



The Dirt Devils Digest

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

Presidents Message:

Wow February has 2 good runs Motoni wash and Black canyon. Motino is moderate to difficult and Black canyon easy with interesting POI's. Both sound like a lot of fun. Followed in March with the popular Calico run.

Even if you can't come out on one of our runs try to support a Cal 4 Wheel or CORVA event.

Everyone should continue to explore the new web site especially the forum section. Continue to send your comments and questions to Chris.

Congrats to the new HAM operators in the club. I'm sure they are eager and ready to tutor other members who want to take the test.

Keep our trails open

Ray Kleinhuizen



One cool jeep I don't know if it really served in WWII.

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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)

Web site

289 unique visits in December.
 32% were from California.
 13% were hackers
 1,000 unique visitors for January
 63 club referrals.
 32 tech referrals.
 See Appendix A for full report.
 Sign up on the forum
 please forward your pictures to Chris

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.

Claw Hammer, Johnson Valley 1/10/14

Trail rating: Difficult

Trail Master: Joshua Bleijenberg

Tail Gunner: Roy Chance

OF RIGS: 9

Members/ Rigs:

Joshua Bleijenberg/ 06 TJ

Tim Debolt / 09 JK

James Ettinger/ 14 JKU

Roy Chance/ 05 LJ

Danny and Linda Ward/ 06 TJ

Guests/ Rigs/ Riders:

Kirk Smith/ 13 JKU/ Paul, Able

Frank Gulliard/ 00 TJ/ Rowland

Doug Wood / 90 YJ/ Dogs- Sandy and Rocky

Chris Karaiscas/ 78 CJ/ Frank Medina



Meeting Location: Outpost Café @ 8:15 AM

Starting Location: Boones RD @ 10 AM

Weather: Partly cloudy, Afternoon rain

Trail comments: Arrived at the trail head at 11:00 AM. Started with 9 vehicles and went through a tough gate keeper section spotting and stacking through the first 200 yards or so. It was evident that some vehicles, especially ones with a long wheel base, were going to have a tough go of the trail. James needed a strap to get thru the first obstacle and sustained his first body damage to the passenger door. Kirk got hung up in a squeeze and the rock stacking crew went to work. Tim split his pinky while stacking rocks for Kirk and as a result needed to head back to get a stitch or two. Danny and Kirk also turned back after the gate keeper section. The remaining 6 vehicles continued on. We stopped for lunch around 1PM. A truggy that was training for KOH was headed down the trail as we were half way through the waterfall

section. We noticed they had a flat tire. James provided them with a tire plug and Josh gave them some air. They cruised past us making it look easy. We had a few more tough sections as we progressed up the hill. James went thru a tight squeeze that provided him with his second damage of the day in the driver rocker panel. Frank and Josh spotted and stacked rocks for most of the group as we climbed to the top of the hill. Unfortunately on the last obstacle stacking rocks for James, Josh had a rock shift and hit him in the ankle which immediately bruised and starting swelling. It was literally 50 Ft from the finish. At 4PM we finished the trail everybody relished in their accomplishment. We regrouped to head back to the staging area. On our way back we met up with Don Young in the meads dry lake area who was working with their race team to get tuned up for KOH. We decided to head over and look at another trail in the area called turkey claw. It was getting dark and we started to head back to the HWY. As we proceeded Josh hit a big bump and snapped a weld on his track bar. James and Chris headed out on their own leaving Roy, Josh, Doug, and Frank to get the track bar fixed. Doug and Roy stayed with the jeeps as Frank, Josh and Rowland went out in search of a welder. After 20 or so minutes of searching we found one and patched the track bar back together. We reinstalled the track bar and thought we were done.

Little did we know that we would meet a man walking a goat in the desert. pausing for you to re-read that last section that had made a wrong turn and got his ford truck stuck in some loose dirt. Josh loaded up the goat and his owner and took him back to their truck. Gave them a little tug and helped them out of the sand. Now finally we aired up, and hit the road around 8 PM. Just another day out on the trail.

Cowbells: James Ettinger



Damage: James- Passenger door rock rash, Driver rocker panel rock rash, Josh broken track bar

Injuries: Tim- Cut pinky finger, Josh- Bruised ankle

Recommended equipment: 2-lockers, 35" tires, Full skid plates including rocker guards

Cal-4-Wheel South District meeting

Jesse, Keith, Joel Card attended

Jesse and Terry were re-elected to their positions.

February 21st is the convention. Have phones ready in case you win the Jeep. The convention is asking for hospitality support and raffle support. New Jeep will be at the convention. Terry Dean would like to have a club bio so he can write it up and put it into the In Gear. Keith is the longest-running oldest member, then Jesse then Bill. Ray appointed those three as a committee to put this information together. If they get the information to Ray, he will write it up. There is a lot of stuff being fought to keep lands open. Glamis is being taken back to court. The fights take a long time - don't be discouraged at the length of time. The money raised at the events go to help for these issues. Pay for two "resource consultants" to watch the events and read the documents. There is a big US coalition that is being worked on to fight and lobby in DC. The coalition will be paid for by industry not by clubs. Each region will have voting rights. Still being worked on. At the SEMA show last year, the idea was presented and is being worked on. There are some states that do not have any associations. A bylaw change to be voted - remove the word club from California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc as half the membership is not in clubs. If the bylaw change goes through, new materials would be phased in as old material is sold out. Keith presents a motion to vote for the change, 2nd by Rick. 1 nay, 0 abstentions, rest ayes. Motion passed. Delegate for the club for the convention meeting is Keith. Ontario Jeep is offering discounts for Cal-4-Wheel members with association membership club. Will service any Jeep regardless of age. In the In Gear and on the web site, the application for HDR is available. Club is leading a run, Danny is the run leader, and need members to sign up for the event. Talking about running Devils Loop the next day as a second run. Danny agrees to be run leader for that one as well. Cal4Wheel has submitted comments for DRECP. Has to do with energy in the desert. For every acre put aside for energy, two other acres are locked up for energy. At stateline, the solar plant was 100,000 acres and we lost another 200,000 acres because of the offset.

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

March

3rd - club meeting

13th - 15th Calico
run leader Ron Webber ron@questbuilding.com

28th - Adopt A Trail (D) – Rick Walters

3/28 - 4/5 Easter Jeep Safari Moab - non club event

April

7th - club meeting

10th - 4/12 Coral Canyon (D) - Danny W.

25th - Adopt A Trail – Ray

May

5th - club meeting

30th - 5/3 Mojave Trail (E) - Pete

16th - HDR Prerun - Danny W.

23rd - 25th Devils Loop trail (M)
HDR Cal4Wheel event - Danny W.

22th - - 24th Hi Desert Round up CAL4WD event.
Slash X Barstow CA
Dirt Devils will be leading Devils Loop Trail

30th - 6th North Rim run

Run leader: Ray Kleinhuizen

June

2nd club meeting

13th Adopt A Trail - Lead TBD

21st Forest Fest Big Bear Fathers day weekend
<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

4th club meeting

6th - 9th Sierra Trek near Truckee CAL4WD event.
<http://www.cal4wheel.com/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

17th Miller Jeep Trail (M) - Pete

24th Adopt A Trail - Lead TBD

November

3rd Monthly club meeting / run planning 2016

6th - 8th Panamint Valley Days (PVD), Cal 4 Wheel event

14th - Black Canyon (E) - Ray

December

1st Monthly club meeting

5th Cleghorn (M) - Joel

Guests

Andrea and her son Devin drive a '96 Cherokee
sorry no picture available



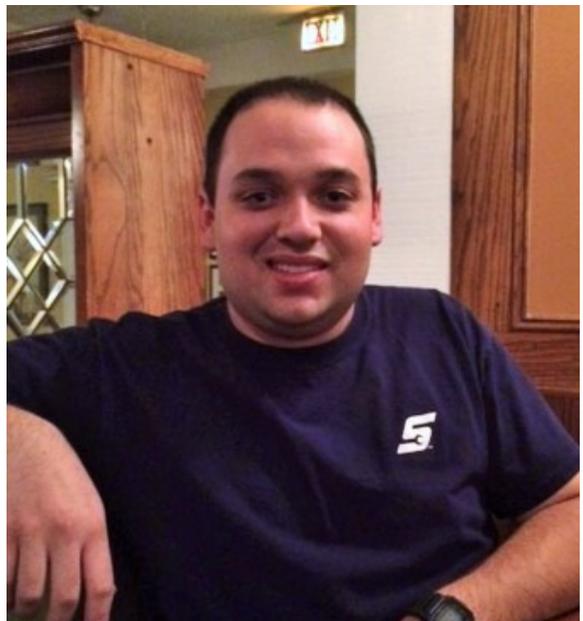
Chris Walls drives a CJ7



Cameron Mcoley drives a '91 Cherokee



Frank Gilliland of South Bay Truck. Frank has been out with us several times in his 2000 TJ 3½" lift and 33's



Ken Hunter drives a 2000 Cherokee with 4 ½" lift and 32's



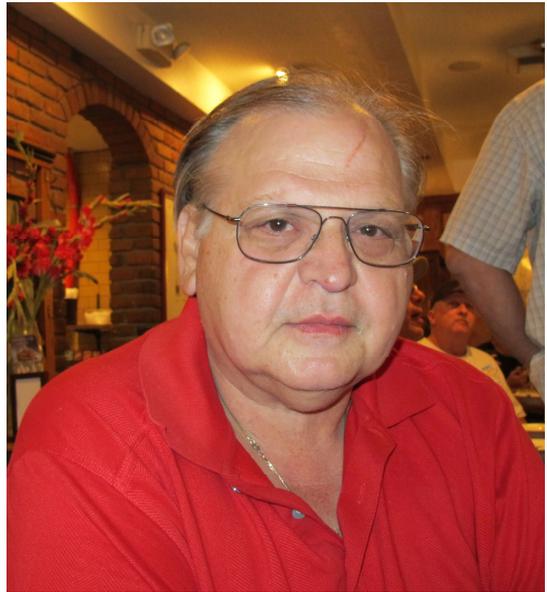
Lannie Sircable drives a '14 JK Rubicon and Janet Johansen (and her son Jimmy) drive a 2015 JK Sahara with a 3" lift and 35's.



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



Rick Schaffer



Oleg Garanda



Mike and Al Ramsden Mike putts around in a '01 wrangler with 35" tires and a few other mods sept, Oct, Nov 2014, Feb 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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Treasurer: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

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 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.

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

Chris Slaughter

Rick Walter adopt a trail 6/27/2014

Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 5/4/2014

Little Blue bell

Rick Walter

Chris Slaughter Grizzly

Rick Walter

Mike Wallace

Mike Maneth memorial bell

James Eddinger Claw Hammer 1/10/15.

Castulo Olivias



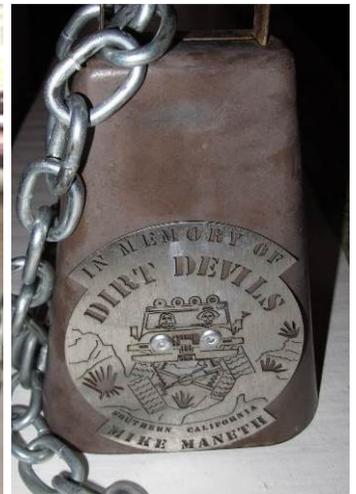
Old Logo Green



Brown



Little Blue



Mike Maneth Bell