



The Dirt Devils Digest

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President's Message

I am proud to announce that I am now Membership Chairman and a board member for CAL4WD. CAL4WD works hard to keep trails open in California. Now it seems the marines are not so interested in taking over Johnson Valley. Attention has switched to Shaver Lake. There are some groups that want to shut down some of the trails in the Shaver Lake area. The job of CAL4WD is never done, to keep trails open.

If it wasn't for the Adopt A Trail program many of the trails we take for granted would be closed, Mike and Roger can really use your help at the next couple Adopt A Trail work days.

HDR is on, see the calendar section for details.

Thank you, Pete, for organizing several trips out to Anderson Dry Lake in search of various trails for HDR.

See you on the trail.

Jesse May

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Just another day of off roading

Hello fellow Dirt Devils,

Donna and I are planning to upgrade our Jeep. We plan to go to 456 gears, and add lockers front and rear, and 35 inch tires. I have a quote from 4 wheel parts of 3,999.00 to do the gears and lockers. I am curious if any of you know of a shop that might be able to beat that price. We are also going to be looking for a good price on 35 inch tires. Any advice would be greatly appreciated.

See you on the trail.

Randy Huddleston

hudd1@pacbell.net

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

Run Report

Calico was very well attended perhaps as many as 15 vehicles. All went well with no major problems; Mike Maneth is still the proud owner of a Dirt Devil Cowbell. Our own president Jesse May was on the way out and broke down on the freeway. (cowbell?) He utilized the services of AAA to get back home.

It was reported that TDS apparently had a great turnout, Saturday night services included a spectacular fireworks show. They are getting burned out and they may not put it on next year. Hopefully not, this is a tradition that many people would like to see continued.

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

March

17 Adopt A Trail

9AM Meet in Running Springs at the Rock Road House

If you can, bring gloves, safety glasses, hard hat, steel bar, pick, shovel, saw, axe, rope

April

1-8 Moab, UT Jeep Safari Week



13-15 Steele Pass (Death Valley)

Trail Leader: Ray Kleinhuizen

Meeting Location: Pilot travel center / Outpost cafe located at the intersection of the 15 Fwy and Hwy 395. Take the 15 Fwy toward Barstow and exit at the Hwy 395 junction. Pilot travel center is on the right at the first traffic light.

Meeting Time : 8:30 am on Friday April 13, plan is to leave for the trail at 9:00 am. Come early for breakfast at the Outpost cafe or Wendy's.

Trail Description: The Steele Pass trail is considered one of the more difficult back country trails in Death Valley. The trail starts in the northwest part of Death Valley and heads south to Saline Valley Rd. The plan is to leave the meet location and travel north on Hwy 395 to Big Pine. We will stop for lunch before reaching Big Pine. Big Pine is the last chance for gas and supplies before heading into Death Valley. From Big Pine we'll head east on Hwy 168 and turn right on Death Valley Rd. After traveling about 40 miles we will turn right on South Eureka Valley Rd and travel about 9.5 miles to the Eureka Dunes dry camp where we will camp on Friday night. Saturday morning we'll leave camp at 9:00 am for the Steele Pass trail. The rough and narrow trail runs 29 miles to Warm Springs. The most difficult part is Dedeckera Canyon where the trail climbs several dry bedrock falls. 6.8 Miles past the Warm Springs we will intersect Saline Valley Rd.

At this point we'll make a decision to either camp for the night or head southeast to the Lippincott rd. 4x4 trail. This is a steep narrow winding trail that goes into the Racetrack Valley area of Death Valley park. Racetrack Valley is where the mysterious moving rocks are located we'll spend some time exploring this area on Sunday.

Difficulty: 2.0 on a scale of 1-5 (1=Easy, 5=Most Difficult) Dedeckera Canyon could be a 2.5.

Run Type: This run is expedition 4-wheeling (similar to the Mohave trail) in Death Valley. This means we're going to be exploring the backcountry trails during the day and dry camping at night.

Special Equipment Required: Stock 4WD with high ground clearance and low range gears. There are several narrow sections that could be difficult for wider vehicles. Tire damage is possible a good condition spare is required. No water or gas

will be available after we leave Big Pine until we reach paved roads in Death Valley Sunday so bring extra gas and water.

Reminder to Bring: This is a backcountry trail in a remote area. Bring food and water for at least three days. Camping gear: tent, sleeping bag, chairs, firewood, basic tools, shovel, Camera, extra clothing, etc. (a more detailed list will be available to those who plan to attend)

RSVP: Yes, to trail leader (Cell 714-300-9656) email: raykleinhuizen@yahoo.com

Permits Required: We'll pick up any required permits at the Lone Pine rangers station on Hwy 395.

Expected Weather: This area has a wide range of possible weather conditions from very hot to very cold. Trail leader will monitor the weather forecast for Steel Pass and distribute conditions leading up to the day of departure.

28 Adopt A Trail

May

5 **Rattlesnake and Heartbreak**
run leader Ray Kleinhuizen

19 **Adopt A Trail**
Run Leader Roger

26–27 HDR, High Desert Round up

Cal4WD invites and encourages all our members and those interested in a fun 4X4 outdoor adventure to attend the 41st annual Hi Desert Round-up May 25-27 2012. This fun and historic event will be held at Anderson Dry Lake in the heart of Johnson Valley. Sadly, many rumors have been spread about the cancellation of this event. At the Cal4WD convention the South District leadership assured the BOD and delegates that the event was on track. When it became apparent that the district leadership was unable to secure a permit or chairman for the event, the BOD took the necessary steps to preserve the event in the best interest of Cal4. We look forward to an exciting and challenging weekend in the desert. For more information see the In Gear, <http://cal4wheel.com/events/hi-desert-round-up> or contact the Chairman Steve Egbert steve@calaccess.net

June

2 **Adopt A Trail**

22–24 **Corral Canyon**
run leader Danny Ward

July

13–15 **White Mtn, Inyo Forest**
run leader Ray Kleinhuizen

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

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



The risk of offroading in Africa

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 on a scale of 1 to 5
- Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run
- Detailed 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"

Advertising

Need: Jeep Rubicon wheels from a 2003 - 2006 16x8.5 on 4.5. please respond to Rick Walter at rick03tj@gmail.com

Must sell, leaving California

Pendelton, Marine leaving CA



1997 ford ranger (Desert Truck)..\$6,500. OBO
 2.4L I4 5 speed
 111,000 miles
 NOT STREET LEGAL. OHV REG REQUIRED
 No A/C; no heater; no power steering
 Runs excellent
 All DOT lights function
 Optima red top battery brand new
 6 aluminum wheels with BFG radials 50% tread
 Full cage in cab and rear, partial cage up front
 10gL fuel safe fuel cell
 King long travel shocks front and rear
 Bucket racing seats w/ 4 point harness x2
 gauge cluster with tachometer
 Fiberglass fender flares & hood W/ pin hold downs
 Light bar on bumper and roof (no lights)
 Front skid
 Contact: Greg_M_S@ymail.com

Guests



Matt Wood is Dustin's cousin and is shopping for a jeep.



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



Ron Burdett drives a '99 Wrangler with a few modifications is looking for a winch.
Meetings: March



Dan Swiers 2011
drives a wrangler and a 2007 Cherokee
Meetings: Feb



Paul and Debbie Coursey
Meetings: Nov, Jan, Feb & Mar.



Cort Phelps & Josh Vega
Curt drives a well modified Toyota Forerunner
Josh drives an '87 Cherokee his mods include a lift and tires.
DD runs: Hammer trails with Mike Ortega
Meetings: Feb, Mar



Brian McGrath
Drives a '04 wrangler Rubicon
meeting: Feb, Mar
drives an '04 Wrangler Rubicon
Meetings: Jan, Feb & Mar

General news

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 runs www.highdesertcb.com
mdkennedy1@verizon.net / 760 949 9917

Ham radio's are also very useful and have a much longer range.



Chris Urrutia
drives a '95 wrangler with a 2" lift, 33" tires.
Meetings: Feb



Rick Walter with Rhonda Graves
Rick drives a TJ Rubicon and a MJ
meetings: Nov, Dec, Mar

Club info

Cowbells

New brown Jesse May

Old Blue Mike Maneth Calico February 2012

Old Blue Mike Maneth December old blue 2011 Mojave Trail

Ron Jackson October 2011 Calico

Andy Lamar October 2011 Calico

Randy Huddleston August 2011

Got winched at the water fall, during an Adopt A Trail day at Dishpan Springs.

Chuck Callahan John Bull July 2011

Oscar Lizarraga July 2011

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.

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

Danny Ward Dec 2011

Bill Smith

FA #2

Sheldon Neal (Jan 2012)

John Strege (Dec 2011)

FA #3

Pete Johnson Feb 2012

Jesse May (Dec 2011)

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

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: Mike Ortega mike@topwebsiteplacement.com

Treasurer: Emi Webber emiwebber@hotmail.com

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Newsletter: Ron Webber / webbermail@cox.net

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Safety Committee: Dan Ward / d41ward@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.

Shirt order form



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