

# The Newsletter

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## FUTURE PROJECTS:

- New Solar System.
- New Internet Connection.
- New TV service
- Cell Phone Coverage in the new house.
- Roof repairs.
- Project Cleanup
- Repairs and maintenance.
- More cleanup



Robert and Blowtorch

## BIG CHANGES

No one knows what the future brings. An era is over. After 5 years as caretaker of the Cohn Ranch, Jim and his wife Karyn are moving on. This summer Jim will be caretaker of his own property on Yucca Mesa, while Robert and I will take over as caretakers of the Cohn Ranch.

The thought of this is both overwhelming and exciting. We will do our very best to work with the Cohn family in the effort to clean up and maintain the buildings and the property itself. We, and especially Robert, has a good working relationship with the Cohn family.

So it looks like our days in the little cabin is over when we move in to the main house. We managed to make the little cabin in to a very nice and cozy home for two. However a little more spacious, - with a bedroom, a bigger kitchen, and a guest bedroom/office, our "new" home will be a nice change.

Unfortunately the transition did not go as uneventful as we hoped for, but luckily the nature of transitions are the fact that they are a temporary stage. In this case, thanks to good friends, we were doing fine.



Our future home

Unless something unforeseen, or should I say not planned, happens we will be the only permanent residents come mid August.

We are happy and proud to be trusted with the day-to-day care of the ranch, and will of course do our very best not to jeopardize the trust and generosity that has been shown us by the owners of this beautiful desert property surrounded by Joshua Tree National Park.

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JOSHUA TREE, CALIFORNIA  
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## VISITORS FROM NORWAY



Reidun (left) and her cousin Gunhild at Barker Dam, April 2007.

My childhood friend Reidun has visited us several times before. Due to my health problems it was 4 years since the last visit. As always it was great to see her again. Robert was excited that she finally made it. You see, my friend is Robert's language tutor.

She teaches him Norwegian words which I refuse to teach him. One phrase is even spelled out in rocks on the side of the road in Amboy! See you soon!

Photo on right: Petroglyphs Joshua Tree National Park.

