

The Newsletter

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FUTURE PROJECTS:

- The Well, Phase #2
- The solar system.
- The cell phone coverage.



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THE WELL

Currently, all our water has to be trucked in from 29 Palms, then pumped in to our water tank. This should clue you in to what a huge difference it would make for all of us permanent residents of the Cohn Ranch to have our own well.

In the spring/summer of 2005 "Team Special" started, in earnest, working on the well.

Two existing wells were located on the property. They had already been drilled by the late Joyce Cohn.

At the request of Jim, the property's resident caretaker, Robert used Wally's dozer to clear the area around what I will call Well #1.

Unfortunately the mentioned well's potential water supply had not been established prior to the clearing of the area surrounding the well head. As it turned out, Well #1 was not as well stocked (no pun intended) as we had hoped for.



On to Well #2, which existence Jim had discovered during one of his explorations of the property. Robert, as the assistant caretaker, could not keep his nose out of such an exciting project. He is after all an engineer. Together with our good friend Steve, "Team



Special" was formed with the sole purpose of flooding the desert.

While "Team Special" busied themselves with the task in hand, I was sneaking around in the rocks with the camera. The documentation of Phase #1 of the project can be viewed by clicking on the home page link called "Team Special Discovers Water". Enjoy!

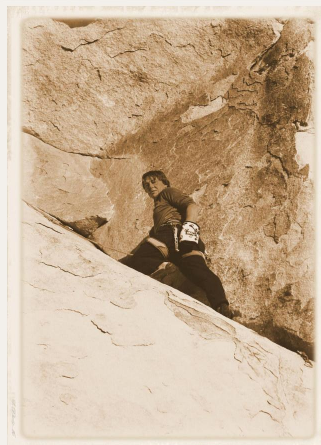
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OUR VERY OWN PLAYGROUND

All kids like to play, and Robert is no exception. After all, when he got disgusted with the city life in Los Angeles and Pasadena, he chose Joshua Tree mainly because of the climbing. Climbers from all over the world travel to Joshua Tree National Park to put their

climbing skills to the test.

As for us, we are in the unique position that we have access to our very own 120 acre playground in the midst of JTNP. This is the reward for living on the frontier, with all that entails. It's like camping 365 days a year.



There is something exciting about climbing untouched rock. For one: It's loose and grainy! At this time Robert and his handful of play mates has put up more than 160 new routes; and this is only the beginning!

For more information on Joshua Tree National Park, log on to: www.nps.gov/jotr