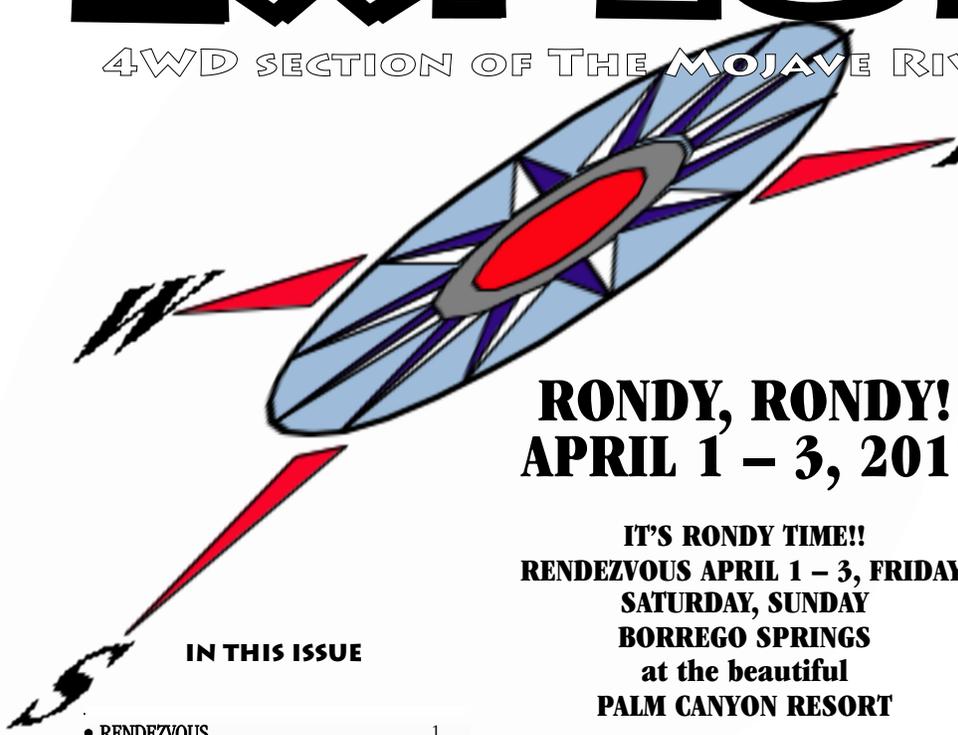


# DESERT EXPLORERS

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## RONDY, RONDY! APRIL 1 – 3, 2011

**IT'S RONDY TIME!!  
RENDEZVOUS APRIL 1 – 3, FRIDAY,  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY  
BORREGO SPRINGS  
at the beautiful  
PALM CANYON RESORT**

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smoking. A cleaning fee of \$200 or more will be charged to any room in which a guest, or visitors of a guest, have smoked. Pets are allowed in designated hotel rooms only provided the pet is registered in advance. A pet agreement must be signed, and the guest will be charged a cleaning fee of \$50.00 per visit. Guests with unregistered pets will be charged a minimum \$200.00 fee. Any damages will be charged at the cost of repair.

Make your reservations NOW! Mention the Desert Explorers Rendezvous to get the discounted rate. (800) 242-0044 or e-mail <http://www.palmcanyonresort.com>

Next door is the Borrego Holiday Home Park. RV/campers \$25, tents \$20 and can be shared by two vehicles, WiFi, pool and BBQ dogs on leash welcome. <http://www.borrego-holidayhome.com>

(760) 767-3285

Across the highway is the Oasis Inn Borrego. Nice remodeled rooms \$85. Rooms with kitchenette \$95, Seven RV sites for \$25.00, Pool, dogs on leash welcome. (760) 767-5409 <http://www.oasisinnborrego.com>

Potluck Friday night  
Field Trips Friday Inbound, Saturday and Sunday  
Banquet Saturday night  
Silent Auction in the Meeting/Banquet Room  
Registration Form will be in the March DE Newsletter.

You can bring your camper, RV, tent, or get a room at the Palm Canyon Resort (Free WiFi!).

RV/campers spots by size, \$32 (Electricity, sewer, water), \$5 discount for the back-in sites that will be used by those who require no electricity. Bath house, laundry, pools, Jacuzzi, meeting room, tables, and covered potluck area.

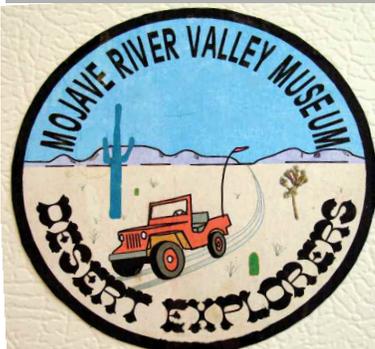
Rooms are \$122.

Check in time for the hotel is 4:00 p.m. and for the RV park, 1:00 p.m.

All hotel rooms are non-



**Palm Canyon Resort**



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State Park Campground has sites for under \$20

You can camp for free a few miles away near the Pegleg Smith Monument.

The Banquet will be held Saturday night upstairs above the Palm Canyon Resort restaurant. The meal will be \$20 for Adult, and \$13 for Children under 12. Menu: BBQ Chicken and/or Ribs and Vegetarian, salad, bread, green beans, coffee, iced tea, and dessert. Beer and wine will be available to buy. You are allowed to bring your own bottle upstairs.

## Rondy Trips

**A**ll are still in the planning stage but here is what we have so far:

Sunny Hansen - Rock Art, short hikes

Neal & Marian - Anza Borrego Trails

Inbound

Ted Kalil - Truckhaven Truck Trail

### Directions to Borrego Springs Resort

From The traffic circle in Borrego Springs, go South on Borrego Springs Rd./County Hwy. S-3 for 1.7 miles and turn left on Tilting T Drive. Go about 0.7 miles to the Resort entrance.

Vicki Hill - Rock Art

Allan Schoenherr - Flora

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

## About the Area

**A**nza-Borrego Desert State Park is named after 18th century Spanish

explorer Juan Bautista de Anza and from the Spanish word Borrego meaning

Bighorn sheep. With 600,000 acres (2,400 km<sup>2</sup>) that include one fifth of San Diego County within its borders, Anza-Borrego is the largest in State Park in California; and after New York's

Adirondack Park it's the second largest one in all the continental United States.

Anza-Borrego is around a two-hour drive: northeast from San Diego, southeast from Riverside or Irvine, and south from Palm Springs. The Park is an anchor in the Mojave and Colorado Deserts Biosphere Reserve, and adjacent to the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains

Flora and fauna:

The habitats of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park are primarily within the Colorado Desert ecosystem of the Sonoran Desert ecoregion. The higher extreme northern and eastern sections in the Peninsular Ranges are in the California montane chaparral and woodlands ecoregion. The park features: bajadas and desert washes; rock formations and colorful badlands, vast arid landscapes and dramatic mountains. The bajadas are predominantly creosote bush-bur sage with Creosote bush

(*Larrea tridentata*) and the palo verde cactus shrub ecosystems with the Palo Verde tree (*Parkinsonia microphylla*), cacti, and Ocotillo.

In the washes, Colorado/Sonoran microphylla woodlands can be found. These woodlands include such plants as Smoke Tree (*Psoralea argophylla*), Honey Mesquite (*Prosopis juliflora*), and Catclaw (*Acacia greggii*). Anza Borrego has natural springs and oases with the state's only native palm, the endangered California fan palm (*Washingtonia filifera*). Seasonal wildflower displays can be stunning in any plant community association in throughout the Park. The high-county to the north and east has Closed-cone pine forests, Manzanitas, and Oak woodlands. The oases are prolific with wildlife of all types of fauna, especially for bird-watching. Throughout the Park visitors may see Kit foxes, Mule deer, Coyotes, Greater roadrunners, Golden eagles, Black-tailed jackrabbits, Ground squirrels, Kangaroo rats, Quail, and Prairie falcons. In the reptile class Desert iguanas, Chuckwallas and the Red diamond rattlesnake can be seen - with care.

Desert Bighorn Sheep:

Some areas of Anza-Borrego Park are habitat for the Peninsular bighorn sheep, often called Desert Bighorn Sheep. Few park visitors see them, and the sheep are justly wary. A patient few observers each year see and count this endangered species, to study the population, and to monitor its current decline from human overpopulation encroachment.

Geology and paleontology:

The expanses of Anza-Borrego's eroded badlands also provide a different view into the region's long vanished tropical past. The inland of southeastern California was not always a desert.

Paleontology, the study of the fossilized remains of ancient life, is the key to understanding and engaging this prehistoric world.

Anza-Borrego has an exceptional fossil record; and include preserved plants, a variety of invertebrate shells, animal tracks and an vast array of bones and teeth. Most Anza-Borrego fossils date from six million to under a half million years in age, or about 60 million years after the last dinosaur age ended.

Geology:

Anza-Borrego Desert lies in a unique geologic setting along the western margin of the Salton Trough. This major topographic depression with the Salton Sink having elevations of 200-foot (61 m) below sea level, forms the northernmost end of an active rift valley and a geological continental plate boundary. The Trough extends north from the Sea of Cortez (Gulf of California) to San Geronimo Pass, and from the eastern rim of the Peninsular Ranges eastward to the San Andreas Fault Zone along the far side of the Coachella Valley. Over the past 7 million years, a relatively complete geologic record of over 20,000-foot (6,100 m) of fossil bearing sediment has been deposited within the Park along the rift valley's western margin. Here, paleontological remains are widespread and exceedingly diverse, and are found scattered over hundreds of square miles of eroded badlands terrain extending south from the Santa Rosa Mountains Range into northern Baja California in Mexico. Both marine and terrestrial environments are represented by this long and rich fossil record. Six million years ago the ancestral Gulf of California filled the

Salton Trough, extending northward past what would become the city of Palm Springs. These tropical waters supported a profusion of both large and small marine organisms. Through time, the sea gave way as an immense volume of sediment eroded during the formation of the Grand Canyon spilled into the Salton Trough. Bit-by-bit, the ancestral Colorado River built a massive river delta across the sea way. Fossil hard woods from the deltaic sands and associated coastal plain deposits suggest that the region received three times as much rainfall as present times. The Anza-Borrego region gradually changed from a predominately marine environment in to a system of interrelated terrestrial habitats. North of the Colorado River Delta and intermittently fed by the River, a sequence of lakes and playa lakes has persisted for over 3 million years. At the same time, sediments eroded from the growing Santa Rosa Mountains and other Peninsular Ranges to spread east into the Trough. It is these sediments that provide an almost unbroken terrestrial fossil record, ending only a half million years ago. Here, the deposits of ancient streams and rivers trapped the remains of wildlife that inhabited a vast brushland savannah laced with riparian woodlands.

#### Fossils

This record of changing environments and habitats includes over 550 types of fossil plants and animals, ranging from preserved microscopic plant pollen and algae spores to baleen whale bones and mammoth skeletons. Many of the species are extinct and some are known only from fossil remains recovered from this Park. Combined with a long and complete sedimentary depositional sequence, these diverse fossil assemblages are an unparalleled paleontologic resource of international importance. Both the Pliocene-Pleistocene Epoch boundary and the Blancan-Irvingtonian North American Land Mammal Ages boundary fall within the long geological record from the Anza-Borrego Desert. Environmental changes associated with these geological time divisions are probably better tracked by fossils from Anza-Borrego than in any other North American continental platform strata. These changes herald the beginning of the Ice Ages, and the strata contain fossil

clues to the origin and development of modern southwestern desert landscapes. The first fossils, marine shells from the ancient Sea of Cortez and fresh water shells from a prehistoric era Lake Cahuilla, precursor of present day Salton Sea, were collected and described by William Blake in 1853. Blake was the geologist and mineralogist for the Pacific Railroad Surveys commissioned by Congress and President Franklin Pierce to find a railway route to the Pacific. It was Blake who first named this region the Colorado Desert.

#### Marine period

Since the late 19th century, numerous scientific studies and published papers have centered on the marine organisms that inhabited the ancient Sea of Cortez. Fossil assemblages from the classic 'Imperial Formation' include calcareous nanoplankton and dinoflagellates, foraminifera, corals, polychaetes, clams, gastropods, sea urchins, and sand dollars, and crabs and shrimp. The deposits also yield the remains of marine vertebrates such as sharks and rays, bony fish, baleen whale, walrus, and dugong. Marine environments such as outer and inner shelf, platform reef, and near shore beach and lagoon are all represented within the 'Imperial Formation.' As the sea shallowed, estuarine and brackish marine conditions prevailed, typified by thick channel deposits of oyster and pecten shell coquina that now form the "Elephant Knees" along Fish Creek. Many of the marine fossils are closely related to forms from the Caribbean Sea. They document a time before the isthmus of Panama formed, when the warm Gulf Stream of the western Atlantic invaded eastern Pacific Ocean waters.

#### Terrestrial period:

As North and South America connected about 3 million years ago, terrestrial faunal north-south migrations began on a continental scale called the Great American Biotic Interchange, and are present in Anza-Borrego's fossils. Animals like giant ground sloths and porcupines made their first appearance in North America at this time. The oldest terrestrial vertebrate fossils from the Colorado Desert predate the late Miocene invasion of the Sea of Cortez. These very rare fossils, which include a gomphothere (elephant-like mammal), rodent, felid and

small camelid, and were collected from 10-12 million year old riverine and near shore lake deposits. However, the most significant and abundant vertebrate fossils have been recovered from the latest Miocene through late-Pleistocene riverine and flood plane deposits of the Palm Spring Formation in the Vallecito and Fish Creek Badlands and Ocotillo Conglomerate exposed in the Borrego Badlands. These fossil assemblages occur in a 3.5 million year long uninterrupted stratigraphic sequence that has been dated using horizons of volcanic ash and paleomagnetic methods.

The bestiary for this savannah landscape reads like a "who's - who" for some of the most unique creatures to inhabit North America - animals such as: *Geochelone*, a giant bathtub-sized tortoise; *Aiolornis incredibilis*, the largest flying bird of the northern hemisphere, with 17-foot (5.2 m) wing span; *Paramylodon*, *Megalonyx* and *Nothrotheriops*, giant ground sloths, some with bony armor within their skin; *Pewelagus*, a very small rabbit (paleontologists can name with a sense of humor); *Borophagus*, a hyena-like dog; *Acrtodus*, a giant short-faced bear; *Smilodon*, a saber-toothed cat; *Miracinonyx*, the North American cheetah; *Mammuthus imperator*, the largest known mammoth; *Tapirus*, an extinct tapir; *Equus enormis* and *Equus scotti*, two species of extinct Pleistocene horse; *Gigantocamelus* a giant camel; and *Capromeryx*, the dwarf pronghorn. Morteros, bedrock mortar grinding holes, in the Indian Hill area.

#### Future:

Although paleontological exploration of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park has stepped firmly into the 21st century with the application of GIS and computer assisted analyses to field surveys and resource management, many questions still remain as new fossils are discovered. Expanding the detail and clarity of the paleontological view of the region's past and improving understanding of its significance is ongoing.

#### Native Americans:

The Native Americans of the Anza-Borrego mountains and deserts included the Cahuilla, Cupeño, Diegueño, and Kumeyaay Indian tribes. It was the homeland of these peoples for thousands of years, and their artists created petroglyph and pictographic "Rock art" expressing

# 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.

## Yuma Area Excursion (M.O.E.)

**3/11/11 - 3/14/11**  
**Leaders: Messersmith/Taylor**

This is planned to be a four day base camp set up in the long term visitor area just out of town. Campers, trailers, motor homes and tents will work well in this area. To accommodate travelers outside of Kingman, our caravan meeting area will be at the Indian Casino parking lot in Parker, AZ at 10:00 a.m. on Friday the 11th. It may also be easier for some travelers from the California area to meet us at the I-10 & AZ95 junction at Quartzsite at approximately 10:45 a.m.

We plan to visit some of the historic places in and around Yuma as well as make a day trip into Picahe State Recreation Area in California where we will get to see some of the old mining history. We'll also get to visit some Colorado River camp sites generally only accessible by boats as Dick knows some land routes in. Dutch oven cooking and great bull sessions around a campfire are a promise. We hope you can join us for this southern Arizona adventure.

Please let us know if you will join us at Parker or Quartzsite and give us your cell phone number. If you would like to go join us this trip, please RSVP via e-mail to Dan dmess@ctaz.com or Dick dickandmouse@aol.com



# Rendezvous

**April 1 -3**  
**Desert Explorers**



## Willow Beach Camp Out and Day Trips (M.O.E.)

**4/8 - 4/11**  
**Leaders: Messersmith/Taylor**

The new Willow Beach Campground on the Colorado River south of Hoover Dam should be finished and ready for our visit. RVs, Truck Campers, and Tents are welcome. We'll verify what services are available as soon as possible and get the word out. We'll plan on day trips on the 9th and 10th. More information to follow.

If you would like to go join us this trip, please RSVP via e-mail to Dan dmess@ctaz.com or Dick dickandmouse@aol.com. Please indicate if you will be camping or doing one or both day trips.



# Utah

**May 13-15**  
**Leader: Emmett Harder**  
**CB: 13**

Meet on Friday at Best Western in Mesquite Nevada.

Leave early Saturday; form up in Leeds Utah.

Go into the back country and explore the locations of Mountain Meadows and routes used by the participants.

Stay in Enterprise, Utah Saturday night and visit the massacre site Sunday.



# 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 camp ground. 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.

## Directions to Wickers

In Claremont go north on Indian Hill Blvd. past Foothill Blvd. At the third break in the median (counting from Foothill) turn left into the entrance to Griswold's townhomes. You will see a set of three gates connected to an ivy-covered wall and tile-roofed townhomes.

From the I-210 eastbound the closest exit is Towne Ave. Then south (right) on Towne to Foothill, (left) on Foothill to Indian Hill.

From the I-210 westbound get off at Baseline and go west on Baseline to Indian Hill Blvd. Turn left (south), Approach the northern-most gate at the entrance. Stop there, and at the keyboard punch 037. (There is a directory) That will ring Allan's phone, and he will answer and open the gate from his phone.

Once the gate opens, pass through it turning right immediately. Then follow the street until the first left opportunity. Turn left and again left at the next opportunity. Park in any available parking area - not along the curb. The 1430 on the side of the house should be visible from the street.

Walk up the driveway, and follow the sidewalk to the house entrance. Desperation calls for assistance (909) 445-0082.

If you would like to go join us this trip, please RSVP via email to Dan dmess@ctaz.com or Dick dickandmouse@aol.com

## Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade in Torrey, UT

(M.O.E.)

6/28/11 - 7/3/11

Leaders: Messersmith/Taylor

This would 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 early date is to travel up on June 28th and camp in our RV's somewhere outside of town that evening. On Wednesday, we would check into an RV park in town for our base-camp. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we would do day trip excursions in the backcountry around Torrey. On Saturday the 2nd, we will take in the full day of events including the town parade. That evening, if we have the energy, we might take in the town dance. Our return trip home would be on Sunday, July 3th. This is designed to be an RV trip, but 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 dmess@ctaz.com or Dick dickandmouse@aol.com

<http://video.mpt.tv/video/1436643442>

### Next Meeting

Saturday, April 23  
11:00 a.m. Potluck  
Allan & Ding Wickers'  
1430 Sitka  
Claremont, CA  
Phone 909-445-0082

## Tales of Tecopa:

**A Memoir of a Frontier Mining Town by Mary Lou Walbergh, Pacific Slope Press, an imprint of Alamar Media, Inc., Santa Ynez, California. \$10.00**

From Anne Stoll

This little gem of a book opens with a mystery – when was it published!? Looks like a new release, however the front page is blank and our author never says. But otherwise every page of this little volume bares its souls to tell the whole story of hardscrabble village of Tecopa in the 1930s and '40s. The operative word in the title is "memoir," as the stories revolve around the life of Jim Francis, the author's troubled father, who buys 320 acres of prime Tecopa real estate as a survival move during the Depression and builds a popular general store and saloon there. The author's perspective as a little girl in this man's world gives a sweet sense of innocence and nostalgia to her tales of rough-and-tumble times when a miner would drink a case of beer in a single afternoon and this girl's best friend was a lame burro. I found this delightful little tome while browsing the gift shop at China Ranch, but expect it's for sale at other DE haunts. It's small but all 76 pages deliver. We are treated to stories of some classic desert characters like Rex Bell, Uncle Billy Rogers, Bill Greer, and Old Man Noon and for an added bonus there are a few amazing old photos, including one of Tecopa Hot Springs from 1961. Desert Explorers will recognize many spots such as Resting Springs and China Ranch, described as they were before they became the way we know them today. A great addition to your desert book library and likely a limited imprint – look for it!

## Minutes

By Jean Hansen

Neal & Marian's House

Saturday, February 12, 2011

PRESENT:

Vicki Hill, Dave McFarland, Debbie Miller-Marschke, Mal & Jean Roode, Ted Kalil, Neal & Marian Johns, Emmett & Ruth Harder, Sunny & Jean Hansen.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Marian Johns and Vicki Hill

REGRETS:

1. Marilyn Martin – her computer crashed and today was the day for purchasing a new one.
2. Allan & Ding Wicker – Allan is ill and cannot attend.
3. Steve Marschke
4. Bob Jacoby
5. Nan Savage – Nan was injured while riding a horse and suffered severe injuries, including a crushed elbow and a hip broken in 2 places. Get well soon, Nan!

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES:

There were no corrections to the previous minutes. Emmett Harder motioned to accept the minutes as written, Dave McFarland seconded that motion. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

Membership:

Neal passed on the statistics from Marilyn Martin as follows: We have 95 or 96 paid subscriptions, with 11 members late.

Newsletter:

No report

Treasurer:

We have \$3,119.00 in the treasury.

Website:

Debbie informed us that she had renewed desertexplorers.org for 5 years, so we'd be in no danger of losing it to piracy. Bob Jacoby has already paid for this renewal. Debbie also received the invoice for the server deposit, which is \$100.00 per year and forwarded that to Bob also. She noted that desertexplorers.com is due to "roll over" on April 24 and that she will make an effort to be home on that date so that she can grab it if the pirates don't renew it. She may use one of the many services available for this purpose. Debbie last updated the website on February 10.

Museum:

No report.

Trips and other events:

Mal Roode passed around his trip list:

1. February 11-14 – M.O.E. Southeastern NV day trip – Leader – Dan Messersmith
2. February 19 – Piute Mountains Wilderness – Leader – Mal Roode
3. March 11 – 14 – M.O.E. Yuma Area Excursion
4. April 1 – 3 – Annual Rendezvous
5. April 11 – M.O.E. Willow Beach Campout and Day Trips
6. May 14-15 – Mountain Meadows Massacre site – Leader Emmett Harder
7. May 19-23 – M.O.E. Bradshaw Mountains Exploration
8. June 28-July 3 – M.O.E. Old Fashioned 4th of July in Torrey, UT – Leader Dan Messersmith
9. August 17-22 – M.O.E. Kaibab Plateau High-Country Camp
10. September 18-24 – M.O.E. Arizona Strip – Poverty Camp  
Tentatively Planned Trips:

1. San Andreas Fault #2 (Carrizo Plain) – Leaders Bob Jacoby and Nan Savage

2. March or April - Bishop Rock Art – Leader – Ann Fulton

3. Tentative June - Base Camp Nevada – Leaders – Bill & Barbara Gossett  
Rendezvous:

Possible locations for next year's Rendezvous were discussed:

1. Debbie Miller-Marschke wrote a letter to the Goffs Board of Directors, requesting the use of Goffs by the Desert Explorers for their annual Rendezvous. They responded on January 9, with approval of our request with conditions as follows:

- a. A maximum of 75 attendees would be allowed; if there were to be more, we would have to re-negotiate.
- b. The Desert Explorers would be required to distribute a list of rules to be provided by the Goffs Board of Directors.
- c. RV hookups to electricity would be available, accompanied by a donation.
- d. Comply with insurance requirements.

We all agreed that Goffs would be a wonderful place for a Rendezvous, but we need more time to comply with the requirements. Debbie has agreed to coordinate this with the Goffs Board of Directors for next year's Rendezvous. In this way, we will be able to fully comply in a timely manner with their requirements.

2. Vicki Hill visited Borrego Springs, in Anza Borrego State Park and presented a very favorable report on the possible facilities there, including the Palm Canyon Resort and the Holiday Home Park. Possible dates for the Rendezvous were discussed and April 1 – 3 were chosen as the optimum dates. Emmett Harder motioned that this year's Rendezvous be held at Borrego Springs, Neal Johns seconded that motion. Motion passed. At this point, Emmett Harder made another motion, that motion being if Borrego Springs falls through, for some reason, such as the date being unavailable, then the group will hold the Rendezvous in Shoshone. This motion was voted upon and passed. Vicki said that she will make another trip down there next week to

gather more information.

3. Vicki said that she will need assistance in coordinating with the caterer. Ted Kalil volunteered to do this.

4. Jean Roode offered to be the Rendezvous registration coordinator.

5. Silent Auction – at last year's Christmas party, Bob Jaussaud and Steve Miller-Marschke volunteered to coordinate the Silent Auction.

6. Vicki also noted that trips will be needed. Neal & Marian volunteered to lead a trip, day TBD.

Other Business:

1. Debbie Miller-Marschke said that Mignon Slentz informed her of a nice possible Rendezvous site in Arizona.

2. Neal Johns regretfully informed us that he and Marilyn Martin will be resigning as newsletter editors. He noted that the next newsletter after the Rendezvous could be done in Microsoft Word. The post of newsletter editor is open for volunteers. Thank you so much, Marilyn and Neal for your tireless work on behalf of the Desert Explorers!

Desert Explorer Ham List	
Janet Austin	-----Diamond Bar - KF6FZE
Pete Austin	-----Diamond Bar - KF6FZD
Bill Baird	-----Yucaipa - KF7VE
Trudy Baird	-----Yucaipa KD6NRY
Craig Baker	-----Sylmar - KC6KRR
Bruce Barnett	-----Brea - KD6BOY
David Bullock	-----Los Angeles - N3CUE
Jim Byrne	-----Kingman - KE6RFR
Herb Clark	-----Mission Viejo - KF6EAU
Joseph A. Daly	-----Saugus - KG6GCW
Joe de Kehoe	-----Bakersfield - KJ6HKZ
Barbara Gossett	-----Ridgecrest - KI6YLR
Bill Gossett	-----Ridgecrest - KI6YLQ
Axel Heller	---Huntington Beach - KG6DII
Ted Kalil	-----Apple Valley - KG6AIT
Church Lahmeyer	-----Calif. City - AF6GT
Jay Lawrence	-----Long Beach - KI6KAV
Homer Meek	-----Torrance - K6HKT
Carl Noah	-----Lake Forest - AB7KD
Nancy Noah	-----Lake Forest - AE6XL
Jim Proffitt	-----Garden Grove - WB6FXG
Don Putnam	-----Barstow - KC6SMI
Malcolm Roode	-----Highland - KF6GZH
Cyrus Sarange	-----Anaheim - KF6SME
Ed Steiner	-----Irvine - AF6RE
Bob Thille	-----West Hill - KF6OWH
Brad Thompson	-----Valencia - KA6UED
Betty Wallin	--Desert Hot Springs - KD6CY
Al Walter	-----San Diego - KG6SGM
Bob Younger	-----Santa Barbara - N6VMN

## Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held Saturday, April 23, at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Allan & Ding Wicker. As always, this will be a pot-luck.

## Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

# Member Doings

## Marilyn Martin, Editor

Neal told everyone at the meeting Feb. 12 I was absent because my computer had crashed and the new one was to be delivered that Sat. That was only partially correct. Not only did my computer crash,

but the fancy box that was supposed to do the back-up also was destroyed. The new hard drive did not fix the problem. All records were gone including the newsletter program and Desert Explorers' roster. Oh woe was me! Not only that all my digital photos, addresses, e-mail etc. You get the picture. No matter what I did the screen was blank.

Finally on Feb. 17 my son, bless him, was able to at least get the d\_\_\_\_\_d thing to work well enough that Neal and I could do the newsletter. As much as Neal and I were concerned the newsletter couldn't have been out any earlier anyway as Vicki had not sent the rendezvous information.

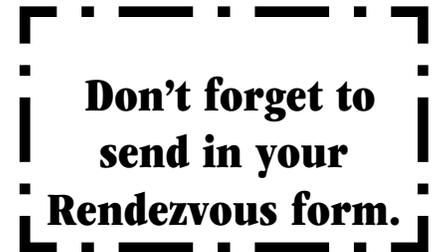
Luckily I had a roster on a different computer. Neal also told those at the

meeting he and I wish to retire as Editor/Membership Chairman and Assistant Editor.

## We need a volunteer!

Both Neal and I will volunteer to act as proof-readers. Give Marian a call 909-887-1549 if you think you would like the job of editor.

This newsletter may not be perfect and make look a little different, but believe me, Neal and I have done our best all things considered.



## CURRENT DESERT EXPLORERS WITH E-MAIL

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**Saloon @ Castle Dome Mine Museum**

We have not received a trip report for the Quartzsite trip but wanted to share these photos anyway.

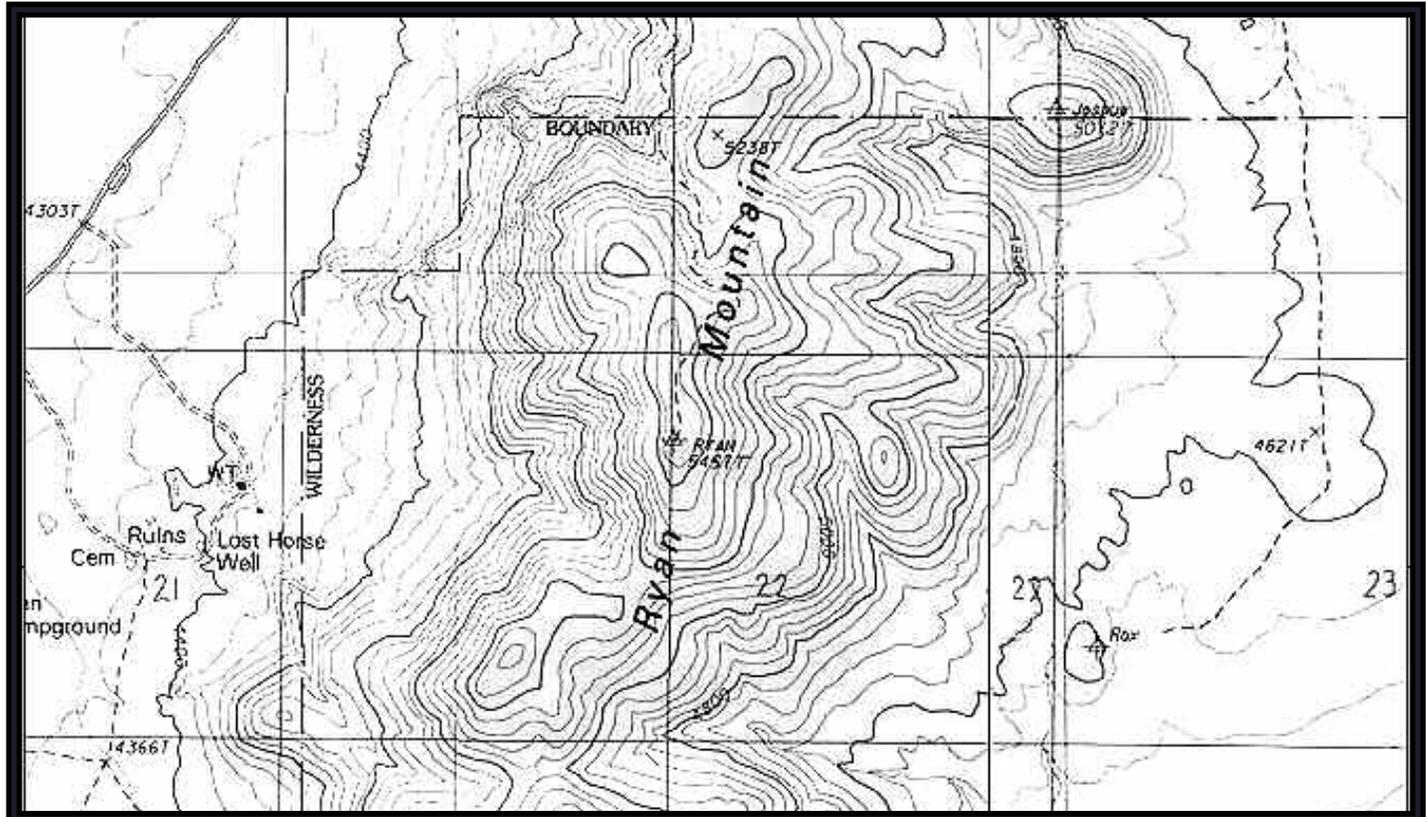


**Cibola**

## Where am I?

Here are the Solution and winners for February: North of Winterhaven/Yuma/ Interstate 8, on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation. Winners: Allan Schoenherr, Beverly and Gene Stoops, James Proffitt, Bob Thille, Mal Roode.

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](mailto: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"



# RENDEZVOUS REGISTRATION FORM

## APRIL 1-3, 2011

All names in party

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Registration Fee (Per vehicle)	\$10.00 X _____	= \$ _____
Saturday Night Dinner		
Number of Adult Meals	\$ 20.00 X _____	= \$ _____
Children's meals (under 12)	\$ 13.00 X _____	= \$ _____
Grand Total (Registration, Meals)		= \$ _____

**Make check out to MRVM (MOJAVE RIVER VALLEY MUSEUM). Mail to Bob Jacoby, 2245 Wellesley Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90064, by March 15. NO REFUNDS. INCLUDE A SASE (Self-Addressed-Stamped Envelope)!!**

**You must be a member of the MRVM to go on any trip.**

**Don't forget a dish to share for the Friday potluck.**

**Something for the Silent Auction?**

**Make your own reservations at the resort of your choice (See newsletter).**

## Desert Explorers Trip Schedule

Feb. 19-20	Piute Mts.	Roode
Apr. 1-3	<b>Rendezvous</b>	DE
May 14	Museum BBQ	MRVM
May 13-15	Utah	Harder

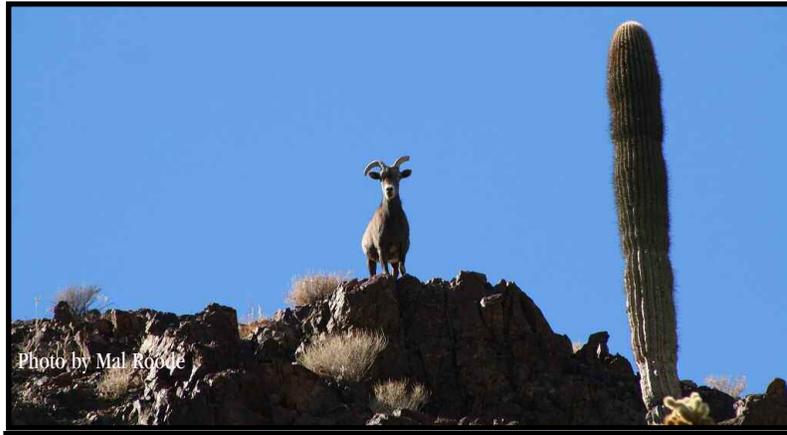


Photo by Mal Roode

### Castle Dome Area Quartzsite Trip

## M.O.E. Trip Schedule

March 11-14	Yuma	Messersmith/Taylor
April 8-11	Willow Beach	Messersmith/Taylor
May 19-23	Prescott	Messersmith/Taylor
Jun. 28 - July 3	Torrey UT	Messersmith/Taylor

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### General Trip Information

- The Mojave River Valley Museum has two sections (groups) that explore the desert environment (Museum membership required):
  - The Desert Explorers, who use 4WD vehicles and cover the Southwestern states and Mexico/Baja, camping out wherever nightfall catches them. The trips are led by numerous experienced Desert Explorers subscribers. The Desert Explorers newsletter is available for \$20 a year.
  - The Mojave River Explorers, who establish a base camp in the Mojave desert, usually with motorhomes and trailers, and make daily 4WD/2WD sorties, attempting to find seats for those without 4WD vehicles, returning to camp each night. The trips are led by experienced Museum members who, collectively, have spent decades learning the hidden wonders of the Mojave. Their newsletter is available for \$7/year from editor and Field Trip Leaders Richard and Lori Shapel 760-254-3897.
- You **MUST** be a member of the Mojave River Valley Museum to attend a trip. Membership applications are included in every newsletter.
- When you join a trip, you agree to abide by the decisions and directives of the leader throughout the trip or until such time as you inform the leader that you are leaving the group to proceed on your own. The leader may, if his decisions or directives are not followed, inform a participant that his participation in the trip is terminated.
- The Desert Explorers is a family oriented 4WD organization. Spouses and kids are welcome. Friendly dogs are OK as specified below. Trips will meet and depart from somewhere near the trip route, usually not from the Museum.
- To receive the Desert Explorers' Newsletter, send \$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. It's a good idea to monitor it whenever you are driving so that other members can contact you should they spot your vehicle on the road.

Weekend Trips: There is normally one major trip each month. This will be the trip on which you can look around and find old friends, new friends, collect debts, flirt with other wives/husbands and lie about other trips. There may be another trip during the month for people who have time for it or can't make the main trip. The purpose of all this is to generate more coherence as a group and get everybody to know everybody. We stole this idea from the Mojave River Explorers. Don't forget their fixed-camp trips on the first weekend of the month.

Trip Coordinator: 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:

- The leader is responsible for sending the trip announcement and trip report to the newsletter editor. The write-ups should be detailed enough so the participants will know what to expect and, if possible, have enough information in it so that a SASE is not necessary. (See the ones in this issue for examples.)
- Try not to schedule trips on the first weekend of the month. This weekend is used regularly by the Mojave River Explorers for their outings.
- Try not to use a reservation system or vehicle limits unless absolutely necessary. This will save paperwork for everyone. Request a SASE if necessary for sending out further trip details, meeting place, time, etc.
- Support your other leaders' trips (by attending) or the Trail Gods will get you.
- Maximum loss (vehicles or people) is 10% per trip.
- Leaders, please put your CB channel 13 (or other channel if circumstances prevent using Desert Explorers' channel 13) in your trip write-up.

### Dog Policy:

Dogs can become a problem in camp mainly because of the large number of them and the sometimes blind eye of their humans. Therefore, and forevermore we will have a Dog Policy so that shy leaders will not have to make ad hoc policy.

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

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