



# The Thermal Flyer

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## a little Oatman Ditty for the holidays...

A job well done!



Twass the day before star showers and all through the land,  
 Not a pilot lay sleeping for work was at hand.  
 With the work plans all made soon the second group went,  
 Leaving Oatman N. launch to our ex-president.  
 And the second group drove to that road gotten rough,  
 They knew in there heart that group #1 had it tough.  
 Merle's forms were in place and the concrete did flow,  
 Telling Al to stay busy and please keep making more.  
 But whom might it be helping out on Al's sleeve,  
 Yes the man for the job was our bean counter Steve.  
 And if ever in need of more concrete and muck,  
 Carl comes bearing concrete in his brand new ford truck.  
 So they mixed and they pored till the concrete did lay,  
 In the sexiest shapes one could have wished for that day.  
 And while group #1 worked so hard at the top,  
 The road crew down below had not once come stop.  
 For the day had been long with the labor so fierce,  
 Picking trenches and rocks that jackhammers couldn't pierce.  
 Oh the road was a challenge on a hot summer day,  
 But those rocks were no challenge with Gil blasting away.  
 Through clouds of dry dirt, silt and sunlight so hot,  
 They shoveled, picked, and pried until those bastards came out.  
 At the top of the road was Keith, family and dog,  
 As he tore at that road like a fat hungry hog.  
 Yet runoffs were needed to help save the work done,  
 So a few were selected to share in the fun.  
 Soon Sunny and Lisa did dig such a ditch,  
 Lisa trying to regain her old title "ditch witch".  
 And with trenches so deep that the monsoons would know,  
 Erosion won't happen once shown where to go.  
 But water went empty with throats dry and sore,  
 When Andre pulls through giving five gallons more.  
 So soon it had come to end work for the day,  
 When along comes a free ride offered by Jay.  
 And now it was time to go rest by the fire,  
 Built by Sean and his mother who were now really tired.  
 But as camp came together Chad couldn't be found,  
 For pictures of tits were being viewed with a frown.  
 After drooling over pictures, Chad needing a friend,  
 He drives off to get a girl from near Gila Bend?  
 Then soon we did have a most beautiful site,  
 As falling stars blazed towards us all throughout the night.  
 But for some who had worked just a little to long,  
 This site would be lost due to consciousness gone.  
 And so we did sleep once the show was all done,  
 And woke to notice that some had more fun.  
 For the morning showed burns that just one had acquired,  
 Yes Eric got drunk and fell into the fire.  
 Yet work was not finished, launch needed a hill,  
 So we stopped on the road and away we did fill.  
 Scott's big Chevy truck, twas a 3/4 ton,  
 Eric shoveled it full and was so quickly done.  
 So now was the time to go finish that ramp,  
 With fill from the roadside just outside of camp.  
 And looking so good, a ramp no longer scary,  
 As Merle thrust forward firmly popping its cherry.  
 Then Jim was at launch, with crutches below,  
 As he steadied his camera moving ever so slow.  
 While posing on launch in a picture for Jim,  
 Were three beautiful girls Diane, Lisa, and Kim.  
 Looking nearly as good was that air filled with fun,  
 But Paul had to keep working for the ramp was not done.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Mingus has nothing on the Oatman ramp now..... WOW!  
 Although Mingus is a bigger site, the ramp on the north side is now arguably better. Great, long slope; places for wire crew without them being on slope surface; it is no longer as intimidating as it was before..... a if we can get a south launch to be like that, Oatman will be the best place in the state because of great ramps and awesome ability for different directions.

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Merry Christmas to all and to all a good site!

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