



# The Dirt Devils Digest

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## President's Message

Yes, we are going to do our 2015 run planning at the November meeting. Bring your ideas' for runs to the November meeting.

Keep our trails open!

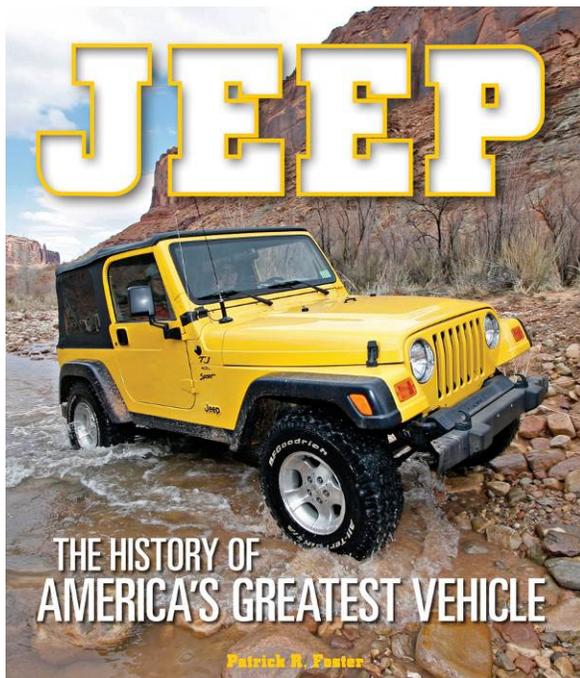
Ray Kleinhuizen

## Jeep The history of America's greatest vehicle

By Patrick Foster list price \$36.00

Available at [www.motorbooks.com](http://www.motorbooks.com); [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

November raffle



"Jeep enthusiasts revere them for their iconic looks and legendary performance." What I like about jeeps is their

efficiency. No fancy stuff, roll up windows, stick shift, I doubt that Eisenhower was driven around in Air Conditioning.

If you are interested in the history of the Jeep then you will enjoy this read. Where did the word "Jeep" come from, this book has the answer. 1941 Ford lost the contract to Willy's, do you know why? Are you interested in all the different models? What is a Jeepney? A pink Jeep, yep it was known as the Jeep Gala (Who's idea was that?). The various manufacturers included Wills, Kaiser, American Motors, Chrysler and Daimler. Which company dropped the ball and caused Jeep to lose it's way?

There have been many designs and uses for the Jeep. It is fun to read about the many uses for this great American vehicle.

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## Accessories

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Emi Webber has camo shirts, beanies, hats, long sleeved shirts, stickers and magnetized stickers

## Adopt-a-Trail – Roger and Roy

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Current hours – 0 Hours

The count resets October first of each year.

Roger and Roy report to the Forest Service our hours. Let them know.

Report on the Adopta trail BBQ

Roger went to the Adopta trail barbecue. Awards were given to the top 5 clubs, 5th was 750 hours and 1<sup>st</sup> place was 2500 hours. The Dirt Devils got the basic plaque for participation. We had 577.35. Holcomb Creek was closed and was opened in two years with volunteer help. Another trail that didn't have volunteer, it took the government seven years. Time spent at the barbecue count toward for last year hour count.

## Politics

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President Obama has dedicated a section of the San Gabriel Mountains a national Monument

## DD Trail Ratings **New**

Trail ratings are subjective and weather conditions over the years can change a trail. An easy trail can become more difficult after or during rain. The trail leader needs to be the final judge of trail conditions the day of the run. If any part of a trail is difficult the trail is rated difficult. If difficult sections have bypasses the trail may be suitable for less capable rigs or less experienced drivers.

E - Easy (Black Canyon, Mohave Trail)

M - Moderate (Devils Loop, Miller Jeep Trail)

D - Difficult (John Bull, Calico)

### **(E) Easy trails could include these conditions:**

- Any dirt, sand or gravel road.
- Gentle to mildly steeper hill climbs, mild rocky sections and/or soft sandy sections.
- Four wheel drive may not be necessary all the time.
- Pot holes or ruts that require high ground clearance.
- Water crossings are up to 15 inches deep.
- Suitable for full size vehicles.
- Low gears may be required on hill climbs.
- Recommend 4 wheel drive vehicle
- Suitable for most tire sizes

### **(M) Moderate trails could include these conditions::**

- Steep rutted and rocky hill climbs that require careful tire placement.
- Two to three foot ledges to climb and/or steep down hill drop offs.
- Rocky sections that can cause body or rim damage.
- Water crossings might have rocks and could be deeper than 12 inches.
- Brush or cactus may touch vehicle.
- These trails will require low range gears, high ground clearance and 4WD.
- Skid plates and body protection are recommended.
- Minimum 33 inch or bigger tires.
- Recommend at least one axle locker.

### **(D) Difficult trails could include these conditions:**

- Rocks as big as your tire to as big as your vehicle.
- Hill climbs are steep and may require extended wheel travel.
- These trails can have long sections of large rocks that require careful tire placement. .
- Three + foot ledges to climb and steep drop offs.
- Body damage is possible and brush may scratch vehicle.
- These trails will require vehicle modifications such as suspension lifts, body protection and skid plates.
- Minimum 35 inch or bigger tires.
- Recommend front and rear axle lockers.

## Run reports

### Brian McGrath update

I retired in Feb. We are full time RV'rs with a Goldwing on the back of our 5th wheel. Right now we're in MI, headed to TN, NC, & then FL thru March. Then we'll either head up to Canada, (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI, & Newfoundland) or stay in the South. This year we rode, on the Goldwing, the coastline of all 5 Great Lakes + The Saint Lawrence River, & the Rideau Canal, up to Quebec City, just over 10,000 miles. We think we'll sell our house next year and we'll be on the road for at least 5 years. I just bought a '15 F350 DRW 4x4 to pull everything with, the 250 wasn't enough. Next year we'll likely have a custom 5'vr built. Retirement is great.

[Bpmotorcycling.com](http://Bpmotorcycling.com)

## Grizzlycon Run – 10-18-2014

Met at the Mac Donalds restaurant, I-15 and CA-138 at 8am. had a 4 Jeeps and 4 people – Roger Mauer, Chris Slaughter, Roy Chance and run leader Rick Walter



The team ready to save a Dirt Devil in distress.

## Dusy Ershim, Mid September

Spur of the moment trip Josh, Gilbert, Cort and Casey ran the Dusy Ershim, 33 miles. Started on Thursday and planned on getting out on Saturday. It was cold, the tents iced overnight, when the sun came out, the ice melted and it started raining in the tents. It took a while to make it up Thomson Hill where Cort broke. Worked on the truck from about 3:00 to 9:00 PM and used electrical tape for the repair. After the truck was taped back together, it started to snow. Another eight miles, Cort broke again, same bearing and they knew the electrical tape repair wouldn't work again. It was still snowing. They left Cort's rig and got off the trail at 11:30 on Saturday. Gilbert broke the upper control arm. Casey ripped a brake line which they fixed on the trail. Got into a hotel about 2:00 AM. Gilbert and Casey left them (had to get to work). On the way back up the hill, came across a single car accident with a young girl and stopped to help her. After getting back on the trail they had to winch themselves up the first couple miles of the trail as the snow was deep. It took three hours to fix the truck with the new parts. On the way out, the snow had turned to ice making it very slippery.

They made it about eight more miles and the other side of Cort's truck breaks. They had to leave his Toyota truck again. Some people at a campground were able to help with parts – one person even offered parts off his own Toyota truck. But they left the Toyota truck and headed out. two miles from the end, Josh broke, the weld on his track bar. Cort went home and returned a few days later on Thursday with more help and fixed his rig and was able to get it out and home.



Winching



broken U joint

## 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

## November

### 7 - 9 PVD (Cal-4-Wheel)

27 – 30

### Thanksgiving camp Explore East Salton Sea

East Salton Sea near Niland, CA

**Run Leader:** Ron Webber

[webbermail@cox.net](mailto:webbermail@cox.net) / 714 715 5692 cell

**Difficulty Rating:** easy to moderate advise rear locker

**Exploring:** Slab City, Mud Pots (muddy water bubbling out of the ground), Mini Rubicon Trail, Red Canyon and Old Miners Cabin, Bat Buttes and General Patton's museum on the 10, Mecca Hills is 20 miles north, sounds like fun, Glamis is 20 miles south by graded dirt road. The area around the Salton Sea is a geological wonderland.

#### Departure:

Friday (day after thanksgiving) 10am front of RV park entrance

Saturday 8:30am front of RV park entrance

Pack a lunch.

**RSVP:** I would like, but not necessary.

**CB channel** 4, if busy switch to channel 5 then 6 if necessary.

**Weather:** S/B warm days and cool nights

**Base camp:** The Fountain of Youth RV Resort

[www.foyspa.com](http://www.foyspa.com) / 888 800 0772

**Book now**, the camp sites are filling up fast, I asked for and got a special first time rate of **\$9.95** a night, can't beat that. To book call 888 800 0772, tell them you want to be near Ron Webber. I don't know the space number yet, she said it will be at the north end of the park, North Salton Drive or North Sunrise Drive, (see their map online).



This RV park has the normal amenities plus Natural hot spring pools, restaurant, tent camping is ok,



Mud Pots



Red Canyon

**December**

**13<sup>th</sup> Cleghorn Joel Card**

**2015**

**January**

San Diego 4 Wheeler's **Superstition** event is held in January, at the Superstition Mt. OHV Area near El Centro, CA. They offer a variety of trails at all difficulty levels.

**March**

**May**

22- 24<sup>th</sup> **Hi Desert Round up** CAL4WD event. Slash X Barstow CA

Date? **North Rim run**

Run leader: our president Ray Kleinhuizen

**August**

Sierra Trek near Truckee CAL4WD event.

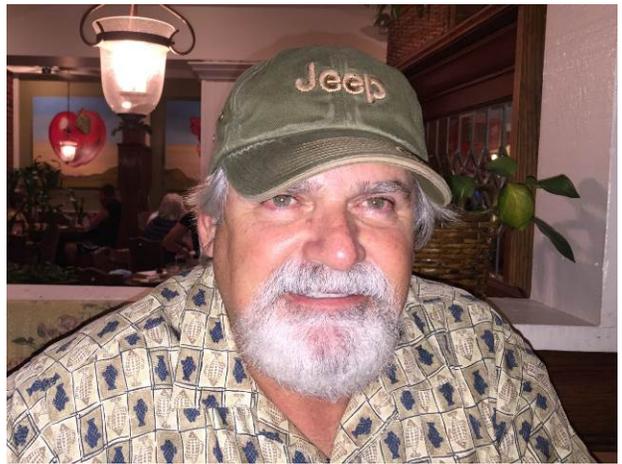
**September**

4- 7<sup>th</sup> High Sierra Poker Run CAL4WD event. near Shaver Lake

**Guests**



Matt & Steve Hendry putt around in a 2001 Wrangler with a few mods. October 2014



Chris Willoghby is the proud owner of a 2008 2 door Rubicon October 2014



Kirk & Jeanne Smith ran Sherman pass trail with the club April, Sept, Oct 2014



Mike and Al Ramsden Mike putts around in a '01 wrangler with 35" tires and a few other mods sept, Sept and October 2014.

## Club info

### 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.  
Marie Callenders. 5711 East La Palma Ave., Anaheim,  
CA 92807, 714-779-0600

### Club officers

**President:** Ray Kleinhuisen

[kkfusedglass@roadrunner.com](mailto:kkfusedglass@roadrunner.com)

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**Safety Committee:** Randy Huddleston:

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**Run Coordinator:** Rick Walter [rick03tj@gmail.com](mailto:rick03tj@gmail.com)

### Club membership

Membership dues:

Dirt Devil annual club dues .....\$36.00

Spouse .....\$12.00

CAL4WD annual dues .....\$45.00

CAL4WD permanent member .....\$675.00

CAL4WD permanent member 12 installments .....\$56.25

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

### Accessories

Available at the regular meetings, see Emi Webber.

Dirt Devil Stickers: \$15.00.

Short sleeve shirts: \$15.00

Long sleeve shirts: \$18.00

Sweatshirts: \$30.00

Hats: \$20.00

DD logo magnets available in various sizes for  
\$4.50 to \$13.50 each.

## Awards



CAL 4 Wheel Drive, new member award

### 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.

### First aid kit tracking

**FA #1 (red, blue backpack)**

Ray Kleinhuisen July 2014

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

Danny Ward

Josh Bleijenberg April 2014

Roger Mauer Feb 2014

**FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)**

Rick Walters July 2014

Pete Johnson April 2014

Ron Webber March 2014 Calico

**Run report template:**

Run name:  
 Run leader:  
 Date:  
 Number of rigs:  
 Participants:  
 Members:  
 Guest:  
 The story:  
 Weather:  
 Cow bells earned:

**Extra info**

If camping describe camp site and would you camp there again or would you recommend a better camp site?

Meeting place:

Departure time:

Was there an objective?:

Describe the trail:

Lessons learned?

Events:

Vehicle carnage:

Juicy tidbits:

Trail difficulty: on a scale of 1 to 5

Ending place:

Finish time:

A few pictures:

If possible use GPS coordinates for future reference.

If necessary write directions to the trail head.

These run reports will be saved for future reference.

**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 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"

**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.

Meeting place

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

**Cowbells**

**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. This starts at the beginning and the end of the trail.

**Old logo green**

Josh Bleijenberg TDS 2/28/2014

**Brown**

Rick Walter adopt a trail 6/27/2014  
Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 5/4/2014

**Little Blue**

Rick Walter  
Mike Wallace

**Mike Maneth memorial**

Castulo Olivas



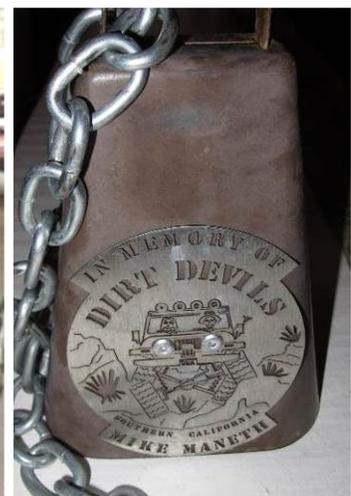
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