



The Dirt Devils Digest

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A monthly publication of the Dirt Devils

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

Presidents Message:

We have a very busy calendar in April and May. April has Corral Canyon, an AAT, and the Mojave trail. May has HDR and Grand Canyon north rim runs.

Members going the HDR in May can register now. The Dirt Devils are leading 4 runs Danny and Jesse will need help on these runs. I hoping for a good turn out to support this important CAL4 Wheel event.

Elections are coming in June. At the May meeting we will take nominations for club officers (president, VP, secretary, treasure)

Club dues for a year are due starting at the May meeting. Please see Emi for the amount.

Keep our trails open

Ray Kleinhuizen



What happens, when you forget to put oil in the front dif?

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Website/Forum stats:

Chris's Web site report

A couple of days ago, the host/server went down due to a denial-of-service attack and is still having some issues (now corrected). In March, we had 1,012 unique visitors. 33% were from California. 16% were from the US.

Google was the largest referrer. Quadratec is best non-search engine referral. JeepsUnlimited gives a lot as well. Got a lot of hits for radiator and Neutral Safety Switch (NSS) tech from Russia. Added three members to the forum for a total of 29 forum members. Only 9 members have put up pictures of their vehicles. Club members can send me a member/ rig pic and I'll post it. Since incursion from spammers seems to be pretty well contained on the forum, I've opened the forum for guest posting. Posts won't be activated until approved.

There are a lot of trails listed on the forum under Trail Tracks. I try to get a sampling of trails in the area of the next run so that folks can have options for exploration. If you have captured routes from previous runs (gpx/kml/kmz or other), please post them or send them to me for incorporation.

for Chris's email address see club info on page 7.

	Jan2015	Feb2015	Mar2015
Unique visitors	1000	925	1012
Calif	302 (30%)	281 (30%)	332 (33%)
US	232 (23%)	211 (23%)	160 (16%)
Intl	215 (22%)	237 (25%)	199 (20%)
Bots	93 (9%)	120 (13%)	167 (17%)
Hackers	158 (16%)	86 (9%)	154 (15%)
Referrals:			
Search engines (tot)	391	203	438
Google	214	80	285
Yahoo!	12	3	13
Facebook	7	1	3
Club Referrals (tot)	64	43	58
quadratec.com	14	13	23
Jeepsunlimited	13	6	9
socalcarculture	7	4	6
Tech Referrals (tot)	33	30	25
jeep.avtograd.ru	18	12	7
jeepforum.com	9	11	9
Other Referrals (tot)	12	110	57
Members (tot)	23	26	29
Adds	19	3	3

Top 10 reasons to be a Dirt Devils trail leader:

- 10** – You pick the trail (hopefully someone will want to run it with you)
- 9** – You pick the run start time and meet spot
- 8** - You write the run announcement
- 7** - You pick the CB channel (duh 4)
- 6** - You conduct the drivers meeting (best if done before you start the trail)
- 5** – You carry the Dirt Devils club first aid kit (hopefully you know how to use it)
- 4** – You pick the bathroom stops (more stops keep you out trouble)

3 – You are the spotter when someone needs help (you'll get a lot of exercise)

2 – You will get unwavering support from all drivers even when you are hopelessly lost and confused.

1 – You get to ride in front of everyone out of the dust (this the only good reason to be a trail lead)

Cal 4 wheel

At the convention, it was decided to remove the word 'club' from the name. New logo to change the name, bear will be black and add the website. Cal-4-Wheel has 3,000 members. Sierra Club has over 2 million. Parts of Cleghorn are closed and barriers were put up. When being reviewed, there were "options" side-by-side and the hardest side was closed. When the comment period was open, didn't get enough comments to keep it open. There's a meeting coming up for Ocotillo Wells. Check with Jesse or Keith for more info.

Cal-4-Wheel is working with an organization that is being created nationwide with businesses to advocate for off-roading. Need to keep in mind that even if something is being created for a different type of off-roading, it will eventually affect all types. The winners of the Jeep were from Sunland. They bought the ticket at Pomona. Had enough money coming in last year to pay the bills with a couple hundred left over. Next years convention will be at Rancho Cordova. There is alot of information at the convention. Land issues being fought. Glamis has won the 15 year lawsuit but now there's a new lawsuit trying to close it again. Spent over a million dollars on Johnson Valley to keep it open - and that was just Cal-4-Wheels part. It does not include what other organizations such as Corva spent. Two bills in Congress to make Johnson Valley an open area.

- ODF is an event that is sponsored by Cal-4-Wheel for the veterans. They got a recognition by the House and the state legislation.

- HDR is coming up. Club is sponsoring three runs. Slash X is offering dinner, ribs, chicken, coleslaw. Slash X is talking about opening for breakfast if there is interest. Working on getting more run leaders and games

Run reports

Adopt a trail

Current hours – 28+ 5 hours for Jesse going to the meeting = 33 hours

Jesse May attended the last meeting at the Corona Sizzler. The main issue was that when we do any major work on the Adopt-a-Trail, make sure Greg knows beforehand. There are some clubs that have not notified him. We are not supposed go onto someone else's Adopt-a-Trail and count that as hours, which some clubs have done that. None of the hours have been forwarded onto Angela,

which needs to be done. Will go back through the minutes and get the information and send it to her. There is a number to be called for fire danger, especially when doing major work. Not a big deal for us as we always go through Greg for that. Greg will be having another chain saw class.

Adopta Trail March 28 picked up 2 bags of trash, no other trail problems.

Calico March 14 2015

1. Ron Webber (run leader) & Jay Bagnall
2. Steve Hendry & Matt Hendry
3. Danny Ward
4. Dan Fowler & Ed
5. James Ettinger
6. Edward Macy
7. Eric Walberg
8. Jack & Zoe
9. Matt Hendry
10. Eric & Wanda Bardy
11. Glenn Miller, Matt & Jack
12. The Jeff & Jeff team.
13. Rick Garcia and sons (Razor), bailed at the first obstacle.
14. Pete Johnson

Ron & Jay arrived Friday afternoon.

We lined up outside Calico about 9 o'clock and after a brief driver meeting we headed out for Odessa Canyon. The trail starts out be traversing the hills for about a mile then left into Odessa Canyon. As we made our way up Odessa, the entrance is a popular offroad area for dirt bikes, quads and Razors. As we made our way up the canyon many abandoned mine shafts are visible high up the canyon walls.

Odessa Canyon narrows and gets rougher as you go. The first boulder field about a mile or two in is a lot of fun. After that, it smoothes out for a while with intermittent obstacles including the famous waterfall (which is also a lot of fun) and very narrow sections (reminds me of Utah slot canyons) one area throws you to the left and body damage is likely. Then the road narrows and follows a ledge with a washout on the left that gives you the sensation of rolling down the hill (no one rolled). We then stopped for half an hour to explore an easy to get to old mine shaft in the side of the hill. After that the trail heads up and then back down a somewhat rocky road to the old Bismarck mine for lunch.

At lunch the run leader (Ron Webber) came down with severe GI distress and had to hand over trail leading responsibilities to Danny and Pete. The run leader made it back to camp in the nick of time, a moment later would have been ugly.

After lunch Danny Ward lead the Dirt Devils to Wall Street Canyon Overlook, there are several steep drop offs and fun rocky hills. After Wall Street the trail winds

around eventually to Bismarck Canyon, which is also a lot of fun with lots of ledges and drop offs and of course Danny Delps famous camping spot, where he broke down and had to leave his jeep for a week or two until he could get parts.

Thanks Danny and Pete for taking over and getting the team back to camp unscathed. No cowbells were earned. No roll overs. No broken steering knuckles.



slot canyon body damage likely

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

April

25th - Adopt A Trail – Ray Kleinhuizen

30th - **May 3rd**

Mojave Trail (E) – Pete

May

5th - club meeting

16th - HDR Prerun - Danny W.

22th - **24th** **Hi Desert Round up** CAL4WD event.

<http://www.cal4wheel.com/hi-desert-round-up>

Slash X Barstow CA

Dirt Devils will be leading Devils Loop Trail

23rd - **25th** **Devils Loop** trail (M)

HDR Cal4Wheel event - Danny W.

30th – **June 6th** **North Rim run** (M)

Run leader: Ray Kleinhuizen

June

2nd club meeting

13th Adopt A Trail - Lead TBD

19th - **21st** Forest Fest Big Bear **Father's Day** weekend register is open and generally fills up fast, if you are interested register online at

<http://ie4w.com/page10/index.php>

6/27 John Bull (D) - Josh

July

7th club meeting

10th – **13th** Bishop Ca. trails - Ray

24th - **26th** Adopta Trail overnight camp at tent peg campground Big Bear run Leader Roger

23rd - **26th** Jeepers Jamboree

31st – **2nd** Jeep Jamboree

<http://www.jeepersjamboree.com/> Dave Jones will represent the Dirt Devils on the 31st

August

4st club meeting

6th - **9th** Sierra Trek near Truckee CAL4WD event.

<http://www.cal4wheel.com/events/sierra-trek>



15th 4x4 Big Bear Clinic (E/M) - Mike

22th Adopt A Trail - Roy

September

1st club meeting

4th - **7th** High Sierra Poker Run CAL4WD event. near Shaver Lake

Last Saturday of September Adopt a Trail BBQ

11th – **13th** Sherman Pass (M) – Danny W.

19th Adopt A Trail - Josh

October

- 6th club meeting
- 3th & 4th Off Road Expo Pomona
- 6th Monthly club meeting
- 16- 17 **Operation Desert Fun**
www.cal4wheel.com/events/operation-desert-fun
- 17th Miller Jeep Trail (M) - Pete
- 24th Adopt A Trail - Lead TBD

November

- 3rd Monthly club meeting / run planning 2016
- 6th - Black Canyon (E) - Ray
- 12th - 14th Panamint Valley Days (PVD), Cal 4 Wheel event

December

- 1st Monthly club meeting
- 5th Cleghorn (M) - Joel

New Member



Frank Gilliland is the proud owner of a Yellow TJ. Jeff Jernigan would be proud. Frank is also the owner of South Bay truck repair specializing in drive trains.



Kirk and Jeanne Smith are proud new members.

Guests

Jack and Zoe (sorry no picture is available) have been on 3 runs Black Canyon, Calico and Cleghorn



Jack Sobelman drives around in a 2015 4 door rubicon that he took straight to Mel at EVO and fixed it up. Jack said everytime he gets in it he smiles and several years ago he rolled his '04 Rubicon.



Greg Antonowitsch drives around in an '04 Jeep

Wrangler Rubicon, Greg said his Jeep is unmolested.
Mar '15



Andrea & Rob Friedenthal putt around in their '97 Cherokee XJ. They have made a few modifications including 32" tires. Andrea said in her previous life she worked at 4 wheel parts. Now she wants to go and see what all the excitement is about.



John & Lisa Krutsinger are the proud owners of a new '15 JK, no scratches, no dents no dings.



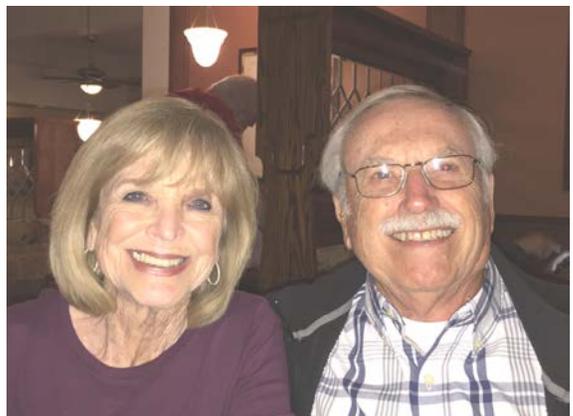
Debi Craddock and her husband recently purchased a 2012 Rubicon with 35" tires, 44 axles and so on. They are ready to go out and test it.



Eric Walberg enjoys traveling the highways and byways in his 2012 Jeep with a 3" lift, 35" tires, sliders and so on.



Janet Johansen joined us on the Black Canyon run



Carrol and Rod Abbott Recently purchased a red 2001 TJ
Nov, Dec 2014, Feb, Mar, Apr 2015

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 Kleinhuizen

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the emergency response team makes themselves
available to help with our adopt a trail Dish Pan.

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 Kleinhuizen

Mike Wallace

Josh Bleijenberg

Ron Webber November 2014

Ray Kleinhuizen July 2014

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Josh Bleijenberg corral cyn then handing off to Pete

Ray Kleinhuizen

Danny Ward

Josh Bleijenberg April 2014

Roger Mauer Feb 2014

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Ron Webber March 2015 Calico

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:

Run announcement 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

Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run

Directions to Meeting Place.

EXACT Departure Time from Meeting Place

Required Equipment. Open dif ? Lockers?

Is RSVP Required?

CB Channel 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?

Contact Information (Run Leader
Phone Number & email address)

Day 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

After returning home forward to the newsletter editor a Run Report and a few photos. subject line write "Run Report"

DD Trail Ratings

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 then 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.

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 West entrance:

2N26Y is N34° 16.198 W117° 08.258.

The T6 Bridge:

N34° 16.106 W117° 07.745.

The East 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, not on the highway.

Old logo green bell

Josh Bleijenberg Dusy Ersham Sept 2014

Brown bell

Tim Debolt Rattlesnake Feb 2015

Rick Walter adopt a trail 6/27/2014

Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 5/4/2014

Little Blue bell

Chris Slaughter Grizzly

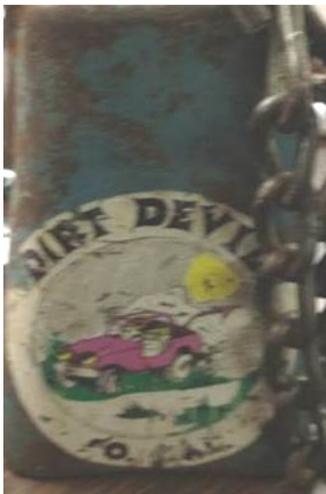
Rick Walter

Mike Wallace

Mike Maneth memorial bell

James Eddinger Claw Hammer 1/10/15.

Castulo Olivas



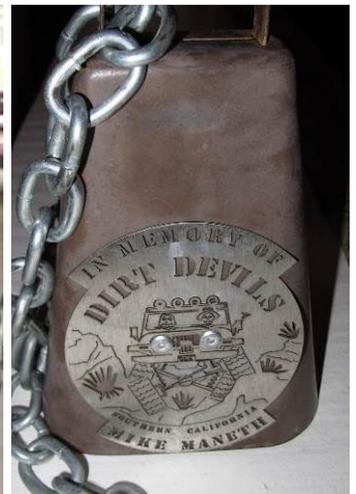
Old Logo Green



Brown



Little Blue



Mike Maneth Bell