

2017 Four Wheel Campers So Cal Rally & Campout

You've asked for something different, so we are doing it this year !

Come out and join us and some other FWC owners for a relaxing weekend in the desert.

Location: Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Area -- www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/ocotillowells

Dates: Nov. 10th – 12th, 2017

Cost: FREE --- (Just bring some food to share for the potlucks) 😊

Attending from the factory in Woodland will probably be Stan Kennedy & Michael Olds, Jason Villalobos from American RV Company (our Southern California dealer) will be there, and also the world famous Jim Massopust to help us manage the event.

Feel free to bring your off-road toys: ATV's, Motorcycles, Razors, Jeeps & Samurais if you want. Ocotillo Wells has many trails suitable for your truck & camper too.

We are keeping it "Simple and Easy" for everyone. If you've been there before you know the camping is free. The problem with hosting a desert rally - there is no place to plug in Stan's coffee pots !!!

Well, Ocotillo SVRA has changed all that with a place they call the "Main Street Event Center" click on the link and review the first two pages of the "Blow Sand Reader" - http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/25010/files/blowsand-reader-jan-feb_2014.pdf

Main Street Event Center Amenities

- *Cement picnic tables with large shade Ramadas
- *Central fire pit for bonfires
- *One large and two smaller barbecues with serving tables
- *Night lighting and electrical outlets
- *Adjacent Building with showers, restrooms, and dish washing sink
- *Room to park 50 – 75 pop-up truck campers

Directions to get there:

First the map of the General area: http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1219

Coming from the north...Interstate 15 has less weekend traffic than I-5. Highway 76 from I-15 east, is a two lane narrow, twisty road that goes by at least one casino. Highway 78 is wider, goes through Escondido and two small towns (Ramona and Santa Isabel) with slower speeds.

Towing an Off-road Toy:

When you review the map you will note that highway 78 runs up a mountain through 1875 gold rush town "Julian", (site of the 2015 Rally). If your pulling a trailer or flat towing a vehicle you will want to turn left at "Santa Isabel" onto Highway 79 and bypass Julian and the very narrow, steep, "Banner pass grade road" (down the mountain).

Santa Isabel features a grocery store, restaurant and famous pie shop. Pick up a pie or two for the pot luck - yummmmm!

Proceed about 8 miles or so on Highway 79 toward Warner Springs and Temecula. Turn right on "San Felipe Road ("S2") towards "Borrego Springs". Just before the turn-off is a "electrical transfer station" on your right, which makes "S2" easier to find at night.

DON'T take the Borrego Springs turn to the left (about 3 miles south of the intersection)...Stay on "S2". This is a wide fairly straight road with gentle curves that is excellent for vehicles pulling trailers. After about 16 miles, "S2" intersects with Highway 78. (Scissors Crossing). Turn left East). Proceed 20 miles to "Ocotillo SVRA Discovery Center" which will be on your left.

Time from Santa Isabel cross-roads to Scissors crossing - 30 minutes

The address of the Ocotillo Wells SVRA "Discovery Center":

5172 Highway 78, Borrego Springs, CA 92004. Phone 760-767-5393.

At the Discovery Center you can pick up free Visitors Guide, brochure on Main Street facility, and a colored map showing the areas to ride your ATV's, motorcycles, 4x4 Jeeps and trucks. Or if you call they will mail them to you.

The "Main Street Event Facility" is one mile east of the Discovery Center also on Highway 78. Turn left on Main Street. The "Event facility" is about 500 yards on your left. Look for the "Four Wheel Camper Banner".

The weekend events and what to expect:

Four Wheel Camper has decided to reserve the Center for the weekend and provide it to you for FREE.

No plans needed, no pre-sign up hassles, wander in & out as you please.

Though if you want a Rally T-shirt ... Then you will have to email Sonam at the factory in Woodland sonam@fourwh.com and give her your shirt size and number in your party so Stan will know how many shirts to bring.

Four Wheel Campers will provide snacks, appetizers, soft drinks, beer, and wine to supplement what we bring.

There will be potlucks both Friday night and Saturday. Bring your favorite dish to share. Just bring enough for the number of people in your group.

This is a break for Stan & Jason so they won't be cooking breakfast and lunch... though if you know Stan... he may surprise us and bring his grill and do it anyway.

Itinerary:

Friday:

Pick a place to camp and set up...Lots of room to do that...surrounding the facility.

No Registration table – pick up your shirt (If you reserved it from Sonam) from your FWC volunteer owner-Ambassador – RC Pilot Jim. He will be the old guy with the clip board, in back of the sandwich board “Registration-sign” surrounded by shirt boxes sitting in the shade of a Ramada “sippin a brew”.

Bring a chair and hang out or go explore.

4pm – 5 pm cocktails

5pm – 7 pm Potluck

7pm to when-ever Fire pit

Saturday:

6:00 am to 4 PM – Free time to explore the park. Bring hats and Lots of water. Find someone to “roll” with.

Anyone interested in being Trail Master??

4pm – 5 pm cocktails

5pm – 7 pm Potluck

7pm to when-ever Fire-pit

Sunday:

Enjoy your day – Most people will have breakfast, and head out in the morning. Some customer are planning to extend their trip out into the desert for a couple extra days, so you might be able to head out with them if you wish. (After bouncing around for a few days, RC Pilot Jim is going over to “Aqua Caliente” and soak in the hot springs.)