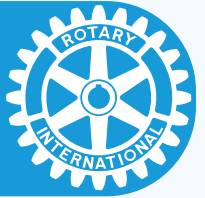




The Joshua Tree



October 22, 2024

MOUNTAIN LION TRACKING & PHOTOGRAPHY

This week the Club heard from retired Fire Chief **Sid Hulquist** as he shared his year long journey to photograph a Mountain Lion in the Mojave Desert. Sid has been hiking in the desert for close to 40 years and although he claims to not be an expert, has a great passion for photography.



To shoot a Mountain Lion in its natural habitat takes a lot of learning and equipment. In fact, Sid spent the year learning the habits and patterns of these beautiful animals.

Sid has seven trail cameras that he uses for tracking. A trail camera shoots low quality videos day or night and is activated by a motion sensor. It is useful in determining wildlife patterns and habits.

Once he finds a location and determines the tracking path of the wildlife he is looking for, Sid will then move to a DSLR professional camera. The DSLR is used to photograph wildlife usually not seen, nocturnal or reclusive. The DSLR is also motion activated so when the animal comes across the camera's path, it takes a photo without anyone around

to disturb the animal in its natural habitat.

In June 2023 Sid and his son-in-law went 7 miles into the Mountain Pass area north of Baker to catch these Mountain Lions, rarely seen in public. They eventually found deer remains and Mountain Lion scrapings. A scraping is akin to a cat who leaves his mark by pushing with its hind legs after using its litter box.

After three months using and moving the trail cameras around where they captured, ring-tail cats,

birds, deer and more, they finally found a wash area where three Mountain Lions Sid named "Big Boy", "Notched Ear", and "Pretty Lady", a female, would frequent.

On May 1, 2024, Sid finally got the photos he was wanting:



In the span of just over two weeks, they able to capture over 4,000 photos of this remote area of wildlife. Not only did the get the Mountain Lions, but also the rare red Tail hawks, Spotted Skunks and Foxes.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Bill Edwards

Flag Salute: Ron Boyd

4-Way Test: Bo Goulet

Fine Master: David North

GILLESPIE'S GAB



Thanks to Sid Hulquist for taking time to share his year of photographing Mountain Lions in the Mojave Desert. Thanks

also goes out to Bill Edwards for standing in for me as I had to leave and deal with some school issues.



Please join us from December 13 - 15 for an annual visit to the orphanage and water tank project with our sister Club in Enseñada. Please see Ben Tafoya for more information.

We are still looking for Rotarians to donate \$300 (or more) for a Teacher Mini Grant this year. Our annual event is coming up on November 5th and we need all members to try to at least purchase one Mini Grant.

Next week we will have a 5th Tuesday evening meeting at Outback! Please see Bill Edwards to get your name on the list, as well as family and potential members.

Until next time...

Bryan



HIGH DESERT VETERANS APPRECIATION BBQ

NOV 9TH 2024
11AM-3PM

LOCATION: 

SINGH PERFORMING ART CENTER
22311 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308

TODAY, WE CELEBRATE YOU. LUNCH IS FREE FOR VETERANS.

FOOD PROVIDED BY	CLASSIC CAR SHOW	LIVE MUSIC
		

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THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Big Blue Poker Chip



Jim Murray had the chance to draw the Blue Chip, but he drew green and left it for another Rotarian to try next time. We will continue the opportunity next week with 8 chips and \$325 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Chip!

Raffle



David North donated a package of Italian chocolates from Milan, Italy that will be enjoyed by **Jim Murray** and **Bill Scott** will sip the bottle of wine that he won from David.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Robert Wyatt**, who attended as a guest of **Margret Cooker** and **Alexandra Martinez** joined us as a stand-in for **Angel Espino**.

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Fine Session



David North was our Fine Master and only gave out one fine to **Stew Anderson** in the amount of \$20 for telling everyone to make sure they only give David a "One-Clap" welcome.

Spoon of Exception



Bo Goulet had his last week with the Spoon and shared that Mojave River Mortgage is offering Interest Rates that are still about a full 1% lower than they were last year at this time. If you or someone you know wants to take advantage of these lower rates, Mojave River Mortgage

is offering special pricing on eligible refinances now through October 31 2024 with Refi75.

Reach out to Bo at (760) 713-6137 for more information, or <http://MojaveRiverMortgage.com/contact-us>

It was then time to auction the Spoon for November. The only taker was **Bill Edwards** who received the Spoon for \$50.

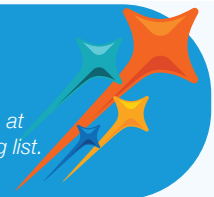
The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$9.00

Collected to Date: \$20,829.83

Total equals: 102,638 Doses!

**One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!**



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2024-2025	Bryan Gillespie
President 2025-2027	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028	Please be Interviewed
Immediate Past President	Steve Murray
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Grants	Margaret Cooker
Treasurer/Scholarships	David North
Youth Services/Ethics Essay	Ron Boyd
Club Service & Membership	Bill Edwards
Community Service/Speech Contests	Mike Johnson
Vocational Service	Please Volunteer
International Service	Ben Tafoya
Member At Large, Young Leaders Contact	Arsalee Morales
Member At Large, Special Projects	Rob Kilpatrick

Members-at-Large: Bob Basen, Darron Poulsen, Angel Espino

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD/PP Secretary	Pam Murray
Special Billing	Esther Mears (TBD)
Public Service Awards	Please Volunteer
Teacher Mini-Grants	Angel Espino
Dan Stover Music Contest	Angel Espino
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman
Read B4K	Please Volunteer
Foundation & Grants	Margaret Cooker
Food Baskets	Please Volunteer
Interact (Junior Rotary)	Please Volunteer
Programs	Mike Page
Fundraising	Stefanie Montoya
S.T.A.R. Students	Angel Espino
Club Learning Facilitator	Please Volunteer

The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship
at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Bear Valley
Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, Victorville

Make-up Days and Locations

MONDAY:	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
TUESDAY:	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
WEDNESDAY:	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, 13685 John Glenn Rd, Apple Valley, Noon. Ontario, 12:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel San Bernardino, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m. Redlands, Masonic Temple, noon
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

Calendar Dates

- Nov 4:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA
- Nov 9:** **High Desert Veterans Appreciation BBQ**
11:00am - 3:00pm
Singh Performing Art Center
22311 Bear Valley Road
Apple Valley, CA

Upcoming Programs

- Oct 29:** **5th Tuesday Evening Meeting at Outback Steakhouse**
12400-B Amargosa Rd, Victorville, CA
- Nov 5:** **Teacher Mini-Grants**
- Nov 12:** **Supervisor Paul Cook** (McEachron)
- Nov 19:** Mark Creffield CEO and Shannon Shannon, President, Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce **TOPIC "Update on the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce"** (Montoya)
- Nov 26:** Lt. Col. Tony Marshall, USAF Retired **TOPIC "More Stories as a Fighter Pilot and my Time in the USAF and Vietnam"** (Page)

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