

Upcoming Rallies

[March to May, so far]

Salton Sea
Descanso Gardens
Glass Creek/June Lakes
Long Beach Pride



Newsletter

March - May 2008

Send news items, tripnotes, tales-of-the-trip, etc. to editor: rogervorst@att.net



Salton Sea from Mecca Beach



A great turnout at Quartzsite...



with our Canadian neighbors, eh?

Membership runs annually from January to December

In Memoriam

Traveling Our Way is saddened to announce that John Starcher passed away earlier this year. A memorial service was held at the Rainbow Acres Park in Quartzsite, Arizona, at the home of Mark Mitchell, on January 19th, 2008, during the Quartzsite Rally weekend.

New Club E-mail Address

You might have noticed that club notices are coming from a new email address. Starting immediately, TOW's new email address will be towmembers@gmail.com. In the past the old TOW email address has been attached to my primary email address at Cox. This new email address has been set up so when I'm no longer performing TOW duties the email account will be independent of my Cox account. -Dennis

Keeper of the Lists Needed

2008 will be the last year that Dennis Staub will be maintaining the TOW Membership List, TOW Yahoo Group site and the TOW email. TOW will be needing someone who can cover these duties and will require a knowledge of Excel, approving messages posted on the TOW Yahoo Group site and answering/sending email to TOW members. If you would like to take over these duties, let any of the TOW officers

New Host for TOW website

There was a problem with the company that used to host our website, so Traveling Our Way has moved its site to a company called Host Rocket. The change-over is complete and members should be able to connect to our site just like they have before: <http://www.travelingourway.org>. If you have any problems or see errors in the website, please contact the webmaster at rogervv@att.net and hopefully it will be solved

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from Jan. to Dec.**

New Photos Online

There are some new photo galleries on the TOW website as well as some other small changes to the look of the site. Additional photo galleries will be added if and when pictures are made available to the editor/webmaster.

-The Editor/Webmaster



Salton Sea Adventure at Mecca Beach

March 14, 15, 16, 2008

Come visit the beautiful Salton Sea the best time of the year. The prevailing North East winds blow across the campground and over the sea.

We will have treed spaces for tents and RV's. The campground is the Mecca Beach campground. Located 30 miles south of Indio on highway 111. This is an easy 3-hour drive from Los Angeles down highway 10 to 111.

Come explore lost oasis, hike in narrow canyons, visit the slab city and hike by the Sea. Perhaps visit the volcanic action at the mud pots. There is plenty of adventure around the Salton Sea.

We have 10 campsites for both tents and RV's. Each site has trees on both sides. So there is mottled shade. It is dry camping for RV's but there are showers and flush toilets at the campsite. There is a sanitary dump and water available at the park just north of Mecca.

For costs and reservations contact Lou Shea at 323-663-3886 or E-Mail sheashay@att.net.



Descanso Garden Pot Luck Brunch

Join us at the Descanso Gardens picnic area for brunch on Sunday, May 25, at 9 AM. Following the brunch, those wishing may join us in the gardens for a beautiful tour and stroll about the grounds.

At one time the property of the newspaper magnate E. Manchester Boddy (who owned the Los Angeles Daily News), he ran a commercial Camellia garden at this location (supplying prom boutonnieres, for example) until he ceded the site to Los Angeles County in 1953.

Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Dr, La Canada Flintridge, CA. From the 210 Fwy, exit at Angeles Crest Hwy and go south to Foothill Blvd. Turn right onto Foothill then left onto Verdugo Blvd. Turn left at the Alta Canada Rd/Descanso Dr intersection and follow the road to the parking lot.

Quartzsite Review

The Quartzsite trip this year was a blast, as usual. Fewer folks showed up for the TOW rally, but then fewer people showed up at Quartzsite this year, period. The rising cost of fuel is no doubt part of the reason behind that.

The first few to caravan there from further south at the Salton Sea arrived on Wednesday, January 16th to find that a couple others were coming in on that same day. That first night had 6 rigs in residence. No potluck by the fire that night, the wind had picked up and it was not very pleasant.

The next day was warm and sunny however, and the days that followed just got better and better. The moon was near full and was extremely bright the entire weekend, lasting until just before the sun came up each morning.

The “official” count of rigs on Saturday the 19th was 41, with a few more showing up later in the evening, so the final count for the weekend was somewhere nearer 45.

The potlucks were great (no one can put on a potluck like “family” can), the dogs were all friendly, the town and the traffic wasn’t quite as packed as usual and there were many days of off-roading (2 and 4-wheel both) by a handful of those attending. If you didn’t make it this year, we missed you, and if you’ve never been there before, you owe it to yourself to see what fun a really large gathering of us can be like. See you all next year!



CALLING ALL TOW MEMBERS

Is there a special trip/event/campout you’d like to see happen? Is there a favorite place that you yourself like to RV, one that the TOW group hasn’t gone to in awhile (or ever)? Would you like to both be more popular AND give a little something back to the group?

Then consider being a host for that event/rally/campout that you have in mind. It’s fun, it’s easy and you’ll have lots of help from the other TOW members to make it happen.

Simply think of a spot you’d like to visit, or an event you’d like to see happen, and then contact one of our members listed in this newsletter. We’ll be glad to give you the benefit of our experience and help you in becoming an accomplished event host.

Events can be as large as the one we have annually at Quartzsite, or as small and intimate as an over-nighter at your favorite RV park/campground, or even a stopover at a TOW members’ property. “Limited to the first 5 people who call” is an easy way to keep things manageable.

And when the occasion calls for it the TOW fund, made possible by your annual dues, is available to help make events happen, subject to prior approval. So c’mon, what are you waiting for? Be a host and make something great happen!



The Arizona desert, an RV show and men ready for off roading!

MARCH

Daylight Savings Starts _____ March 9
 St. Patrick's Day _____ March 17
 Salton Sea Adventure _____ March 14 - 16
 1st Day of Spring _____ March 19

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APRIL

April Fool's Day _____ April 1
 Passover _____ April 20 - 26
 Earth Day _____ April 22

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MAY

May Day _____ May 1
 Cinco de Mayo _____ May 5
 Mother's Day _____ May 11
 Descanso Gardens _____ May 25
 Memorial Day _____ May 26
 Rocky Point, Mexico _____ after Quartzsite-?
 Leap Year _____ Feb. 29

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