



# The Dirt Devils Digest

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

## Presidents Message:

We are half way through the year but don't get discouraged there are still many trail activities available for the rest of the year. If interested in going to the North Rim next year (that would be 2016) let me know we need to begin planning now.

Of course December is the run planning meeting for next year.

We have many great methods of communicating now, our newsletter, the web site [dirtdevils.org](http://www.dirtdevils.org), face book and course you can still use the telephone. Check out the forum, Chris has been working on. It is a great place to share info, <http://www.dirtdevils.org/phpbb/>

We have a few new members, take time to get to know them better.

See you on the trail.

Ray Kleinhuizen



What every future off roader needs

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**Ham Radio update**

Mike Wallace reporting. HAM report - Have a few new HAM operators making the total 15. Will be scheduling another class for some time in January. There are additional opportunities outside of the club. Planning on using the 2 meter band so when looking for a radio, that's the main band that needs to be considered. Working on putting a topic on the form on HAM radios. • Thank everyone for not giving him a hard time last month when he had to run the meeting.

**Cal 4 Wheel**

The California outdoor economy is responsible for:

Consumer spending:	\$85.4 billion
California jobs	732,100
Salaries and wages:	\$27 billion
Local tax revenue	\$6.7 billion

**Desert closures**

The OC Register and the LA Times are reporting. Unbelievable when is enough, enough.

Dianne Feinstein said she has asked President Obama to bypass Congress and create three new national monuments in California, giving federal protection to more than 1 million acres of mountain ranges, sandy expanses and forests lying roughly between Palm Springs and the Nevada border.

The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument recently closed down half of Angeles National Forest

Amy Granat, managing director of CORVA (California Off-Road Vehicle Association), was disappointed with Feinstein's action.

<http://www.latimes.com/science/la-me-0822-desert-monuments-20150822-story.html>

**Johnson Valley closure**

The Marine Corps recently notified BLM of their plans to utilize the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area for military training from August 1-30, 2016, and of the associated temporary closure. BLM is working with the Marines to address issues associated with this military training/closure, and to keep the public informed.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 26, 2013 the National Defense Authorization Act of 2014 (NDAA) was signed into law, authorizing the Marine Corps to occupy the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area (SUA) for two 30-day periods annually during which time the area would be closed to the public. See attached Johnson Valley Subregion map.

The Marines have established a project website to obtain additional information. The project website is <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G5CommunityPlansPAO/JohnsonValley.aspx>

The Marines have also developed a mobile app for Johnson Valley OHV Recreation Area to alert the user to the SUA temporary closures for military training and when the user approaches/crosses into an area permanently closed to public access. I've attached the instructions for obtaining this free app.

If you have questions regarding the August 1-30, 2016 temporary closure of the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area, contact the Marines at 760-830-3737; [smbplmsjohnsonvalley@usmc.mil](mailto:smbplmsjohnsonvalley@usmc.mil).

**Ocotillo Wells SVRA action**

*By John Stewart, Cal4Wheel*

June closed with the release of the Scoping Summary for the Ocotillo Wells SVRA General Plan. The scoping summary information provides a large volume of data to review. Next, the OHMVR Division and BLM will prepare the Preliminary Ocotillo Wells SVRA Plan. In addition, a Draft EIR/EIS will be prepared that addresses the potential environmental impacts of the Ocotillo Wells SVRA Plan, proposed alternatives, and potential mitigation measures. A public comment period will be held to solicit public comments on the Preliminary Ocotillo Wells SVRA Plan and the Draft EIR/EIS, before a Final Ocotillo Wells SVRA Plan and Final EIR/ EIS is approved. No dates for those document releases are available.



In other Ocotillo Wells news, the SVRA is continuing implementation of the California Fish and Game Commission acceptance of a petition to list the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard on the California Endangered Species list. The immediate impact is that no permits for events in Ocotillo Wells SVRA will be issued during the one-year temporary listing period.

To review information on the flat-tailed horned lizard, visit the following links: •

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/6/Flat-Tailed-Horned-Lizard-Copy>

<http://4x4voice.com/>

While the immediate impact is within state managed public lands, a formal listing will have repercussions on other lands within the defined critical habitat area - basically, Imperial County.

State Parks (OHMVR Division) is working to implement a “take permit” process so that events can be permitted with certain conditions applied. Park officials believe they have sufficient valid data to justify that past activities have not harmed the FTHL.

For Cal4Wheel, that means Operation Desert Fun cannot be held as in past years. Arrangements have been made to relocate event headquarters and staging to the Blu Inn RV Park, which is private property adjacent to the SVRA. Scheduled runs will be directed towards Superstition Mountains OHV area, which is under BLM management.

**Online registration is now open! Only \$25 if you register by August 31. [Info](#) | [Registration](#)**

## Web site info

Unique visitors are down, slightly. California visitors down, but US visitors are up. Hackers down 5% from last month, 3% under average Search engines up significantly with Google leading, as usual. Referrals to club steady with Quadratec continuing to be the highest other referrals (typically spam) up from average. Two new forum members plus one duplicate Added forums: CB and Ham Radios, Camping Tips, Tech Tips and Tricks.

## Run reports

### 10 reasons to be a 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)

Web site info Chris Slaughter web site manager

Running good. May and June both had over 1,000 unique visitors. One of the guests found this club through a referral from another site. A couple googled the site. A couple got business cards. Have 36 members signed up.

- Added trail tracks for around Bishop and White

Mountain. • New forum section on land use issues (please get involved). • Will add a forum for HAM radios and thinking about adding one for camping. Let Chris know other ideas for the forum. Suggestion to add reviews.

## Trail Tools

We all know it’s important to carry tools in case something breaks when we are on the trail. We also know that spare parts can be the difference between walking and driving off the trail. The question is: will we be able to perform a trail fix that’s not straight forward? These are important issues we all should think about before each run. The fact is, if you 4-wheel, on any level of difficulty trail, sooner or later you will be faced with a trail fix situation! Close scrutiny above and below your rig will reduce the likelihood. Loose screws, nuts and bolts.

But what tools and spare parts should we bring? Most of us have limited space for tools and spare parts in our rigs. Therefore we bring tools and spare parts that we hope will fix whatever breaks so that we can be back on the trail in minimal time. Knowledge of your vehicle is very important when selecting tools and spare parts. It’s a good idea, if possible to pack a separate tool kit specifically for your 4 wheeling vehicle. A good way to determine if you have the right tools in your kit is to do some basic maintenance on the vehicle using only tools from your take along tool kit. This will give you a good idea of how much you can accomplish with that tool kit and what items need to be added.

A sample list of items in a trail tool kit is identified below. Your knowledge of your vehicle should help you edit the list to include the tools and spare parts that could be needed on the trail. No matter how prepared you are, a failure can still ruin your day because it’s not practical or possible to carry every spare part that might be needed.

Recommended trail tools:

1. Socket Set (some vehicles use both standard & metric), ratchet and extensions
2. Combination wrenches (some vehicles use both standard & metric)
3. Vise grips
4. Adjustable jaw pliers and channel locks
5. Crescent Wrench
6. Spark plug wrench
7. Screwdrivers (Standard & Philips )
8. Hammer 9. Bottle Jack
10. Utility Knife
11. Hacksaw
12. Latex Gloves
13. Tire plug kit
14. Hacksaw
15. Rags
16. Funnel

17. Flashlight / work light (extra batteries)
18. Ratchet straps
19. Cordless tools (impact driver, saw, etc.)

Spare parts and consumables:

The extreme situations: carry no spare parts, or carry so many your rig breaks due to the extra weight. What you need to do is get somewhere in the middle by carrying parts that are most likely to fix your broken rig. If you have knowledge of your vehicle, any special items can be added. If your rig has a history of U joint issues carry a spare.

Sample Spare parts list: add or subtract as needed!

1. Fuses, electrical wire, electrical tape, duct tape, nylon wire ties, silicon sealer
2. Miscellaneous nuts, bolts and hardware
3. Fan belts, hose, clamps
4. Valve stems, tire plugs
5. Engine oil, brake fluid, transmission fluid, etc.
6. Coolant or water for the radiator

Once you have everything together, you need to determine how to store them in your vehicle. A permanently installed tool box or a carry-on tool bag / box that can be secured to the vehicle are good choices.

A breakdown will likely include crawling under the vehicle and messy parts. Bring a blanket, towel or plastic trash bag that you can lay on. They also help keep parts and tools away from the dirt.

Many breakdowns can be fixed on the trail with some tools, spare parts and knowledge of the vehicle. Keep an open mind when the fix is not straight forward. Many vehicles have been driven off the trail with unique fixes. A ratchet strap can be used to keep an axle in place to drive off the trail. (I have personal experience) A high lift jack handle and hose clamps can straighten and splint a bent tie rod.

With some forethought and preparation you should be able to deal with a wide range of common trail fixes. The big plan here is to safely get you off the trail after a breakdown.

## Adopt a Trail

July 25<sup>th</sup> 2015

Current hours – 221.00

Maintenance plan complete

Six vehicles on Friday night. Roger and 5 more vehicles came out Saturday morning for a total of 11 vehicles on Saturday. We worked on the bypass and moved alot of rocks. Moved a tree and trimmed another. Still alot of work to be done. We have asked the Forest Service to get

a backhoe but right now it is allocated to the fires. I might add that Mike is a great cook.

## Bishop California:

Silver/Wyman Canyon and Coyote Flats

July 11 & 12, 2015

### Club Members:

1. Ray and Karen Kleinhuizen
2. Pete Johnson
3. Chris Slaughter
4. Danny Delp and fiancée Kim
5. Chris and Alison Johnson
6. Scott Beggins
7. Rod and Carrol Abbott
8. Steve and Mary Hendry
9. Jack and Zoey Pacela

### Guests:

1. David and Susan Hawkinson
2. Debi Craddock and husband Joe

Bishop California is located in the Owens Valley west of the White Mountains and east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. There are several trails around Bishop. Most are easy but some have moderate to difficult sections. The plan was to do two day runs: an easy run on Saturday and a more difficult run on Sunday. The Saturday run was Silver and Wyman canyons in the White Mountains with a lunch stop at the ancient Bristle Cone pine forest. The Sunday run was to Coyote Flats, a high valley at 10,000 ft. elevation in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The club has tried this trail before and had to turn back at the hard spots. The plan this time was to only bring well equipped rigs and go in from Big Pine to do the hard sections early in the day.

Six vehicles caravanned to Bishop on Friday. We made a stop at Manzaner a Japanese detention camp during world war two. We drove through several rain showers between Lone pine and Bishop. This raised the concern of rain over the weekend but the weather was never an issue. Temperatures were a little cool at the higher elevations but overall mild otherwise.

### Saturday July 11:

We had 11 vehicles meet in the Brown's Town CG parking lot. The first issue was Chris had some bad noise coming from his axle. Chris diagnosed the issue to be a problem in the rear dif. and rode with Scott Beggins. The remaining 10 vehicles headed out to Silver Canyon road, a dirt road that goes straight to the base of the White Mountain range. The trail then winds its way into Silver canyon going through several water crossings along the way. The canyon starts to get narrow as the steep climb starts. The trail becomes very steep with many tight switch backs all the way to the top at 10k ft. elevation. At the top is a very good view of the Sierra Nevada

Mountains to the west. Rod was running hot and needed quite a bit of water. The problem was a bad radiator cap. Rod and Carrol were able to finish the Saturday run.



We decided to head over to the Patriarch Grove, a high elevation (11.2k ft.) grove of ancient Bristle Cone pine trees. This grove is named after the Patriarch tree, one of the largest known Bristle Cone pine trees. We ate lunch here taking in the history and beauty of the area.

After lunch we headed to Wyman canyon for our slow decent out of the White Mountains. Along the way we had stops at a miner's cabin, a small ranch and a small water fall. A group of students from Deep Springs College were staying at the small cabin near Wyman spring. The students were caring for the cattle grazing in the canyon.



We passed a BLM sign welcoming us to BLM land just before the road ended, say what! We actually were on the right road but it was over grown with thick brush that had expanded out of Wyman creek. We had to back track to the last turn to find the way out. This is a common problem in the White Mountains. The trails don't get heavy use and the brush, trees or both grow or fall on the trail. The trails are closing themselves due to lack of use.

Saturday ended with a 52 mile drive on black top back to Bishop going back through the Westguard Pass. We had a group dinner at the pizza place in town.

Sunday July 12:

We had seven rigs for the Sunday run. Scott was out, steering/front axle issues. Jack and Zoey were out, their camp site was inundated with rain and water, Jack was sick and the Jeep had issues. Rod and Carrol were planning to go home Sunday. Chris Slaughter parked and rode with Steve.

We headed to Big Pine then turned west to the Sierra foothills. There was some unknowns about the difficulty of the trail and the best way to take. GPS, Google earth and good maps helped with trail finding.



The trail headed almost straight up with great views of the Owens Valley and glaciers in the Sierra Mountains. After a few miles of steep climbing we came to a rocky section that started downhill. I saw a vehicle near the bottom of the trail. He saw us coming down and seemed to be waiting to let us pass. We get down to him to find out he had moved his Jeep Cherokee over to let us by and was stuck in the soft dirt on the down side of the trail.



First I had to get past him to try and pull him out. Then we attempted to use a strap to pull him back on the trail. As soon as he starts moving he slides another foot down the hill. We tried letting him maneuver on his own but he just got in deeper. We finally decided to put a strap around a rock. Attach a winch line through a snatch block to Cherokees rear driver side. This created the angle needed to slide his rear end over until firmly on the trail.

He was then able to back onto the trail and get turned around.



I soon found out that while we were working on the Cherokee David Hawkinson got too close to edge a few feet behind and needed a winch to get back on the trail himself. Lesson learned: on this trail If you get too close to the edge, you are either stuck, sliding down the side of the hill, or rolling over. None of these are good options. A sign post in the hard section marks the spot of a roll over in 2006.



A little way up the trail from the rocky spot we saw a warning sign that classified the trail as Most Difficult. After passing the warning sign we turn southwest around Sugarloaf Peak into Coyote Flats. We had lunch at a nice camp site at the edge of the trees. Three deer were grazing in the trees behind us. After our late lunch we headed through Coyote Flats, down into the back of Bishop. We met at the bowling alley that night for dinner, drinks and talk about the day's events.

David Hawkinson is not a member and Jeff (the guy in the Cherokee) is not a member, therefore no cow bells.

Another great run with a fun group of people.

## Run Calendar

### Adopt a Trail meeting place

8:30am at Rocky's Roadhouse  
32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382  
next to the 76 gas station

### September

1<sup>st</sup> club meeting

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

### 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Sherman Pass – Monache Meadow

**Run Date:** Sept. 12, 2015

**Trail Leader:** Danny Ward  
(Cell 714-651-9717) [d41ward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d41ward@sbcglobal.net)

**Meeting Location:** Troy Meadow Campground Entry

**Meeting Time:** 7:45 am – Leaving at 8:00 am.

**Directions to Pearsonville, Ca.:** Starting at CA-91 east bound toward the I-15, take I-15 north toward Barstow 43.3 miles. Take exit **141** to merge onto **US-395 north** toward Bishop/Adelanto 98.3 miles. Take the ramp onto **US- 395 north** 7.3 miles to Pearsonville, Ca.

**Special Note:** Pearsonville, CA. is the last chance for **Gas**. Pearsonville elevation is 2513 and going to Troy Meadow elevation of 7800 is a little bit of a climb.

**Directions to Troy Meadow Campground:** From Pearsonville take US Rt. 395 north 2.6 miles to Kennedy Meadow sign. Turn left at sign onto Nine-mile Canyon Road and go 24.6 miles to a "Y" intersection. Bear left onto Sherman Pass Road and go 10.3 miles to campground sign. Turn right at sign into campground.

**Special Equipment Required:** Minimum 31" tires but could have trouble. High ground clearance vehicle required and rear lockers.

**Trails Description:** Sherman Pass 4 wheel drive road is narrow, rocky, and steep. Road is difficult terrain, expert 4WD techniques required. Not suitable for long wheel base vehicles. (6.8 miles)

**Permits:** "Forest Adventure Pass" is needed to park along this trail.

**Reminder to Bring:** Camera, Warm Clothing, Chair, Lunches, etc.

**Weekend Plan:** I'm leaving Friday the 11th and tent camping Friday and Saturday nights at Troy Meadow Campground.

19<sup>th</sup> Adopt A Trail - Josh

Last Saturday of September Adopt a Trail BBQ

19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>th</sup> Sand Sport Show Costa Mesa Fair Grounds

**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> KOPL**

Kids on Public Lands We always need female drivers on Sunday.

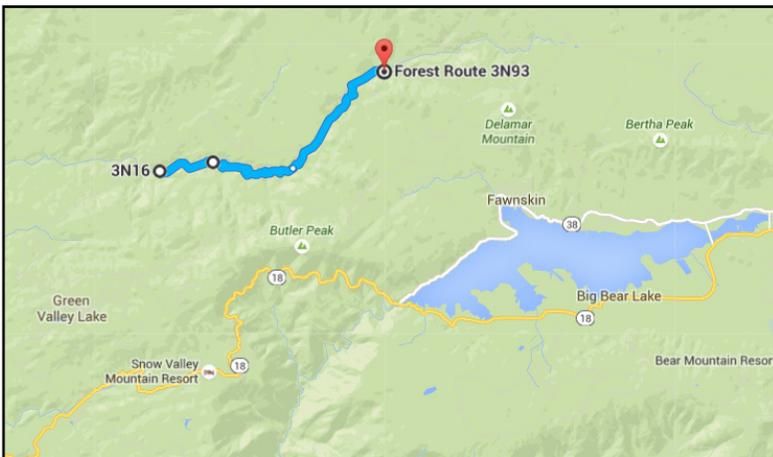


<http://www.sidekickoffroad.com/kopl.htm>

**Holcomb Creek 3N93, Big Bear**

Saturday Sept 26th

**Trail Organizer:** Jack & Zoe



**RSVP:** Yes, Cell 909-213-6787 or Email: sqca12@verizon.net

**Trail Leader camping:** No, day trip only.

**Permits Required:** Yes, Adventure Pass. Annual \$30 or day \$5, available at most grocery/gas stations, as well as Ranger stations and Discovery Center

**Meeting Time:** 8:30am. Go over rig readiness and plan, leave at 9am.

**Meeting Location:** Rocky's Roadhouse (32150 Hilltop Blvd, Running Springs, CA 92382) i.e. usual spot across from 76 gas station. From there, we will drive to Big Bear (north shore) Fawnskin area to 3N14 to Coxey Road.

**Trail Description:** 3N93 is a 6 mile trail. You can expect to encounter large boulders, tippy terrain and puddles and moguls on sections of the trail. The US Forest Service rates this trail a Black Diamond Most Difficult trail and it is not recommended for stock SUVs.

Body damage and breakage are possible. Elevation ranges from 5600' to over 6500'. Wet tires add to the difficulty as the trail crosses Holcomb Creek in a few areas.

**Difficulty:** (1=Easy, 5=Most Difficult) Rated 5, due to the last 2 boulder fields (i.e. most of the trail is easy). There is a bypass route around these rock gardens but it's a separate trail (2N06X). The rest of the trail is rated 1 with a couple of 3 rated obstacles.

**CB Channel:** 4

**Special Equipment Required:** High ground clearance with limited slip or lockers, 33 inch tires or larger recommended but not required. We have seen stock jeeps make it with some damage. Tire damage is always a possibility. A good spare is required.

**Bring:** Bring lunch and extra water, chairs, basic tools, shovel, camera, extra weather appropriate clothing, etc.

**Weather:** If it's raining the trip will be canceled.

**Trail Head Coordinates:**

**Start:** 3N14 is N34° 18.027 W116° 58.940

**Finish:** 3N16 is N34° 16.521 W117° 03.049

**Departure:** We will join up to 3N16 at Crab Flats and head towards Green Valley/Running Springs at Highway 18.

**October**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wrightwood Willys-Jeep Day

Short cut:

[http://cal4wheel.com/events/calendar/g-1-sqmeffvse2sml76htn641p90o\\_201510031600](http://cal4wheel.com/events/calendar/g-1-sqmeffvse2sml76htn641p90o_201510031600)

3<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Off Road Expo Pomona

6<sup>th</sup> club meeting

6<sup>th</sup> Monthly club meeting

9 – 11<sup>th</sup> Fun in the Desert

sponsored by Victor Valley 4 Wheelers & Cal 4 Wheel Means Dry Lake Johnson Valley, CA

16- 17 Operation Desert Fun



Online registration is now open! Only \$25 if you

register by August 31.

[www.cal4wheel.com/events/operation-desert-fun](http://www.cal4wheel.com/events/operation-desert-fun)

17<sup>th</sup> Miller Jeep Trail (M) - Pete

24<sup>th</sup> Adopt A Trail - Lead TBD

## November

3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly club meeting / run planning 2016

6<sup>th</sup> - Black Canyon (E) - Ray

12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Panamint Valley Days (PVD), Cal 4 Wheel event

We're celebrating 30 years of having fun in the Panamints with all your friends and family; all those great sunrises and sunsets. All those flyovers, the rain, the snow, and W, the great starfield at night, really seeing the Milky Way. All this makes Panamint Valley Days so fun and great to spend time with all your friends and family.

For full info and resistration:

[http://cal4wheel.com/panamint-valley-days?utm\\_source=CA4WDA+Updates&utm\\_campaign=04e69c8669-barrett-lake-reopen-07-27-15&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_d30f6c948f-04e69c8669-85608049&mc\\_cid=04e69c8669&mc\\_eid=e64d42a631](http://cal4wheel.com/panamint-valley-days?utm_source=CA4WDA+Updates&utm_campaign=04e69c8669-barrett-lake-reopen-07-27-15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d30f6c948f-04e69c8669-85608049&mc_cid=04e69c8669&mc_eid=e64d42a631)

## December

1<sup>st</sup> Monthly club meeting

5<sup>th</sup> Calico Run Leader Ron Webber

## New Member

### August

1. **Jack Sobelman** - 15 JK went on Corral Canyon and Cleghorn •
2. **Karen Hykuis & James Leamon** - 66 Scout. Karen & James are also members of the Roughwheelers they ran 3 runs at HDR and helped with the HDR registration desk.
3. **Janet Johansen**- 15 JKU went on Black Canyon in February, Cleghorn and two runs at HDR.
4. **Debi Craddock** - 12 JK two runs at Bishop

### July

Dave Mauer

Eric Walberg

## Guests

1. **Steve Murphy** - just bought his Jeep three weeks ago, 02 Wrangler
2. **Jerry & Dana Horner** - yellow and black 06 LJ
3. **Andrea Friedenthal** - 96 XJ

4. **Mark & Kaylynn**- 15 JK
5. **Rudy Quinoz** - 15 Tacoma
6. **Clayton Walz** - Rubicon
7. **Suhag Patel** - 97 Landcruiser. •
8. **Paul Zuliani** - 12 Wrangler Rubicon •
9. **Mark Suarez** - 14 Rubicon •
10. **Eric Dow** - 15 JK •
11. **Mike McCarty** - 12 Unlimited •

## Classified

New Complete **Dana 30 axles shafts** a little rust. keep a spare with you at all times, just in case was in my 2000 TJ (until I upgraded) should fit '97 – 2006 maybe others that I don't know about.



\$50. Each, driver and passenger side. contact Ron Webber 714 715 5692 or [ronjp@outlook.com](mailto:ronjp@outlook.com)

**Alternator** from 2000 TJ stock swapped out for one with higher amperage at about 40k miles



Free contact Ron Webber 714 715 5692 or [ronjp@outlook.com](mailto:ronjp@outlook.com)

**Oil pan** John Bull trail tested.



Free contact Ron Webber 714 715 5692 or [ronjp@outlook.com](mailto:ronjp@outlook.com)

**Control arm skid plates** bolt no welding needed  
<http://www.knowwhere2jeep.com/skid-row-xj-mj-zj-tj-lj-lower-control-arm-skid-plates.html> new never installed



\$50 contact Ron Webber 714 715 5692 or [ronjp@outlook.com](mailto:ronjp@outlook.com)

## 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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- Hospitality:** Emi Webber: [emiwebber@hotmail.com](mailto:emiwebber@hotmail.com)
- Safety Committee:** Bill Smith:
- Run Coordinator:** Rick Walter [rick03tj@gmail.com](mailto:rick03tj@gmail.com)
- Emergency response team coordinator:** Rick Walter  
[rick03tj@gmail.com](mailto:rick03tj@gmail.com)  
the emergency response team makes themselves  
available to help with our adopt a trail Dish Pan.
- CAL4 wheel reps: Jesse May and Keith Graham

### 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 of... \$56.25
  - CORVA ..... \$30.00

<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

Mike Wallace

Josh Bleijenberg

Ron Webber November 2014

Ray Kleinhuisen July 2014

### FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Mike Wallace

Josh Bleijenberg

Pete Johnson

Josh Bleijenberg corral cyn then handing off to Pete

Ray Kleinhuisen

Danny Ward

Josh Bleijenberg April 2014

Roger Mauer Feb 2014

### FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Roger Mauer

Danny Ward

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

Adopt a trail Current hours – 192

### 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 Corral Canyon 4/10/15  
Josh Bleijenberg Dusy Ersham Sept 2014



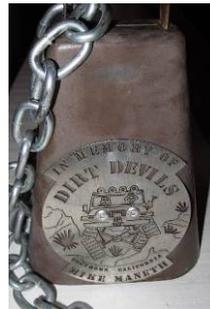
#### Brown bell

Bill Smith HDR May25 2015  
Tim Debolt Rattlesnake Feb 2015  
Rick Walter adopt a trail 6/27/2014  
Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 5/4/2014



#### Little Blue bell

Bill Smith HDR May25 2015 winched Bronco on to trailer  
Gilbert at Corral Canyon 4/10/15  
Chris Slaughter Grizzly  
Rick Walter  
Mike Wallace



#### Mike Maneth memorial bell

Frank Gilliland John Bull 6/27/2015  
Mike Wallace Corral Canyon 4/10/15  
James Eddinger Claw Hammer 1/10/15.  
Castulo Olivas