



The Dirt Devils Digest

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President's Message

The recent meetings have been well attended, be sure and welcome our new member Paul & Debbie Coursey, Rick Walter, Josh Bleijenberg, Cort Phelps and guest that visit from time to time.

You will enjoy reading about White Mtn Rd trail this was a well planned run and fun was had by all. Check out the run calendar for future runs.

Most of you probably received a letter from Mark Cave appealing to all of us to continue our membership in CAL4 Wheel we can spend a few minutes discussing this at our next meeting.

See you on the trail.

Jesse May



Jeep Olympics in Corral Canyon

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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
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Adopt a trail

Run Reports

White Mountain Rd

Run Date: Saturday - July 14, 2012

Trail Leader: Ray Kleinhuizen

Dirt Devils that attended: Ray Kleinhuizen, Karen Kleinhuizen, Danny & Linda Ward, Pete Johnson, Brian McGarth (guest), Don Young, Randy and Donna Huddlerson. Pete, Don, Ray and Karen drove up on Thursday to secure camp sites for the group and prerun the trail on Friday. We secured two camp sites next to each other that provided space for all tents and vehicles. The weather forecast was chance of rain and clouds most of the weekend and that's what we got. More about the rain later.

On Friday the plan was to run the trail and do any maintenance necessary then explore other trails in the area. During the prerun we cleared a few branches, moved a down tree and broke up some sharp rocks. The trail maintenance was finished quickly and we headed over to the Westgard Mine road. This is a steep narrow road that runs along the side of a hill to a high plateau then a ridge road that leads to the Westgard Mine. At the half way point there's a rock slide that blocks the road. The rock slide is followed by a steep soft off camber section with no place to turn around. We decided to back up to a place wide enough to turn around. The back up process was a little tricky but worked out with two spotters one front and one in the rear.

We headed back to the campground for lunch and then decided to head out the back of the campground to find the Grandview mine. After traveling to the end of the trail and seeing lots of tailing we were at the end of the trail and walked the area but never found the mine. The rest of the group arrived about 4:30 and we had a good evening Friday with a Bar BQ over the campfire.



On Saturday morning six Jeeps headed to the trail for the days run. The first difficult section is a steep rocky drop off. This section has a by pass but no one used it. We made it through with only minor scratches on rock sliders and rear bumpers. Randy got some minor scratches on the body that would have

been avoided with rock sliders. We continued through a few moderate sections without any problems.



As we came around a narrow section of the canyon a young buck deer was standing in the middle of the trail. The first few Jeeps got pictures before he moved on and we continued down the trail. The last difficult section has two paths one is through a narrow rocky path right along the canyon wall with two turns required to get through. The second path is over several large rocks with a steep drop off at the end and sharp right turn at the bottom. One Jeep took the first path and the other five took the second path. Everyone made it through with a few minor scratches to rock sliders but nothing major.



We made it through the trail ahead of schedule and after a short group discussion we decided to change the plan for the day. After an early lunch at the Mollie Gibson mine we proceeded to the Wyman canyon trail that heads up the eastern side of the White Mountains to the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest and over to the Patriarch Grove.

Wyman canyon is normally an easy trail that travels along Wyman creek but recent rain had the creek overflowing making some sections of the trail more challenging with mud and running water. Everyone had fun with the trail conditions. We encountered several closed gates, cattle and horse's on the trail and a water fall. Overall an interesting run.

The Patriarch Grove has some of the oldest and largest Bristlecone Pines a real treat for everyone to see. We left the Patriarch Grove and proceeded to the Schulman Grove parking lot where we were going to air up but just as we got there it started raining. The rain didn't look like it was going to pass quickly so we decided go back to the campground to air

up. The campground never got any rain so this turned out to be a good decision. We had a good camp fire Saturday night and broke camp early Sunday to head home. Overall a very enjoyable weekend.

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

- 4 Miller Jeep Trail**
run leader Ralph Schorbach & John Strege
- 18 Adopt A Trail**

September

- 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 at Camp Conrad. – working with the police departments to bring inner city kids into the forest and introduce them to the wilderness and take them onto a trail. September 15 is boys with men driving, September 16 is girls with women driving. Keith would like the club to think about donating. Keith will provide more information as we get closer.

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

Run template

Research and/or Pre-run the trail route.

Create and Post a Run Announcement

Message with the following information: *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.*

- Date/Time and Place for the Run
- Description of Run
- Difficulty Rating scale 1 to 5
- Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run
- Directions to Meeting Place.
- EXACT Departure Time from Meeting Place
- Required Equipment. Open dif? Lockers?
- Is Special Equipment Required?
- Is RSVP Required?
- Are Permits Required? (Forest Adventure Pass etc.)
- CB Channel start with channel 4, if to much traffic on channel 4 then switch to 5 and so on.
- Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees. Access for motor homes? Very little ground clearance? Deep soft sand?
- Expected Weather Conditions.
- Contact Information (Leader Phone Number & email address)
- Please cover all the needed information in the Run Announcement rather than say “contact me for details”.

Start of the Run

- Hold brief driver's gathering before start of run.
Include special instructions.
- 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.
- Encourage drivers to learn the name of the person in front and behind his/her vehicle.
- Assign "Sweep Vehicle" (Tail Gunner Vehicle)
- Give 5 Minute Warning before start
- Begin Run ON TIME or notify everyone of new time.
- Announce Departure over CB channel 4
- Start moving slowly
- Stop at all turns to confirm vehicle behind sees turn
- Stop occasionally to close up ranks
- Announce comfort stops
- Announce Lunch Stop and Length of Stop

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

Michael Cook & Mandy '97 Sahara & '73 CJ5

Ken Jackson 12 Rubicon

Al Davidson attended 2 meetings and 1 run

Wes Wiggs '08 JK

Dave Lizzarago '76 CJ7

Chris Johnson '07 JK

Joe Capiato

Joel Copeland

Roger Campbell

Wes Wiggs



Robert Daub



Rick Walter & Rhonda Graves
Meetings: June



Jeff Gonzalez & David '97 XJ



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



Rod Kautz '94 XJ
Meetings: June



Chris McDonald drives a 2012 Unlimited
Meetings: April, June

New members



Kevin Craft
Meetings: June



Rick Walter & Rhonda Graves voted in at the July meeting



Jon Kowlaski '86 Toyota 4 Runner
Meetings: June



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



Paul and Debbie Coursey Meetings: June.

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.

Club info

Cowbells

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

Jesse got a tug from Mike Ortega June

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

Randy Huddelston June

Jeff Jernigan June

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.

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.

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.

First aid kit tracking

FA #1 (red, blue backpack)

Mike Ortega Feb 2012

for Adopt a trail runs

Danny Ward Dec 2011

Bill Smith

FA #2

Randy Huddelston June 2012

John Strege Apr 2011

Sheldon Neal Jan 2012

John Strege Dec 2011

FA #3

Roger

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.

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

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

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Safety Committee: Dan Ward: d4lward@sbcglobal.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.