



# The Dirt Devils Digest

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## Editors Message:

This is Dirt Devil election season, check out who has been nominated.

Read the great run reports especially Sledge. Thanks to those that do take the time to write up a run report.

There are still more great runs coming up. read all about here.

Magellan is donating a TRX7 device to be raffled. at the July **DD club meeting July 11th** (delayed due to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.)

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Ron Webber Editor

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## Trail politics

### Cal4Wheel & CORVA

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

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

[SAC / sierra access coalition](#)

Cal4wheel South Dist meeting

April 29<sup>th</sup>

9am – 3pm

Jeep dealer of Ontario 1202 Auto Center Dr. Ontario

Lunch is provided.



## Run reports

### Johnson Valley Camping Trip and run

**Trail Master:** Joshua Bleijenberg

**Tail Gunner:** Ron Webber

**Members/ Riders/ Rigs:**

1. Joshua Bleijenberg with south bay James- 06 TJ
2. Suhag Patel- 87 -4 Runner
3. Brian Power with daughter Amber- 16 JK
4. Frank Gilliland- TJ
5. Chris Slaughter- 94 XJ
6. James Ettinger- 14 JKU
7. Ron Webber with son in law Tom- 04 TJ

**Guests/ Rigs/ Riders:**

8. South bay Chris with brother Frank- 78 CJ
9. Vinny Barbarino- 80 Toyota

**Start:** Lark Campground- Vista Valley Airport- 9:00 AM

**Weather:** Beautiful weekend! Days in the mid to high 70's. Nights in the mid 50's. Light breeze. Just gorgeous  
**Trail rating:** Very Difficult Sledge Hammer Hits Hard!  
**Recommended equipment:** Tube Chassis Rock Buggy on 44's with 800 HP

**What a weekend!** This series of trails was a true test of our vehicles, skills, and commitment to finish the weekend in one piece. I recommend anyone considering an adventure here to do their research and talk to others about what to expect and vehicle requirements. It is a whole new level compared to the other trails in southern Ca. Sledge hammer was incredibly difficult even compared to claw hammer which is just one valley away. I am sure the wear and tear from KOH had an impact but it would prove to be an extremely difficult trail!



We had a few different itineraries based on our arrival and departure times. The featured attraction was sledge hammer on Saturday which proved to be a test for all that entered. We also had some participants who chose to run Chocolate thunder Friday night which was very fun. Very short with a couple of tough spots but not too crazy. Just right for a night run.

Most participants headed out to the Lark Base Camp Friday before dark arriving throughout the day. Our host Brad Lark flew out in his private plane Thursday to get things ready for the Dirt Devils crew. His camp ground is directly adjacent to the Valley Vista airport and has graded road access for RV's. He left early Saturday morning and did a fly by as we were staging for our run. It was super cool! A huge thanks to Brad for letting us use his camp site and his gracious hospitality!

Ron Webber, Brian Powell and Vinny Barbarino all had RV's while James Ettinger, Josh, Chris, and Suhag tent camped or slept in their vehicles. Frank, south bay Chris, and south bay James all arrived Saturday morning and planned to make a day run of it. South Bay James brought a full size K5 Blazer which I did my best to deter him from taking on the trail. He finally agreed at the last minute to ride with me. He thanked me repeatedly throughout the day for the suggestion to ride instead of drive. This is not a full size vehicle trail and he

knew he made the right choice as he walked more than he rode with me. We started off a little after our proposed start time as Brad was taking off and we all wanted to watch the fly by. We actually got going closer to 9:45 AM. Let me mention who WE consisted of because it was pretty funny. We had 2-James', 2 Chris', 2 Franks, 2- Brians along with Josh, Suhag, Ron, Tom and Vinny. It got a little confusing when spotting and giving directions with all the name double ups.

We caravanned over to the trailhead and got our first look at what would prove to be our twisted playground for the next 8 hours or so. I use the term playground but really this was more like a construction zone. We had work crews all over the place. We moved rocks from one spot to the next and back the first spot depending on the vehicle we were trying to squeeze and scrape thru. We had winches and straps out in multiple locations going at once. It really was the hardest trail I have attempted and feel it's more suited for purpose built vehicles. Stock vehicles and stock parts really have NO place here. Once we got to the gate keeper it was non stop negotiation to plot your course and the trail literally GAVE us nothing through to the very end! We had 9 vehicles start the trail, and only 5 finished. About half way thru one of our guests, Chris with a V8 powered CJ broke an axle and it was decided that a few vehicles would escort him out. Ron, Frank 1, south bay Chris, and Brian all turned back and opted for the path of less resistance, the way from which they came.

That being mentioned I will change the format a bit and discuss cowbells and individual experiences. Let me start by saying everyone, yes EVERYONE besides CORVA Vinny Barbarino (guest) in his TOYOTA P/U had to strap on this trail. Big kudos to him for his vehicular prowess and driving skills. Most of us had to strap multiple times and multiple people had trail breakage and or body damage. We discussed over the campfire after the run and decided where the 4 club cowbells should be distributed as under the technical definition we all got cowbells and there is not enough to go



around. There is one cowbell that I'll ask for you to help me determine a little later.

Here is a list of the carnage and who will receive cowbells for their efforts. Keep in mind the totals below were for some, without going thru the hardest parts of the trail. This trail just got harder and harder as it progressed. It's hard to believe that the ultra 5 vehicles run thru here as part of the KOH race in 30 minutes or so. We spent 8 hours on the trail and ½ of us didn't make it. Let that sink in for a second.

Joshua Bleijenberg - Strapped 2 times (Cowbell). Mostly because I was spotting for most of the other cowbells listed below. My cowbell is not so much for the 2 winch straps but more a collective cowbell for what I led our members into. One big dent on my rear bumper but no breakage

Suhag Patel- Strapped once (no cowbell) some very light body damage on his rear quarter panel and driver door. Overall I think he was very happy he chose to upgrade to 39's before we ran this trail. Good job Suhag! I think Suhag is planning a trip back to the hammers soon if anyone would still like explore after hearing this write up.

Ron Webber- Strapped 2 times, Bent track bar on oil pan when bump stops failed after turning back at halfway point. (Cowbell TBD) If Ron didn't trailer his vehicle to the camp ground it would not have made it home.

Brian Powell- Strapped 4 times, Moderate body damage on passenger side while nearly ripping off his rock rail. (Cowbell TBD) Thankfully he had removed his doors which limited the damage. Brian really has a positive attitude and I thank him and amber for their patience and persistence. I hope he will run another trail with me in the future and further hope the new rock rails cover the bumps and bruises buddy.

James Ettinger- Strapped 3 times and achieved the highest level of "stuck" one can reach. He had 3 wheels off the ground and the 4th was completely pinned. His Jeep was pinned with a rock under the gas tank in front of the rear axle and suspended from his front bumper. He was so stuck he couldn't even winch himself out. We had to try and high lift him wheel by wheel to stack rocks and get him moving again, but we broke the high lift in the attempt. Snapped it off at the handle insert! It was unbelievable! He was the last one on the trail after the 4 turned around and it took the better part of 2 hours to get him moving again to complete the last 150 yards of the trail. We used every piece of recovery gear he had in his arsenal and he still needed a trail angel to help get him out. Big thanks to the mystery man and his daughter(?) for coming along at the perfect time and bailing us out. Otherwise his JKU might still be on the trail. Most definitely a cowbell. He deserves an award for "the Most Stuck you can be". Thanks for being a good sport James!

Frank Gilliland- Strapped 3 times, but really he has no business on a trail like this with his Jeep. He's on 33's with a 3" lift. He crawled thru obstacles that I had to strap on with 37's. He will be spared a cowbell for his efforts. Frank has earned his share of cowbells along the way but he is a great driver. I can't believe what that little jeep can do with him behind the wheel. I swear he has a button that lets his Jeep go into float mode and he just hovers up the obstacle. Its pretty impressive to watch.

Chris Slaughter- Strapped 6 times (Absolutely a Cowbell) and bent his tie rod to full taco status as well as multiple locations with body damage. Not only was Chris' Jeep battered and beaten, but the look on his face half way through was "what the heck did I sign up for?" The sledge dropped the hammer on our webmaster! South bay Chris and his brother, south bay Frank along with south bay James worked for about an hour to get his track bar straightened out and sleeved using a high lift jack handle. If they didn't put in the work to trail fix his tie rod, chris' Jeep would also still be on the trail. I think Chris is happy to say he finished sledge hammer and EARNED his cowbell thank you very much!

Vinny strapped 0 times. He was our sledgehammer rock star! He did hit a rock with his rear bumper and broke the quick connect air receiver, but that was about it. Vinny has a slick 1980 Yota P/U that he custom built a few years back. He stretched the wheelbase then bobbed the bed. It is very capable. His tow configuration is really cool too. Talk to him if you want more details. A really good guy and I was very happy he chose to run the trail with us! Hopefully he joins the DD. wink wink, I'm pretty sure this was his second club run. I'll nominate him for membership for sure!

The last vehicle was South bay Chris in his CJ. Chris broke his rear axle about half way up and was the catalyst for ½ the group turning around. Chris and his brother Frank have been on multiple runs with us as guests and they prove time and time again to be willing to help anyone in need. A huge thanks to these guys for their continued support and participation.

The group that turned back made it back to camp for cocktail hour and got dinner started. The group that proceeded to the top made it back at around 6:30 just as the sun was setting. Our day runners hung out for a little while and left as they felt comfortable. Ron, Vinny and Brian all packed up early Sunday morning as well as Chris all left before noon. James and I took rattlesnake Canyon up to 2n02 and then on to the top of our adopt a trail. It was beautiful!

Thanks to everyone for coming out and staying positive on a very hard trail. I had a great time, learned a ton and most of all enjoyed some great company.

**Cowbells:** 1) Joshua Bleijenberg  
2) Chris Slaughter  
3) James Ettinger  
4) Brian & Ron

Brian strapped more, but Ron broke. Discuss amongst yourselves.

**Damage:** See above

**Injuries:** None reported

## Adopt-a-Trail (3N34) Dishpan 3/18/17

**Start :** Rocky's Roadhouse @ 8:30 AM

**Weather:** Beautiful day! Mid 70's with clear skies

**Trail comments:** (Total 268 Hours) Hooray!!!!

**Trail rating:** Difficult

**Trail Master:** Joshua Bleijenberg

**Tail Gunner:** Frank Gilliland

**2nd Trail Master:** Rick Walter

**2nd Tail Gunner:** Chris Johnson

**# OF RIGS:** 16

### Members/ Riders/ Rigs: (9 Vehicles)

1. Joshua Bleijenberg- 06 TJ
2. Julie Hart/ Mark Gay- JKU
3. James Ettinger/ Rod Abbott- JKU
4. Frank Gilliland- TJ
5. Tim DeBolt/ Chris DeBolt- JK
6. Joe Cowie- JK
7. Josh Schiller- LJ
8. Rick Walter/ Hector Escamilla- TJ
9. Chris and Allison johnson- JK
10. Brian Hewitt JKU
11. Ray and Karen Kleinhuisen-LJ
12. John Johnson- JKU
13. Pete Johnson/ Danny Ward- LJ
14. Roy Flansburg- JKU

### Guests/ Riders/ Rigs:

15. Doug Wood- YJ
16. Alex McRoberts/ Samuel Bensimon- JKU

We had a fantastic turnout for our first Adopt-A-Trail of the season. Everyone showed up on time and ready to work. We discussed the division of labor and split to 2 groups. One traveling from the bottom to top and the other from the top to the bottom. Affectionately Dirt Devils 1 and 2.

The trail has quite a bit of snow/water damage and rutting. We moved/ cut and processed 15 or so trees. Moving them from their at risk locations to safer areas. We also focussed on keeping natural run off areas clear to flow with as little impact to the trail as possible. There was not too much trash on the trail but we managed to remove a couple of trash bags worth. We had plenty of work to keep us busy but everyone chipped in with their share and things went smoothly.

We also surveyed an alternative bypass for the waterfall that is pending approval from Greg Forest Ranger & HOV advisor. The alternative route runs parallel to the waterfall across the ridge to the south. Greg will be accompanying us on a trail evaluation run to discuss whether they would like to proceed

with the potential bypass or explore more options. It is clear that the waterfall will continue to deteriorate if we don't make efforts to divert the natural water run off. This will be an ongoing endeavor.

As far as the trail itself. We all made it through without too much trouble. Julie broke a brake line when her rear sway bar disconnect impacted the left rear brake line just before fitting. Frank, Tim, Chris, and Josh pinched the line and siphoned a small amount of brake fluid from everyone's Jeeps to give a bit to Julie and she drove out under her own power. The trail was washed and weathered but nobody really had any trouble. One of our guests Alex in his JKU decided to try the middle line at the waterfall and did not tell us his lockers didn't work so he required a strap from Josh Schiller. Thanks Josh!

5 Vehicles from the Dirt Devils 1 group proceeded up Holcomb creek after dishpan. It was very fun! There was running water at most of the rock gardens and there was a ton of snow, and runoff damage. Even 2NO2 had some major wash outs. This made our trail look pristine. We completed Holcomb in about 2.5 hours and grabbed a bite at Blondies on the way home.

Even though we had a great turnout for our first Adopt a trail of the year I would really like to encourage our members and guest to continue to participate. It's a really fun trail and there are multiple line options and bypasses throughout the trail. I think a stock rubicon or even with a rear locker on 33" tires can complete this trail without too much trouble. Rick did a pre-run in his open differential Jeep P/U. He is a terrific, experienced driver, but still proof that this trail is not the impossible trail it's been perceived as in the past.

As a club goal I'd like to get to at least 1500 hours this year. I feel with the start we are off to that is completely achievable. Please ask me about riding with someone if you would like a sneak peak without driving your own vehicle. We can find ways to help you participate to a great cause!

We also had a very good turnout for the adopt a trail forestry meeting on 3/15/17. 8 club members totalled 48 hours and discussed many proposed bills in front of our state and region. The next adopt-a-trail meeting will be 10/25/17 if anyone would like to save the date. Thanks to everyone who took the time out to join me at the meeting.

**Cowbells:** None

**Damage:** Julie driver rear brake line breakage. (trail fixed and driven home)

**Injuries:** None reported

**Recommended minimum equipment:** 1-locker, 33" tires, Full skid plates including rocker guards. Longer wheel base vehicles may have trouble with this trail on minimum requirements.

## 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

The forest service does require an [Adventure pass](https://www.fs.fed.us/portaldata/r5/ap/r5-ap-vendors.php)  
<https://www.fs.fed.us/portaldata/r5/ap/r5-ap-vendors.php>

### April 2017

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Corral Canyon/ Bronco Peak Run

#### Rating: D

**Trail Boss:** Danny Ward (Cell 714-651-9717)

**Date:** April 22, 2017

**Corral Canyon OHV area** –Four Corners Staging Area.

**Meeting Time:** 9:00 and departure 9:30 a.m.

**Directions** to Four Corners Staging Area: Take I-8 east from San Diego to Buckman Springs Road exit. Turn right on Buckman Springs Road. Go 3.3 miles to Corral Canyon Road (Morena Stokes Valley Rd.). Turn right and go 5.8 miles to Four Corners. You will need an Adventure Pass to park anything in this parking area. The Ranger up there will sell you a day pass.

**Equipment Required:** Minimum 33" tires but could have trouble. Rear locker and high ground clearance required. Front lockers highly recommended. No stock vehicles.

**Trail Description:** is rated most difficult. A nasty hardcore trail with steep ascents and descents over rocky terrain, tight brush and large boulders. This trail has No Bypasses. The trail is short, 1 miles long, so about 2 hours with no breakdowns.

**Bronco Peak** is rated most difficult. A nasty hardcore trail with very steep ascents and descents over rocky terrain, tight brush and large boulders. This trail has No Bypasses. The trail is short, 1.8 miles long, so about 3 hours with no breakdowns. Depending on time there are three exit from Bronco Peak and will choose accordingly to time and experience.

**Bronco Peak Connector** is rated double most difficult. A nasty hardcore trail with steep descents over rocky terrain, tight brush, loose soil and large boulders. The northern end of this trail is extremely challenging for 4WD and recommend vehicle be less than 72" wide. This trail has No Bypasses. The trail is short, 1.1 miles long, so about 2 to 3 hours with no breakdowns.

**Bronco Flats** is rated most difficult. A hardcore trail with descents over rocky terrain, tight brush and large boulders. This trail has No Bypasses. The trail is short, 0.9 miles long, so about 1 hour with no breakdowns.

**Gun Slinger** is rated more difficult. A trail with ascents and descents over rocky terrain, tight brush and large boulders. This trail has No Bypasses. The trail is 1.9 miles long, so

about 2.5 hours with no breakdowns.

**Campground information:** Lake Morena RV Park is available. They have water and electrical hookups but no sewage hookups. There is a dump station. There are no tent sites, but they will allow a tent to be pitched on a site that is occupied by an RV (tents cannot occupy their own site). So if you tent camping and want to stay here, hook up with someone with an RV.

#### Lake Morena RV Park

2330 Lake Morena Dr. Campo, CA  
619-478-5677

**Directions to Lake Morena RV Park:** Take Interstate 8 east from San Diego to the Buckman Springs Road exit. From the I-8 & I-805 junction, it is 45 miles. Turn right on Buckman Springs Road. Go 5.3 miles and turn right on Oak Drive. Go 1.2 miles and turn left on Molchan Road. Go .2 miles and turn right onto Lake Morena Drive.

**Coordinates:** Latitude: 32.6768, Longitude: -116.5079.

**Corral Canyon Camping:** Sites are open to dry camping at either Bobcat Meadow Campground or Corral Canyon Campground but the size of sites and the road getting there is not friendly to big RVs. Tents, tent trailers or trucks with campers would be fine. (Adventure Pass Required) Use Directions to Four Corners Staging Area and to the left of the staging area it will take you to Bobcat Meadow parking area near a paved 4-way intersection called Four Campground, and straight down the hill will bring you to Corral Canyon Campground. There are some hotel accommodations available in nearby Pine Valley.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Heartbreak Ridge (M) Jack & Zoe

**Heartbreak Ridge, Big Bear/SBNF**

**Run Date:** Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>

**Trail Organizer:** Jack & Zoe

**RSVP:** YES, call or text 909-213-6787

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

**Meeting Time:** 8:30am. Go over rig readiness and trail plan, leave at 9:00am. Day trip only.

**Meeting Location:** McDonald's (Highway 38 AKA 1796 E. Lugonia Ave and Wabash Ave crossroads, Redlands, CA 92374). From there, we will drive to Big Bear (near Angelus Oaks area) to 2N01 Trailhead (near Burns Canyon) and then on to 2N61Y (Heartbreak Ridge).

**Trail Description:** Total apx. ~20 miles (allow 4 to 5 hours). You can expect to encounter large boulders, tippy terrain, steep shelves/roads and sharp rock 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 6,000' to over 8,000'. If there is time we will also complete 2N70Y, make a stop at Rose Mine and climb Tip Top Mountain (2N90) (allow an extra 2 hours).

**Difficulty:** (1=Easy, 5=Most Difficult) Rated #3 Moderate, due to boulders, sharp rocks, steep shelves/grades and deeply rutted roads on sections of the trail. The rest of the trail is easy with a couple of moderate obstacles. Most obstacles have bypasses but some don't.

**Communications:** CB Channel 4 and/or HAM channel 146.550 MHz (club simplex #2)

**Special Equipment Required:** High ground clearance, rear lockers, skid plates and 33 inch tires or larger \*required\*.

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

**Weather:** If heavy wind or rain the trip will be canceled.

#### Trail Head Coordinates:

Start: Highway 38 and USFS 2N01.

Lat/Lon (degrees/minutes/seconds)

34° 12' 26.32" N 116° 44' 16.62" W

Lat/Lon (decimal degrees) 34.207310 -116.737950

Finish: Same as trail head.

## April 29<sup>th</sup>

### Cal4wheel South Dist meeting

9am – 3pm

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Ontario

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## May 2017

2<sup>nd</sup> DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

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4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Jeep Jamboree Big Bear non club event

**12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** overland Expo Flagstaff, AZ non club event,

**13<sup>th</sup>** adopta trail Roy Flansberg

(3N34) Dishpan

**Start :** Rocky's Roadhouse

At the top of the hill in Running Springs

8:30AM

**14<sup>th</sup>** Mothers Day

**20<sup>th</sup> HDR Pre-Run: "Devils Loop Trail"**

**Stoddard Valley OHV area**

**Trail Leaders:**

Ray Kleinhuisen (Cell 714-300-9656) [raykaayy@gmail.com](mailto:raykaayy@gmail.com),

Danny Ward (714-651-9717) [d4lward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d4lward@sbcglobal.net)

**Meeting Location:** From LA/OC take the 15 Fwy North to Lenwood Rd exit. Turn right on Lenwood Rd., then left on Mercantile Way by the 76 gas station. Pull into the dirt area on the right and look for the Jeeps. This meet spot is suitable for leaving tow vehicles and trailers.

**GPS coordinates:** N 34° 50.898", W 117° 04.866"

**Meeting Time:** 8:30 am

The objective is to pre-run the Devils Loop. This is the trail that the Dirt Devils lead for Cal 4 Wheel at the High Desert Roundup (HDR) in the Stoddard Valley OHV area.

**Trail description:** We will take a sandy wash from the meet spot to the start of the Devils Loop trail. The devils loop is a moderate trail located in the Stoddard Valley OHV area. The trail is considered moderate but has a few difficult sections. Most of these have a by-pass. The difficult sections are rocky with ledges that have steep drop-offs. There is also a steep hill climb and a squeeze. The trail has lots of rocks of all sizes and shapes.

We start the trail at the gate keeper. The gate-keeper is a (Dirt Devil made) rocky section at the beginning of the trail. The point of the gate-keeper is to test drivers and rigs: if you can't make this section, don't continue.

After the gate-keeper, we will continue with the rest of the trail. This run will be much like an adopt-a-trail run with some trail marking and maintenance activities along the way.

The return trip to the Lenwood rd. meet spot is via the sandy wash. There are bypasses for all but one of the rocky obstacles.

**Trail Rating:** Moderate (see Dirt Devils Trail Ratings on our web site.) On a scale from 1 to 10 were 1 is a graded dirt road and 10 is the most difficult hammer trail. Devils Loop is a 6.

**Special Equipment Required:** 33 inch tires with at least one locker is recommended, Body/wheel damage is possible.

**Reminder to Bring:**, Lunch, water, pry bars, gloves, trash bags camera, chair. etc.

**Lunch:** We will stop for lunch along the trail.

**High Desert Round Up (HDR) May 27-29**

California Four Wheel Drive Association (Cal 4 Wheel) runs this annual event. The event includes several trail runs, a raffle, Saturday BBQ dinner, games and loads of fun for all participates. The event is held at the Slash X Cafe on Hwy. 247 south of Barstow in the Stoddard Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

The Dirt Devils are leading the Devils Loop trail on May 27 & 28. This is our support for this important Cal 4 Wheel fund raising event.

The Cal 4 Wheel web site <http://cal4wheel.com/hi-desert-round-up>

and registration information. You must be registered for HDR to participate in the May 27& 28<sup>th</sup> runs.

**20<sup>th</sup> CORVA Annual Meeting**

A Country RV Park 622 South Fairfax Road,  
Bakersfield, CA 93307

**26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> High Desert Round Up**

many organized runs from E to D

Slash X Café Barstow CA

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

**June**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Adopta Trail run leader Rick W

camp at tent peg group campground.

**GPS:** 34°15'55.0"N 117°04'59.4"W

Saturday trail maintenance

**6<sup>th</sup>** DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

**10<sup>th</sup>** John Bull (D) run leader Jack & Zoe

**18<sup>th</sup>** Father's Day

**16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>** Big Bear, Forest Fest XX non club event

to register: <http://www.ie4w.com/forest-fest-registration> at the

bottom of the registration form type "I want to be with the Dave Jones Dirt Devils Group" this event is always a sellout.

sign up early. Dave Jones: signed up for:

- Friday: Spooky Night Run

- Saturday: John Bull FT

- Sunday: Gold Mtn

**24<sup>th</sup>** Gold Mtn (D) run leader Mike

**July**

**4<sup>th</sup>** Holiday Run run leader Rob R

Magellan TRX GPS device raffle

**11<sup>th</sup>** DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

**27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>** Bishop (M) run Leader Ray K

**15<sup>th</sup> adopta trail run** (3N34) Dishpan

Leader Josh

**Start :** Rocky's Roadhouse

At the top of the hill in Running Springs

8:30AM

**26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** Jeeper Jamboree Rubicon Trail

<https://www.jeepersjamboree.com/index.html>

## August

**1<sup>st</sup>** DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>** Jeeper Jamboree Rubicon Trail

<https://www.jeepersjamboree.com/index.html>

**10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>** Sierra Trek cal4wheel event

<http://cal4wheel.com/sierra-trek-run-descriptions>

**10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>** Jeep Jamboree Rubicon sponsored by Chrysler

<https://jeepjamboreeusa.com/2017-event-schedule/>

**12<sup>th</sup>** Little John Bull night run (M), leader Jack & Zoe

**18<sup>th</sup>** Friday off road clinic run leader Mike

## September

**5<sup>th</sup>** DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>** Sherman pass (M) run leader Danny W

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>** Anza Borrego mud caves (E) Rob R

## October

**3<sup>rd</sup>** DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Fun in the Desert, Johnson Valley

[victorvalley4wheelers.com /](http://victorvalley4wheelers.com/) [vv4wc@gmail.com](mailto:vv4wc@gmail.com)

**7<sup>th</sup>** Miller Jeep Trail (M) run leader Rete

**13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>** ODF, Operation Desert Fun

<http://cal4wheel.com/events/operation-desert-fun>

**19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** Death Valley (M) run leader Rick

**28<sup>th</sup>**, 2018 run planning

## November

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>** Colosseum (E) run leader Mike

**7<sup>th</sup>** DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

**10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>** Panamint Valley days near Trona & Ballarat a cal4wheel event, many organized runs from easy to difficult.  
<http://cal4wheel.com/events/panamint-valley-days>

**18<sup>th</sup>** Motino Wash (D) & Rattlesnake Canyon (E) run leaders  
Josh & Roy

## December

**5<sup>th</sup>** DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>** Calico run (D) Leader Ron

**16<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Light Run run leader Rod & Dave

## Club info

### March Guest

Shawn McDonald '15 white JKU

Gary Alexander '05 LJ

Shawn Ledingham '15 JKS

Shawn McDonald '15 JKU willy

Jim Mahar '91 XJ

### New Members for March

Vinnie Barbarino '80 Toyota (and I might add, a very capable Toyota)



Vinnie after conquering Sledge Hammer. Yes, that is his Toyota.

## Meeting Place

First Tuesday each month, 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza,

2036 Tustin Street, Orange, CA 92865

(714) 974-6191

Corner of Tustin Street and Meats Streets (drive west on Meats and find plenty of parking in the rear of the restaurant with DIRECT ACCESS to the Meeting Room)

[www.zitospizza.com](http://www.zitospizza.com)

**Nominations**

Mike Wallace for president

Rob Rein for VP

Roy Flansberg for Treasurer

Karen Rein for Secretary

**Club officers**

**President:** Mike Wallace [prez@dirthevils.org](mailto:prez@dirthevils.org)

**Immediate past president:**

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

**Vice President:** Chris Johnson [vpres@dirthevils.org](mailto:vpres@dirthevils.org)

**Secretary:** Cheryl May: [secretary@dirthevils.org](mailto:secretary@dirthevils.org)

**Treasurer:** Dave Jones: [sportsadvantage2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sportsadvantage2001@yahoo.com)

**Web Master:** Chris Slaughter:

[webmaster@dirthevils.org](mailto:webmaster@dirthevils.org)

**Adopt a trail chairmans:**

Josh Bleijenberg [jbleijenberg@gmail.com](mailto:jbleijenberg@gmail.com)

**Newsletter:** Ron Webber: [ronjp@outlook.com](mailto:ronjp@outlook.com)

**Hospitality:** Emi Webber: [emiwebber@hotmail.com](mailto:emiwebber@hotmail.com)

**Safety Committee:** Bill Smith:

**Run Coordinator:** Rick Walter [rundude@dirthevils.org](mailto:rundude@dirthevils.org)

**Emergency response team coordinator:**

Rick Walter [rundude@dirthevils.org](mailto:rundude@dirthevils.org)

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

CAL4 wheel reps: Jesse May and Keith Graham

**Emails:**

If it is necessary to make a general announcement to fellow dirt devils send an email to [members@dirthevils.org](mailto:members@dirthevils.org) and the web master will forward.

**Post office box:**

Dirt Devils of So Cal  
960 N Tustin #120  
Orange, CA 92867

**Club membership**

Membership dues:

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

Spouse.....\$12.00

CORVA .....\$30.00

CAL4WD annual dues.....\$45.00

CAL4WD permanent member .....\$675.00

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

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

**Web site news**

Chris webmaster reporting

last month we had 2,410 unique visitors

Chris posted 256 kmz trail files on the web site

**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

**DD HAM's**

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|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Scott Beggins    | KJ6KBG |
| 2. Paul Coursey     | KJ6NNG |
| 3. Tim DeBolt       | KK6TRM |
| 4. James Ettinger   | KK6UYU |
| 5. Roy Flansburg    | KJ6EVM |
| 6. Keith Graham     | KF6LZA |
| 7. Sandy Graham     | KF6SBF |
| 8. Steve Hendry     | KK6UYW |
| 9. Chris Johnson    | KK6SAJ |
| 10. Pete Johnson    | KM6ARI |
| 11. Cheryl May      | KF6WNG |
| 12. Al Ramsden      | KF6BCJ |
| 13. Chris Slaughter | KK6TMR |
| 14. Mike Wallace    | KK6SBC |
| 15. Rob Wallace     | KK6UZA |
| 16. Rick Walter     | KJ6NME |
| 17. Ron Webber      | KM6ANT |
| 18. Mel Nix         | KK6SMI |
| 19. Rob Rien        | KM6GOT |
| 20. Karen Rien      | KM6GOS |
| 21. Julie Hart      | N2RLY  |
| 22. Mark Gay        | KM6IBP |

**First aid kit tracking****FA #1 (red, blue backpack)**

Dave Jones out of rotation, he will re-stock  
 Ray Kleinhuizen devils loop  
 Mike Wallace Calico  
 Josh Bleijenberg  
 Ray Kleinhuizen  
 Josh B  
 Danny Ward

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

Jack & Zoe El Mirage  
 Josh B Sledge Hammer  
 Rob R Anza, Holcomb  
 Mike  
 Rick Walter  
 Jack & Zoe  
 Roger  
 Danny Ward

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

Danny Ward Corral Canyon SD  
 Rick Walter AOT  
 Chris Johnson cleghorn  
 Dave Jones  
 Chris Johnson  
 Mike Wallace clinic  
 Ray Kleinhuizen  
 Mike  
 Rick Walter

## Cowbells



**The cow bell rules are:** Cow bells are awarded from air down to air up. 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 the 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 proudly hand it over. While on the trail, not on the highway to the trail.



### Old logo green bell

#### Old logo is missing

Pete Johnson HDR 5/ 2016  
 Roy Flansburg adopta trail  
 Mike Zeller Holcomb Creek Feb 2016  
 Frank Gilliland Claw Hammer  
 Frank Gilliland Holcomb Creek 9/26/15  
 Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 4/10/15



### Brown bell

Brain Powell Sledge 4 pulls  
 Rob Rein Holcomb Valley Feb 11 2017  
 Terry Gold Mtn Aug 2016  
 Ray Kleinhuisen El Mirage  
 Terry, Off Road Clinic

Jack Sobelman rolled Moab Mar 2016  
 Rob Holcomb Valley / Gold Fever  
 Suhag Claw Hammer  
 Frank Gilliland Claw Hammer  
 Bill Smith HDR May25 2015  
 Tim Debolt Rattlesnake Feb 2015



### Little Blue bell

James Ettinger Sledge 3 pulls  
 Suhag Matina Wash 11/2016  
 Frank Gilliland 7/16/16  
 Rick Walter Moab March 2016  
 Dave  
 Kurt Claw hammer  
 Frank Gilliland Holcomb Creek 9/26/15  
 Bill Smith HDR May25 2015 winched Bronco on to trailer  
 Gilbert at Corral Canyon 4/10/15



### Mike Maneth memorial bell

Chris Slaughter Sledge 6 pulls  
 Rob Rein  
 Mark Cleghorn 1/7/2016  
 Kevin Davidson 4/2016  
 Danny W El Mirage  
 Frank  
 Joe at John Bull  
 Danny Ward at El Mirage apr 2016  
 Ray Kleinhuisen rolled, Motino Wash Mar 2016  
 James Ettinger Holcomb Creek  
 Frank Gilliland John Bull 6/27/2015  
 Mike Wallace Corral Canyon 4/10/15  
 James Ettinger Claw Hammer 1/10/15.

**Dirt Devil Accessories**



Dirt Devils accessories

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

Item	Price	Qty order	Extended price
Round Stickers	15.00		
Whip flags 8" x 12"	25.00		
Large flags 3' x 5'	70.00		
Caps	20.00		
Caps camo	22.00		
T shirt short sleeve	20.00		
T shirt short sleeve camo	28.00		
*Sweatshirt	35.00		
**T shirt long sleeve	24.00		
<b>Total</b>			

Limited edition embroidered patches \$3. and \$4. See Emi at meeting.

[emiwebber@hotmail.com](mailto:emiwebber@hotmail.com) / checks payable to Dirt Devils

\* Out of stock / \*\* Limited inventory

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