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Next Membership Meeting :

Tuesday Feb. 2 (first Tuesday of every month) @ Megabites Pizza. 1153 S. State Street Hemet CA.

Meeting 6:30 PM

Board Meeting 7:30 PM

President's Message

Hello Cavalcaders,

Now that we have the holidays behind us, I'm looking forward to seeing what the New Year will bring. The King of the Hammers off-road race is the 1st week in February and that's always a good time. If you haven't already made your reservation at Calico Ghost Town, you might want to do that for April 7-10th weekend. I can't wait to see you at the next meeting.

—Steve Loomis

The New Website is Up and Running

Hi Everyone,

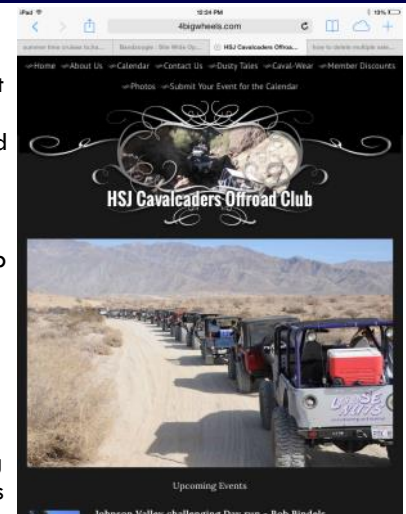
Webmaster Chris here to give you info that you may or may not know about our new website. The site is configured to share basic club information for both introducing ourselves to the world and to serve as a quick reference location for calendars and directions to events.

We have links called **About Us**, **Calendar**, **Caval-Wear** (for club merchandise), **Photos** (please send to cdrhine@verizon.net), **Dusty Tales** (to access copies past and present), **Member Discounts** (for services and discounts), and **Submit Your Event** so you can add an event to the calendar.

When you look at upcoming events listed on the site, you can click on it and get the date, time, and location information along with a general description and minimum equipment requirements for an event.

Hope you enjoy.... Oops, one more item. You can also get to the site via the traditional www.HSJCalvacadersORC.com or via www.4BIGWheels.com to make telling someone where to find the club a little easier. Check it out!

See ya
— Webmaster Chris



Chiriaco Summit Run

Now, this is a trail that takes patience, a good vehicle and a spotter that can be trusted. Why do I say that? Because good spotting on this trail is needed to keep your vehicle tire side down. The first obstacle—oh, I guess I better let you all know who was there: Dennis Scott, our trail boss, Mark Townsend and his friend, Chris Rhine, and myself--going back to the first obstacle --it is a wall of granite that Dennis and his buddies found. Later, he took me and Emil Worm there, and we wanted to come back. So this run was the comeback.

Like I was saying, it is a 12 foot wall and kind of smooth. I volunteered to give the cruiser a chance to conquer this granite. So I inched up oh so slowly until I was vertical. When the front tires seemed awfully light, Dennis had me reverse quickly to avoid the cruiser looping over itself. Trying again, I moved over a few inches as Dennis said. I followed his spot and ended up backing down again. I tried again with a slightly different approach more of an angle, but that did not feel real good. So, I backed down, straighten up, and tried again. And again, the slab of granite won. I do not remember for sure if we tried again, but we then decided to strap a couple of boulders to my winch a see if I could get up. The rocks were not real solid-- they moved, but I only needed a little down pressure on my front end.



Dennis making his way through a tough and technical part of the trail



Chiriaco summit trail on-ramp

come down, it was in the wrong place, so we almost had to do this all over again. And Chris, just as calm as if he were out on the ocean on a sailboat!!!!!! Mark, you're next. What? The winch won't work? Well, we can turn Chris around and pull you. I think he may have done that, but his friend said not me and was going to do the bypass. Mark got stuck on a rock and had to be winched off to get turned around. After doing, this they went for it. It is a long, steep, dirt hill with rocks planted in it, so it required the use of the loud pedal (throttle).

We started driving the rest of this trail or canyon, and it was a large rock garden that did not end which is fine but also required you to deal with a lot of tree branches etc. that became a pain. After carefully negotiating this trail, Dennis said we will have lunch at the spot that could be the end of the trail. Why the end? His response was "Wait until you see this".

Without a struggle, there can be no progress.

Frederick Douglass



Keeping Bob's wheels on the ground

Chiriaco Summit Run (Cont'd)



High Centered and getting Cavalcader support

No WAY!! That part of the trail is a rollover waiting for a vehicle. Let's eat. So while eating, I was sitting on the sand looking at the angle and depth of the crevasse to turn across. Dennis thought we could maybe make it, but we'd have to fill in the crevasse enough to keep the vehicle from rolling over up on its side heading up. After we ate, everyone started throwing rocks into the correct spot and we stacked them for support. Dennis strapped in and brought the jeep up. Now there is a spot about 15 inches wide or so to get the passenger front into because there is a ledge on the high side that will keep you from tipping over to the left. But Dennis could not get his tire to grab. So, after several tries, I said "let's put a strap on his front end and give a little pull by hand", and it worked! He was up! Sometimes all you need is an extra bit of pressure by hand to make the tires grab. Once Dennis was up, I got the Cruiser lined up. Mr. Rhine spotted me and my tires

grabbed and pulled me around lifting driver front considerably, but we were up. Now it's your turn, Chris. He gets lined up, makes the turn, lifts his front driver ALOT but holds it steady and he is up. I got to say watching someone who knows how to use a clutch and drive the vehicle is impressive especially at say 800 RPM's.

The next obstacle was a tree and rock 4 feet apart. The vehicles are wider. So, how did Dennis do that? He drove up the tree until the vehicle slides off, then he used his back tire on the rock. Okay, so now what? The drive up this ramp seems awful narrow at the top with a 20 foot crevasse to fall into. I do not like this. Dennis, do not let me fall off into this hole. Now, Dennis likes to make people nervous. I think his Jeep is narrower than all the other vehicles. Okay, so I start up. My passenger right rubbing on the wall and driver on or close to the edge, but I watched and listened. Dennis got me



up and over. At the top, there was a hole that makes the vehicle tip like it is going over the edge just to make for another adrenalin

rush. Okay, Mark brought his vehicle up just like a PRO-- nice and slow. Great job! Wow, this tree and rock are not going to be fun. The newer jeeps are a bit wider, and he did take a fender off and twisted his sway bar into a pretzel, but we took care of all that. His friend turned around and isn't coming up this part of the trail. He would have had it the easiest. The tree and rock would have been tough. Well, where is he? Dennis said we will have to drive up the canyon and try to figure out where he went. That was stupid folks. We had to put ourselves at some risk trying to find him and when we did, he was walking because he was stuck. Always stay with your group --another 40 minutes or so it would have been dark and trying to find him then would have been very dangerous. Many thanks to you guys who participated and we will do this trail again when the days last a little longer and before it gets too hot.

--The Blue Cruiser



Photo Op!

Traveling up the straight and narrow

New 700-plus mile Arizona Peace Trail planned

Larry Minor shared this article and information at a recent club meeting. Pete Bryk has a lot of knowledge about this area as he has explored many of the areas that will now become part of this 700 mile trail. This article appeared in the Palo Verde Time/ Quartzite Times and can be accessed by clicking on the link below. Talks are in the works about Cavalcaders making future runs to travel and explore parts of this trail in 2016. Stay tuned for details or contact Pete Bryk, Bob Bindels, or Larry Minor for more information.

<http://paloverdevalleytimes.com/main.asp?SectionID=215&SubSectionID=751&ArticleID=22047>

By Joanne Winer
QUARTZSITE TIMES

QUARTZSITE - The planning is well under way for a new Arizona Peace Trail that will encompass Yuma, La Paz and Mojave counties in southwest Arizona.

This has been in the works for quite a while, with all three counties wanting to connect all the trails that go through them into one big 700-plus-mile trail. It would have the counties and different ATV groups in the area working together with government entities to ensure that it was done with the least impact to the environment, while still giving riders a fantastic ride.

The route would take them through some of the best and most beautiful parts of the scenery in this area, and to many local points of interest along the way. Many of the things that have to be done, like signage, are being funded by grants, and this also takes time.

But everyone seems to be of the agreement that this trail, when finished, can be a huge economic impact on this whole area, bringing in thousands of visitors to the area looking for something special to do on their ATVs, jeeps or side-by-sides.

The trail will have places along it for rest areas and camping, and towns along the route will benefit from the riders stopping along the way to buy drinks, food and more. It will be a win-win for everyone, and it is hoped that it may bring a summer season to this area.

The snowbirds flock in the winter while it is cooler, but those who live in the hot areas of the southwest and are used to ATVing in the early mornings or evenings when it is cooler can come here and enjoy the trail or the more than 11,000 acres surrounding Quartzsite and other places where they can ATV, as well. There will be another meeting of the Peace Trail Committee at 10 a.m. November 11 at the La Paz County Park Pavilion in Parker. (Editor's Note: Contact the website linked above for current schedule for meetings)

Proud Neighbors of Quartzsite recently attended an Arizona Off-Road Expo in Scottsdale, where they displayed a huge map of the new Arizona Peace Trail. They also gave out information about it, as well as all the other unique trails in the area.

Many people attending this expo who saw the display were full of questions and said they would look forward to exploring this area! That's not really so surprising when you think about Quartzsite. This sport has become so popular that rallies are held all over the place now. And what better place to have people visit during the winter or the summer months than right here in the most beautiful and pristine wilderness area we have?

Welcome ATVers! We can't wait to see you!



Riding ATVs in the Quartzsite area and on surrounding trails has become a popular hobby that draws people to the area. More trail connections are planned. (Courtesy photo)

Schedule of Club Runs for 2016

Jan 16	Johnson Valley	Street Legal/Bob Bindels
Feb 1/6	King of the Hammers	This is a race, those who go watch the race
March	Lake Havasu, AZ	4-Wheel /overnight/Still looking for trail boss & date
April 7-10th	Calico Ghost Run	Street legal/overnight/Devin Boggs
May 1 st -6th	Moab, Utah	4-WD types/overnight/ Marty Schlosser
June	John Bull/ Gold Mt.	4-WD/Jeff Goorsky/waiting on dates
July 29 th -Aug 7th	Dusty Irsham/Sierra Run	4-WD/ Chris Rhine/overnight on trails
Aug	Silverwood Run	4-WD/Still looking for trail boss/date
Sept	Holcomb Creek/Dish Pan	4-WD/Jeff Goorsky/waiting on dates
Oct.	Annual Gecko Run	Weekend camp out/Club
Nov 10 th -13th	Parker Splash	Parker 4-Wheelers event
Nov 23 rd -27 th	Calico Ghost Town/Glamis	4-WD/overnight/Bob Bindels/ Larry Minor/Sand Toys
Dec. 29 th -Jan 2, 2016	Truckhaven Hills/New Year's Run	4-WD/overnight/Shawn Gleason
Dec 29 th -Jan 2,2016	Glamis Run	Sand Toys/Larry Minor

DAY RUNS WILL LEAVE PATSY'S COUNTRY KITCHEN AT 7:00 AM UNLESS ANNOUNCED DIFFERENTLY

RUN DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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What's Happening

SHOES

Glorious

SHOES

Marvelous

SHOES

Wonderful



SHOES!!!

Our fundraiser is in its final weeks. There is still time to bring your gently used and no longer needed shoes to the next Cavalcader club meeting or bring them directly to Steve Loomis at his RV business on Florida Ave. Remember to tie/bind the shoes together. Ask your friends, ask your family, ask your neighbors if they have any shoes they would like to donate to our fundraiser. The club receives money for each pound of shoes collected. Let's make this a successful fundraiser.



King of the Hammers

The King of the Hammers is an amazing race that truly tests vehicles and the stamina and patience of the drivers. Several members of our club will be heading out to view the race in Johnson Valley. I found an article by Lori Carey published on Feb 1, 2014 that tells how it all started. I shortened the article a little, but you can read it in its entirety at <http://www.drivingline.com/articles/the-real-story-behind-king-of-the-hammers/>



* the first race in 2007 was planned out on a napkin in a bar (a Chili's in San Bernadino to be exact) by **Dave Jeff Knoll** one night. Cole was a championship rock-crawler who had a good relationship with the BLM. Knoll was involved in desert racing and had experience in running similar events.

* They invited twelve guys to meet them out in Johnson Valley for some fun. The group who showed up wasn't told anything about what the day had in store until they all arrived. That very first King of the Hammers race was run in secret - no spectators, no vendors, just some guys having fun.

*The course for that first 2007 King of The Hammers race was listed as: Lake bed to Outer Limits Up **Outer Limits** Down **Aftershock** Down **Sunbonnet** Up **Devil's Slide** Down **Hell's Gate** Take a right toward **Landers** Up the slide towards the end of **Sledge(hammer)** Up **Jack(hammer)** Down **Jack North** Up **Wrecking Ball** Down **Claw(hammer)** Back to the lake bed Clocking in at just over 35 miles long, there were twelve checkpoints throughout the course with registers to sign to make sure all trails were completed. **JR Reynolds** won the race with in an amazing 2:57. **Tracy Jordan** came in roughly half an hour later. Most of the others took over five hours to cross the finish.

*After the non-event was completed, Jeff Knoll posted on a forum asking everyone how fast they thought someone could run eight trails consecutively at the Hammers. Dave Cole stirred things up by betting \$100 that no one could do it in less than five hours. After garnering interest they shared the results of the secret race and everyone wanted to give it a try for themselves. And that's how King of the Hammers came to be!

*So what's with the OG13 if there were only twelve drivers at that first race? A reliable source told me (Lori Carey) that when they had T-shirts made to commemorate that first race, there was an error made and what was supposed to be OG12 was printed as OG13. They've used OG13 ever since and now many sources refer to the original "13" racers... but now you know better.

*The **Ultra4** class was created (dubbed "unlimited", it's only qualifier is that a race vehicle must be capable of 4WD). The Ultra4 Racing series now comprises 7 qualifying races across the country to earn a chance to compete at King of the Hammers. The big race, **King of the Hammers**, is now a week-long event attracting over 170 race teams in various events and more than 35,000 spectators. No chase vehicles are allowed, requiring any carnage on the trail to be repaired by the driver/co-driver themselves on the trail or wait until they get back to the pits in Hammertown. Competitors are given 15 hours to complete the course.



February— The Month for Valentines, Roses, Candy

February is the month for valentines and roses. Most of us can probably remember sending paper valentines to our classmates, sending our children to school with valentines for their friends, and we remember giving and receiving special valentines to and from those we love like our parents, our spouses, and significant others in our lives. In researching Valentine's Day on the history website, I found some information you might find of interest.

Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400. The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the [Battle of Agincourt](#). (The greeting is now part of the manuscript collection of the British Library in London, England.) Several years later, it is believed that King [Henry V](#) hired a writer named John Lydgate to compose a valentine note to Catherine of Valois.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year.

141 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually, making Valentine's Day the second-most popular greeting-card-giving occasion. (This total excludes packaged kids valentines for classroom exchanges.) (Source: Hallmark research)

In addition to the U.S., Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, Australia, Denmark, Italy and Japan.

Over 50 percent of all Valentine's Day cards are purchased in the six days prior to the observance, making Valentine's Day a procrastinator's delight. (Source: Hallmark research)

Source: <http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/valentines-day-facts>
AND <http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day>

Happy Valentine's Day Cavalcaders !!!

February is the month of roses. Here is a description from

ProFlowers' website of what the colors of roses mean. Enjoy!

Source: <http://www.proflowers.com/blog/rose-colors-and-meanings>

Red Roses (Love / Romance)

It's probably safe to say there's no more prevalent or enduring symbol of love and beauty in Western culture than red roses. Red roses often appear in poetry, literature, classical artwork, contemporary films and everywhere in between. Renowned Scottish poet, Robert Burns, compared his love to a red rose in the poem *Red, Red Rose*, and the card "soldiers" in *Alice in Wonderland* lost their heads for painting white roses red, just to name a few classics.



These fragrant blooms come in varying shades of red, which also carry different symbolic meanings. For example, a bright red rose signifies romance, while burgundy means a love that has yet to be realized.



Pink Rose (Love/ Gratitude/Appreciation) A classic symbol of grace and elegance, the pink rose is often given as a token of admiration and appreciation.

White Rose (Marriage/ Spirituality/ New Starts)

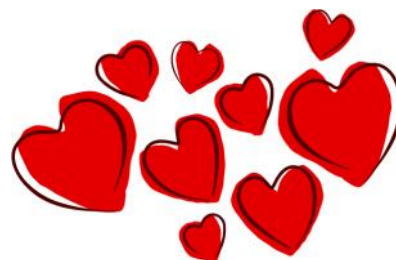
White roses are traditionally associated with marriages and new beginnings, but their quiet beauty has also made them a gesture of remembrance.



Orange Rose (Enthusiasm/ Passion) With their blazing energy, orange roses are the wild child of the rose family. Whatever feelings you might be bubbling over with—enthusiasm, passion, gratitude—orange roses will get the message across with both oomph and elegance.

Yellow Rose (friendship/ Joy/ Good Health)

When it comes to sending a joyful message, yellow roses are your best friend. In fact, yellow roses are a traditional symbol of friendship.



Cavalcader's Fun Page

Cavalcaders Cook

Saltine Toffee Cookies

Recipe Submitted by: Ginny Miller

Ingredients:

- enough saltine crackers to cover your cookie sheet - lined with aluminum foil
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (205 degrees C).
2. Line cookie sheet with saltine crackers in single layer.
3. In a saucepan combine the sugar and the butter. Bring to a boil and boil for 3 minutes. Immediately pour over saltines and spread to cover crackers completely.
4. Bake at 400 degrees F (205 degrees C) for 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle chocolate chips over the top. Let sit for 5 minutes. Spread melted chocolate and top with chopped nuts. Cool completely and break into pieces.



Cavalcader Humor

Submitted by: Hamilton Jones



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Next Membership Meeting and Board Meeting :

Tuesday March 1 at 6:30 p. m.

Megabites Pizza. 1153 S. State Street
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Quarterly Newsletter

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General Information

Contact Michelle Boggs for clothing orders. See back page attachment for order form.

Corva (California Off-Road Vehicle Association) publishes a monthly newsletter full of information of interest to off-road enthusiasts. Check out the link to read their newsletter.
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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Hemet San Jacinto Off-Road Club is a non profit organization .

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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 _____