



# The Oasis

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## Featured Speaker-Joe Aquanno September 7, 2004 General Meeting

**Joe Aquanno** of the **Palm Springs Mounted Police Search and Rescue Unit** will speak at the September 7, 2004 General Meeting. Joe will provide information on such topics as basic emergency first aid, hiking preparedness, how to avoid dangerous situations, and rattlesnake lore. In addition, he will discuss some of the more high profile searches and rescues his organization has participated in.

### *President's Message*

Election time is here! All members have the opportunity to elect leaders for the coming year. Balloting will be held during the September General Meeting with the newly elected officers taking over in October. Nominations will still be taken from the floor as write-in candidates. All positions are for one year. Ideal nominees should be seriously interested in the goals of the Great Outdoors, able to meet once or twice a month, and be willing to do the tasks necessary to keep the club in good standing. The current officers: President, Vice-President of Outings and Treasurer are the elected positions. All members are eligible for nomination. If you are interested in planning and organizing events for the chapter, whether in an elected, appointed or in an as-needed basis, please step forward. The rest of our CORE group who give tirelessly are appointed so let's get involved. Appointed positions needed are Board Representative and Secretary. This is a democracy so all members are encouraged to participate in Great Outdoors. It has been a great year for our chapter because of you...Let's stay strong!

Tim Carey, GOPS Chapter President

### New Members

**Tyler Ikada Robin Pacek  
Ken Parker  
Roy Patrignani  
Frank J. Toursignant**



Brooklyn Mine Jeep Trail



The General Meeting is at the new Desert Pride Center. Palm Springs 327-2313. The meeting is the first Tuesday of the month, September 7 from 7:30-8:00 PM for social hour, and members' meeting from 8:00-9:00 PM. The Core Group meets from 6:30-7:30 PM. If you wish to bring snacks etc, you may do so. The Center's address is 611 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Unit A. Palm Springs, CA.



Most hikes meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd. unless otherwise specified. Bring plenty of water and a snack

Hikers are advised to refrain from smoking on outings during this season of high fire danger.

**Non-Members**

We will add you to our newsletter mailing list free of charge for 3 months. Please note, however, a two dollar fee will be charged on day hikes, 4x4 outings, and moonlight hikes effective October 1, 2004.

**Andreas Canyon Loop, Saturday, September 11 at 9:00 AM**

This hike is located in the Indian Canyons. The trail follows a stream through a lush area of native California fan palms. The vegetation and surroundings provide a feeling more “Hawaiian” than southwest desert.

Length: 2 miles  
Hiking Time: 2 hours  
Elevation Gain: 50 feet  
Difficulty: Easy  
Return: 12:30 PM

**Hike Leader: Doug Quigley at 760-202-4936**  
**\$6.00 admission fee into Indian Canyons. Senior rate available.**

**Palm Canyon Trail, Sunday, September 19 at 9:00 AM**

This trail is located within the Indian Canyons. The hike takes you through the palm covered river bottom of Palm Canyon up into desert plateaus. There are some terrific views of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains.

Length: 4 miles  
Hiking Time: 3 hours  
Elevation Gain: 500 ft.  
Difficulty: Easy  
Return at: 1:30 PM

**Hike Leader: Doug Quigley at 760-202-4936**  
**\$6.00 admission fee into Indian Canyons. Senior rate available**

**Tramway to top of Mt. San Jacinto, Saturday September 25 at 7:25 AM.**

This is an incredible hike that affords a 360 degree view from the top (over 10,000 ft.) The hike is varied with lush green meadows at the lower elevations to pines at the top.

Length: 11 miles  
Hiking Time: 6 hours  
Elevation Gain: 2,000 ft.  
Difficulty: Strenuous  
Return at: 4:00 PM

**Hike Leader: Tim Carey at 760-416-3102**  
**Note: You are responsible for paying the tram fee.**

**Moonlight Hike: There will be no Moonlight Hike this month.**

**Coachella Valley Preserve, Wednesday, Sept 29 at 9:00 AM**

This hike is located in the 13,000 acre Coachella Valley Preserve. The trail is not demanding and it offers a wonderful and different desert experience. The easy trail passes a stream full of “Pupfish”, a pond and a moving sand dune.

Length: 3 miles  
Hiking Time: 3 hours  
Elevation Gain: 100 ft.  
Difficulty: Easy  
Return at: 2: PM

**Hike Leader: Ed Emond 760-202-7413**

**Hurkey Creek Hike**





# End of Summer BBQ

## Saturday, 18 September

### 3-5 PM Social

### 5PM BBQ

The Free Members' BBQ pool party will be Saturday September 18. **Tom Fudacz** is hosting the event at his private Avondale Country Club home in Palm Desert. This is a **member only** event because there is a limit of 70 people. Hours will be 3-5 social. Eating at 5 and will end at 7 PM. Craig Courtright will take all RSVP's at: **760-318-8957**

There will be 2 shade canopies, pool, Jacuzzi , and fun.

Ok to bring a cooler if you wish. All GO members who have active memberships as of August 30 ( **check your membership expiration date on your newsletter mailing label** ) will be entered in the raffle with two tickets. Increase your chances at the August and September meeting by buying additional tickets at the regular price.

## MENU

**Chicken and Hamburgers With All the Fixins**  
**Soft Drinks and Water, BYOIC If You Prefer**

**Location: Tom Fudacz (Avondale Country Club) 75701 Heritage West, Rancho Mirage, CA 92211**  
**Phone 760-345-9955.**

**Directions: Take Frank Sinatra off Hwy 111 to R El Dorado Drive or E. Freeway 10 exit R on Cook L on Frank Sinatra R on El Dorado Drive. Either way stop at Avondale guard entry gate. Once guard lets you in, proceed as follows. Right on Tandika Trail North to right on Mozambique then left on Heritage West. Tom has a cul de sac home. Park, but please do not block driveways.**

**Raffle give away 2 tickets one winner Indian Canyons.**

**RSVP ASAP-limited to 70**

**For reservations or further information contact Craig Courtright at:**  
**760-318-8957**



# MOONLIGHT HIKE

There will be no Moonlight Hike this month

## GAME NIGHT

Game Night for September will be Thursday, Sept. 16 (NOTE this is a THURSDAY, not a Monday.) It will be held at Jim Gray's home, 1400 Sonora Court, Palm Springs. 760-322-1410 5PM for swimming, 6:30 to 9:00 PM for food and games. Bring a suit and towel for swimming.

As always, bring any games you might want to play, your beverage, and food to share in our POTLUCK. Directions: El Cielo to Sonora Road (3/4 mile south of Ramon, 1/4 miles south of Mesquite. EAST on Sonora Road about two blocks to end and Sonora Court. 1400 is on the corner of Sonora Court and Sonora Road.

## New Game Night Coordinator

Rick Opler has volunteered to be our New Game Night Coordinator. We're sure Rick will do a great job. He has offered his home several times for Game Night and has always been a gracious host. If you would like to help out by hosting a Game Night starting in October, please give Rick a call at 325-8666 or e-mail - rqopler@msn.com

# BOWLING:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27,  
2 TO 4 PM**

Event location: Palm Springs Lanes.  
Ramon-Landau Streets, Cathedral City.  
Notes: \$8.00 per person, senior (55+)  
Discount of \$2.50 per game.  
**Contact Doug Quigley at 202-4936**



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## Palm Springs Chapter August Events

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|----|---------------------------|--------------|
| 7  | General Meeting           | 8-9:00 PM    |
| 11 | Andreas Canyon Loop       | 9:00 AM      |
| 16 | Game Night                | 6:30-9:00 PM |
| 18 | Members' BBQ              | 3:00-7:00 PM |
| 19 | Palm Canyon Trail         | 9:00 AM      |
| 25 | Mt. San Jacinto           | 7:25 AM      |
| 27 | Bowling                   | 2:00-4:00 PM |
| 29 | Coachella Valley Preserve | 9:00 AM      |

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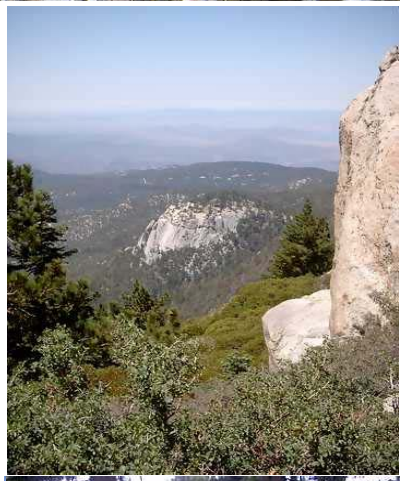
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Above and Left:  
**Brooklyn Mine Trail**  
Heading up the Jeep Trail we moved along in 4-low, dodging boulders and watching tire placement. This trail was classified a 6 out of 10, the highest category we have done. Photos courtesy of: **Ron Gilbert**



Right and Below:  
**Saddle Junction Loop Hike**





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\$45 Couple (**\$40 2 Seniors**)

**I do/do not** want my name/address on the roster to be shared with members of group. (**Circle** the appropriate answer.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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By joining Great Outdoors and/or attending the club's events, I acknowledge that in order for Great Outdoors to assume full legal responsibility it would have to charge higher fees than it does now. I waive the right to ever lay claim for injuries I might suffer before, during or after any Great Outdoors event. My guests will agree to these principles in writing before attending events.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form and check made payable to:

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