



The Dirt Devils Digest

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A monthly publication of the Dirt Devils
<http://www.dirtdevils.org/>

President's Message

June is membership month. Please provide update your contact information and dues to Emi Webber.

Mike Orega is building a Hammer Rig and plans to run it next year in the King of the Hammer race. I look forward to his monthly updates and eventually watch the race.

Check out the run calendar for events. Especially the adopta trail runs.

Welcome, new member Paul & Debbie Coursey.

Since I will be taking some vacation time Danny Ward will sit in as president at the July meeting.

The election results are in:

President	Secretary
Jesse May	Cheryl May
Vice President	Treasurer
Danny Ward	Emi Webber

See you on the trail.

Jesse May

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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

The Dish Pan Springs trail is in fair shape it still needs regular maintenance. The May and June adopt a trail maintenance run, we moved 6 trees off the trail, filled 2 large trash bags with trash, a lot of beer cans.

Run Reports

▪ Rattlesnake Canyon – May 5

John almost made it there. Jesse got a phone call from John after breakfast stating that his jeep had to be towed home. So he does deserve a cow bell, but it was passed on. Had about 13 vehicles. Had one person get stuck, Brian, who was a visitor. Towards the top, at the rock garden, he got high-centered. The plan was for Mike and his three guests were going to do Motino Wash which is almost at the end, so they continued on. Per Mike, the wash is supposed to be the most rugged trail in the San Bernardino Mountains. Had 4 rigs and 2 ended up with damage. Mike would like to include it in as a run for next year and requires two lockers and 35's and even then there will likely be body damage. It's a 3 1/2 mile to 4 mile stretch and it takes 3 to 4 hours. Mike put up a video on BigBearoffroadracing.com and has a link to a Youtube video of the trail. The other 9 continued on to the normal route onto Heartbreak Ridge. It was a long day. Went to a pizza place for dinner.

▪ Adopt-a-Trail – May 19

Had 5 vehicles, 6 people. Left at 9:00 and got to the trailhead about 10. Moved 5 or 6 trees that had fallen off the trail. There are still a few more trees that should be moved further. Pretty uneventful. The only casualty was a winch controller. It was put on a fender and was driven over. Was able to repair it and still need to test. Don encouraged everyone to go as it is really good time and good chance to use the equipment.

▪ Memorial Day Weekend

Jeff, John, Randy, Danny Delp, Jesse, the Carrabines, Jim Palmer arrived on Thursday. Had no issues or breaks. The first cow bell for the day was Randy who needed to be winched off. Bill came out Thursday night. Pete came out Friday and a visitor on Sunday. Played on Friday. Jesse's ARB stopped working so didn't have lockers, so he had to be strapped up. Bill and Jim also got strapped up. Jim's tire came off the rim. While trying to fix it, the Jeep started going backwards and the Jeep went sideways. Had some communication issues. Tied down with about five straps and were then able to replace the tire. Jim did have a tire, but it was the wrong size. On Thursday, Bill blew a tire on the Bronco, but didn't know it until a trucker told him, so by the time he got into camp, he didn't have a spare. On Friday, as Bill was coming out on the main road to camp, he had a flat tire. Had to go into Apple Valley and Victorville to get spare tires.

Saturday, played all over the place. Went to an abandoned mine. Jeff turtled on a trail that the group hadn't run in two years. Water has changed the trail a bit. Jeff went up a rock, pivoted around and was stuck. Dan needed help out of a canyon. Randy's had a retainer clip break which caused some issues with the gear shift. Was able to do a trail repair with a zip tie that worked the rest of the weekend.

Pete left Saturday night. On Sunday John, Jeff and Dan left. Went out for a relaxing Sunday drive as had a stock vehicle join. Went over towards Slash X and Jim's vehicle had issues in 4-wheel; possible transfer case issue. Greg Carrabine turned around to rescue Jim and the hose popped off the radiator. Bill then informed the group that he wasn't going anywhere. The vehicle wouldn't start. Towed Bill back to camp. Went back out to Slash X for a late lunch.

Packed up camp on Monday morning. Cowbells went to Jesse, Jeff and Bill.

▪ Adopt-a-Trail – June 2

Had three DD and some friends of Mike's. Was basically just trash pickup. Since were done early went on and did Holcomb. Ran into Larry McCray and Bond. Started off with five rigs and ended up with 25. No issues, no cow bells.

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

July

Old White Mtn. Rd



Inyo National Forest

Run Date: Saturday - July 14

Trail Leader: Ray Kleinhuizen (Cell 714-300-9656)
raykleinhuizen@yahoo.com,

RSVP: yes to Trail leader (Ray) before July 12 @ noon

Trail Leader Camping: The trail leader will be camping at the **Grandview campground** July 12, 13 and 14. From Orange County go to the 15 Fwy and go north to US 395. Go north on US 395 to Big Pine. At Big Pine go east on SR 168 (13 miles) to bristlecone pine forest turn (White mtn. rd) and proceed 6 miles to the Grandview campground.

Meeting Location: Grandview Campground entrance located on White Mtn Rd. (there is no cell coverage at the meet spot)

Meeting Time : 8:30 am, plan is to leave for the trail at 9:00 am

Trail Description: The trail starts less than a mile from Grandview campground at 8600 ft elevation and runs about 7 miles down to hwy 168 at an elevation of 7200 ft. The trail is mostly a moderate level of difficulty with two difficult sections one has a by pass. The plan is to go down the trail to start and head over to the Mollie Evans mines area for lunch. After lunch we will head back to Old White Mtn. Rd and go back up to the Grandview Campground.

Special Equipment Required: 33" tires are recommended with at least one locker but body damage is possible. Stock Jeeps without lockers might have trouble and could experience body damage.

Campground Information:

The **Grandview campground** has 27 campsites with tables, fire rings, central pit toilets but NO WATER. The max size for motorhomes is 23ft and the last 6 miles to the campground are steep, winding narrow mountain road. No reservations accepted and no fee only voluntary donations. The Grandview campground has large campsites that are spread out and can accommodate multiple vehicles and multiple tents.

Glacier View campground is located at the junction of US 395 and hwy 168 in Big Pine. Glacier view has 40 open tree shaded RV/tent sites on 20 acres. No reservations accepted.

There is also a campground in Bishop on hwy 395 that has drive through sites for larger motorhomes and trailers.

Group campsites are available by reservation only (760 873 2500) and are located on hwy 168 just before the turn off for Grandview campground. The group campsites are large with a pit toilet, covered eating area, a fire ring but NO WATER. These sites can accommodate RV's and tents.

There are **hotel accommodations** available in near by Big Pine and Bishop.

- Big Pine Motel, 370 S Main St (US 395)

760 938 2282

- Bristlecone Motel 101 N Main St (US 395), Big Pine

760 938 2067

- Best Western 725 N Main St (US 395), Bishop

760 872 3044

- Comfort Inn 805 N Main St (US 395), Bishop

760 873 4284

21 Adopt A Trail

August

4 Miller Jeep Trail
run leader Ralph Schorbach & John Strege

18 Adopt A Trail

September

8 Adopt A Trail

14-16 Kennedy Meadows & Sherman Pass
run leader Danny Ward

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

Joel Copeland no photo available

Roger Campbell no photo available

Wes Wiggs no photo available



Rick Walter & Rhonda Graves
Meetings: June



Angela and RJ Ahl 2012 Jeep Wrangler unlimited
Meetings: June



Rod Kautz '94 XJ
Meetings: June



Kevin Craft
Meetings: June



Justin Smith recently purchased a '96 Cherokee with a few scratches. Meetings: April



Jon Kowlaski '86 Toyota 4 Runner
Meetings: June



Jay Jimenez is the proud owner of 3 Jeeps '98, '06 and a '05. Jay also belongs to the Fun in the Sun four wheelers. Meetings: April



Chris McDonald drives a 2012 Unlimited
Meetings: April, June



Rick Schaffer drives a 1992 YJ with lots of mods. Rick also belongs to the Fun in the Sun four wheelers. Meetings: April



Larry & Kari Keller drive around in a 2001 TJ with a 4" lift and 33" tires.
Meetings: April



Josh Bleijenberg drives around in a 2007 Toyota FJ which is lifted 3" and many other upgrades.
Meetings: April



Michelle & Jeff Haynes drive around in a 1986 CJ7 which is powered by a 350 Chevy.
Meetings: April



Robert and Chad Daub Robert drives a '74 CJ5 and son Chad Drives a k5 Blazer. Meetings: Jan, Feb, Mar & April



Gabriel Harrison drives around in a 1997 Grand Cherokee it has a 2" lift and 31" tires
Meetings: April



Brian McGrath drives an '04 Wrangler Rubicon
Meetings: Jan, Feb, Mar & April

New members



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



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

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

Vice President: Danny Ward: d4lward@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Secretary: Cheryl May:

Web Master: Mike Ortega: mike@topwebsiteplacement.com

Newsletter: Ron Webber: webbermail@cox.net

Hospitality: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

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.