. (you won't be able to do this one in your head)
2. Key in the first three digits of your phone number (NOT the area code)
3. Multiply by 80
4. Add 1
5. Multiply by 250
6. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number
7. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number again.
8. Subtract 250
9. Divide number by 2

Recognize the answer???

Calico Run Update

What happened after the Calico trip? You have got to see this to believe this.

On the campout at Calico, Rod bent his tie rod and we had to do a trail repair and go back to camp. When Rod got home and he took his jeep to Merv Shafer to be repaired, Rod told him to fix all that is wrong with it. This is a picture of Day # 2 of repair!!! A true story — Tom Wilson



Submitted by Hamilton Jones

Schedule of Runs for 2015

Here is the tentative schedule of runs for 2015. Runs are subject to change. Contact run leaders for more detailed information. Additional run updates will be posted in the club's minutes, shared at meetings, and details sent via e-mail by individual run leaders. See you on the trails.

SCHEDULE OF RUNS

September is still open

October 9-11th Gecko Run The club's Annual Gecko Run, anniversary celebration and dinner.

November :

Johnson Valley early November . 35inch or bigger tires with lockers and a winch. Contact Bob Bindels.

Parker Desert Splash, Parker Arizona Nov. 6-8 (?) The Parker 4-Wheelers ' Annual event. Contact Parker 4 Wheelers, Chris Rhine, or Bob Bindels

Calico Thanksgiving week end if you want to go , make your reservations for camping.

Death Valley Run led by Ted Ryan Dates and details to follow

Havasu Run

Because of the demand and popularity, we will be going to HAVASU during the winter hopefully more than once. I heard that the 3 Amigos Trail is worth doing.

