

## **What are HAMS?**

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At 0500 hrs. On Tuesday Nov. 16th N6TF and W6SV hit the road for a desert day trip.



One thing HAMS are is explorers. With our 4 wheel drive vehicle, UHF radio, VHF radio and even our 11 meter radio fully operational in case of an emergency we headed East on



Of course when ever you are out on 66 in the Newberry Springs area you have to stop by the





If you haven't seen Bagdad Cafe (The Movie), get a copy and watch it. A cult classic from 1984 the movie is worth a watch. Filmed at the Bagdad Cafe and Gas Station it tells a strong story of cultural differences and human similarities. Definitely worth the time.

On our trip we intended to explore an area East of Ludlow called Cadiz. In the middle of the desert lays an area that is being used to store vast amounts of ground water. Some of the water irrigates a semi large Orange Grove. That Far out on Route 66, it seems in-fathomable that Oranges could be grown, transported and marketed for a real profit but water can be. These are all around the area, perhaps dozens, perhaps more



If you don't recognize this, it is the top of a water well. They are all over Cadiz. Underground is the stored water to "water the Oranges". Or, perhaps to sell to Los Angeles? See any Oranges? Believe it or not there is an Orange Grove out here.

In the mountains around Cadiz are numerous mines.





Actually this particular opening is very likely a storage room for the explosives which are commonly used in mining operations and this, the Vulcan Mine, was a very large operation.



The tanks and pink dirt would indicate that this is the leeching field where arsenic is used to leech the Gold out of the raw ore. The Vulcan was primarily a Gold Mine. Be

cautious. Crawling around inside an old mine is hazardous to your well being! Just walking the area strewn with loose rocks is difficult. There are lots of Rocks to check out. HAMS are rock hounds.

Exploring further we found this Iron mine.



That is 1" or larger rebar set in concrete. They are seriously suggesting you don't go in here.





HAMS are explorers.

When in the East, be Eastern





N6TF showing an offering made by someone, from somewhere, out in the middle of the desert! Ah, you can see it too. It is just a few miles from the Roadrunner Resort. Everyone knows the Roadrunner Resort. HAMS are historians. We walked the mountains and picked up rocks. We checked out the records to find out what was being mined. We got out and we got interested. HAMS are students.

One of the biggest sights in the Cadiz area are trains. The trains run 2 miles in length and operate across the desert at 60 MPH at times. Fast and long. What more can you ask for from trains. HAMS are train buffs.





Heck, HAMS are people. All of this is in your back yard. History is everywhere. Get out and experience it. We found some, you can too. HAMS are resourceful. Be a HAM, enjoy the radio, enjoy the conversation and above all enjoy the life. HAMS are, after all, just humans.

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