

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Off-road tour a 'grand adventure' for Borregan and her visitors

Yesterday, with a visiting house guest from Los Angeles and two other friends, I elected to use a gift certificate I had bid on at the recent Boys and Girls Club Tournament/fundraiser. It was given by California Overland's owner, Joe Raffetto, and never in my wildest imagination did I think it would be such a grand adventure.

Having been a Borrego winter resident for over 10 years, I've explored the desert many times, but never have I had a more pleasurable experience.

Although all of us, with the exception of the visitor from L.A., are 80ish, we all enjoyed Joe's easygoing and thoughtful manner. While the ride was bumpy in spots, it didn't seem to matter as we were having so much fun.

The provided lunch, served under a shade tree in Hawk Canyon, tasted better than a 4-star restaurant. To top it off, Joe served up a lovely sunset at Font's Point and a full moon to round out the day.

It is my hope that Joe's Desert Excursions will prosper and that other

Borregans and visitors will have a chance to see the desert as this extremely personable young entrepreneur presents it.

Thanks, Joe, ... for your gift to the local Boys and Girls Club ... and for giving me and my friends a day in the desert we will long remember.

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