

# The Newsletter

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## CURRENT AND ONGOING PROJECTS:

- Project cleanup continues.



*"The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs."*

JOAN DIDION

## HOME AT LAST

After six long, tense weeks during which our wonderful friends opened up their houses for us, we could finally move back home.

For six weeks Robert was "commuting" between one of our temporary homes and the ranch to take care of the animals, and to check on the property. The reason for our refugee-status was to avoid any confrontation with the exiting caretakers. One would think that a simple thing like moving out of a house would be an uneventful period of time. In this case: not so.

Unfortunately the transition period did not pass without a lot of unnecessary drama, and quite frankly outrageous behavior directed at the owners, which also had a direct effect on us. It's sad when

people you once regarded as friends suddenly turn on you. The reasons for this we can only guess at. I have never experienced, nor could I ever imagine, the anger, the spitefulness and the outright hatred that must have fuelled the last six weeks of "war" and the results thereof.

Well, the final day has come and our days in the worlds best homeless shelters are over. Thursday August 16th



2007 was the day we finally could move back and on.

We were left with an incredible dirty and disgusting mess inside the house and all

*"How sweet and soothing is this hour of calm."*

LORD BYRON

over the property outside. Consequently there has been, and will for a while, continue to be a tremendous amount of work to do before this gorgeous place is done justice. However, this will be enjoyable and rewarding. A lot of cleaning, indoors and outdoors, replacing missing crucial items from all buildings, are the top priorities. Then there is an overwhelming amount of work awaiting to clean up the outdoor areas surrounding the buildings.

Have a wonderful summer and fall everyone; we will!

HILDE FONDA  
Joshua Tree, California  
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## THE NEW SOLAR SYSTEM

Living in Southern California, and the desert in particular, provides a lot of sun. Americans look at me like I'm crazy when I state the obvious fact "there is too much sunshine in California". Well, after 2 years of relying on solar power I don't make that statement too often anymore.

The sun now provides a lot of our luxury out there in the wilderness. Including power for the computer I use to write this.

PV being short for Photo Voltaic is the extent of my knowledge of solar power. Good thing that Robert understands electricity, AC, DC, PV,

Amp Hours and so on. Thanks to our "new" landlady we now have a real solar system. So with Robert's expertise and nobody to change things for the worse, there is a very good chance that after assembling and mounting everything the system will require very little maintenance and work.



Unlike some, we don't believe in fixing what is not broken.