

Fun-Day! Hello Adventurers... Some days, "things just go your way" and yesterday was it... I had a 3-hour block to "have some fun" and decided to go target-shooting. Oops. Wind blowing too hard. So...



Dirt-ride! The day clear/perfect, and note my cap, Cincinnati Bearcats a gift from Webmaster Mike. The attrition in ball-caps (out here in the desert) is horrific. The day started great, as my #1 bike started (after sitting 2 months) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> kick...



The above is Redrock/Inyokern Rd... Look at the condition; smooth, recently “dragged” wow time to fly! 19-miles up the road...



...crossing Rt.14 into Dove Springs...



The goal of all dirt-rides is to “loop”. Re-tracing route considered “bad form”. The below road heads north, in the direction that I had come from...



Obama-nomics! No-complaints from me... Many new public-works tasks have recently been funded (the new gate below). A dirt road goes around the gate...



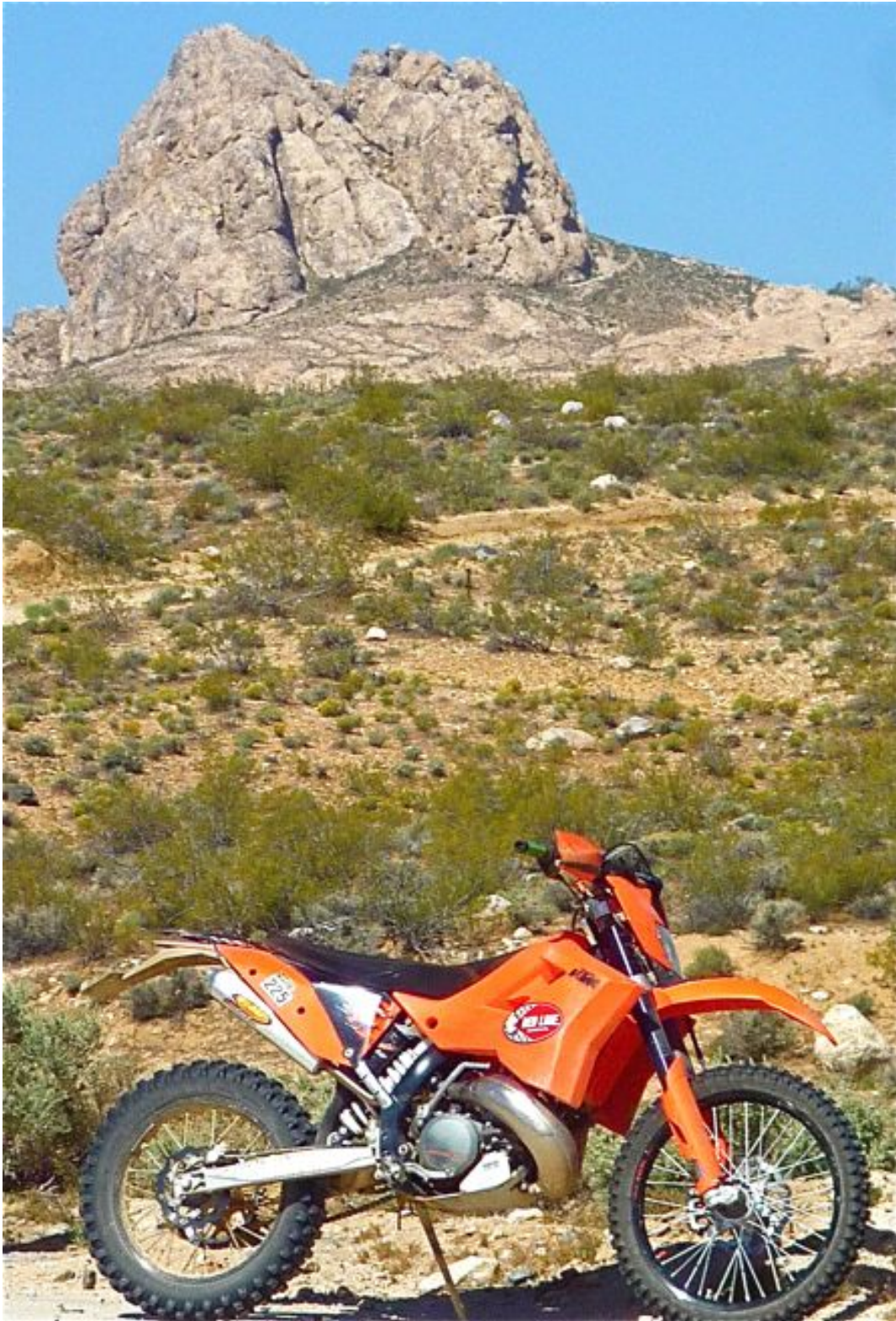
Wow! Cactus blooms! These appeared approx one every 3 miles...



Close-up... Large flowers, these buds approx 5" each...



Robbers Roost! A terrific visual landmark, visible for miles...



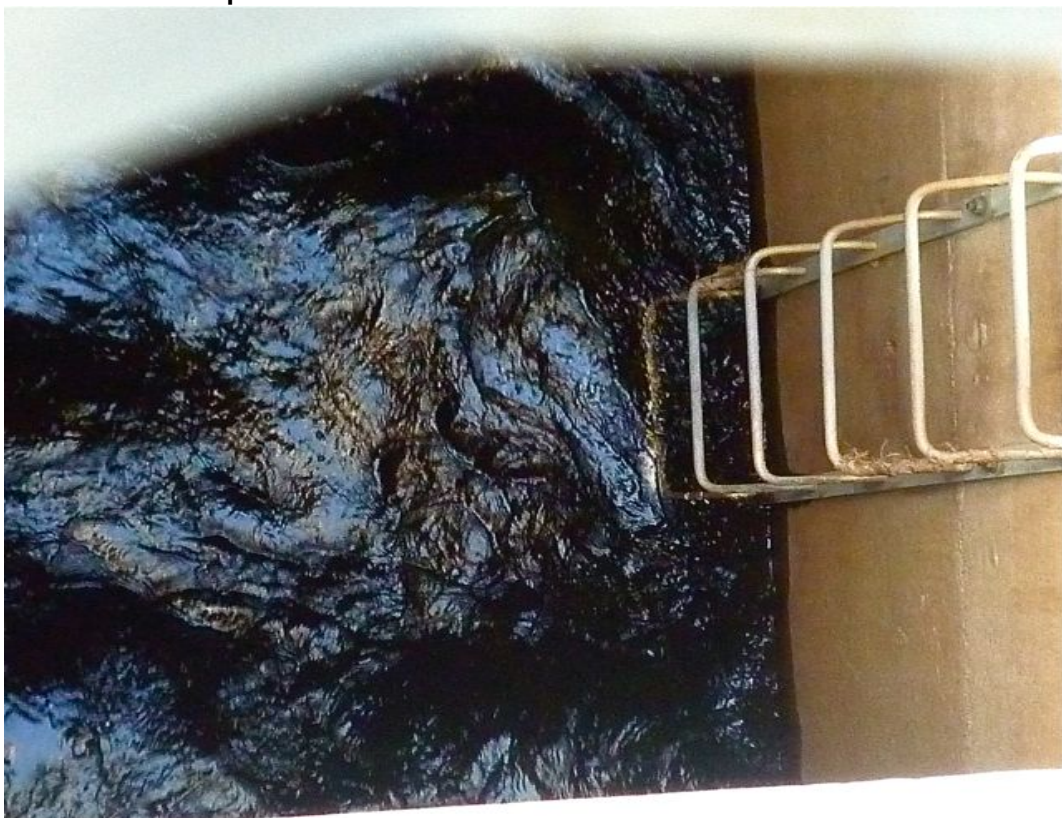
Old-time outlaws were known to use **Robber's Roost** to spot [stagecoaches](#) moving south towards [Los Angeles](#) through the [Antelope Valley](#) from the [Owens Valley](#) or west through [Walker Pass](#) towards the [San Joaquin Valley](#). Modern day [Walker Pass](#) is [State Route 178](#). Stagecoaches in this area often carried gold and other valuable gems from the local mines.

The most notable outlaw to use **Robber's Roost** was [Tiburcio Vasquez](#)

Below... What's this? The cement-box with grate...



Whoa! The California Aqueduct flows below...



Hmmm... Check out the below view... I decided... Ride up there!



Another view, proceeding toward the rock formation known as Five Fingers...



Worth a look: <http://www.mountainzone.com/mountains/detail.asp?fid=5588556>

Below... Approaching the Five Fingers summit...



Due to time constraints (I must be in L.A. This afternoon)



...the above spot is where I stopped. At the above spot, I went over to the other side of the bike and took the below shot looking down into Inyokern...



Below: Nightmare scenario...



Aero-buddy Bill (lives in CO) has a saying **Pave, and they will come!** True. Above is the access-road leading to my street. Recently paved, no doubt the building will commence soon :-)

Below...

The good news to me is that my street remains dirt. For a dirt-rider, excellent!

Saying: "Desperate people do desperate things". Below, note the first (of three) commercial greenhouses being built on my street...



The water will be drawn from our community well :-)

The well-association voted (?) to sell water-rights to the farmer.

**Any thought I had of buying my beautiful (currently rented) home has evaporated. I cannot chance “the well going dry”. Bummer.**

But still, I am sooo happy out here in the desert. Quiet, clean-air. Yes, hot in the summer but that's what a/c is for! And besides...

If things go my way, I'll be spending summers up at Lake Tahoe, at the Soar Truckee gliderport..

Many stories coming... Please stay tuned!

Thanks for reading along...

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