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THE FOUR LETTER WORD

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Wagon Master:	Mynor Moreno	
El Mirage Liaison	TBD	
CA4WDC Delegate	TBD	
Historian	Montego	

APRIL 2021

WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH

ZOOM MEETING

April 9, 2021 @ 07:30 PM

April Runs: Vehicle Check: April 10th
10AM @ Snoopy & Snoopette's house
Cleghorn: April 23rd-25th
El Mirage: April 30th-May 2nd

Mailing Address:

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As a member, if your Birthday, Membership or Anniversary is not mentioned, please contact Gary Vargas (the Editor) to update the records.

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Memberships Anniversaries

Weddings/Partnerships

Members in Memoriam

EDITOR'S NOTE: This newsletter belongs to the club. Any items you may want to include are welcomed! The following are some topic ideas I'd like to start covering in the newsletter:

Build info and updates; Install issues and solutions; Upgrade questions; Your personal and/or club trip reports; Traveling to destinations of historical significance or natural beauty that required your expertise in the art of 4 Wheeling to arrive at said destinations. This should also include maps, GPS coordinates and trip specific neccisities.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET... PICTURES of the aforementioned topics will help immensely!

Besides, how else are we supposed to make fun of how you broke your rig?

Contact the Newsletter Editor: SensibleOffroad@gmail.com

Club Website: <http://www.roughwheelers.com>



The Roughwheelers IV Wheel Drive Club

Minutes from the March 12, 2021

Zoom and Redondo Beach Living Spaces Parking Lot Meeting

MEMBERS: Stanly Lykins, Sandy and Keith Graham, Gary and Angie Vargas, Mynor Moreno, Dave Weston, Andrew Steffy, Bruce Ward

Via Zoom: Snoopy and Toni Telenko, Allen Thomen, Karen and Jim Leamon Tuvia Pomerantz, Noel Park and Delia Crochetiere

GUESTS: Terry Grimsley, Brian and Stacy Keown

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY: None this month.

REPORTS:

- **PRESIDENT:** Present - None
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Present - None
- **SECRETARY:** Present - None
- **TREASURER:** Present - \$1269.04 in the checking account. Checks are in the mail. If we haven't received dues by the end of the month of March will not receive newsletter. Doesn't know how much money will be available.
- **EDITOR:** Present - If anyone wants the email version of the newsletter only, let Gary know
- **SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Present - None
- **SAFETY CHAIRMAN:** Present – “Is flakey as a French pastry” and saw the safety kit for the first time tonight. He will not be attending Rainbow Basin
- **WAGONMASTER:** Present – Next run is to Rainbow basin. Sam to potentially Wagon Master.
- **EL MIRAGE LIASION:** TBD - Mynor would like to be considered to be the El Mirage Liaison
- **CA4WDC DELEGATE:** Karen is the Cal 4 rep and posted the meeting in the Newsletter
- **HISTORIAN:** Not Present

MARCH MEETING TRIP REPORTS

Report on Cougar Buttes from Mynor.

AWARDS

- **ACE DRIVER:** Not awarded
- **MASTER MECHANIC:** Not awarded
- **BACK SEAT DRIVER:** Gary for riding passenger with Frank
- **PHYLLIS DILLER:** Andrew for leaving Kona Brewing beer can behind.
- **PRINCESS:** Not awarded

OLD BUSINESS

Cal4 check was cashed and Reason for delay was discussed.

Motion to make a donation to Cal4 from Snoopy seconded from Keith, and amended to include a \$500 donation voted 9 to 9 with tie breaker vote by the president. An additional motion to direct the money to the legal fund Passed Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

When can we start having meetings in the clubhouse? Andrew will follow up with Montego.

Will the club participate in HDR? Still up in the air.

The vehicle check will be tentatively moved to May 15

No Tech Talk

GUESTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT STATUS

NAME	MEETING	RUN/EVENTS
Gary Neese	1/2019 4/2019	5/2019 – El Mirage OHV Recreation Area
Jed Douglas	7/2019	
Eric Hymouritz	8/2020	
Mike Costigan	8/2020 11/2020	
Brian & Stacy Keown	8/2020 9/2020 10/2020 3/2021	5/2020 – Non High Desert Roundup 1/2021 – El Mirage OHV Recreation Area

Rainbow Basin and Calico Mines Trip Reports

March 27th, 2021



By Sam Thomson



Laurie and I left the house at 06:00 and headed to Eddie's World outside Barstow and arrived there at 08:15 right behind Mynor and Audrey in Mynor's big truck. After gassing up we found Montego and Sunshine in the parking lot. We didn't expect anyone else so we headed out about 20 minutes before 9. Because we were so close, the wagon master (Bumpers) decided to take in the Calico Mines before we headed to Rainbow as it should only take 45 minutes to get there! Well 3 hours later and several detours later Montego reminded me that the wagon master is never lost just exploring! A lot of exploring with Mynor giving up as the trails got to thin for the Lady (his big truck) we finally

found the Mines! We also found a covey of chuker in a box canyon that I will remember once hunting season comes around, hopefully they will still be there! After exploring the mines we headed back the way we came and quickly made it back to the 15 and headed through Barstow to Rainbow Basin. Before touring the Basin we dropped Montego's trailer at Owl Canyon campground where we had a nice lunch. We then did the tour of Rainbow basin which had very colorful and interesting geologic formations that reminded us all of Painters Palate in Death Valley but much closer to home. The whole loop only took about 45 minutes after which Laurie and I headed home and Montego and Sunshine camped out for the night.



All pictures from the Rainbow Basin Run taken by Mynor Moreno

By Mynor Moreno

Audrey and I started early am and we were on the road around 0615. The plan was to meet up with Sam and whoever else showed up, at Eddie's World. The drive to Barstow was good and the weather was even better. As I pulled into the gas pump my thought was to call Sam. But less than a minute later he rolled up right behind me and also started gassing! Sam said that the only person he thought would make it was Montego. Audrey and I waited and had breakfast! As I was inspecting the few vehicles I saw what looked like Montego's Jeep. We all said our hellos and went over the plan, which was to try to get to the Calico mines going the Far East side using Mule Canyon and not going up through the Doran loop and then find a way from there to Rainbow Basin! We started up Mule and from what I was able to see the trail is 2wd friendly but tight in a few places up the mountain. We followed Mule Canyon up the mountain and I think we veered off to far East and once I realized the road was not friendly Audrey and I decided to just stay on Mule which loops back to the 15! Oh, did I mention we were in my F350 Dually? Yup, I wanted to try to make the Calico mines in Da Lady! We made it to the 15 where we found a nice spot to take a few pictures and then we headed to Rainbow the easier more Dually friendly way! Once at the loop we kept our cool and entered and it was definitely a cool area to visit and check out. Once we had finished the loop, Audrey and I continued on our mini adventure. We went around looking for more areas to explore! Audrey and I had one hell of a time in Calico area!

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

Note that when first joining... YOU ARE NOT ON MUTE!

Join Zoom Meeting Link

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Zoom meetings scheduled every second Friday of the Month:

Apr 9, 2021 07:30 PM
May 14, 2021 07:30 PM
Jun 11, 2021 07:30 PM
Jul 9, 2021 07:30 PM
Aug 13, 2021 07:30 PM
Sep 10, 2021 07:30 PM
Oct 8, 2021 07:30 PM
Nov 12, 2021 07:30 PM
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Vehicle Check


April 10th @ 10AM

Snoopy & Snoopette's House

Vehicle check at Snoopy & Snoopette's house is a big YES! There will be hot dogs and burgers provided by the club during the vehicle check. I am making baked beans, and am encouraging members and guests that are coming to also bring a side dish. Let's not go crazy! Dave and I have had our 2nd vaccine in February and feel fully protected. I realize some people may not and will not feel comfortable coming or engaging in any activities, you're all entitled to your individual decisions. NOW, one more thing, I need a head count as to WHO IS COMING! Looking forward to see all!

- Snoopette

Please reply to Snoopette for a head count via email!
everybody@roughwheelers.com



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Left Rear Shock

Left Rear Brakes

Left Rear Tire Tread Depth /32nds

Oil Change Interval Indicator Reset

Steering/ Suspension

Left Front Wiper

Wiper Washer Fluid

Left Front Brake Pads

Left Front Tire Tread Depth /32nds

VEHICLE CHECKUP PLUS

Left Axle Boots

Left Front Strut

Battery Check

Brake Fluid

Power Steering Fluid

Front Differential

Hoses

Motor Oil

Belts

Engine Coolant

Air Filter

Headlamps

Right Axle Boots

Spare Tire Tread Depth /32nds

Rear Wiper

Taillamps

Right Rear Shock

Right Rear Brakes

Right Rear Tire Tread Depth /32nds

Right Front Wiper

Cabin Air Filter

Right Front Strut

Right Front Brake Pads

Right Front Tire Tread Depth /32nds

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Cleghorn Ridge OHV Road 2N47

April 23rd - 25th

**A General Area Map of Cleghorn Ridge is provided
on Page 11 of this Newsletter**

**Coordinates
34.299730 N,
-117.456241 W**

**Mynor will need someone to
lead the Cleghorn Run and
hopes someone can step up
and volunteer as
Wagon Master.**

Cleghorn Ridge Trail is a technical dirt trail open to off-highway vehicles (OHV) in the San Bernardino National Forest in Southern California. The trail runs from the Cleghorn off-ramp on Interstate 15 (i-15) in Cajon Pass over Cleghorn Ridge to State Highway 138 at Lake Silverwood. Once on the trail, off-roaders can choose between a scenic fire road or a 4x4 trail. The trail offers great desert and mountain views including a ridge top view of Mount Baldy.

Mynor Says!

From any part of SoCal head north to the 15 heading to Barstow! I myself have never done this trail as I've never had the chance but basically the club meets at the exit 131 for CA 138. There is a chevron and others to gas up. From there they get back on HWY 15 to exit 129 to Cleghorn. The time is always up to the wagon master. From there they follow the trail till you end up at 138! This trail is moderate and 15 miles long. Cleghorn Ridge Road is IFS friendly!



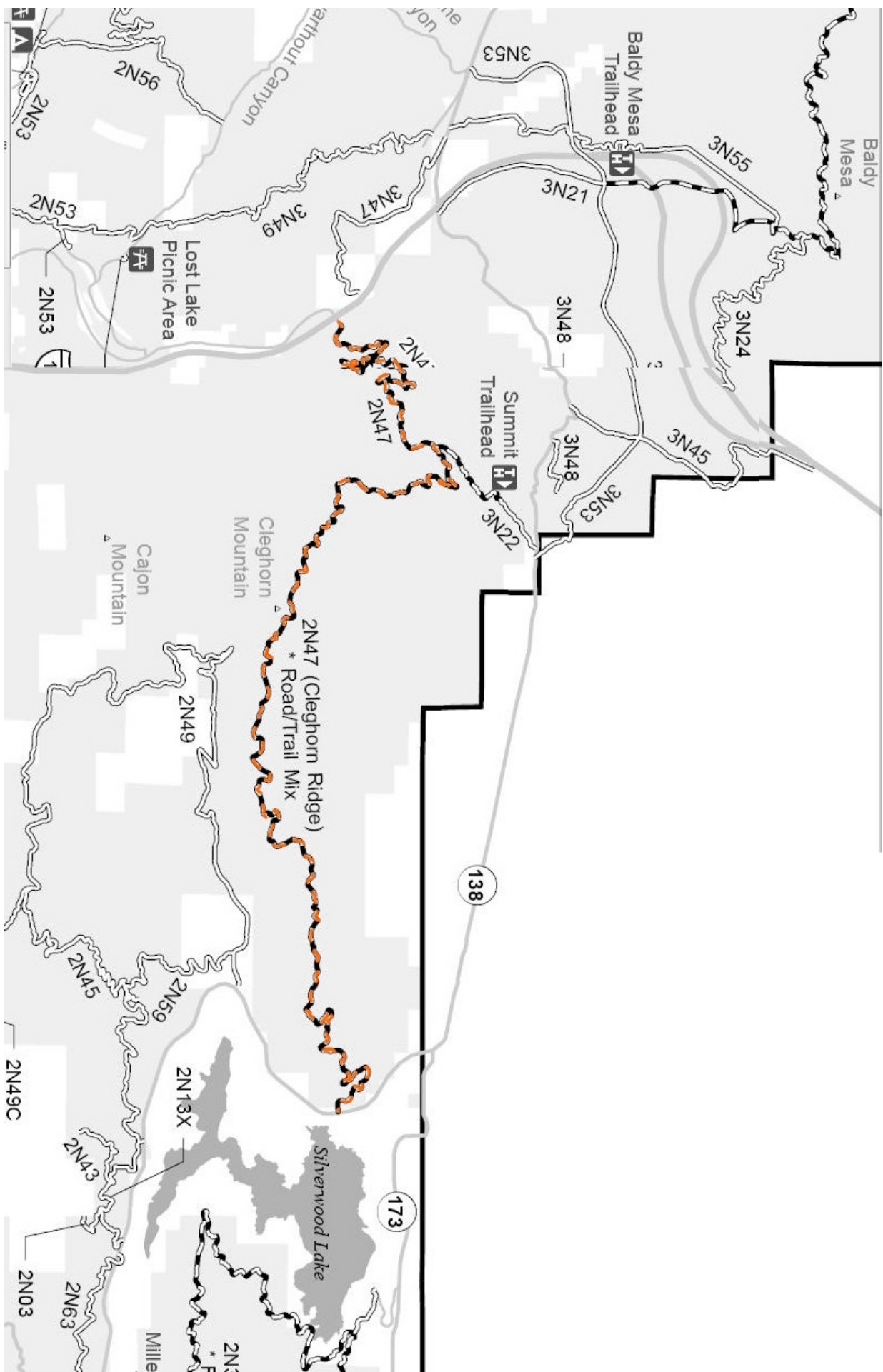
Stock photo taken at Cleghorn Ridge



Here's a pic of your Editor messin' around at Cleghorn ridge with his stock Jeep JKUR back in 2013.



Angie and Gary Vargas atop of Cleghorn ridge with a mostly stock Jeep JKUR in 2015.



El Mirage

April 30th - May 2nd

**A General Area Map of El Mirage is provided
on Page 14 of this Newsletter**

**20471 Mountain View Rd
Adelanto, CA 92301**

This is the address of the Visitor Center.

Once at the Visitor Center state that you are with the Roughwheelers and the entrance fee should be waived. Go straight and stay on Mountain View Road. You will go till you pass Crapper #9. Once you pass Crapper #9 start looking for the blue ribbons on your right side for the “entrance” road that will lead you to our campsite. Stay to the left road and you will find our campsite.

**Crapper #10 Coordinates
34.6916379 N, -117.5542276 W
The club typically camps just East of Crapper #10**

Mynor emailed the El Mirage BLM field office and found out that there will NOT be a spring-cleaning! Mynor will try to see if the club can still receive credit for the hours that the club works on the trail.

The El Mirage Field Manager responded to Mynor as follows:

Mynor – Due to COVID-19, no spring clean-up event is planned for El Mirage. We are hoping that conditions will improve and allow for a safe clean-up event in October 2021.

Respectfully, Katrina

Katrina Symons, Field Manager
U.S. Department of the Interior – Region 8 and 10
BLM California Desert District

About El Mirage Dry Lake Off-Highway Recreation Area

www.elmirage.org

El Mirage Lake bed

The lake bed is a flat playa formed in an undrained basin. Silt and clay are deposited into this basin during periods of heavy rain. When the "lake" dries, a hard clay dry lake bed is left.

This hard, smooth surface is ideal for the unique activities conducted at El Mirage. These include ultra-light aircraft and gyrocopter flying, model rocketry, remote control airplane flying, land-sailing and straight track racing. Many private pilots land on the lake bed to spend the day. The surface character has attracted the interest of many filming companies. Several major movies have scenes filmed here.

There is no speed limit on the open lake bed, but vehicle operators are responsible for their own safety, OHV rules and regulations, and knowing what is going on around them. The maximum speed limit is 15 miles per hour within 50 feet of camps and staging areas.

During permitted events, special speed limits and traffic restrictions are posted. Please watch for these events. To maintain a smooth surface, the lake bed is closed when wet or muddy. The California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Sheriff, and BLM Rangers patrol the area to encourage safe use by visitors.

Camping is permitted on the lake bed, but no more than 100 feet from the edge. This keeps the smooth center section of the lake bed clear for night riders.

Shadow Mountains

The Shadow Mountains are a group of eroded igneous peaks bordering the northern edge of the riding area. These mountains run through the center section and east of the main access, Mountain View Road. The Shadow Mountain peaks offer moderate to hard riding terrain, and are a challenge for experienced riders. Canyons within these mountains make excellent camping areas and offer seclusion for four-wheel drive campers. Watch for open mine shafts in these areas.

Activities

Most visitors ride motorcycles, ATVs, or tour in four-wheel drive vehicles. There is a road network in place so visitors may camp in most sections of El Mirage. This area is also used extensively for competitive racing events and commercial filming by permit.

El Mirage's unique flat lake bed is a destination for many visitors. There is ultra-light and other aircraft activity that would not usually be found in other riding areas.

There are several opportunities for hiking, rock scrambling, rock hounding, and wildlife watching. El Mirage has desert tortoises, a state and federally-listed threatened species.

Note: There are many deep mine shafts in the riding area! Please avoid these areas and camp away from mine shafts!

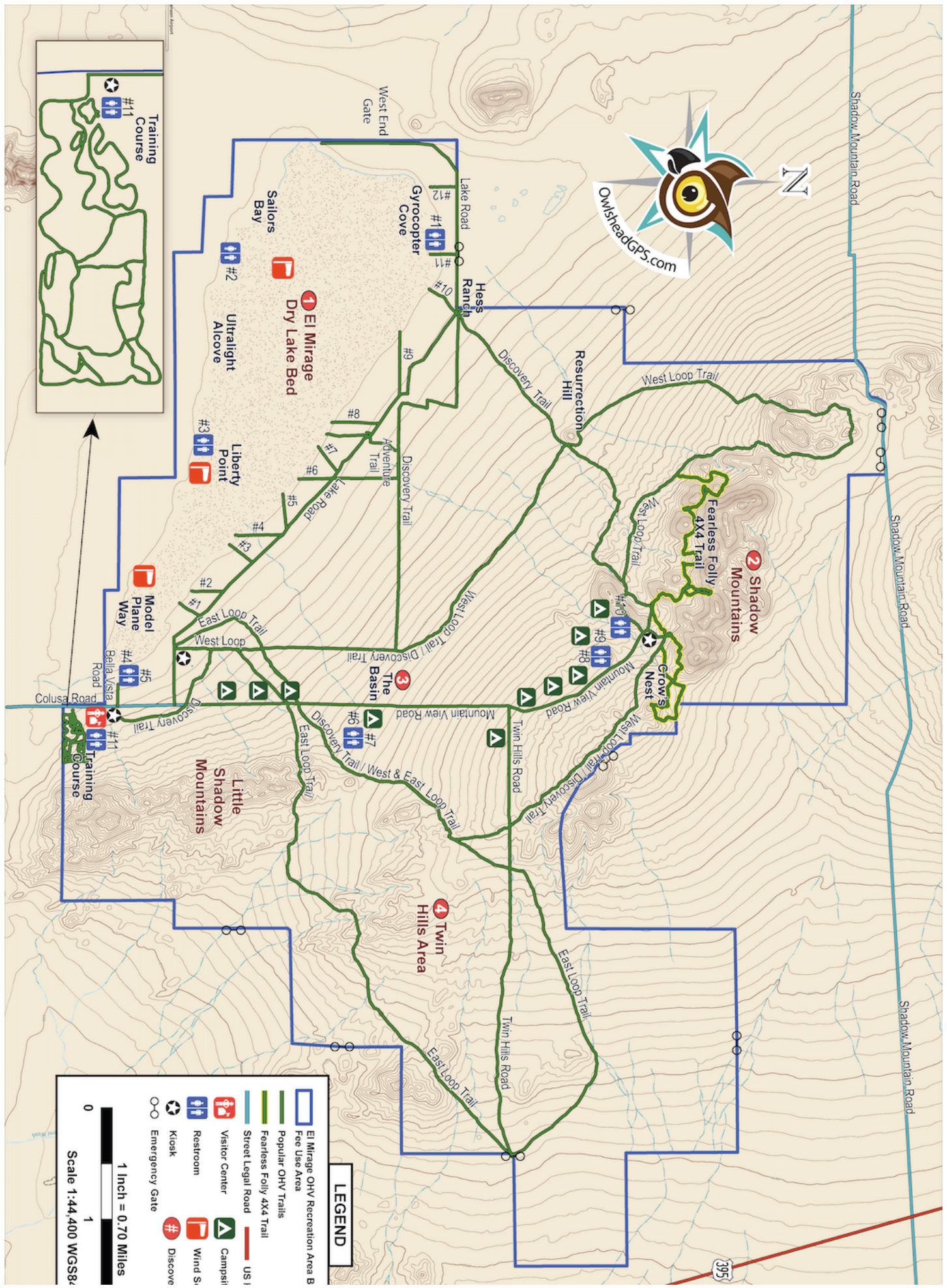
OHV Riding Areas

The Basin

The basin between the lake bed and the Shadow Mountains is covered with creosote bush and crossed by deep dry washes. Most Off-Highway vehicle use occurs here. Along with casual recreational riding, many OHV and motorcycle clubs stage "runs", and competitive races. Riding is mostly over easy terrain, but visibility can be obscured by six to ten foot tall creosote bushes. Many flat and secluded areas for camping are in this area.

Twin Hills

The Twin Hills area is on the east side of the riding area between the Little Shadow Mountain group and US Highway 395. This flat basin is punctuated by small mound-like hills and gets light riding activity. There are camping possibilities here, but motor home campers might find driving in this area difficult.



LEGEND

- El Mirage OHV Recreation Area B
 - Fee Use Area
 - Popular OHV Trails
 - Fearless Folly 4X4 Trail
 - Street Legal Road
 - US I
 - Visitor Center
 - Restroom
 - Wind St.
 - Campsite
 - Discove
 - Klusk
 - Emergency Gate
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FUTURE RUNS

April	10	Vehicle Check
	23-25	Cleghorn
	30-May 2	El Mirage Clean Up
May	28-31	HDR / Lone Pine
June	19-26	Vacation Run - Sand Hollow Utah
	26	Miller Jeep Trail / Frazier Park
July	23-25	Big Bear
August	27-29	Sierra Trek / Rubicon / Sherman Pass
September	24-26	Big Bear - Garden of Eden / Motino Wash
October	9	Run Planning Meeting
	22-24	El Mirage Clean Up Day
November	12-14	Panamint Valley Days
December	11	Christmas Party
	30-Jan 2	Logandale