



The Dirt Devils Digest

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President's Message

If your at all interested in going to Moab Utah next April then be sure and check out the run calendar section. Ray Kleinhuisen is putting together a Utah trip. Reservations for some trails have to be made 6 months in advance.

Give Randy Huddeslston a high 5, he has volunteered to be the new Dirt Devil safety coordinator.

We had some conversation on whether or not to support CORVA. No vote was taken. A new CAL4Wheel president will be elcted in January.

Unfortunately it is looking more likely that the 29 Palms marine base will expand west into the OHV areas. I hope they expand to the east and leave the hammer trails alone.

See you on the trail.

Jesse May



Nice

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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.

Mike Ortega
mike@topwebsiteplacement.com

Adopt a trail

Run Reports

Adopt A Trail July 21st

6 vehicles, 11 people showed up to move 6 trees off the trail picked up some trash had fun driving around in our jeeps. At the waterfall a car was stuck, we're not sure how they will get it out.

Miller Jeep trail August 4th

10 rigs showed up, we enjoyed some light rain and thunder. Unfortunately, the trail has gotten easier. After getting through Miller Trail, 4 of us headed over to the 4x4 play ground where some of us got stuck and needed the help of a winch to get to safety. On the way home Pete Johnson's jeep stopped running near Magic Mtn. to get home he hitched a ride with AAA. After digging around Pete found the problem. The wiring harness to the fuel pump got crushed between the transfer case and the body and it shorted out. Yep, that will do it. Pete is reporting that it is all fixed now, but it he did report to me it took a while to find. Pete does want to thank everyone that stopped at the side of the 5 freeway to help.

Run calendar 2012

Regular Adopt A Trail meeting place

9am at Rock Road House
32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382
next to the 76 gas station

August

18 Adopt A Trail

September

Labor Day Jeep Safari Moab, UT

www.rr4w.com

8th Adopt A Trail

15th Kennedy Meadow & Sherman Pass

Run Date: Sept. 15, 2012

Trail Leader: Danny Ward
(Cell 714-651-9717)

d4lward@sbcglobal.net

Meet: Troy Meadow Campground Entrance

Time: 8:30am– Leave 9:00am.

Directions to Pearsonville, Ca.: Starting at CA-91 east bound toward the I-15, take I-15 north toward Barstow 43.3 miles. Take exit **141** to merge onto **US-395 north** toward

Bishop/Adelanto 98.3 miles. Take the ramp onto **US- 395 north** 7.3 miles to Pearsonville, Ca.

Special Note: Pearsonville, Ca. is the last chance for **Gas**. Pearsonville elevation is 2513 and going to Troy Meadow elevation of 7800 is a little bit of a climb.

Directions to Troy Meadow Campground: From Pearsonville take US Rt. 395 north 2.6 miles to Kennedy Meadow sign. Turn left at sign onto Nine-mile Canyon Road and go 24.6 miles to a "Y" intersection. Bear left onto Sherman Pass Road and go 10.3 miles to campground sign. Turn right at sign into campground.

Special Equipment Required: Minimum 31" tires but could have trouble. High ground clearance vehicle required.

Trails Description: Sherman Pass 4 wheel drive road is narrow, rocky, and steep. Road is difficult terrain, expert 4WD techniques required. Not suitable for long wheel base vehicles. (6.8 miles)

Permits: "Forest Adventure Pass" is needed to park along this trail.

Remember: Camera, Warm Clothing, Chair, Lunches, etc.

Weekend Plan: I'm leaving Friday the 14th about 6:00 am and tent camping Friday and Saturday nights at Troy Meadow Campground. Contact me if you want to caravan.

15-16 Kids On Public Land

KOPL will be held at Camp Conrad- Chinock
4700 Jenks Lake Road West Angelus, CA

KOPL is a program for inner city kids to go exploring in the forest and introduce them to the wilderness. It is organized by the Anaheim police dept and on Saturday volunteers will drive boys around in their jeeps and on Sunday women will drive young girls around in Jeeps. The trails are easy dirt roads. KOPL is looking for volunteer's to drive their jeeps. On Saturday they need men and Sunday they want women to drive the girls. If your available it is a very rewarding experience.

RV's can park in the upper parking area. There is additional parking along the side road near the cabins. Cabins are \$10 for half and \$20 for a full cabin. Dispersed camping is available along Forest Rd 1N84. Barton Flats Campground; Heart Bar Campground and of course hotels in Big Bear which is 55 miles away.

If you choose to eat breakfast is \$5. and Saturday night BBQ cost is \$10.

The Dirt Devils have donated \$200 towards this worthwhile event. If you do decide to volunteer to use your Jeep contact Sandy & Keith Graham Dirt Devil Members, go to KOPL website: <http://www.sidekickoffroad.com/kopl.htm> or email staceyh Harrold staceyh@verizon.net

October

13 Adopt A Trail and Holcomb Creek
run Leader Mike Ortega

27 Gold Mtn & John Bull
run leader Ralph Schorbach

November

9–11 PVD Panamint Valley Days

22–25 Thanksgiving at Truckhaven or?

December

8 Cleghorn
run leader John Strege

April 2013

Moab, Utah



I am looking for people interested in going to Moab, Utah in 2013. The week we are planning is April 6 to April 14. The weather should be spring like at this time but anything can happen.

Moab is a mecca for 4 wheelers with more than 50 trails within 30 miles of town. The trails range from easy to extremely difficult. Basically, there's something for everyone.

One of the trails we plan to run is White Rim Road in Canyonlands National Park, which is about 25 miles from Moab. The White Rim trail is mostly easy with a few moderate sections. The journey is over 100 miles with a few side trips to visit dramatic arches, rock formations and descend to the Colorado river. This will be a 2 day trip with one night of back country camping. A \$20.00 deposit is required per vehicle to cover permits and fee's required for travel and camping in Canyonlands National Park. Those interested is going on the White Rim need to give me \$20.00 to reserve a spot.

If you're not interested in the White Rim trail but would like to come to Moab we plan to run other trails as well. On the other days we are in Moab we

will run several other trails as day trips. These trails will range from moderate to difficult. The difficult trails on my list are Hell's Revenge, Fins & Things, Top of the world and Lockhart Basin. The moderate trails include Hey Joe Canyon and Hidden Canyon Overlook. If you know of other good trails, let me know.

Moab has several hotel/motels and campgrounds. Most of the town campgrounds offer full RV hookups and some provide showers for tent campers. I plan to camp at Dead Horse State Park which is right outside of Canyonlands and has RV hookups and water but no showers.

RSVP: Ray Kleinhuisen cell:

714-300-9656

Email: raykleinhuisen@yahoo.com





Run template

Research and/or Pre-run the trail route.

Create and Post a Run Announcement

When emailing the run announcement: Please, use the words "Run Announcement" in the Subject line of the message, forward to the webmaster and newsletter editor to be copied and pasted.

1. Date/Time and Place for the Run
2. Description of Run
3. Difficulty Rating scale 1 to 5
4. Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run
5. Directions to Meeting Place.
6. EXACT Departure Time from Meeting Place
7. Required Equipment. Open dif? Lockers?
8. Is Special Equipment Required?
9. Is RSVP Required?
10. Are Permits Required? (Forest Adventure Pass etc.)
11. CB Channel start with channel 4, if to much traffic on channel 4 then switch to 5 and so on.
12. Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees. Access for motor homes? Very little ground clearance? Deep soft sand?
13. Expected Weather Conditions.

14. Contact Information (Run Leader Phone Number & email address)
15. Please, cover all the needed information in the Run Announcement rather than say "contact me for details".

Start of the Run:

1. Hold brief driver's gathering before start of run. Include special instructions.
2. Assign vehicle order if there are vehicles with open diffs. Have vehicle with locked diff in front & behind. (If possible disperse vehicles with HAM radios near the front, middle and rear of the line.
3. Encourage drivers to learn the name of the person in front and behind his/her vehicle.
4. Assign "Sweep Vehicle" (Tail Gunner Vehicle)
5. Give 5 Minute Warning before start
6. Begin Run ON TIME or notify everyone of new time.
7. Announce Departure over CB channel 4
8. Start moving slowly
9. Stop at all turns to confirm vehicle behind sees turn
10. Stop occasionally to close up ranks
11. Announce comfort stops
12. Announce Lunch Stop and Length of Stop
13. After returning home forward to the webmaster and newsletter editor to be copied and pasted a Run Report and a few photos. In the subject line write "Run Report"

Guests



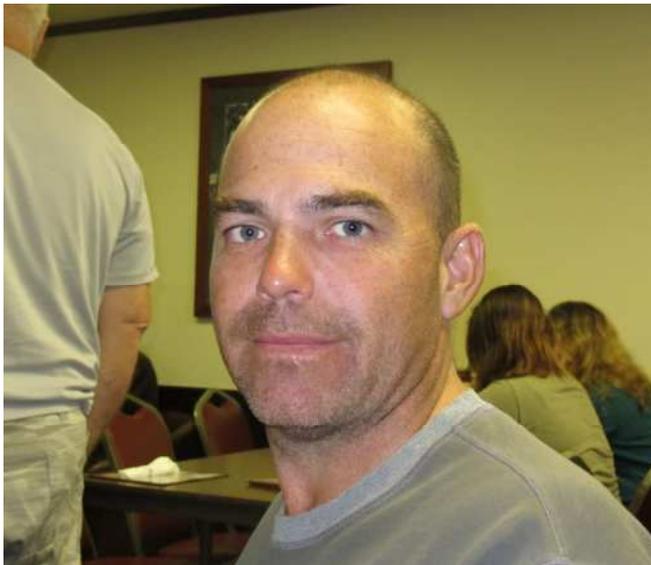
Joe Cappiello putts around in a YJ



Tim Rowatt puts around in a Toyota forerunner



Angela and RJ Ahl 2012 Jeep Wrangler unlimited Meetings: June, July, August



Charles Fayette puts around in a stock '01 TJ Wrangler



Mike Wallace with his brother Rob



Chris Johnson

New members



Brain McGrath August meeting



Josh Bleijenberg voted in at the July meeting
2007 Toyota FJ lifted 3" many upgrades.



Cort Phelps; Cort drives a well modified Toyota Forerunner
DD runs: Hammer trails with Mike Ortega

CB radio news

Many of us have purchased our CB radios from The Solder Joint in Orange. Well the Orange store has closed. They still have a store in Signal Hills go to www.thesolderjoint.com for directions.

Another option is Mark Kennedy he operates www.highdesertcb.com
mdkennedy1@verizon.net / 760 949 9917

Ham radios are also very useful and have a much longer range.

Classified



'97 Jeep Wrangler for sale stock \$4300.

4.0 6 cylinder engine, 200,000 miles runs good, body is clean except for small dent in rt rear corner, paint looks faded, soft top only, tires are in good condition.

Contact: Peter at croziers2@netscape.net 951.736.1331 or Nancy Jernigan queenb2850@charter.net

Dirt Devil special

LAZER STAR Dominator HID lights



These lights have internal Ballast are 35 W HID and come in either Spot or Flood Beam.

Powerful, affordable HID technology in a lightweight ABS housing features internal ballast. Available in 4" or 7" diameter.

4 Inch: 120.00 7 Inch: 130.00 Per Light

www.edgeoffroad.com contact Mike Wallace at (714)504-8514 Sales@edgeoffroad.com

Club info

Cowbells

John Strege July 2012 earned while playing in the 4x4 area in Hungary Valley

Roger Mauer June

Bill Smith June (he says he wasn't even playing hard.)

Jesse Strege June got a tug from Mike Ortega

John Strege June broke down on the way to the trail. (Cowbell award?)

Randy Huddelston June 2012

Jeff Jernigan June 2012

Terry Pucket March 2012

Eddie Cesena March 2012

Randy Huddelston March 2012

New brown Jesse May

Old Blue Mike Maneth Calico February 2012

The cow bell rules are: If you get stuck and are unable to move under your own power and need the help of a winch or you get strapped from one of your fellow jeepers then you have earned the privilege of hanging a cow bell from your front bumper. You must leave the cow bell on the front of your rig until another Dirt Devil gets stuck then, you can proudly hand it over.

First aid kit tracking

FA #1 (red, blue backpack)

Mike Ortega August no change

Feb 2012

for Adopt a trail runs

Danny Ward Dec 2011

Bill Smith

FA #2

Danny Ward August 2012

Randy Huddelston June 2012

John Strege Apr 2011

Sheldon Neal Jan 2012

John Strege Dec 2011

FA #3

Roger Mauer

Danny Ward June 2012

Ray Kleinhuizen Apr 2012 for Steel Pass run.

Pete Johnson Feb 2012

Jesse May Dec 2011

Banner

John Strege has it.

Safety Report

Safety administrator Danny Ward

When on the trail keep an eye out for the rig behind you.

Keep your fire extinguisher fresh. Shake it, you should feel the powder move around.

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 for keeping your straps together.

When you believe there is a chance of rolling over grab your seat belt and hold on. Do not grab the roll bar or reach out to stop your rig from rolling over.

If your gear is not tied down well then it will get thrown around.

Accessories

Available at the regular meetings, see Emi Webber.

Dirt Devil Stickers: \$15.00.

Short sleeve shirts: \$14.00

Long sleeve shirts: \$18.00

Sweatshirts: \$30.00

Hats: \$20.00

Adopt a Trail

The Dirt Devils Adopt A Trail is Dishpan Springs Trail (3N34)

Dishpan Springs Trail can be found in the San Bernardino National Forest near Lake Arrowhead. The Dishpan Springs Trail is one of the toughest and most popular trails in the SBNF.

The Western entrance:

2N26Y is N34° 16.198 W117° 08.258.

The T6 Bridge: N34° 16.106 W117° 07.745.

The Eastern entrance: 3N16 is N34° 15.663 W117° 05.116.

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.

Club officers

President: Jesse May: jemay.xj@gmail.com

Vice President: Danny Ward: d4lward@sbcglobal.net

Secretary: Cheryl May: jemay.xj@gmail.com

Treasurer: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Web Master: Mike Ortega: mike@topwebsiteplacement.com

Newsletter: Ron Webber: webbermail@cox.net

Hospitality: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Safety Committee: Randy Huddelston: hudd1@pacbell.net

Run Coordinator: Needed

Meeting Place

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.