



The Dirt Devils Digest

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<http://www.dirtdevils.org/>

President's Message

HDR is coming up Memorial Day weekend at Anderson Dry Lake. Keith Graham and I are the chairing HDR this year and I can use all the help I can get. For details visit the cal4wd website, <http://cal4wheel.com/events/hi-desert-round-up>.

At this time it is not a requirement to belong to CAL4WD. I would like to strongly encourage you to belong. If not CAL4WD then what about supporting CORVA or Blue Ribbon Coalition or all of them. It takes a lot of money and effort to keep California trails open. One of the next big efforts is Johnson Valley, cost is running about \$10,000 a month. To put this in perspective keep in mind that the Sierra Club has 1.4 million dues paying members.

Four Wheel parts has agreed to put CAL4WD displays in their stores. If you happen to go in one of their stores and don't see the display then let me know.

Rick Walter is still looking for fellow offroaders that want to go to Baja Mexico. If your interested then contact Rick directly his email address is rick03tj@gmail.com.

This July Mike Wallace is interested in attending Jeepers Jamboree, (Rubicon Trail). Any interest contact Mike Wallace at proudpop80@gmail.com.

Thank you, Joel for volunteering to contact the California Secretary of State and start the process for creating a Dirt Devil Corporation.

If you are a run leader then remember to plan ahead and put together your run announcement. 2 months is not to early some people want to make plans. Our adopta trail, Dishpan Springs needs work do make plans to help.

June is election month consider getting involved.

We are moving, starting with the May meeting we are meeting across the street at Marie Callenders. 5711 East La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92807, 714-779-0600. I do want to thank the people that did check out a few other places, but I thought it best to stay in the same area we are at now.

See you on the trail.
Jesse May



"I wish my other car was a Jeep", Joel, this sticker was seen on a Toyota Truck. Could it be true?



If you don't recognize Eddie Cesena it is because he has spent his kids inheritance and purchased a brand new Jeep.

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Run Reports

April 13th Mike Maneth Memorial Run

Mike Maneth memorial service started at the Big Bear Discovery Center. Lisa described the day as just amazing the love and support we felt from all that attended was so wonderful! The bronco didn't make it but that was ok because mom is more eager to go visit. We had lunch at the Discovery Center amphitheater and chit chatted then headed up to Gold Mountain trail it was a beautiful day just a little windy which was fine to spread dad all over :) people shared and really spoke from the heart. We scattered wild flower seed and we will always take some when we go visit. I just can't thank everyone enough for making such a hard emotional time in our lives so much easier!!! Adrian is looking forward to becoming a dirt devil as soon as things settle down around here.



The Maneth family Mary, Adrian, Julia, Lisa, Isaiah and Frank are continuing Mike's tradition of attending the annual Knott's fabulous Ford show.. The poster next to Mary is a tribute to Mike's years of Jeeping with The Dirt Devils. Bronco Bill Smith, his granddaughter Sara were also in attendance.

Moab Utah Run Report

April 8-13, 2013

Trail Leader: Ray Kleinhuiizen

Attendees:

1. Ray & Karen Kleinhuiizen
2. Danny & Linda Ward
3. Brian & Pam McGrath
4. Don Young
5. Romeo Rubalcava & Myrna

6. Pete Johnson
7. Ron & Emi Webber
8. Chuck & Jean Chapman
9. Terry Puckett

The group traveled to Moab over the weekend of April 5 to 7. A number of small problems occurred during our travel to Moab.

Chuck Chapman, on the way out to Moab, got water in his diesel fuel of his motorhome. He was only able to go up hills at about 25mph, but he could coast downhill fast. Any way, it does take a lot of extra time to get to Moab when your top speed is 25mph.

Ray Kleinhuiizen had loaded his jeep to far back on the trailer based on ideal tongue weight and it was bouncing and swaying. He had to stop right away and re-position his jeep on the trailer. Unlike Chuck he averaged 110 mph on the hills.

Danny Ward's trailer anti-sway bar bent, he was able to take a sledge and pound the bar back in shape and proceed.

The run plans for the week were a two-day overnight back country run on White Rim Rd. in Canyonlands National Park on April 8 & 9 followed by day runs on April 9, 10, 11 & 12. We used a local guide Bob Micklick (aka: The Grey Fox) on Apr. 10 for Sevenmile Rim and Apr. 12 for Mashed Potatoes. April 11 we ran Gemini Bridges with a side trip to Bull Canyon and Long Canyon. April 13 we ran Willow Flats and Tower Arch in Arches National Park.

April 8 & 9: White Rim Rd. in Canyonlands National Park

We had 8 Vehicles: 7 Jeeps and a Toyota

The White Rim Trail is the best way to see Canyonlands Park. It is a fairly easy dirt road that follows the canyon rims, with a few sections that hug the side of typical Utah walls. At first I was wondering why the trail was named White Rim as the trail was red. Later the layers of white sand stone became more visible under the red dirt. While on the white rim trail the skies were dark most of the time with some rain, snow and wind.

The trail starts with a series of steep switchbacks that slowly took us into Shafer canyon. (Sheldon would have loved this section) Look straight ahead, not down.



The White Rim Trail is very scenic with every turn providing spectacular views. The first stop was Musselman Arch named after Ross Musselman. Several Dirt Devils walked across the arch.

We camped at Murphy Hogback which is located high on a mesa, even with the cold wind and rain we enjoyed the great views from the campsite.

The first day there was very little elevation change, the second day the trail starts out by wrapping around "the soda spring basin": a huge canyon with buttes and the green river off in the distance. After reaching Candlestick Camp, the trail follows the Green river. The Green is a large wide river which eventually flows into the Colorado.

We did see 2 canoes floating down the Green river. I would rather float down the Green on a nice warm day.

The trails then goes through Potato Bottom Campground where we stopped for lunch. We then climbed through shale type geography of Hardscrabble Hill a few hundred feet above the green river. If this trail is not maintained well it could be very spooky. Ray K had ordered a tractor to smooth out the trail ahead of our arrival.



Leaving white rim trail is much like Shaffer Trail: a steep narrow cliff hugging trail

The White Rim Rd is an easy trail with a few steep climbs and many places were you're right on the edge of a canyon overlook. The whole group had a great time running this trail.

Wednesday April 10: Sevenmile Rim

We had 9 vehicles: 8 Jeeps and a Toyota

The first part of this trail is rocky with several ledges to climb. Everyone was doing well when all of a sudden I hear a very bad sound from under my Jeep followed by bad shaking. Looking under the Jeep, we found that the bolt on the rear passenger side upper control arm had come out. This caused the rear axle to turn upward breaking the driver side upper

control arm mount at the axle and bending both rear shocks. Not a good day for the trail leader.



The whole Dirt Devil team jumped in. First we decided I could drive out with only one control arm. We removed the driver side rear upper control arm. I drove forward and got the pumpkin to rotate back down. Using the bolt out of the driver side control arm, we reinstalled the rear passenger side control arm. The Jeep was winched sideways to align the rear

differential and the DD team used 2 small yellow straps to keep the rear end aligned. I drove out with Danny Ward as an escort, stopping a few times to tighten the straps, and straight to Moab 4x4 Outpost for repair. I gladly accept the cow bell and many thanks to the Dirt Devil team for all their help.

The rest of the group continued to Wipe Out Hill, an extremely steep and difficult obstacle. The trail has changed in recent years and Wipe Out Hill is no longer an option you now must go down it to complete the trail. Going back up is optional. Chuck, Don, Brian and Ron all went back up. Brian and Ron had no issues. Chuck and Don were not so lucky.

Chuck Chapman was the first driver to take on Backwards Bill, a series of steps next to Wipe Out Hill. He made it the whole way with some

trouble, but in the process broke the CV joint on his left front axle shaft. He limped out and then tried to replace it himself, but ended up going to Moab 4x4 Outpost.

Don Young successfully made it down Wipe Out Hill, but after spending a bucket full of money at Quinn's shop in Big Bear buying a Dana 60 rear end and a lot of other goodies, decided to test his skill on Backwards Bill. At the top ledge he got stopped, more oomph was needed, so he finally gave it all he had and made it. Then he drove around and went back down wipe out hill. On the way out he started hearing a clicking sound, the faster he went the louder the clicking sound got. Pete Johnson followed Don to Moab 4x4 Outpost. To quote our Pete "the ring and pinion is missing a lot of metal", and that is not good. The drive shaft had a major bend. Wouldn't you think that someone in Moab would have a drive

shaft to fit Don's jeep? But no, they were going to order one from Salt Lake City which was going to take a few days. Instead the shop technician was able to straighten it enough so Don could get out of town. Editors comment: do Dana 60's break?



Thursday April 11: Gemini Bridges, Bull Canyon and Long Canyon

The morning weather at Dead Horse Campground was a light dusting of snow. The group met in the morning to decide what to run and who would be on the run. Ray and Don were both in the shop for repairs and Chuck was working on his problem so they were out (later in the day Chuck would be in the shop). Brian and Pam went sight seeing and Ron won't drive his Jeep in bad weather. Danny, Pete, Romeo and Terry decided to do a loop of Gemini Bridges with a side trip to Bull Canyon and back through Long Canyon. These trails are mostly easy with some moderate sections in Bull Canyon.

Terry Puckett Lost a bolt and nut from one of his shock mounts, broke his 2 rear back-up lights, crushed his tail pipe, and nearly lost his license plate.. Moab 4x4 Outpost to the rescue again.

Ray got his Jeep back in the morning and was able to meet up with the others to run Long Canyon. This trail runs directly from Dead Horse State park through a 'Long Canyon' to the Colorado River then follows the river back toward Moab City.

This is an easy trail that goes through a narrow section called Pucker Pass and under a large rock that's leaning over the trail.



Friday April 12: Bartlett Wash and Hidden Canyon Wash, Mashed Potato

We had 9 Vehicles: 8 Jeeps (Don had a rent-a-Jeep stock Rubicon) and a Toyota

Mashed Potato was the most difficult trail I did that week. Remember, I limped out broke on Tuesday and missed Wipe Out Hill. First the trail runs through Bartlett Wash and Hidden Canyon wash, a very scenic area with water in the canyon bottom.

Once entering Mashed Potato it is obvious how this area got its name: it is all white sandstone mounds. The trail winds around a few good bumps and ledges. The ledges range from 6 to 10+ feet. If you haven't learned the Moab bump before now, you're going to get a crash course at Mashed Potato. The trail is a ledge climb then down the back and right up the next ledge. Believe me, this trail was a lot of fun but you better keep focus. Getting a little off line would sometimes mean you don't make it and have to go around. Danny and Pete launched off one of these ledges catching air.



We lunched at one of the Gray Fox's favorite areas "The Gravy Bowl" The Gravy Bowl is a small bowl similar to

Mickey's Hot Tubs on the Hell's Revenge Trail. What makes this tub scary is that it is right next to a 500' cliff. When you climb out of the bowl, the driver must make a hard right turn and put his passenger tire up on a ledge which causes the vehicle to severely lean towards the 500' cliff. This is obviously safe but it is spooky.

After lunch The Gray Fox showed us how to navigate "The Gravy Bowl", The dirt Devils looked at each other and said no. Then Brian McGrath (Pam opted out, but did take the keys for their truck so she could at least get home) raised his hand, jumped in his Jeep and crept into the The Gravy Bowl. Coming up the other side is easy but at the top is where you can't make a mistake. Brian did it and made us look good.



The trail continues through more white sandstone, bumping over more nice ledges.

The gray Fox always has lots of what I called Bobism's. For example, someone asked Bob "if you drop into one of the deep tubs and can't get out what do you do?" Bob's answer was "it will make it easier for me to go through."

After Brian went through the gravy bowl, Bob said "That was a thrill wasn't it?"

Our Bartlett Wash and Mashed Potato run on Friday was good, the weather was perfect, no repair business for Moab 4x4 Outpost, no wind.

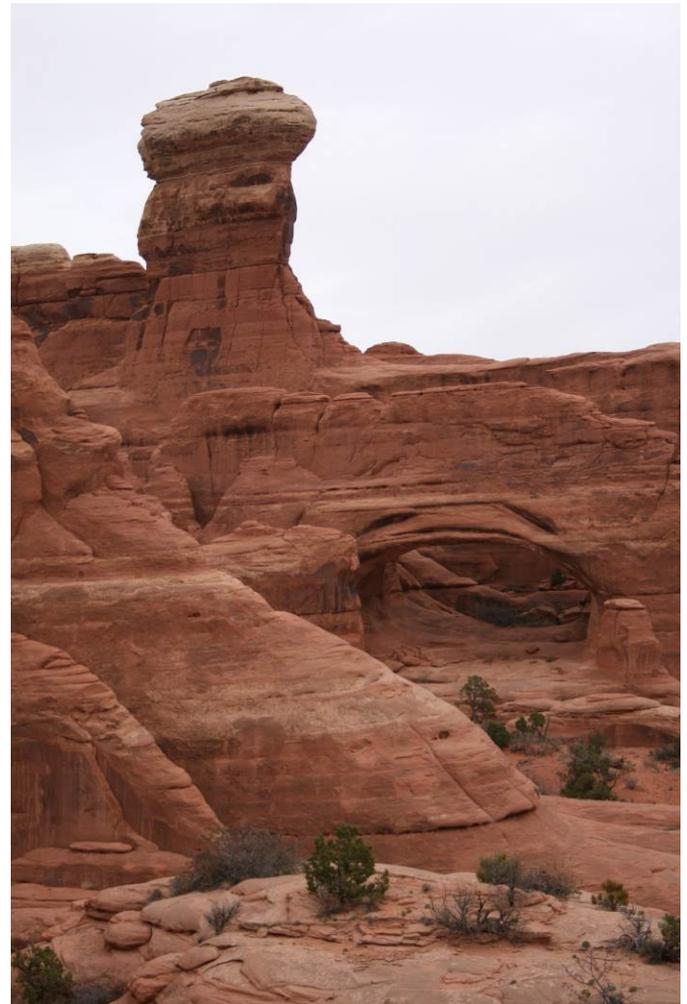
Friday night dinner was at the world famous "Moab Brewery" where the beer tasted great.

Saturday April 13

About half the group headed home. The rest of us ran Willow Flats and Tower Arch trail in Arches National Park

We had 4 Vehicles, all Jeeps (Don had a rent-a-Jeep stock Rubicon)

We ran the trail from north of Moab, entering Arches National Park from Willow Spring Rd.. The trail is rocky in spots with a few steep sections. Once in the park we headed north and passed Eye of the Whale Arch and continued on to Tower Arch. There were several steep section over slick rock as we got close to Tower Arch. A short but challenging walk took us to the base of Tower Arch. From Tower Arch we headed toward Salt Valley Rd. This trail was a steep rocky climb over the ridge (quote from Brian, the tail rig: we "looked like a line of waddling ducks headed up the hill") and than back down the ridge to Salt Valley Rd., a graded road into the center of Arches Park. All agreed this was a fun trail with enough rough sections to keep your attention.



In Summary: This was a great trip to Moab. We did not see it all, everyone had a great time and all of us are thinking of going back to Moab. I want to thank everyone who made the trip. The whole group was a lot of fun to be with. Moab 4x4 Oupost will be glad to see us return.

Run calendar

Regular Adopt a Trail meeting place

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

May

3rd – 5th Mohave Trail

Trail Boss: Jesse May
jemay.xj@gmail.com 562-421-6185/ Cell 562 505-0075

RSVP to: Jesse May

Distance: The Mojave Trail is 135 miles of fabulous dirt. Not counting side trips.

Start: May 3rd 9 am

Trail head: Needles Highway

0.7 miles north of CA – NV state line. GPS coordinates
N35°03.08' W114°40.57'

End of trail: May 5th in the afternoon

Trail jump off point: Manix Wash near Yermo (Barstow)

Guide: Mojave Road Guide by: Dennis G Casebier

Difficulty: level 2 most of the trail will be run in 2 wheel drive. There is a sometimes dry lake that we either have to cross or go around.

Much is written about the Mojave Trail, try doing a Google search or buy one of the many books written about it. The Mojave Trail was originally used by the Mojave Indians as a trading route with other Indians living along the California coast. The same route was used later by covered wagons traveling between Prescott, Arizona and Los Angeles. This historic Mojave trail is mostly an easy SUV trail with just a few soft spots where 4-wheel drive might be necessary. There is one large dry lakebed that is usually easy to cross but perhaps with all the rain this winter it will be necessary to go around. The Trail starts about 16 miles North of Needles just north of the Avi Indian casino, ending at Manix wash near Barstow.

The trail starts at about 500' elevation along the Colorado to over 5,000' in the Providence Mountains. The trail winds through the vast Joshua tree forest centered in Lanfair Valley.

Bring enough fuel for 150 miles of mostly 4-wheel drive, driving.

CB radios are a must.

There will be 2 nights of tent camping. Bring fuel, food, water, and 2 pieces of firewood for 2-nights of tent camping.

I intend to drive out Thursday night. There are rooms available in Needles at the first exit Broadway or at the Avi Casino <http://www.avicasino.com>. Take I-40 to River Road Cutoff, go over I40 and in 100 yards turn left on to needles highway; head North 13 miles to Aha Macav Pkwy. Look for the AVI sign. Turn right and continue 2 miles to the AVI casino by the Colorado River. (702)535-5555 - 1-800-430-0721

Reservations only: 1-800-AVI-2WIN - e-mail:

info@avicasino.com

Friday night: most likely we will camp near mile marker 56 (Mojave Road Guide).

1. From I 15 take Cima Road south about 18 miles to
2. Kelso Cima Rd right about 4 miles to
3. Cedar Canyon Road, east on Cedar Canyon Road about 6 miles to
4. Black Canyon Road turn right about 1½ miles look for a huge pile of rocks on the right and a large wooden structure (old wind mill) on the left turn right and look for the dirt devils camp.

Kelso– Cima Road parallels the RR tracks for about 4 miles look for a paved road on the left that should be Cedar Canyon Road head east. Cedar canyon road is paved for about a mile then turns into a well graded dirt road. Black Canyon Road is a small dirt road that takes you to the Mitchell Caverns. In the “DeLorme CA atlas and Detailed Topo Maps” the camp site is on page 71 grid C- 6.

Saturday night: It is my plan to camp near the lava beds.

Cross the great Soda Lake on Sunday.

4th El Mirage Cleaning day

El Mirage Spring cleaning day, we will clean our trail, install new markers & RUN THE TRAIL, also we'll look in to expanding the trail.

The Dirt Devils have never been to the trails at El Mirage it would be a good combination of cleaning & 4 wheeling (also I believe BLM will not charge to get in that day). here is the "official"

link.: http://www.elmirage.org/foem/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=90:2013-spring-clean-up-day&catid=1:friends-of-el-mirage&Itemid=2

Questions contact: Tuvia Pomeranitz <tipehc@gmail.com>

11th - Adopt-a-Trail Mike/ Roger

18th Corral Canyon/ Bronco Peak Run

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

Corral Canyon OHV area –Four Corners Staging Area.

Meeting Time: 9:00 and departure 9:30 a.m.

Directions to Four Corners Staging Area: Take I-8 east from San Diego to Buckman Springs Road exit. Turn right on Buckman Springs Road. Go 3.3 miles to Corral Canyon Road (Morena Stokes Valley Rd.). Turn Right and go 5.8 miles to a parking area near a paved 4-way intersection called Four

Corners. You will need an Adventure Pass to park anything in this parking area. The Ranger up there will sell you a day pass.

Special Equipment Required: Minimum 31" tires but could have trouble. Rear locker and high ground clearance required. Front lockers highly recommended. No stock vehicles.

Trails Description:

Sidewinder is rated **most difficult**. A nasty hardcore trail with steep ascents and descents over rocky terrain, tight brush and large boulders. This trail has **No Bypasses**. The trail is short, 1 miles long, so about 2 hours with no breakdowns.

Bronco Peak is rated **most difficult**. A nasty hardcore trail with very steep ascents and descents over rocky terrain, tight brush and large boulders. This trail has **No Bypasses**. The trail is short, 1.8 miles long, so about 3 hours with no breakdowns. Depending on time there are three exit from Bronco Peak and will choose accordingly to time and experience.

Bronco Peak Connector is rated **double most difficult**. A nasty hardcore trail with steep descents over rocky terrain, tight brush, loose soil and large boulders. The northern end of this trail is extremely challenging for 4WD and recommend vehicle be less than 72" wide. This trail has **No Bypasses**. The trail is short, 1.1 miles long, so about 2 to 3 hours with no breakdowns.

Bronco Flats is rated **most difficult**. A hardcore trail with descents over rocky terrain, tight brush and large boulders. This trail has **No Bypasses**. The trail is short, 0.9 miles long, so about 1 hours with no breakdowns.

Gun Slinger is rated **more difficult**. A trail with ascents and descents over rocky terrain, tight brush and large boulders. This trail has **No Bypasses**. The trail is 1.9 miles long, so about 2.5 hours with no breakdowns.

Campground information: Lake Morena RV Park is available. They have water and electrical hookups but no sewage hookups. There is a dump station. There are no tent sites, but they will allow a tent to be pitched on a site that is occupied by an RV (tents cannot occupy their own site). So if you tent camping and want to stay here, hook up with someone with an RV.

Lake Morena RV Park

2330 Lake Morena Dr. Campo, California 91906.
619-478-5677

Directions to Lake Morena RV Park: Take Interstate 8 east from San Diego to the Buckman Springs Road exit. From the I-8 & I-805 junction, it is 45 miles. Turn right on Buckman Springs Road. Go 5.3 miles and turn right on Oak Drive. Go 1.2 miles and turn left on Molchan Road. Go .2 miles and turn right onto Lake Morena Drive. Coordinates:
Latitude:32.6768,Longitude: -116.5079.

Corral Canyon Camping: Sites are open to dry camping at either Bobcat Meadow Campground or Corral Canyon Campground but the size of sites and the road getting there is not friendly to big RVs. Tents, tent trailers or trucks with campers would be fine. (Adventure Pass Required) Use

Directions to Four Corners Staging Area and to the left of the staging area it will take you to Bobcat Meadow

Campground, and straight down the hill will bring you to Corral Canyon Campground.

There are some hotel accommodations available in nearby Pine Valley.

Pine Valley Inn

28940 Old Hwy. 80 Pine Valley, Ca. 91692
619-473-8560

25- 27 - High Desert Round up Anderson Dry Lake

June

8- Holcomb
22-Jun Adopt-a-Trail

Mike Ortega
Mike/ Roger

July

13- Adopt-a-Trail Mike
26- 27 Coyote Canyon/ Bishop
25 – 28 Jeepers Jamboree Rubicon Trail Nor Cal
www.jeepersjamboree.com

Roger
Brian McGrath

August

2- 4 Jeep Jamboree Rubicon Trail Nor Cal
www.jeepersjamboree.com
10- Aug- Adopt-a-Trail –Mike
24- Aug Miller and Lockwood trails

Roger
Ralph

September

7- Adopt-a-Trail
13- 15- Sherman Pass/Kennedy Meadows
21- 22- Tentative- Kids on Public Lands
28 Forest Service BBQ for Adopt a Trail help. Big Bear
Discovery Center more details to follow, (Mike Ortega).
28- Gold Mountain, John Bull

Mike/Roger
Danny Ward
Mike Ortega

October

5- Tentative - ODF
12- Adopt-a-Trail
25- 27 TruckHaven

Mike/Roger
Brian McGrath

November

9- 10th Panamint Valley Days
9- Desert Splash
16- Adopt-a-Trail
28-Red Rock Canyon and Last Chance

Jeff
Mike/ Roger
Pete/Jesse

December

07- Cleghorn

Dustin/Joel

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



Jim Forbes (on the right), Jim invested a lot of money in the Big bear Off Road race team and Mike Ortega gave him his old jeep in exchange. It's win, win, they both look happy. Jim was a Dirt Devil 20 years ago, welcome back. April meeting.



Brian Pendarvis a nicely modified 2006 TJ Unlimited, February, April



Sean Aquirre '86 4 runner, February, March



Patty and Art Huerta were guest at the March meeting. Art putts around in a 2010 stock 4door Jeep

New members



Romeo Rubalcava voted in as a member at the March meeting. Congratulations Romeo.

CAL4Wd

Rep. Paul Cook Offers Alternative Plan to Twentynine Palms Base Expansion

Apr 19, 2013 Press Release

WASHINGTON – Rep. Paul Cook (R-Yucca Valley) issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Marine Corps' proposal to expand the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California:

“The training of the U.S. Marine Corps is vital to the safety of the American people, and the exercises taking place on the Twentynine Palms base enable our Marine forces to defend our nation and its allies throughout the world. However, I can't support the expansion plan offered by the Marine Corps,

which would hand them ownership of Johnson Valley. Marine Corps ownership would prevent many public-space activities, including big public off-highway events like King of the Hammers, from taking place. Offroaders and other users of Johnson Valley make huge contributions to the economic well-being of the Morongo Valley, and losing that revenue during slow economic times would be devastating.

“Protecting the Marine Corps' budget is extremely important to me, and I believe the funds set aside for purchasing this land for the Marine Corps could be put to better use.

“Instead, I'm authoring a plan that would create the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area and keep the land in the hands of the Bureau of Land Management. Marine training could still take place at specific times, but only with agreement by the Bureau of Land Management and only at times that would not interfere with the many off-highway motor vehicle events in the area.”

Rep. Cook's proposal would withdraw the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) area for the purposes of recreation and military use and designate it as the Johnson Valley National OHV Recreational Area. The withdrawn area would be designated specifically for recreational uses, including but not limited to off-highway vehicle use, camping, and hiking. U.S. Marine Corps activities would be permitted to take place twice annually and could not include any explosives that could be left behind without detonating.

Cook continued, “For the sake of public safety, it's essential to set a standard for the type of ordnance used in Johnson Valley. You have offroaders and hikers moving through there constantly. Nothing would be worse than a family coming across unexploded ordnance and having a deadly incident occur. That's why my proposal limits military use to smaller arms.”

Cook's proposal is scheduled to be presented next Friday, April 26, in the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

A member of the House Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committees, Cook served as an infantry officer and retired after 26 years as a Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. During his time in combat, he was awarded the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

The proposed legislative language is available on the Natural Resources Committee website [here](#).

CB radios

The Solder Joint is now located in Signal Hills go to www.thesolderjoint.com for directions.

Mark Kennedy 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



Dan Delp now owns 3. Can you say Calico.

Cow bells 1, 2 and 3

Dan, hang them with pride.

Cowbell 3 Randy Huddleston October
Gold Mtn, Pioneer Town run.

Cowbell 1 John Strege August 2012 adopt a trail

Cowbell 2 John Strege August 2012 adopt a trail

Cowbell 3 John Strege July 2012 earned while playing in the
4x4 area in Hungary Valley

Josh Bleijenberg Miller Jeep Trail

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 Huddleston June 2012

Jeff Jernigan June 2012

Terry Pucket March 2012

Eddie Cesena March 2012

Randy Huddleston March 2012

New brown Jesse May

Old Blue Mike Maneth Calico February 2012



1 Old green cow bell.



2 old blue cow bell aka
The Mike Maneth memorial cow bell



3 new brown bell

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.



Proudly displaying the Cow Bell.

First aid kit tracking

FA #1 (red, blue backpack)

Mike Ortega August 2012
for Adopt a trail runs

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Pete Johnson February 2012
John Strege October 2012
Danny Ward August 2012
Randy Huddleston June 2012
Sheldon Neal Jan 2012

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Ron Webber Apr 2013 Moab, UT
Roger Mauer
Danny Ward June 2012
Ray Kleinhuizen Apr 2012 for Steel Pass run.

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

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

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Run Coordinator: **Needed**

Meeting Place

First Tuesday of each month,
6:30pm for Dinner & 7:30pm for the meeting at
just east of Imperial Hwy and north of the 91 Fwy.

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