



# The Dirt Devils Digest

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

## Presidents Message:

HDR was a great time for everyone but Bill Smith (I think he had some fun) Bill had a trip to the ER and 2 broke ribs. Heal quickly my friend.

John Bull is next up. This is a popular but most difficult rated SB forest trail.

The July AAT camping trip will be a road/trail building weekend. We will be working on the MC & UTV by pass trail around the waterfall section.

I encourage all members to get involved in land use issues. Your voice makes a difference please get involved.

The Grand Canyon north rim run was an awesome adventure fun easy trails and beautiful views. The complete run write up is in this newsletter and on our web site.



Enjoying the views.

Ray Kleinhuizen

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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)

## CORVA

Land use matters that CORVA is keeping an eye on, read all about in CORVA's magazine "Off Roaders in Action"

1. Obama proposed new rule extends the reach of the EPA to regulate wetlands, rivers, streams and creeks
2. Desert protection and recreation act S1441 (Feinstein), you need to worry about this bill, even our Deep Creek trail could get closed off.
3. Mojave trails national monument
4. Snow national monument
5. Five BLM study areas near Fort Irwin, portions of Death Valley National Park, San Bernardino National Forest, Cady and Soda Mountains
6. Vinagre wash special management area
7. National Park System looking at adding 74,000 acres of land to the national park system.
8. Clear Creek National Recreation Area
9. Central Coast Heritage Protection Act
10. Forest Service plan revisions for the Inyo, sequoia and sierra national forest
11. BLM land use plans "WEMO" west Mojave plan
12. State of California Carnegie SVRA General Plan
13. State of California Ocotillo Wells SVRA General Plan

## Run reports

### HDR CAL4WD

May 25 2015

Our own Jesse and Keith were the organizers. They are not available next year. If you are so inclined CAL4W is looking for a few good citizens to plan this great event.

High Desert Roundup is a CAL4Wheel fund raising event raising money to keep to keep great outdoors open for recreational use. As well as a good place to go wheelin'.

The Dirt Devils led the Devils loop run.

## Grand Canyon North Rim

May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup> 2015

The Team

1. Ray and Karen K the run leader and planner, drove their brown LJ.
2. Ron W and Chuck C in Ron's brown LJ
3. Roger M & Birdie in Roger's YJ dragging his Adventurer trailer.
4. Pete J driving his brown LJ and dragging his Adventurer trailer.
5. Terry P in his white Grand Cherokee
6. Chris S in his green Cherokee
7. Danny and Linda W drove their fancy JK.

### Introduction

The north side of the Grand Canyon is known as the Arizona Strip. It includes the Kaibab Forest to the east, the Grand Canyon National Park and Lake Mead Recreational Area to the west. The Arizona strip is a rugged strip of land with elevations ranging from 4000' to 9,000 feet. There are few people, a few cattle ranches, one Dude Ranch, pine trees at the higher elevations and sage brush at the lower elevations.

There is no road that follows the north rim, the terrain is a series of canyons and valleys that are perpendicular to the Colorado River. To get to the various viewpoints (the views did not disappoint) it is necessary to drive 15+ miles through a canyon or along a plateau to the viewpoint, and then back out the way you came..

The Arizona Strip was very green due to recent rains this past month, July, and August is the wet season, commonly referred to as "The Monsoon Season". We saw no running rivers, streams or lakes, some ponds in the meadows. If we were in the High Sierras we would have been crossing streams and camped alongside lakes. (after a normal wet winter season). We saw a lot of deer that were so comfortable they wandered through camp every morning.

The Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument is considered one of the most remote areas in the lower 48 states. Elevations range from 2500 to 6000 ft. I consider it mostly high desert with a few areas high enough altitude for pine trees. There are no paved roads. (actually there are no paved roads within 40 mile of the monument) There is no water, gas, cell service or services of any kind. If you like getting away from it all this is the place for you. Gas was on our minds the whole time we were in

Parashant. We all made it with some margin' Ron and Pete still had unused cans when we drove into Kanab.

The Kaibab National Forest is right outside of the GC National Park on the north rim. We were at much higher elevations. The DeMotte campground is at 8300 ft. All the trails here are in the pine tree forest.

The weather was good, the first 2 days at the lower elevations it was hot maybe in the 90's during the day and at night the low was maybe 43. The last 4 days at the higher elevations the highs were about 70 and at night in the 30's.

No cowbells were earned, generally the trails and dirt roads are easy.

Saturday, May 30

Six rigs met at the T/A center in Barstow and headed to St George, Utah. As we were pulling into Mesquite, Ray's A/C stopped working. After checking fuses and other possible failures we continued on to St George. The compressor was bad and no one in St George had the parts. We decided to do the run without A/C we don't use it much on the trail. Ron and Chuck drove straight to St George towing Ron's expedition Jeep.

On Sunday May 31,

After breakfast we all gassed up, made sure we had ice and any other supplies needed for the next 3 days. Filled the gas tank and all extra cans/containers. On the way over to the gas station Ron's new bumper with cargo rack over the tire was swaying and banging the rack against the Jeep's top. A ratchet strap and some rope over the roof tied to the front grill held the rack in place most of the time. We headed south out of St George Utah to County Route 5 (CR5) a dirt road and aired down. The first few miles we climbed fast. We stopped once to look back to a great view of St George.



Next stop was the Mount Trumbull school house, [www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/cultural/schoolhouse.html](http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/cultural/schoolhouse.html) about 60 miles south of St George. The Trumbull Valley was homesteaded by some very hearty souls. We ate lunch and wandered through the school house taking in its' history.

We then headed out for Whitmore overlook, one of the most popular views on the edge of Grand Canyon. The road starts out graded and gradually turns into a trail, at a Y in the trail we took the right fork instead of the left fork, which led us down a series of steep switchbacks into Parashant canyon and across a plateau toward a Copper Mine. Upon realizing we had made a wrong turn, we made a U turn and went back up the narrow canyon and the switchbacks and camped at the top in a clearing. We enjoyed our first night on the trail. Lesson learned: when selecting trails on Google Earth they may not exist on your GPS's maps.



Whitmore canyon overlook

Monday June 1

We broke camp and hit the trail by 8:30am. We backtracked about a half mile and took the left fork to Whitmore canyon overlook. This trail stays above Parashant canyon dropping into Whitmore canyon just before the Bar 10 ranch. We passed the "Bar 10 Ranch" [www.bar10.com](http://www.bar10.com), a ranch near the Colorado river, then past the Whitmore International Air Port and Heli Pad. The Bar 10 ranch is a modern day dude ranch. We watched a helicopter transport people from the ranch down to the river for some rafting. I'm sure they fly downstream later in the day to pick everyone up.

As you approach Whitmore overlook, the road does get rougher. We descend about 1K of elevation the last 1.5 mile to the overlook. We enjoyed a great view of the Colorado River. You can see the Colorado River 1,000 feet below. You're so close you can hear the rapids below. At the Whitmore overlook you are actually down in the Grand Canyon looking up at the canyons sides and down at the Colorado River, hard to put it in words.

We backtracked to Trumbull School House where we ate lunch. I might add it is our favorite lunch spot. After lunch we headed east up into the Saw Mill Mountains and Mount Trumbull, the tallest peak in the area. (yes, at one time there was a saw mill that provided lumber for St George). We found a spot in the forest where we were able to leave Roger and Pete's trailers and we headed down the mountain to Tuweep.

Tuweep is in the GC National Park. The trail in is easy until the last mile when the trail becomes moderate: Rocky and rutted but not too difficult. This is the spot on the Grand Canyon you can see the Colorado River 3,000 feet below. (I laid on my belly to enjoy the view.). The wind at the rim made looking over the edge a little spooky. This is an awesome view. Too bad they no longer allow camping right at the rim. We took a quick look at the Toroweap campground some sites are right against the rocks blocked from the wind, but hammering stakes is a pain. There are no camp fires or charcoal grills allowed and no water.



Toroweap overlook

Tuesday June 2

On day 3 went to the city of Kanab, Utah, the gateway to southern Utah and Zion. We stocked up with provisions, ate lunch, and took highway 89A south for our camp site at DeMotte, but along the way we had to stop at Jacobs Lake Lodge for their World Famous Cookies. Their reputations did not disappoint. Tim the DeMotte camp site host and Ray's best friend escorted us to our camp sites where we set up base camp for the next 3 nights. DeMotte has all the modern conveniences' including pit toilets, fresh water, fire rings and picnic tables. After camp was setup at DeMotte a few of the dirty campers headed to the National Park campground for a hot shower. There is also a gas station, general store and lodge with restaurant at DeMotte.



Heading to camp

Wednesday June 3

We headed to the Point Sublime trail head inside the GC National Park. We saw several small groups of deer grazing in the meadows as we approached the GC National Park entrance. The trail to Point Sublime goes through a thick Bristle Cone pine forest with a few grassy meadows along the way. There are several hills to climb and the occasional mud puddle. We came across a wide spot on the trail where a large group was camping, Ray tried to get back country permit to camp inside the national park at Point Sublime but was told they were no longer available. A ranger we had been following told Ray he was given wrong information and he should have been given a backcountry permit. Good to know for future runs. Camping on the rim has to be a future goal.

Point Sublime may be the best views of the trip including a 320 degree view of the Grand Canyon. The view was so wide, the only way to get the whole view was to put my camera into video mode and scan all 320 degrees. There is a small picnic area where we had lunch with nice views.



Point Sublime overlook

After lunch we headed to the Fire Point overlook using the map and GPS to find our way. Neither Garmin nor Google earth showed a trail between Point Sublime and Fire Point. The Kaibab Nation Forest map did show a trail. After a little exploring we found our way through to Fire Point. Fire Point is a west view into the Grand Canyon. The canyon walls are very green in this section of the canyon.

Thursday June 4

Everyone woke up early and we headed off for Crazy Jug viewpoint, Monument Point and The Bill Hall trail head. The trail winds through a thick forest valley, occasional meadows and patches of snow. The snow did provide an opportunity for a brief snow ball fight.

After about an hour we heard Ray over the CB say oh, oh we have a problem. A large tree had fallen across the narrow trail and there was no way around it. We did not turn around, the team went into adopt a trail mode. We grabbed our axes, saws and other implements of destruction and cleared the area. Once the area was clear we attached a snatch block to a nearby tree and ran the winch cable through it and wrapped it around the fallen tree. 15 minutes later the tree was off to the side and we were ready to proceed.



From Crazy Jug to Bill Hall. The trail follows the rim. This would be a great area to camp and wake up in the morning and have a cup of coffee while taking in the beautiful view. The trail dead ends at the Bill Hall Trail Head. We parked and walked along the first part of the trail that takes you to the bottom and the Colorado River. When we returned to our rigs, Roger had a flat tire, there was a slice in the side wall of his new Good Year MTRs with Kevlar reinforced side walls. 6 plugs later the tire was repaired, after airing up we were off. While at Monument Point I noticed when standing close to the edge you could not feel the wind that was blowing hard. But when standing a hundred feet away you could feel the wind. This is due to the strong updraft effect of the wind coming out of the canyon.

Friday June 5

Chris had been telling us there was a forecast of rains on this day. He was correct the rain, hail and thunder hit about 7:30am while some of us were eating breakfast. The smart ones went to the Lodge for breakfast. After that it did not take long to get the wet gear loaded and we hit the highway back to Jacob Lake (cookie re-stock) and Kanab for gas. From Kanab there are 2 roads back to St George. We took the road through Zion National Park. We were able to enjoy more great views, rain, hail and lightening. The thunder sounded like artillery.



The south section of Zion has petrified sand dunes, large rock formations that look like developing arches, and a narrow almost one way tunnel. We stopped for lunch on Bridge road and watch a storm with lighting and thunder move right over us. (time to hit the road)

Danny and Linda skipped lunch said goodbye to everyone and headed for Las Vegas for the night. We got to the 15 fwy soon after lunch. Ron and Chuck had booked a room at the Fairfield in St George. The rest of the group decided to make the long drive home without stopping for the night. Karen and I got home about 10:15 California time.

Overall an awesome trip with a great group of people.

## The Rubicon

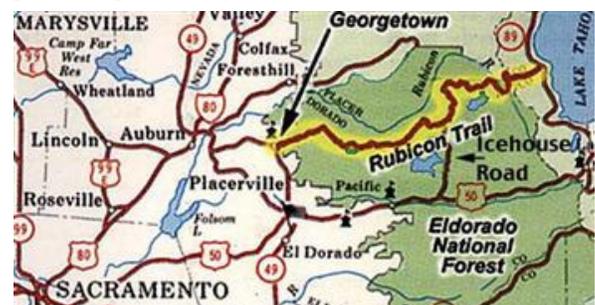
According to **Wikipedia**

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rubicon\\_Trail](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rubicon_Trail)) "The Rubicon Trail is a 22-mile-long route, part road and part trail, located in the Sierra Nevada of the western United States, due west of Lake Tahoe and about 80 miles east of Sacramento.

The maintained portion of the route is called the McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road; it begins in Georgetown, California, a hamlet in California's Gold Country.

The road continues from its intersection with State Route 193 towards Wentworth Springs, where the trailhead for the unmaintained portion of the route exists adjacent to Loon Lake.

The trail portion of the route is about 12 miles long and passes in part through the El Dorado National Forest."



(Map courtesy of <http://www.rubicon-trail.com>)

The **history** of the Rubicon Trail taken from <http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/Rubicon/History.htm> states that "in 1887, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors declared the trail (or highway) from Wentworth Springs through Hunsucker Springs (Rubicon Springs) a public highway.

To ensure that the trail remained open for public use, in 1991, the Board of Supervisors reconfirmed the Rubicon Trail's status as an unmaintained County right-of-way.

From the 1880s into 1940s, the Rubicon Trail was used to move cattle, sheep, and turkeys from the western slopes of the Sierras to the Meeks Bay area for summer grazing.

It was also used to provide access to the resorts located at Wentworth Springs, Rubicon Springs, and the west shores of Lake Tahoe.

Later residents of California used the area for hunting and fishing, just as the Maidu had hundreds of years before.

Shortly after the Eldorado National Forest was established, the U.S. Forest Service prepared a map showing areas where various game and fish species could be found.

In the 1920s, cars (Dodges and Stars) could travel the route from Georgetown to Rubicon Springs they used "ropes and planks" to cross some of the rougher spots.

Car skeletons found along the trail in the early days were said to be proof of the trail's difficulty.

El Dorado County officials eventually decided to develop the Rubicon Trail as an improved route from Georgetown to Lake Tahoe.

They rebuilt the wooden bridge across the Rubicon River in 1939.

In 1947, the County ordered the construction of a steel bridge over the River to replace the log bridge. The steel bridge was constructed in Placerville and transported to the site.

To ensure that the various pieces of the bridge would not shift on the trip to the bridge site, they were welded to the frame of the truck.

The bridge components were moved into the area via Lake Tahoe and Rubicon Springs.

In 1952, several residents of Georgetown met to discuss the possibility of hosting an organized Jeep tour from Georgetown to Lake Tahoe via the Rubicon Trail.

On August 29, 1953, 55 Jeeps with 155 participants left Georgetown on a two-day trip that is now known as "Jeepers Jamboree 1."

Every year during the last weekend of July, 4-wheelers follow the tradition of these "pioneers." "

## 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

### June

**19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** 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>

**27<sup>th</sup> John Bull (D)** – Josh  
a Black Diamond trail

### July

**7<sup>th</sup>** club meeting

**10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop** Ca. trails – Ray  
Easy run on Saturday up the White Mountains then will do a harder one after.

**24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Adopta Trail overnight camp**  
tent peg campground Big Bear  
run Leader Roger .

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Jeepers Jamboree**

**31<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeep Jamboree**

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

### August

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Swap meet and pot luck dinner**

1pm dinner at 4pm

details to follow

At Ron & Emi Webber's house in beautiful Modjeska Canyon (near Irvine Lake).

Drive a pick up truck with your spare parts, camp gear or just yourself; bumpers, lights, wheels & tires, gas tanks, roof top, alternator, drive shafts, axles, battery box, suspension parts, springs, straps, etc.

**2<sup>nd</sup> all 4 fun** <http://www.a4fun.org/>

**4<sup>st</sup>** club meeting

6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Sierra Trek near Truckee CAL4WD event.

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



15<sup>th</sup> 4x4 Big Bear Clinic (E/M) – Mike

22<sup>nd</sup> Adopt A Trail - Roy

## 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 (M) – Danny W.

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

Last Saturday of September Adopt a Trail BBQ

## October

6<sup>th</sup> club meeting

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

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

16- 17 Operation Desert Fun

[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

## December

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

5<sup>th</sup> Cleghorn (M) - Joel

## New Member

Rod and Carol Abbott

## Guests

Mark Horist '93 YJ he received a Dirt Devil business card.

Curt Clark '04 Rubicon

Rick Schaffer '92 YJ

David Hawkinson and Susan 2000 red TJ w/ 33's, lockers and a 4" lift

Ron and Debbie Robinson '15 white Rubicon w/ 35's and a 2 1/2" lift

Bil Gallio green '97 TJ w/ 33's

Kraig Adams '08 F350 10" lift and 38's

Debbie and Troy Craddock 2012 Rubicon

John Strege '97 TJ wrangler a former member.

Dave Mauer

Al Ramsden

Mike Ramsden

Ramon Del Toro

Marcos Del Toro

Eric Yoshioka

## 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

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**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 Kleinhuizen

Mike Wallace

Josh Bleijenberg

Ron Webber November 2014

Ray Kleinhuizen July 2014

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

Josh Bleijenberg

Pete Johnson

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)**

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.

1. **Old logo green bell**  
 Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 4/10/15  
 Josh Bleijenberg Dusy Ersham Sept 2014
2. **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
3. **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
4. **Mike Maneth memorial bell**  
 Mike Wallace Corral Canyon 4/10/15  
 James Eddinger Claw Hammer 1/10/15.  
 Castulo Olivas



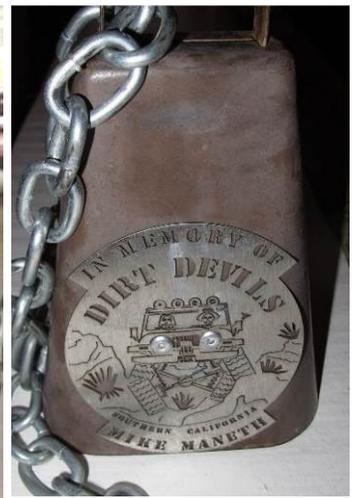
Old Logo Green



Brown



Little Blue



Mike Maneth Bell