



# The Dirt Devils Digest

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

## President's Message

The December meeting is our annual run planning meeting. Start preparing. We will need runs and run leaders.

Remember, to keep Rick Walters current with your run plans. Rick's email address is on the last page.

Jesse received adopt a trail plaques from the forest service thanking Roger Mauer and Mike Ortega for their volunteering effort.

Kids on public lands thanked us for our donation.

See you on the trail.

Jesse May

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Dirt Devil Adopt a trail volunteer hours 3n34 September 2013	
Roger Mauer	8 hours
Dustin Bennett	8 hours
Roger Satorra	8 hours
Roy Chance	8 hours
Tim DeBold	8 hours
Ralph Rodriguez	8 hours
Mike Wallace	9 hours
Rob Wallace	9 hours
Total Hours for September:	66 hours

## Safety report

**Randy Huddelston** has reported that it is possible to get altitude sickness in the Kennedy Meadows area. The one cure he is aware of is to get to lower elevations.

## Run reports

13<sup>th</sup> September

Sherman Pass/Kennedy Meadows

Danny Ward run Leader

Had five vehicles that showed up. When Danny pulled in, it was close to 11:30 at night and there were a bunch of other Jeeps all over the place. Started the run at 8:00 in the morning while the other Jeeps were still making breakfast, so were able to be in front of them. While going down the switchbacks, spotted a little brown bear. Made sure to keep on going cause they didn't want to run into a big brown bear. Went along pretty good although had to back up a couple of times to make a different line. The rain had rutted the trail quite a bit and someone was trying to maintain the trail by sticking trees and timbers in the ruts to fill them up. It helped make it quite interesting going up the very steep hill, got to the top about 10:00am. About 2/3 through the trail, stopped and had lunch at the cattle corral. It was a nice day with good weather, a little chilly in the morning but warmed up. Getting near the end of the trail they ran into another group that was coming in from the other direction. Luckily they were having lunch so got through pretty easy. After finishing that one, went to another trail and ran into another group that had about 25 vehicles. Near the end was a TJ that had taken the passenger seat out and put a lot of computer equipment in. Towards the end of the trail, Chip was concerned that his fuel was getting too low and others realized theirs was also getting low as well. The water level in the river was low. Aired up and headed back to camp just as the sun was setting and it was dark by the time we got back to camp. It was a long day and we are very tired. Randy probably got a little altitude sickness he was feeling a little woozy. In the morning Rick helped Donna load up as Randy wasn't feeling good. Rick and Danny have talked to him since then and he said that as soon as he got off the mountain, he felt much better.

## Adopt-a-Trail – Roger

Jesse received plaques for Roger and Mike for their volunteer work. The club also received an appreciation certificate.

This was the 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. We are the biggest Adopt-a-Trail association in the US. A lot of other programs are fashioned after this one. The Dishpans Springs trail that the club adopted is the most heavily used trail in that area. It is also an emergency fire trail.

The last Dirt Devil Adopta trail run had five vehicles. Started from the top and worked their way down since a lot of people had been going from the bottom up. There was some small debris. When got to the waterfall, tried to improve the bypass and was able to move a big boulder out of the way, which took

about two hours. We used the boulder to help fill in another hole. Had three stock vehicles, one of which had 31's, that were able to get through the trail, which is another reason why they started from the top. Most of the people took the bypass. Finished with the trail about 1:30-2:00.

The barbecue was last Saturday and included the awards banquet. Had lots of food available. Roger had to leave a little early due to family responsibilities, but he was there to receive the awards. Danny also attended and was able to stay after Roger left. Everyone got one raffle ticket. Almost everyone there got something. The main prize was a high lift jack. Several people ran John Bull before the barbecue. They got past the gate keeper and started the second hill. One driver started going over a rock and hit the diff cover and started leaking oil. He also lost his brake. He had to leave it there and go get parts. Went to the barbecue and came back to fix it and was able to get it out. Roger was unable to participate in the run as he didn't have his Jeep with him. The club that performed the most hours was the Toyota FJ club. They announced the top four and the Dirt Devils was not in the top four. According to Keith, it has to do with the way the hours are recorded. Talking about the adopt-a-trail at the meeting can count as hours. The quarterly meetings, a lot of these clubs have several club members attend and if we could get more attendance that would increase our hours. It was noted at the meeting that the Adopt-a-Trail program is helping to keep these trails open. There are areas that are closed due to lack of interest. Accounting for hours is collected by Mike and Roger. There is a form that is filled out and Mike sends it in. The program includes off-road clubs, ATV clubs and even one horse club. Ron suggested that we keep a monthly tally of hours.

There is not anything specific that needs to be done for the trail except possibly working some more on the bypass. One thing that Greg wanted us to do was work on the water tower at the waterfall and work on that. Maybe cut it open to allow for anyone to get out if they get stuck and to be able to clean out debris. It's very difficult to work with because its cement with rebar. A concrete saw may work. The club has enough money in its account to be able to rent equipment.

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## 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”

### **26<sup>th</sup> John Bull Trail (3N10)**

**Meeting Info:** Big Bear discovery center @ 8:30 AM. Group will depart promptly @ 9AM

**Trail description:** John Bull is probably the most difficult trail in the Big Bear area. Most write ups describe this run as “Most difficult” and “A Rubicon type experience”. It’s steep, rocky and narrow with no bypasses for the hardest parts. The trail starts around 7500 FT and ascends to 8000 + so please be prepared for the altitude. We will be traveling east to west on the trail which means we will be ascending for the first two miles of the trail. These two miles will be the most difficult along with the last 300 yards or so. There are stunning views of the Lucerne Valley behind you, but you probably won’t notice them due to the large boulders you will be driving over and all the fun you’ll be having. This trail is wonderful experience if you haven’t done it before. There are plenty of videos on you tube if you want to get a good idea of what to expect.

**Vehicle requirements:** 33’s with a rear locker as a minimum. Front locker and 35’s recommended. Full skid plates and vehicle armor recommended as the entire trail is rocky and loose in places.

**Overall plan for the day:** The official trail for the day will be John Bull. This trail can take two hours or up to 8 hours depending on traffic and group size. Once we complete the trail there will be two options. 1) Is an easy dirt road trail (3N16 to 2N09) back to hwy 18 for anyone that is ready to go home OR 2) Should you like to continue on with the club we will take (3n16 to 3N08) west to Holcomb valley then on to Dishpan springs. Time permitting this will be an awesome trifecta. Essentially after each of the trails we will be able to decide whether we take the road back to the HWY or continue on. We will have to assess the vehicles that show up and this portion of the day will be completely optional and time permitting. If we have a good group and travel smoothly we can do these three trails and be on our way home by 6 or so. Hope that you can join us! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Joshua Bleijenberg

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## **October**

### **12<sup>th</sup> - Adopt-a-Trail Mike/ Roger**

The adopt a trail program started 20 years ago here in Big Bear. The Dirt Devils maintain Dishpan springs one the most heavily used trails in Big Bear. It also serves as an emergency fire trail, I would like to see a fire truck get through.

### **12<sup>th</sup> So. Dist Meeting CAL4WD.**

The Hemet Jeep Club is hosting at the Anchor Restaurant 2524 E. Florida Ave. Hemet 951 925-0591. Lunch will be available. ...

## Operation Desert Fun

October 18-19,



Come out and support the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Cal-Diego Chapter as well as Cal 4 Wheel. Bring your 4X4, ATV, UTV, or Motorcycle and explore the Ocotillo Wells SVRA. You can also test your rig's limits on the very popular 4X4 Training Facility.

We will have a Geocache, and we will also have a Best Equipped game for anyone who wants to participate. Only one vehicle needed per entry. Prizes will be awarded along with bragging rights to the winners! And of course we will have our awesome raffle for kids and adults.

**[Register Online](#) | [Like ODF on Facebook](#)**

## November

### 9- 10<sup>th</sup> Panamint Valley Days

Near Trona/ Ridgecrest, CA

Runs for all levels, meals, and drawing

<http://cal4wheel.com/panamint-valley-days.html> for info

### 9<sup>th</sup> Desert Splash

Jeff Jernigan

### 16<sup>th</sup> Adopt-a-Trail

Mike/ Roger

### 28<sup>th</sup> Red Rock Canyon and Last Chance Pete/Jesse

## December

### 07<sup>th</sup> Cleghorn

Dustin/ Joel

## Guests



Adranne Loeser and Chandler Irwin, they putt around in their '91 XJ which is stretched 4" and rolls around on 35's. They live in Ontario and frequent Big Bear. Visited the October 13 meeting



Edgar Renteria putts around in a '08 JK with Rough Country after market parts. Edgar just purchased this dream rig and is anxious to test it out. Visited the October 13 meeting



Jenn and Scot MacArthur putt around in a '13 stock Rubicon. From their home in Tustin they have visited Big bear a few times and have a few scratches to prove it. Visited the October 13 meeting

## New member profile



Mike Wallace was voted in at the September meeting. Mike is a Single, Father of 2 Teens, Madi (13) and Parker (14)

"Thing Two", in reference to The Dr. Seuss Character, Two Brothers, Dave (older) XJ Owner (Thing one) and Rob (younger) CJ Owner (Thing 3)

I live in Yorba Linda

I drive an '84 CJ7, 258, T-4, ARB's front and rear, on board Air Compressor, chrome alloy axle (rear), 411 gears, 4inch lift, Shackle Reverse Kit, 33X12.50, CB, Stereo, Up Graded to Power Brakes.

Future Mods include Howell Fuel Injection, Rear Bumper W/Tire and Fuel Can Carrier.

I purchased My CJ off of Craigslist for \$1500.00 from a US Army Soldier preparing for his 6<sup>th</sup> Deployment to the Middle East. I always name my vehicles and in honor of his service I named her, GI Josephine or "JOE" for short. Joe, as you can imagine was pretty neglected' she had been left to rot near Tehachapi and did not run when we trailered her home, in Oct 2011. In less than two weeks and after flushing her fuel tank, cooling and brake systems and replacing all her rubber and belts, she came alive. She has been an awesome learning platform for my son Parker who this year drove his first mile in her (off Road of course). Parker has already shared that he wants to be a Dirt Devil and wants a Rubicon, but I have a sinking feeling his first jeep will be a CJ Named Joe.

My son, Brother and I do all of the work.

I have enjoyed all of the trails I have gone on with the club and am continually challenged. I really liked the Sherman Pass run last year. I finally did the Adopt a trail and enjoyed the challenge. I would someday like to do Moab and the jeep Jamboree in northern Cali. My family and I like Multi Day camping 4X4 trips but are unfortunately limited by Joes, CJ fuel range (it totally sucks).

I love football and have coached for 6 seasons. I am a huge RAMS fan and can't wait for them to come Home.

I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Management, Owned Cutting Edge Performance Products, developer and Patent holder of the "Smart Wheel", In 2007 and 2008 I Held a position on the Board of the ASA (American Sand Association). Currently I run a small 4X4 Accessory Business (cutting Edge Jeep).

I am a US Army Veteran and a 25 year veteran of the OC Sheriff Department. I am planning on retiring from the Sheriff in 2-5 years and currently transitioning into and joining my father and brother Rob in the family Insurance Business. We own Bill Wallace Insurance in Orange (714-288-0950) and pride ourselves as a Customer Service driven insurance experience.

I am a hands on kind of guy and up to trying any Mechanical repair, or Modification. I have networked myself and if I can't do it myself I know where to take the box of leftover parts.

### CB radios

The Solder Joint is now located in Signal Hills go to [www.thesolderjoint.com](http://www.thesolderjoint.com) for directions.

Mark Kennedy operates [www.highdesertcb.com](http://www.highdesertcb.com) [mdkennedy1@verizon.net](mailto:mdkennedy1@verizon.net) / 760 949 9917

Ham radios are also very useful and have a much longer range.

## Classifieds



New 2.5 king coil over shocks, 14" stroke shock, remote reservoir with compression adjustment clickers and internal triple bypass, part # RS2514- COHRS coils are available as well. \$630 each  
[tim@cpiresources.net](mailto:tim@cpiresources.net)

## Club info

### Cowbells

**September 2013, no changes.**

**Ray Kleinhuisen** 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 Kleinhuisen** 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

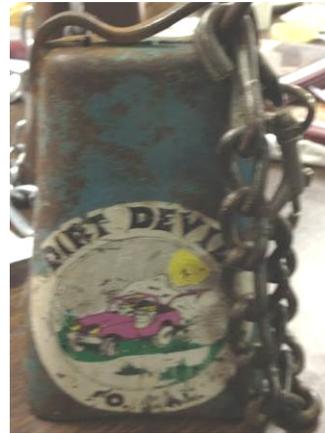
Terry Pucket March 2012

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)

Mike Ortega August 2012  
for Adopt a trail runs

### FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

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.

## Club officers

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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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