



# The Dirt Devils Digest

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

## President's Message

Remember, keep our run coordinator Rick Walters current with your run plans. Rick's email address is on the last page of this newsletter.

Check the calendar and the website for upcoming runs including adopt a trail.

Remember, buy your CAL\$WD Jeep raffle tickets. This is a very important fund raiser for us.

Check the calendar section for the upcoming holiday party at the Kleinhuizen;s home in Placentia. If you are attending please help out and RSVP.

See you on the trail.  
Jesse May

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## Johnson Valley update

Good News for a Change!

Daryl has made me aware that US Representative Cook was successful in getting his language inserted into the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act making Johnson Valley an OHV area managed by the Department of the Interior. That is a little confusing because Johnson Valley OHV area is already managed by the BLM, an agency within the Department of the Interior. So it remains to be seen whether the BLM or some other Department of the Interior Agency will manage the area. I would think this should preclude the need for CSLC to sell our seven parcels of land, about 2000 acres to the Federal Government. I will see what Jim Porter has to say and whether Sacramento desires to move forward regardless. I see no need to sell. I want to retain the Los Padres Gold Mine no matter what.

It now goes to the Full House and then Senate and President for approval.

<http://www.off-road.com/blog/2013/12/12/californias-johnson-valley-off-highway-vehicle-area-saved/>

Greg Pelka



The Dirt Devils Perennial gift. Who will be the proud owner this next year.

## Ocotillo Wells update

<http://planocotillowells.com/>

## Safety report

## Hospitality report

## Run reports

### Cleghorn snow run

Dec 7, 2013

**Trail Leader:** Ray Kleinhuizen/ Joel Card

**Members:**

1. Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen
2. Joel Card
3. Ron Weber
4. Eddy Cesena
5. Randy Hardt

**Guests:** Arto and Mary Ylikangas, Shay Stepp



Shay Stepp's Bronco



We started with 5 rigs 4 Jeeps and a Toyota and about 100 yards later we added 3 more two Jeeps and a Bronco (Shay Stepp) that looked a little like

Mike Maneth's but was much different when you looked close. Shay had met Mike one time while in Barstow.

We aired down under the 15 Fwy and hit the trail at 9am sharp. The weather was cold 40's and windy with light rain, as we headed up the first part of the trail a full color rain bow appeared off to the north of us. We stopped at the play area to loosen up the 4 wheel low gears.

We continued through a few of the first rocky sections. By the time we got to the notch section the weather was changing to blowing snow that would soon start to stick. Half of the group went through the notch. The rock pile at the start is bigger than the last time I was on this trail. We continued to go through the hard sections but the snow was an inch deep now and getting deeper with many icy patches on the trail.

At this point we decided to call it a day and stay on the main road down to hwy 138. We were aired up and headed to Norco for lunch by a few minutes after noon. Overall it was a short but fun run until the weather got in the way.

### Panamint Valley Days Nov 10

Jesse, Pete and Bill went, although Bill's Bronco and Jesse's Jeep were not. Jesse rode with Pete and was volunteered to lead Guller Canyon, so Jesse volunteered Pete as well. Had 14 Jeeps, 2 people turned away at the butte. Had one person who had an issue getting through the rock canyon. Road from the Balerat turnoff was closed due to washout damage. Two gas stations were open in Trona. The Valero ran out of gas by the end of the weekend. Briggs Mine is active and working 7x24. Only had one mishap – Bill blew a tire on the way home. He did not get strapped or towed. The tire did some damage, so he'll need to work on that

### Red Rock/ Last Chance Canyons Nov 30

Pete, Jesse, Rick was first out, but Jesse was unable to fit the RV into the spot, so Jesse had to find a different spot. Pete came out Friday morning and the three of them went out for the morning. Around lunch time, Roy Chance and his friend Jim came out. Went back out for the afternoon. Saw snow

while out. Saw some springs and areas that had been washed out. On Saturday, went through Last Chance Canyon. Rick and Jesse went through the v-notch. At one point went off the Last Chance trail onto another trail that ended in a big hill climb. The cabin near the tunnel has been stripped and fenced off and looks to be falling apart. After the tunnel, had to get through a traffic jam. There is a brand new claim for mining; which could affect access. Sunday headed home.

## Run calendar

### Adopt a Trail meeting place

8:30am at Rock Road House  
32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382  
next to the 76 gas station

### 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.

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 then switch to 5 and so on.

HAMM channel 146.440

Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees.

Access for motor homes? Very little ground clearance? Deep soft sand?

Expected Weather Conditions.

Contact Information (Run 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

Stop at all turns to confirm vehicle behind sees turn

Stop occasionally to close up ranks

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"

## January 2014

### Black Canyon Run

**Run Date:** Saturday - January 11, 2014

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

**Meeting Location:** T/A Travel Center at the Lenwood exit off the 15 Fwy. From LA/OC take the 15 Fwy North to Barstow. Take the Lenwood exit and turn left over the Fwy.

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

Black Canyon is a sandy wash that skirts the edge of the Black Canyon Wilderness area, home to desert sheep. The trail types in the Black Canyon area include sandy washes, some moderate rocky sections and steep hill climbs.

This is an easy trail with some moderate sections. There are several points of interest in this area. This area has many Indian petroglyphs with the most at one of our stops in Inscription Canyon. We will also stop at Scouts Cove, a small shelter cut into the side of a hill by miners in the area. This area is the site of the Fire Opal Mining Camp.

**Special Equipment Required:** None. Any stock 4 wheel drive vehicle with low gears can run this trail.

**Reminder to Bring:** Camera, Warm clothing, Chair, Lunch, Water, etc.

**Lunch:** We will stop for lunch at either Scouts Cove or Inscription Canyon

**11<sup>th</sup> CORVA Truckhaven poker run**  
(Truckhaven challenge)

**17, 18, 19, 20<sup>th</sup> King weekend**

**25<sup>th</sup> holiday party** at

Ray and Karen Kleinhuizen's home in Placentia

Dickey's BBQ free for current Club Members Guests \$13

Please RSVP to: [raykleinhuizen@yahoo.com](mailto:raykleinhuizen@yahoo.com)

or 714-300-9656

Handouts at next club meeting

**18- 19<sup>th</sup> San Diego 4 wheelers**

Superstition Mountain off i8 east of San Diego and 20 miles west of El Centro. [www.sd4wheel.com](http://www.sd4wheel.com). The San Diego 4 wheelers are great supporters of CAL4WD

**February**

1 – 9 King of the Hammers  
15 HDR Pre Run Ray  
21- 23 Convention (Cal-4-Wheel)  
28- Mar 2 Tierra Del Sol

**March**

8- 9 Calico Ron  
29 Adopt-a-Trail

**April**

5 Mattina Wash/ Rattlesnake Josh  
12- 13 Anza Borrego Pete  
12- 20 Easter Jeep Safari  
26 Adopt-a-Trail

**May**

2 -4 Corral Canyon Danny/ Pete  
9 – 11 Molina Ghost Run (Cal-4-Wheel)  
17 Adopt-a-Trail  
23 - 26 HiDesert Roundup (Cal-4-Wheel)

**June**

14 - 15 Forest Fest  
21 Adopt-a-Trail  
28- John Bull/ Holcomb Josh

**July**

4th Gold Mountain Night run/ fireworks) Rick  
26 Adopt-a-Trail  
24- 27 Jeepers Jamboree 62nd annual  
Georgetown to Lake Tahoe via the Rubicon Trail  
[www.jeepersjamboree.com](http://www.jeepersjamboree.com)

**August**

1 - 3 Jeep Jamboree 36th annual  
Georgetown to Lake Tahoe via the Rubicon Trail  
[www.jeepersjamboree.com](http://www.jeepersjamboree.com)  
7 – 10 Sierra Trek (Cal-4-Wheel)  
7- 10 Grass/Gold Valley Mike W  
23 Adopt-a-Trail

**September**

13- 14 Sherman Pass Danny/ Pete  
27 Adopt-a-Trail

**October**

4- 5 Off-Road Expo  
17- 19 Operation Desert Fun (Cal-4-Wheel)  
18- Last Chance Canyon Rick  
25 Adopt-a-Trail

**November**

7 - 9 PVD (Cal-4-Wheel)  
27 - 30 Niland- North Glamis (Thanksgiving) Ron Webber

**December**

13<sup>th</sup> Cleghorn Joel

## Guests



Arto & Mary Ylikangas August they purchased an '80 CJ7 and shortly after that they ran into Jesse at the offroad expo. They have recently run Cleghorn, Pilot Rock, Azusa Canyon, Lytle creek. I think they have the bug..



Mike and Deanne Quinlan recently purchased a 2002 TJ their first trip was to Occotillo Well, Mike now know what to start modifying..



Alan & Chris Walls invited by Eddie Cesena. Alan puts around in a CJ5 powered by a V8 and son Chris puts around in Don Young's old CJ7 November meeting.

## Classifieds

I'm selling my 2010 Lance 830 camper.

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[mcgrathb49@verizon.net](mailto:mcgrathb49@verizon.net)

## Club info

### Cowbells

**October 2013 no change**

**September 2013, no changes.**

**Ray Kleinhuiizen** Coyote Flat July 2013

**Mike Ortega** Big Bear Holcomb Creek high centered and yes that is the winch controller in his hand.  
June 2013

**Pete Johnson:** Corral Canyon May 2013

**Pete Johnson** HDR (rolled) May 2013

**Ray Kleinhuiizen** Moab UT broke shock and track bar mount and rear differential supports. April 2013

**Don Young** Moab UT broke a ring and pinion on his new dana 60 but he did limp out April 2013

**Dan Delp** 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

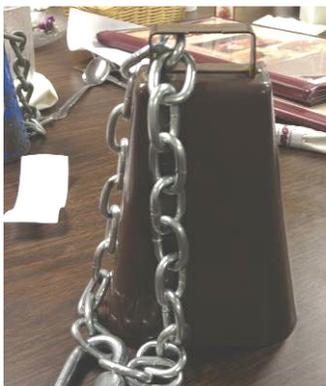
Old Blue Mike Maneth Calico February 2012



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)

Roger Mauer November 2013

Mike was not at meeting roger to get it for adoptatrail

Mike Ortega August 2012

for Adopt a trail runs

#### FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Jessie May November 2013

Roger Mauer September 2013

Brian McGrath July 2013

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)

Danny Ward September 2013

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.

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**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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