



The Dirt Devils Digest

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President's Message

In case you had not heard Mike Maneth has colon cancer. He recently had his first chemo treatment. He came out well with only a low grade fever. He has 11 more treatments to go. Mike plans to attend his daughter Lisa's wedding next week September 11th. On September 26th Mike and Mary will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Mike and Mary! They live in Whittier and visitors are welcome, call first to be sure he his home. Keep Mike in your prayers. He is a fine man and if anyone deserves to beat this it's Mike.

I want to remind you to pay your membership dues if you have not done that yet. T-shirts are here, bring your check book to the next meeting. We are still waiting on the hat order.

At one time the club had 3 first aid kits, 2 first aid kits are unaccounted for. Please let me know if you have one in your possession. Ron Jackson has agreed to research the replacement cost.

See you on the trail.
Jesse May

Website news

If you want to unload Jeep parts send me a picture and a brief description and I will post.

Please provide new pictures of yourself along side your rig for the website.

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2012 Jeep Wrangler



The new Jeep will have 285hp (wow) and 32" tires. read all about it at:

http://www.motortrend.com/roadtests/suvs/1110_2012_jeep_wrangler_first_test/

Calendar

September

6 Regular meeting

10 - DD—Miller Jeep Trail

Run Leader: John Strege 714 539 9271

Meet at Flying J in Fraser Park

Meet at 8:30am depart no later than 9am.

Camping is available at near by Hungary Valley. John is not going to spend the night. There are a few motels at Gorman.

No stock jeeps.

Minimum tires size: 33"

Must have rear lockers

CB

October

1st - DD—Seven Oaks

1st Forest Service Adopt a Trail BBQ

at the Discovery Center

possibly run a trail in the morning and end up at the Discovery Center in the afternoon in time for the BBQ.

4th Regular meeting

8th Victor Valley Fun in the Desert

The Victor Valley 4 Wheelers bring back "Rocktoberfest Fun In the Desert" at Means Dry Lake in Johnson Valley. The Main event will be Saturday, and will feature 4 extreme hard core runs in hardcore heaven. They will also have a few moderate trails ranging from class 3 to SUV so anyone can join the fun. For information call Jamie 760 524 7522 for trail questions call Mike at 760 240 1954



Operation Desert Fun 9

October 14,15, 2011

To benefit: The Cal-Diego Paralyzed Veterans Association

ODF 9 brought to you by: CAL4WD

NEW LOCATION!

S22 at the Truckhaven 4X4 Training Facility

30 miles East of Borrego Springs

Rides & Runs on Saturday for all skill levels

Raffle for adults and one for the kids

Vendor Show on Friday & Saturday

RC Truck Challenge on Saturday

Lots of flat, open areas to dry camp

All state vehicle codes apply

See website for 4x4 safety requirements

Card game on Friday night AND Saturday

All 4X4's, Motorcycles, ATV's

are WELCOME!

Questions? Call Angela Cook 760-505-3579

For more info www.cal4wheel.com or to register online

22 - DD—Calico

November

1st Regular meeting

5th - DD—Last Chance Canyon

11th -13th - CA4WDC - Panamint Valley Days

http://www.cal4wheel.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=63&Itemid=91

24th -27th - DD—Anderson Dry Lake Area

December

6 Regular meeting

Run Reports

White Mountain Road Run Report

Run Date: Saturday - August 27, 2011

Trail Leader: Ray Kleinhuizen

Dirt Devils that attended: Ray Kleinhuizen, Karen Kleinhuizen, Danny Ward, Pete Johnson, John Strege, Jeff Nancy and Joey Jernigan

The trip started on Friday with the drive to the Grandview campground. Light rain started to fall about half way to the campground that became on and off heavy rain as we got close to the campground. We got lucky the rain cleared up just as we started to set up camp. The weather was great the rest of the weekend. John, Jeff and Nancy drove up on Thursday and ran the Wheeler ridge trail on Friday.

Five Jeeps were at the meeting spot well before 8:30. The plan was to run the Old White Mt Rd trail down hill first, eat lunch then head back up the trail in the afternoon. The first difficult section turned out to be one we missed on the pre run. This was a steep rocky drop off into a narrow passage way. Everyone that tried it made it through without problems. We ran smoothly until the last difficult section on the down hill part of the trail. The main trail was blocked by a tree, there were two ways through a narrow rocky section or a steep hill with some big rocks and then a steep drop. We each picked our line and proceeded through. Danny Ward got a little off line and took out his passenger side electric step. Linda will most likely be unhappy until this problem is fixed. The rest of us made it through without any problems.

We finished the down hill leg and headed over to the lunch spot at the Mollie Gibson mine area without any problems. On the way back to Old White Mt Rd to head back up the trail we stopped to explore a mine that went into the side of a hill about 30 feet and stopped.

We headed back up Old White Mt Rd without any problems and over to Grandview campground to air up. There were a few other minor dings on a few wheels and a broken wheel lock but the trail leader made it through without a flat tire, a first for this trail.

Sunday Danny, Pete, Karen and Ray decided to go out of the White mountains via Wyman canyon, an easy trail that heads east down to Hwy 168 near Deep Springs dry lake

This is a really fun trail that does not get a lot of use and is in a beautiful area of the Inyo National Forest.

The End Of An Era

The Roy Rogers Museum in Branson, MO (Before that on the 15 freeway in Victorville) has closed its doors forever. The contents of the museum were sold at a public auction. Roy Rogers told his son, if the museum ever operates at a loss, close it and sell the contents. He complied.

Just a few of the many items of interest include:

Nellybelle sold for \$116,500. (Bill, do you think I can get anything close to that for our '46 Willy's?)

Trigger's saddle and bridle sold for \$386,500

Trigger sold for \$266,500. (in case you didn't know Trigger was stuffed.)

CAL4WD

Water Quality issues

NRC South Report August 5, 2011

John Stewart – CAL4WD
Natural Resources Consultant

July has been consumed with two issues: SoCal Roadless Collaborative Team and the USFS Water Quality Management Plan.



After two conference calls (July 28 and August 1) of about 4 hours each plus numerous other calls between, the tenor of the discussion has been changed. Theatrics from a false report claiming OHV Interveners had signed off on a "hit list" provided a slight disruption in on-going discussions. The USFS is looking to complete the collaborative process by August 3, 2011.

For an overview, the Southern California National Forests Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA) Road and Trail Collaborative Group was convened to assist in collaboratively developing criteria for decommissioning roads and trails in IRAs and identifying project priorities based on those criteria in compliance with the Settlement Agreement approved for *California Resources Agency, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture*, and *Center for Biological Diversity, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture*.

The primary purpose of the collaborative group was to develop a mutually acceptable set of criteria and a list of priority road and trail projects for the Forest Service to implement as funding allows. The proposal, or proposals, were developed through collaboration, recognizing the diverse interests of the settlement parties while trying to address all interests within the constraints of the Forest Services regulatory and administrative responsibilities.

The list of "priority road and trail projects" consists of all routes within designated Inventories Roadless Areas. When I was unsuccessful at removing system routes from the list, I pushed to ensure that ALL routes (even non-motorized) were placed on the list.

During the ensuing meetings and conference calls, a list of criteria was developed. I am still not completely satisfied with them. But, if the tentative agreement holds, systems routes are off the list for decommissioning. As it stands, OHV Interveners HAVE NOT agreed to anything concerning the stipulations in the settlement agreement. Our emphasis from the beginning remains. The "list" is nothing but a list and not a means to front-load any analysis process. Any action undertaken on any route on the list must be preceded by site-specific/project level NEPA analysis.

The OHV Interveners along with the California Resources Agency are pushing for an extension rather than completion by the imposed August 3 date. USFS wants to complete this process on August 3. The USFS Water Quality Management Plan has been my other focal point for the month. Basically, the Water Board/USFS action is twofold. 1) Update the current USFS guidance dealing with water quality and 2) Provide USFS with a singular consistent process throughout Region 5 for managing their water quality program.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has released a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), including the Initial Study, for a waste discharge regulatory program for National Forest System (NFS) lands around the State. The public review and comment period for the MND

and Waiver is from June 10 until July 25, 2011. That due date has been extended to August 24, 2011.

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, the State Water Board will be accepting public comment on three documents: Mitigated Negative Declaration, Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges Related to Certain Activities on National Forest System Lands in California, and USFS Water Quality Management Handbook.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) describes and evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the Conditional Waiver. The MND establishes that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the State Water Board, that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, with incorporated mitigation measures that will avoid or mitigate potential significant impacts. All of the mitigation measures needed to avoid or minimize potentially significant impacts are set out in the MND and incorporated into the Conditional Waivers conditions. Stated in cleared words, the Conditional Waiver notes that activities on Forest Service lands have no water quality impact provided they incorporate mitigation measures to avoid or minimize impacts in accordance with the Best Management Practices outlined in the USFS Water Quality Management Handbook.

By statute, USFS must manage NFS lands for multiple uses, including grazing, logging, mining, water supply, recreation, fire control, vegetation manipulation, and restoration. Activities associated with these uses may generate sediment, increase water temperature, and affect other water quality parameters. USFS has existing mandates, programs, funding, and resources for protecting and restoring water quality, riparian areas, wetlands, and watersheds. This Conditional Waiver is to address Non-Point Source discharges related to Timber Management, Road Management, Range Management, Recreation, Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation, Vegetation Manipulation, Watershed Restoration, and Fire Suppression and Recovery.

The Conditional Waiver is being proposed under the Clean Water Act (federal legislation) and the Porter-Cologne Act (California state legislation). Both pieces of legislation govern how the quality of water will be ensured within the State of California.

Basically, the Clean Water Act (CWA) applies to "waters of the United States" and prohibits illegal discharge from a "point source" that could affect water quality. The phrase "waters of the United States" includes surface water (not ground water) and traditionally navigable waters. The phrase "waters of the United States" does not include isolated wetlands or water bodies that lead nowhere.

As a contrast, the Porter-Cologne Act prohibits any discharge that could affect "waters of the state". The phrase "waters of the state" includes ground water and isolated wetlands from point sources and non-point sources.

Point sources are direct sources such as discharge from a factory. Non-point sources are discharge from points where there is no defined source and are generally cumulative from multiple source. Typically, non-point sources are roads.

I am developing comments for CA4WDC to address the USFS Water Quality Management Plan. I have attended every meeting (over a dozen) held by the USFS over the last 18 months dealing with this issue. I have heard the environmental community drone on and on about the inadequacies of the BMPs contained in the USFS Draft Water Quality Management Handbook.

The BMPs have been the guidance used by USFS for many years to conduct their normal business. One exception is a new set of BMPs dealing with OHV Recreation which are newly created. Overall, the BMPs have been in use for sometime with no adverse issues.

There is an interesting point with the OHV BMPs. When the Forest Service references "trails", in legal terms they are defining routes for vehicles less than 50 inches in width. Vehicles greater than 50 inches in width are prohibited from using "trails" and restricted to using "roads".

However, the USFS does have one arcane classification they have been reluctant to use. They can identify a "trail" where it is a "road managed as a trail" which will then allow vehicles greater than 50 inches in width to use that trail.

The OHV BMPs apply to trails - for vehicles less than 50 inches in width as well as trails for greater than 50 inches in width. This is significant as it is the first time defined trail maintenance practices have been established for "roads managed as a trail".

The focus of my comments will be on the administrative process the USFS will use to implement the Water Quality Management Plan -- adaptive management and monitoring. These are the "rules" USFS will follow when dealing with on-the-ground projects.

Within the context of the Waiver, the projects will have BMPs that apply. There will be monitoring criteria defined. Should the monitoring determine the BMPs are not meeting expectations for water quality, the BMPs can be changed through "adaptive management". In cases where the modified BMPs cannot ensure water quality, the issue then moves to the Water Board where the Water Board will determine whether the activity becomes a "point source" of pollution further action necessary or additional mitigation measures.

In short, I want to ensure that stakeholders (which include OHV) remain as a participant in future under rules that are reasonable.

CORVA has a new website



Well it has taken many months and lots of time (we are volunteers) but our new website is now alive and well, check it out. www.corva.org

CORVA Monthly Newsletters are available the first of each month

The CORVA calendar lists all upcoming events and meetings around the state.

Bookmark this page: [CORVA CALENDAR](#)

New members



Randy & Donna Huddelston drive a 2005 Jeep Unlimited January, February & April meeting guest. Voted in at the June meeting



Brad Lark with his wife Charlotte and their son Brandon was voted in as a new member at the June meeting

Guest



Erik and Brenda Looney drive an '08 Rubicon visited us on August 2011



Ron & Sharon Jackson Ran Cleghorn and has helped out on our adpota trail. Voted in at the June meeting.



Don Stoutenger drives an '06 TJ Rubicon. Jun, Aug '11 meeting & Jul 30th Gold Mtn John Bull run.



Mark & Patty Dail guest at the May, June, Aug meeting.

Cowbells

Chuck Callahan John Bull July 2011
he got hung up on a large rock

Oscar Lizarraga July 2011
needed the help of a strap.



Dustin Bennett proudly holding his cow bell. Earned at a V notch while on the Cleghorn run



Jesse May lost his drive shaft on the trail at HDR. Fortunately for Jesse Dustin Bennett found it on the trail and returned it to it's rightful owner.

Dan at Cleghorn laid his jeep on its side.

Safety Report

Safety administrator Danny Ward

When on the trail keep an eye out for the rig behind you. For groups larger than 10 there needs to be a 1) leader, 2) tail gunner and a 3) mid rig.

Basic safety equipment should include: first aid kit, fire extinguisher, CB radio, tow strap, extra food and water, basic tool kit, some spare parts, safety glasses, gloves, full size spare, working emergency brake.

Large Velcro straps are handy to keep your straps together.

Club officers

- President: Jesse May jemay.xj@gmail.com
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17092 Olive Grove Lane Silverado, CA 92676
- Safety Committee: Dan Ward / d4lward@sbcglobal.net
- Run Coordinator: Needed

First aid kit tracking

Jesse May.

Mike Ortega believes he gave his 1st aid kit to Sheldon
Jeff Jernigan Feb 1st got from Pete Johnson

Banner

John Strege has it.

Stickers, T shirts & hats

Dirt Devil Stickers are available at the regular meetings for \$15.00 from Emi Webber.

Shirts see last page, Hats see Emi

Meeting Place

We meet the first Tuesday of each month. 6:30pm for Dinner & 7:30pm for the meeting at

Keno's Restaurant

5750 E. La Palma

Anaheim just east of Imperial Hwy and north of the 91 Fwy.

Newsletter advertising

\$25 for ¼ page ad, for 3 issues

\$50 for a ½ page ad, for 3 issues

\$100 for a full page ad, for 3 issues.

A full page ad also gets a Web Link.

Dirt Devils Membership Form

June 1, 2011 through May 30, 2012



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Membership	New:	Renewal:
Member Name:		Handle:
Vehicle:	Year:	Lic#:
Vehicle:	Year:	Lic#:
Home address:	City & Zip:	
Cell phone #	Home phone #	
E-mail address:		
Off road experience?		
Spouse:		Handle:
Vehicle:	Year:	Lic#:
Home address:	City & Zip:	
Cell phone #	Home phone #	
E-mail address:		

Also, please email a photo of yourself and your vehicle in the "Members " section of the Dirt Devils web site. Please include a Face Shot and include your Real Name (*at least a first name*).

Annual Membership Dues:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Total
	\$36.00 Member	
	\$12.00 (Spouse)	
	\$45.00 yearly renewal of CA4WD dues.	
	Total:	

If CAL4WD (California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc.) membership dues is paid,

Please provide CAL4WD Member ID: _____ Life member? _____

Please make check payable to **Dirt Devils of SoCal**. Send check & this form to Emi Webber 17092 Olive Grove Lane, Silverado, CA 92676 emiwebber@hotmail.com

Note: The Federal Tax Reform Act requires that we advise members that contributions or gifts to CA4WDC or Dirt Devils Club are not deductible as charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes.

Shirt order 2011



Name: _____

Short Sleeve	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	Totals
Price:	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	
Qty:								
Total:								
Long Sleeve	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	
Price:	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	
Qty:								
Total:								
Hooded Pullover Sweatshirts	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	
Price:	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	
Qty:								
Total:								
Hooded Zippered Sweatshirts	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	
Price:	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	
Qty:								
Total:								
Total:								

Fax order to Quest Building Products 714 738 6640 or email emiwebber@hotmail.com please write "DD shirts" in the subject line