

Dusty Tales

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Cavalcaders

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Next Membership Meeting :

Tuesday May 5 (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,

It sounds like everyone that went to the Calico run had a great time. I hear the turnout was huge and there were a couple of breakdowns on the trail both with our group and other groups ahead of us. I'm sure bummed I missed it, but our daughter did very well at her Regional Gymnastics event in Phoenix. I'm looking forward to hearing all of the good stories. We'll see you all at the May meeting.

—Steve Loomis



Panamint Valley Run February 2015

Panamint Valley is a great place to explore. There are many historical sites and off roads. Our group camped at Ballart Ghost Town, where we had plenty of space and great evening campfires, too.

Our first day we traveled up Surprise Canyon where the road led us through an oasis of willowy trees and flowing water that we crossed getting a few scratches on our vehicles and mud on our tires. We climbed to high elevations where we could see panorama views of Death Valley, old mines both abandoned and in operation, and the historical marker where a group of settlers crossing Death Valley were once rescued. The most difficult part of the trail was the downhill trek across a narrow single lane bridge. We all made it.



Jeff crawling up the canyon in Panamint



Steve making his way through the tight canyon

On our second day, Cavalcaders blazed new trails. The trail we were following had a section washed out and rather than turn back, we found an area just ripe for creating a new road. So, we did! We all followed like lemmings and made it safely down the side of a large hill back to the desert floor and canyon entrance. Then we continued up the canyon to Defense Mine where we had lunch and explored the mine shaft. We traveled back to the Ballart area and found a relatively unexplored canyon. The road was there, but not well traveled. Once again, we blazed through crawling over rocks, making tight turns, and emerging from the narrow canyon to a wider area containing the remains of a mining camp. We explored the area on foot seeing history—a slice of mining past. The equipment there was in pretty good shape as were some of the buildings.



Emil navigating the tight turns in Ishim Canyon



Cavalcaders exploring a little known side canyon.

Panamint Valley Run (cont'd)



Chris climbing up Ishim Canyon

to make it to the top. This trail was only about 3/4 of a mile long, but it took our group over three hours to drive it. We did Awesome! No one broke down! It was one if not the most difficult desert canyon trails I think Chris and I have ever done. The views were amazing, the teamwork exceptional, and yes, I would do it again.

After Ishim Canyon, our group split up. Those who were heading home went back to camp to pack up, and the rest of the group went up a picturesque canyon to view the remains of Barker Ranch made famous by the capture of Charlie Mason there. The ranch was interesting to explore as were the mine areas along the way.



Mitch meeting the technical challenges of the trail with Dad Chuck spotting and Dan and Steve keeping an eye out.

Our third day was the most challenging of all as we conquered Ishim Canyon. This was a very technical trail full of surprises around every corner. Many times we needed tow straps to get up some of the waterfalls. We needed a lot of spotting and multiple tries to get around the tight narrow corners and the large boulders that made the middle of the trail their home. Long wheel bases didn't have a problem on the last high waterfall, but all the shorter wheel based vehicles had to be winched up. We passed a group working on a vehicle that broke on the trail. Their group had to spend the night right there in Ishim Canyon while other members made the 40 mile or so trip to Ridgecrest to get parts. The last part of the trail was a very steep gravel vertical slope that required us to zig zag



Yolie in Ishim Canyon with Bob spotting

Our trip to the Panamint mountains was one full of fun and adventure. We all had a great time and saw some new territory, met and conquered some challenging trails and saw a lot of history along the way.

——Susan Rhine

The only use of an obstacle is to be overcome. All that an obstacle does with brave men is, not to frighten them, but to challenge them.

——Woodrow Wilson

Reflections On Panamint Valley

First let me say, WOW! Who arranged for this weather? It was beautiful! I also want to inform all of you that there is a living soul who runs a store at the place called Ballarat. He has been there 11 years and gets paid to collect fees from campers. Does he come around to collect? I do not think so. Emil and I went to see if he had some engine oil. It was almost dark, and the bats were flying in and out of the store. No, it was not locked let alone closed. The kind gentlemen negotiated for the oil— he probably had it there for the last 11 years. The price was fair for both him and Emil; it brought tears to my eyes the way he negotiated and handled the cash.

We have our new coach and it made it out there no problems to speak of. We almost hit a guard rail with a cabinet door that swung open probably and we ran the generator a little longer than needed, but it was quiet enough. It towed fine just 13 miles per hour slower up Lamb Canyon than the old one, oh well!!



Dan conquering a technical section of the Ishim trail.



Dennis getting into position to help winch vehicles up this section of Ishim trail.

That area has a lot to see. You start off 500 feet above sea level and go to 7800 feet in pine trees. There are lots of mines to explore. We explored and drove for a couple of days. There were lots of opportunity to drive in riverbed type conditions of course you would not see much because those riverbeds were not easy wheeling. Our wonderful trip boss saved the Isham trail for the last day. He had heard as well from sources that it was a tough trail so wished to save it until end that way if you broke something you still had a good weekend. I will not elaborate on the whole trail, but the last major waterfall everyone needed to be winched up for safety concerns and only 3 vehicles were able to drive up only because of wheel-base.

I do want to make a small comment about one of our guys and his family on the trail. Chuck Hoover let his son Mitch drive this whole trail, and he did a great job. At one point Dad (AKA) Spotter had to verbally get Mitch's attention as well as give him a shot of encouragement at the same time. Technically, it was one of the

toughest little spots to be in, dad knew it, and Mitch was reluctant. Anyway what he said to his son got him up and out of the position and finished the trail. If all of us Dads did the same for our children we would have accomplished a lot in our lifetime.

We will get to share at the meeting more about this wonderful trip to Death Valley I know we are looking forward to going back again.

— Blue Cruiser



Jeff, Emil, and Yolie taking a relaxing break on the Ishim Trail.



A section of Surprise Canyon

Havasu Run March 2015

You ask : the weather south of town was deplorable the vehicles getting broken, tires getting cut, people sneezing from allergies, children laughing and playing dogs running around warm campfires, and you want to know was the trip okay or what. Well, I will answer best I know how. Dennis Scott said this is his new best area to go jeeping, Jeff Oldfield said Black Mamba was his new favorite trail, and the Bindels have always said one of the coolest places to plaaaaaaaaaay Marty and Wanda think it is probably one of the best places to let the dogs run. Did we do much driving off road? Only 43 miles worth, of course, we probably did 15-20 miles getting to and from the trails.

Friday we left camp about 9:30 ish heading for the trails called Yahoo and Rattler Canyons. These two trails were rated 3.5 out of a scale of 5 when we ran them with the Sidewinders. Lots of pots to test your ability to negotiate the trail with or without a spotter. This is also great trail to get your tire pressure where you would like. The obstacles on these were not that extreme, nevertheless, you had to pay attention or else something wrong could happen. After lunch our leader Marty and Mr. Jeff Oldfield were going to take us across a trail named Diamond Back and maybe over to the water fall and to do the extension of the trail. Now, these first few water falls were not too bad; the one known as Table Top was a bunch more precarious. You see you have to drive up a solid rock then make a 90 degree turn while your rear tires are still on the edge of getting up. At the same time, there is this little 2ft obstacle for your passenger tires to climb; it is real interesting.



Cavalcaders on the trail in Havasu. Ready to meet a waterfall challenge.



Using the winch to safely make it up the waterfall.

100inch wheelbase just to get your front tires to be at the top,,, the three guys: Dennis, Marty, and Jeff all had to be straight vertical. They've got more courage than I do. It scares me just to stand at the top and look at the vehicle and then their faces. We put a strap on for safety and let them try with out rolling over, but the waterfall won. All 3 needed to be pulled. I know there were pictures taken hope they do justice to obstacle. We continued on to complete the extension for the Diamond Back trail. Wow! after the waterfall one would think nothing can stop or deter one of those three, but Jeff, crawling a crevice, got sideways in it being narrow and light. He slipped so I backed up to him to see if he needed a strap, but all Jeff needed was a little spotting. Say guys it is now 5:00 p.m. maybe we should head back to camp? So, we finished the trail and moseyed on back to camp. We had dinner and enjoyed a campfire for awhile and talked about today and trying to decide Saturday's run Black Mamba or Baller Canyon? (cont'd on p. 6)

Shortly after this, we came to a place called the Squeeze— a lot of you are familiar with the Squeeze over by Ocotillo and that is a normal off ramp compared to this squeeze for this. One, has to tip their vehicle almost over to passenger side then crawl up a 3 ft ledge on the right side at the same time a undercut ledge maybe 3ft with some sort of rock out cropping that you kind of pivot your vehicle on to make the left turn out. If it doesn't work, you will have to be strapped or you will destroy some of your vehicle. After getting through that and a couple more spots, we took a short extra credit trail known as the Super Squeeze. it is simply a 5 foot vertical with two big rocks on both sides about 6 inches narrower than your vehicle. The cruiser and Mr. Oldfield's frankensuki made it; the others passed. Oh, did I mention we had a guest with us— Todd Flesner, a local Havasu resident in a little jeep on 35's well set up crawler gears and other goodies. He like being with us, and he felt safe as he knew we would get him through whatever.

At the water fall, you had to have



Jeff spotting Marty on a tough section of the trail

Havasu Run March 2015 (cont'd)



Marty making the vertical climb on the trail.

were still willing to do something else. We contemplated doing Baller Canyon. I was the one who convinced Marty that if the right side of his vehicle breaks, we would be there way after dark getting him out. He reluctantly agreed. So, we went to look at this thing called Black Rock falls. Folks, I have been doing this rock crawling stuff and done some probably not so smart of a trail at times, and I'm still here to talk about it. This rock escarpment was an easy 50 feet to the top. If you have been to Moab, you have done climbs similar, but in Moab the rock sandstone has a lot of traction. This Black Falls rock had no traction. Picture a vehicle going up a snow covered road going from side to side trying to get traction. Well, that is what Dennis Scott looked like trying to go up; he only made it a third of the way. NO WAY was this chicken hearted cruiser going up there, but I must admit I was talking to my Yolie about giving it a little try. Glad she talked me out of it..... I think you need to have a vehicle 6 inches tall on 40 inch plus tires and no air in them to do that pile of rock. I know it's only my opinion.



Dennis cresting the vertical waterfall

Saturday morning we were still undecided. Jeff had taken a trailer tire into Havasu for Dennis who had a trailer flat on the way out. So, while he was doing that, the decision to do Black Mamba was reached. I had done the trail a couple of years ago and could definitely remember a couple of the waterfalls and/or rock ledges. I remembered pulling someone. and I remembered a rock buggy that had to be pulled out along with another vehicle pulled off on its side, so I knew we were in for a wonderful day of wheeling.

I must say none of us were disappointed. Jeff Oldfield who stated, "I just did my new best trail. Dennis, Scott, Bob you never described these trails to the degree I experienced today. I'm coming back any time I can ." My buddy Todd stated, " Bindels, I can't believe you made me do this trail! It was wonderful thanks." I know our trail boss was having a great time right up to breaking his front end again. Now, the difference between a real jeepster and a well not so real jeepster is that Marty and Wanda both wanted to finish the trail, and they



Bob going up a steep waterfall.

On the Black Mamba trail, we had to use a strap on Dennis, and he did not like it. On the other hand, he loved it because of the fact the trail was that technical and difficult. We put a strap on 6 of the seven vehicles at one spot or another on this trail. Jeff said this was why this is his new favorite trail. You have to be watching for rocks that will catch your axles or diffs; then you have to be watching for rocks to not cut your tires inside or outside. Todd managed to cut both sides at one time. There were a lot of spots you had to watch for narrowness of the trail, body damage, and then the large obstacles, waterfalls, or several big rocks stacked up with the canyon walls as your only direction. Jeff, I agree. Jeff is one of those johnny on the spot type of guys on the trail that he is to help any way he can . He is worth his weight in gold. Thanks for helping Todd especially. Saturday night Todd went into town to get another spare.

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While he was there, the rest of us at camp thought In n Out would be great for dinner, so we call Todd and text him our requests. It didn't work, so Marty talks to Todd whose hearing is not so good, but Todd then just gives his phone to the counter girls giving her our order. Isn't modern technology wonderful? So we ate delicious In n Out along with fries and adult beverages around the campfire.

Sunday morning being good 2nd amendment jeepers we went shooting. Marty is a great shot! Yolie improved dramatically. Todd shot his snake charmer rounds. Dakota Scott shot his world war II Russian rifle. Everyone had fun. We went back to camp and headed home. Sure hope a few more of you hearty Cavalcaders can make it next time. We will plan another trip when the weather gets a little cooler, I'm sure.

The Blue Cruiser



View from the ground up



Dennis getting an assist up the waterfall.



Jeff beginning his vertical climb.



Yolie driving up the waterfall with some spotting help from Bob.

Calico Run April 2015

Written by the Blue Cruiser as perceived or observed— not sure which. Oh shoot , I will just write as I remembered it. This is no doubt the best run our club does. Why? someone asked. I'm not sure so let's look at a few reasons for the curious minds then we will get into the weekend. The jeeping is great! There are the various difficulty factors, from difficult to not so difficult depending on our vehicles and experience. Then there is the ghost town for the families or even us older family types to go and enjoy. Then the park itself is nice with clean bathrooms and showers close for those who need the facilities. And, the driving distance is only 100 miles or so with a good road to get there. There are some good restaurants —Peggy Sue's for one. Also, there is the Sunday shootists who bring their own guns from shot guns to pistols and fully auto type weapons and they bring their own and ammo to hit some targets. Then usually this time of year the weather is basically perfect. So, you figure out why it is such a great weekend. Oh, one other factor, The Boggs — Devin and Michelle. They sure put a good deal of effort into organizing this run. I also want to give a shout out to all our ladies and gentlemen who cooked food, brought the food, and helped set the tables as bringing all they did it takes a lot of effort. Thank you all so much. Well, we got there Thursday afternoon and immediately started relaxing. Lyn Ingersoll started serving us adult beverages and the people that were there were on their way to relax ville!!! It was amazing to see so many come early Thursday evening. I guess they did not want to miss any relaxing or fun! Friday morning 9:00 am and we were ready to leave. The designated trail was Odessa up in to Wall street.

We left camp with 14 vehicles and headed up. We have done this several times, but there were some with us who never drove up there before or who really experienced waterfalls off camber and narrow ledges. Hey, no one crashed and burned or were left behind. Mr. Minor dinged his passenger rear quarter panel probably Sandi's fault- - her side right???? We got to the spot called the Odessa ledge where the rock ledge has a narrow spot with a 6 inch drop. Now, telling you this might not seem like much but when you are doing it, it gets your attention in a big way probably because there is a 6 foot drop at the same spot. When I walked up, I decided to try the straight up wall with the Orange Blossom. When I turned around, Dennis Scott said, "ok". At that point, we did not know that Mr. and Mrs. Goorsky and their monster rock buggy did just that. Oh well, we did it. For me, it was actually safer for the width of the orange jeep as going up I could at least control where the rear tires were going to be.



Crossing the narrow ledge in Odessa Canyon



Up up and over on the Odessa and Wall Street trail

After a nice lunch break, we cruised on down to the Wall

Street area. Now getting down there are a couple of tricky spots —very narrow with large rocks in the wrong spots. We had a little problem with Rod Tolliver's 401. He got hung up pretty good. The problem from Rod's point of view was that there were several people telling him what to and what not to do. I told Rod we have a lot of well intentioned people but not every one talking knows what they are saying. I also told him when that happens tell everyone to stop and ask for or get the spotter you want. I noticed that at one point in the weekend Devin Boggs turned and walk away which was the right thing to do. Trying to help someone with other spotters adding their help to the mix is confusing for the driver. Also on Saturday's run up Dorion canyon at the water fall, there were at least 5 or 6 audible voices trying to tell someone how to drive up the water fall. We should refrain from that; it does not help. If you want to learn how to spot and you should, it is valuable to all of us. Ask someone who has spotted for a time or two how they would approach a certain spot; then watch and learn mouth shut.....If you are the only one there then try and help if you can. Here is something to remember —each vehicle being the same but

different as tires and tire pressures will react differently in the identical situation. So learn to watch various vehicles and see how they work on the same spot others have come up. Lockers in the rear push a vehicle more that you want at times, and limited slips react differently. Open diffs also need to take a different approach to a rock garden. If the driver of a vehicle does not listen to you as the spotter, well then, just stand there and watch let him or her make their own decisions. If you as a driver listen to whoever and it does not turn out so well, that was your choice not the spotter's. Remember a lot of want to be spotters are novices with a good heart to help; they just need more practice. Please this last paragraph is not written to offend but rather to educate all of us!

Calico Run April 2015 (Cont'd)



Devin winning the Gate Keeper challenge

After viewing the canyon at Wall Street, we had to go back up the spot we had came down. Emil decided to try running flat. They put 5 or 6 plugs into a gash on the side of his right front, and it held until he got into a bad angle in the gate keeper. Amazing the things we repair on the trail. I know we left some purple paint on the side of one of those rocks from, you guessed it, the passenger side fender. Yup, Yolie's fault...that works for me. After we got back off the trail, we headed to the ghost town for a COLD beer and some pizza. They were dead as a door nail at the place until our herd walked in and livened the place up. But, to our disappointment the exciting Calico Ghost town train ride was not operating, so we did not get to do that. What a let down. After our fun stop there, we headed back to camp to find our resident disc jockey and family had arrived, so we knew we would have drinks and music for our Saturday potluck dinner. So, we had a pleasant time around the campfire, told some lies of course, and laughed and giggled at least once probably because of Steve Ingersol's one liners. Oh, not to forget Lyn Ingersol who brought out these things called KAMAKAZI drinks — some exotic drink. Yes, they were good I think????

Saturday we woke up to another beautiful morning. Oh, question—were Yolie and I the only ones that had a bunch of moths in our RV? I was just wondering. We got lined up and we had a convoy, I think, of 24 Jeeps in line. While still in camp, I happen to notice several groups of vehicles heading up over to Dorion Canyon, and sure enough, once we do get on the trail it is extremely crowded. Our only land cruiser on the run, Mr. Curtis, was having trouble right from the get go. His carb was acting up, so he was having to use rpm with slipping the clutch to keep moving. Sad to say, it was not long before the clutch started burning up and his day was done. Well, about the same time, Rod's 401 bent a tie rod, so it was a while to straighten and put high lift jack handle over it. This was another great trail repair, but he, too, went back with their escort, Tom Wilson. Nathan Brown what an asset on the trail. He did the bulk of the work along with John Curtis. You guys were terrific. While we were all waiting to get up the trail, a



Emil's good driving and some excellent spotting got him out of this situation on the Gate Keeper.

bonus trail was found. So when the Schlossers, the Goorsky's and our infamous Frankensuki, Jeff And Theresa Oldfield, got there, they went through fine. Now comes Emil. He gets 30 feet in and has some issues with a couple of rocks leaving large boulders in the way for our next victim/challenger Mr. Chris Rhine. Oops, he stopped on those pesky rocks, and after a little winching, he is free to run with the other big dogs. It is now Dennis Scott's turn, and he makes short order of the trail. "Yolie, aren't you going drive? You were designated driver for the day? "No way! I do not want to damage it." You see, folks, that is how a woman thinks. IF I scratch it, she gets to shop or something while I stress how to make her jeep look pretty. Well, I get into it and feel a slight stop. Thinking I may be getting hung up, Yolie and Steve are trying to spot me, but I try a little more gas pedal and I'm moving. Now Dennis comes to spot for me. Frankly, I'm a little worried about a spot 100 feet further up where there is a



Jeff Oldfield showing the gate Keeper who is boss.

Calico Run April 2015 (cont'd)

squeeze with a drop driver front and a very sharp left turn at the same time. This, folks, is one of those spots where you feel like you're trying to stuff 2 cubic feet of ? into a 1 cubic foot box. After some stacking of rocks on driver rear which we needed ONLY to keep from smashing in the whole rear door, we were making progress again. Thanks for the spotting. My wife was relieved we were out of the tight stuff.

The next obstacle was the big waterfall. Wow! How cool! Most of our vehicles drove up with out a winch needed. Mike and the lovely Leslie even made short order of the climb. I know Mike is a humble guy, so I will say it. The Cherokee is an awesome trail rig. I sure would not be afraid to take it on some tough trails. Because of the delays on the trails, most of our group already ate lunch, but our gracious trail boss made time for a relaxing lunch sit down cool off break any way, and I think it was needed. After the break ,we were



Cavalcaders cheering on the drivers as they climb the waterfall on Dorian Canyon Trail.



Tires off the ground.

Next, Jeff Goorsky came up with his rock monster. He had a lot of trouble with the first waterfall, and after several attempts, he let his tires down to 2 lbs, and then climbed up with no more issues after that . Buggy 114 inches long on 42 inch tires. Dennis Scott was next with me to follow. However, some other fellow decided to try before we could get our vehicles, and he broke an axle. I decided to leave and after found out that guy also broke a front axle. Tough luck day for him. Dennis Scot apparently decided to still do it. Problem. Everyone else from our club did not know this but Jeff Oldfield was still there at the gate Keeper which was lucky for Dennis. He got into a pickle and then became the pickle needing winching and a stacking just to jet back on all 4 wheels. I think because of the distance from where the jeeps are parked to the gate keeper, people do not know who is coming next because it takes so long to walk back and air down, etc. Anyway, Dennis got home safe. Back at camp, we were all getting the dinner stuff done — Barbequing, setting tables, and Chris was making drinks. What a great turn out on food. Ken Miller had to make a run to get more hotdogs and buns, but all in all, we had plenty. Thank you everyone who contributed one way or another.

Sunday morning was set up for the Shooters. We did have a crowd. Thank you for being safe. Everyone all had a good time shooting everything from shotguns to fully automatic weapons. There were lots of targets, and it was a hoot. Maybe we should see if someone in the club would like to head up a shooting committee so people could get some pointers on how to shoot and handle a weapon, etc. Think about it folks.

It was a wonderful weekend. Thank you all for coming out and being a part of it. I know there were a few who had medical issues and work related issues at the last minute so they could not come. We'll see you next time. —The Blue Cruiser

Calico Run April 2015 (cont'd)



Devin, Matt, Emil, Steve barbequing with style!



Annette, Michelle, Nate and Matt setting up the buffet.



Cavalcaders enjoying delicious food and comradery.



Sandy, Larry, Josh and Tim



Tim and
Roz
(left)

Maria
and Ken
(right)



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Devin and Emil



Pete and Dakota



Scott, Julie and Enzo



Chris and Christine



Shooting
targets
and clay
pigeons,
and hav-
ing a
blast!



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

May 16th Pioneer Town / Yucca Valley

33inch tires one locker should do it. A nice day run depends who shows, we may attempt Matonia Wash. Contact Bob Bindels

June 1-8 Moab

Marty and Wanda Schlosser are leading a trip to Moab. Trip leaves on June 1st or 2nd will start wheeling on the 4th through to the 8th. Moab is a great place to wheel lots of traction and sightsee

Late June early July Big Bear

Jeff Goorsky will be leading a run in the Big Bear Area. We will get more facts later to inform the members.

August 8th Silverwood Run

33inch tire with one locker is sufficient. This date also may change but you will be informed well ahead of the run date. Contact Bob Bindels

September is still open

October 24th (?) Gecko Run The club's Annual Gecko Run, anniversary celebration and barbeque.

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 Chris Rhine

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.

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Cavalcaders Cook

Easy Salsa

Ingredients:

- 1 -28oz can whole tomato's
- 1 - 8oz can tomato sauce
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 tsp. cumin powder
- fresh cilantro (to your taste) 1/2-1 bunch
- garlic salt to taste
- pickles jalapeno slices 1-3 tablespoons to taste

Whirl in food processor or blender. Food processor works best.



Recipe submitted by: Lynn Ingersol



I saw this little quiz in a restaurant recently. So, I thought I would share it with everyone. See how much you know about April showers , and have fun!



1. What popular actor used to shower at least four times a day?
2. Which queen of Spain was proud of the fact that she had only taken two showers in her lifetime?
3. What is the term for this water saving technique: hop in the shower, get wet all over, turn off the water while soaping up, and then rinse clean?
4. According to state law, in which state is it considered an offense to shower without clothes on?
5. Approximately how many gallons of water does a 10 minute shower use?
6. During the shooting of the shower scene in the movie Psycho, how did Hitchcock evoke Marion's maximum frightened reaction?

**Answers:**

1. Clark Gable
2. Isabella
3. Navy Shower
4. Florida
5. 50
6. The water turned ice cold when the attack started.

The California Desert Tortoise

Desert tortoises have been spotted by several club members over the years on our desert runs. I found some information on various website about these unique and special desert dwellers that I thought you might find interesting. Websites are included in case you would like to read more about California's elusive desert tortoise.

The desert tortoise is an herbivore that may attain a length of 9 to 15 inches in upper shell (carapace) length. The tortoise is able to live where ground temperatures may exceed 140 degrees F because of its ability to dig underground burrows and to escape the heat. At least 95% of its life is spent in burrows. There, it is also protected from freezing while dormant, November through February or March. <http://www.desertusa.com/reptiles/desert-tortoise.html>

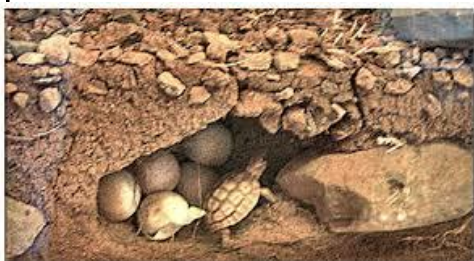
Where do desert tortoises live?

Desert tortoises have existed for millions of years, and during that time they adapted to the many climatic and geological changes that have occurred in southern California. They can live in many types of desert habitats, but they do require friable (crumbly) soils in order to build burrows and nests. They are most common in desert areas with an abundance of creosote, and they are least common in desert areas with steep slopes. Tortoises are most active between March and June. In late summer the temperatures become too warm and they spend the majority of their time in their burrows. Desert tortoises are very sensitive to the heat, and exposure to the extreme desert temperatures can kill them in less than one hour. They hibernate during the winter months.



What do desert Tortoises eat?

Desert tortoises are herbivorous. They eat a variety of desert plants, although forbs and green vegetation are their preferred foods. They will drink water if it is available, but they get some of the water they need for survival from the plants they eat.



The breeding season occurs from April - July, starting shortly after the tortoises emerge from hibernation. Females lay one to three clutches of about five eggs each. The eggs hatch three to four months later. During dry years, some desert tortoises fail to reproduce due to lack of food.

What can harm a desert tortoise?

Adult tortoises have very few predators due to their protective carapace. Adults are preyed upon by coyotes and golden eagles. Young tortoises are more vulnerable and are preyed upon by eagles, foxes, and coyotes. In captivity, many tortoises fall victim to an upper respiratory disease. Many human-related activities have resulted in declines of this species, and subsequently, the listing of this species as both federally

threatened and state threatened.

How can you help the desert tortoise population?

The public can help the recovery of this species in a variety of ways. First, when visiting the Desert Tortoise Natural Area, remember to stay on the trails. Use binoculars to view these incredible animals if they are far away. This area was created to preserve the natural habitat. Second, when visiting the desert be aware of your surroundings. Desert tortoises seek shade in hot weather, and they occasionally find shade under a parked car. Desert tortoises have also been spotted crossing roads, so drive carefully. <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/deserttortoise.html>



SOME DOs and DON'TS

1. If you find a tortoise in the desert, DO take pictures, get down and look at it (but not so close that you disturb it). Watch to see how it moves and what it eats, then walk away and know that you have done a good deed by letting it live in peace.
2. While driving on desert roads, DO keep an eye out for tortoises crossing the road. If you encounter one and have plenty of room to pass, drive slowly and carefully around it. If the tortoise is in immediate danger, pull your car over and stop in a safe place. Carefully place your fingers under and thumbs on top of the tortoise's shell, grasping it on the sides. Keep your hands away from its head. Lift the tortoise slowly and gently, keeping it level and close to the ground, as if it is in a walking position. Move it to a safe place no more than 100 yards away and in the same direction that it was traveling. Carefully set it down, preferably in the shade of a shrub.
3. DO check under your car or truck before driving away. Sometimes a tortoise will seek the shade underneath a parked vehicle.



General Meeting Minutes April 7, 2015

Hemet San Jacinto Cavalcader's Off Road Club

General Membership Meeting

April 07th, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm by Steve Loomis, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Loomis

Treasurer's Report – Tim Portluck presented the treasure's report with expenses and income. The ending balance for the month is \$8770.20. Jeff Goorsky made a motion to accept the report and Tim Portlock seconded the motion.

Minutes – Doug Hanson made a motion to approve last month's minutes, and Tim Portlock seconded the motion.

Guess:

New Business:

Jon Curtis suggested getting an iPhone Square for collecting club monies.

Old Business:

Past Runs – Marty reported on the Havasu Run. Tom Wilson reported on the Glamis Run.

Upcoming Trips:

CALICO GHOST TOWN: Devin Boggs April 16th-19th, **Section F**, Pot Luck Sheet will be sent out for Saturday's dinner.
Phone: 1-800-to-calico, or www.sbcountyparks.com; www.calicotown.com.

DEATH VALLEY: Ted Ryan will host a run in November. Dates to follow

DAY RUN: Bob Bindels is working on a day run and would like input from members

Upcoming Meetings:

The next general meeting will be Tuesday May 5th, 2015 at 6:30 at Mega Bites (Big Cheese).

The next board meeting will be Tuesday May 5th, 2015 at 7:30 at Mega Bites (Big Cheese).

Meeting adjourned at
Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Devin Boggs



Board Meeting Minutes April 7, 2015

Hemet San Jacinto Cavalcaders Off Road Club

Board Meeting Minutes

April 07, 2015

Members Present: Steve Loomis, Mike Record, Doug Hanson, Annette Rosen, Tim Potluck, and guest Tom Wilson

The meeting was called to order: 7:40 pm by Steve Loomis-President

Treasure Report: \$8,770.20

Minutes Approval: Tim Potluck and second by Doug Hanson

New Business:

Possible use of "the square" for processing CC or debit chargers for club actives and club meetings or dues.

Doug suggested shoe fundraiser "cash for shoes" which pays by the pound. We could make \$.50 per lb but if over 1,100 lbs would be \$.55 per lb.

Old Business:

Budget: Tim will work on preliminary Budget and will present at next meeting.

Next Meeting: May 5th, 2015 @ 7:30pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

Annette Rosen

Cavalcader Board Members

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Mike Record— Vice- president
Tim Portlock—Treasurer
Yolie Bindels—Secretary
Annette Rosen
Doug Hansen
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Next Membership Meeting and Board Meeting :

Tuesday May 5 at 6:30 p. m.

Megabites Pizza. 1153 S. State Street
Hemet CA.

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General Information

Contact Jan Dollarhide for clothing orders. See back page attachment for order form.

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Check it out at Corva.org

If you have additional off-road information to share, items for sale, or recipes for the next newsletter, send to:

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MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

___MEN'S___

White Tee Shirts: small med large xlarge 2xl 3xl \$14.00/\$16.00/\$17.00

Blue Tee Shirts: small med large xlarge 2xl 3xl \$14.00/\$16.00/\$17.00

Polo Shirts: small med large xlarge 2xl 3xl 22.00/ 25.00

Sweatshirts: small med large xlarge 2xl 3xl 24.00/ 26.00

Zippered Sweatshirts small med large xlarge 2xl 3xl 32.00/ 35.00

___WOMEN'S___

White V neck: small med large xlarge 2xl 3xl \$ 17.00/18.00

Classic Fit (loose fit/Caroline Blue) small med large xlarge 2xl 3xl \$ 17.00/18.00

3/4 Sleeve (moonlight blue) small med large xlarge 2xl 3xl 24.00/26.00

Long Sleeve (sapphire blue) small med large xlarge 2xl 3xl 24.00/26.00

VNeck fitted (maritime heather) small med large xlarge 2xl 3xl 17.00/18.00

Round neck small med large xlarge 2xl 3xl 17.00/18.00

Magnetic Logo Plaques \$35.00/pair _____pairs

Flags 12.00

Stickers Sml 3.00 Med 5.00 Large 10.00

Hats \$14.00

Member Name: _____ Contact info: _____

Due: _____ Check _____ Cash _____ Date _____