

# The Dirt Devils Digest

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Means Dry Lake after it rained 4 inches in 18 hour period October 2018.

### **Editors Message:**

The Dirt Devils tradition of great runs continues with the start of a new year Thanks to all that volunteer to make it all possible.

My Calico run was a test run for my Black Jeep and after much tinkering. I am good to go.

The Dirt Devils have put together a great run schedule, check it out. In the past I posted the upcoming run announcements in the newsletter, but during COVID the runs changed a lot. Thanks to Chris, going forward I am asking that you check out <a href="https://www.dirtdevils.org">www.dirtdevils.org</a> for current news, run Announcements and run reports.

January 8<sup>th</sup> is the Run Leaders training class followed by the Dirt Devils Annual Holiday Party see the <a href="http://dirtdevils.org/">http://dirtdevils.org/</a> 2022 calendar

January 21- 23<sup>rd</sup> is Vinnie Barbarino's CORVA Truckhaven Challenge <a href="https://corva.org/event-4554166">https://corva.org/event-4554166</a>. Be there or be square



See you on the trail. Ron Webber

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#### New members

### September

Carlos, Paula Bautista and daughter Kathryn 2021

Rubicon Diesel

**Terry Olson** 2020 Gladiator after many guests appearances Terry is now a new Dirt Devil.

Edward Andrews 2016 JKU

Roger and Juanita Johnson 2012 Wrangler 2<sup>nd</sup> visit

#### October

Bruce Grant and Annalene Velasco 2019 JLU sport

#### **November**

Rick Doria 2020 JLURecon 4th visit

Travis Bair 1999 TJ has lots of offroading experience. His day job is designing RC cars including offroad models.

### Guest

### September

Bruce and Annalene Grant 2019 JLU sport 1st visit Travis Bair and Kerry Dang 99TJ & 2000 WJ Ja-Hon Suh 2019 Toyota 4runner Todd Hooper 2016 JK 1<sup>st</sup> visit Sean Cummings 2018 JLU

#### October

Phil Robb 2021 Ram Rebel 1<sup>st</sup> visit
Travis Bair and Kerry Dang 99TJ & 2000 WJ
Sunil Kulkarni 2018 JLU 2<sup>nd</sup> visit
Charles Emig 2007 JK 2<sup>nd</sup> visit
Ja-Hon Suh 2019 Toyota 4runner 2<sup>nd</sup> visit
Norm Pascual JKUR 1<sup>st</sup> visit
Dave & Linda Jones 2018 JKU a visiting former member
Ryan Williamson 2005 LJ 1<sup>st</sup> visit
Bob and Shannon Henning 1994 YJ 1<sup>st</sup> visit

#### November

Melissa & Ruben Mesa 1995 Yukon 1st visit Tim Emerich 1st visit Michael Monroe 2021 Chevrolet Colorado 1st visit Ed Terwilliger 1996 XJ 1st visit Andy Sanchez Toyota 4 runner 1st visit Ja-Hon Suh (John) 2019 Toyota 4runner 3rd visit Sunil Kulkarni 2018 JLU 3rd visit

#### **December**

Dan Parada Chevrolet Truck Melissa & Ruben Mesa 1995 Yukon 2nd visit Ed Terwilliger 1996 XJ 2<sup>nd</sup> visit

Tim Emerick & Marla Meckes

Toyota 4-Runner and a Jeep Wrangler

Michael Monroe 2021 Chevrolet Colorado 2<sup>nd</sup> visit

Ja-Hon Suh 2019 Toyota 4runner 4th visit

Ryan Williamson 2005 LJ 2nd visit

Mike and Sheri Costigan 2017 Rubicon

Sean Coppage 2021 JLUR

Andy Sanchez Toyota 4 runner 2<sup>nd</sup> visit

John Enverga 2005 TJ 2<sup>nd</sup> visit

Norm Pascual JKUR 2nd visit

### HAM update/report.

**Jay Van Wormer w**ent over the club license for the new members/guests.

If you are interesting getting your HAM license, the HAM radio testing pool questions are on the club website. There are 100 questions in the pool and they pull 35 questions for the test, you can get 9 wrong and still pass. If you study, you can pass the test. Jay encourages members to get licensed.

Live classes are starting to come up again, testing and radio information on the HAM & CB Radio tab on the club website.

The FCC is looking to mandate a \$50 fee for licenses (currently free) so if you want to get your license, now is the time to do it.

There are lots of advantages of HAM over CB, you have more distance for communication, better quality.

Handheld radios are fine for the club but are not as efficient as the mounted radio with an exterior antenna.

# Rig Report

#### Ron & Emi's new 2021 JLU Diesel



The first 364 miles, 29.6 miles per gallon. Emi drove our new 2021 JLU Diesel home from Paso Robles.

#### Ron's Black 2000 Jeep TJ

\$2500 and many hours we figured it out. I ran Calico and even conquered the extra credit side trip.

Last March, I hired a well known offroad shop in Laguna Hills to remove and replace my long arm kit with a new Gen Right long arm kit. Upon completion I ran some of the Corral Canyon trails (San Diego) with Danny Ward. My Black Jeep sounded horrible everything was hitting in the wrong places. I had to bail out early. After getting it home I cycled it with my forklift, it was in did hitting in all the wrong places. They could not have cycled it. Even the rear drive shaft CV joint was hitting. I asked the shop in Laguna Hills well known for building cute rigs to figure it out, they said **nope your on your own**.

I cannot recommend the well known offroad shop in Laguna Hills that has been around since the civil war history.

### **Trail politics**



Defend your right to enjoy the great outdoors.

Stay active, support my golf

www.cal4wheel.com/ www.sierra access coalition www.corva.org www.sharetrails.org www.sharetrails.org

#### A good read

In Gear magazine page 18 "how to get things done" <a href="https://cal4wheel.com/documents/in-gear/in-gear-dec-jan-22-web.pdf">https://cal4wheel.com/documents/in-gear/in-gear-dec-jan-22-web.pdf</a> ingear

The high desert Four Wheelers cleaned-up Rowher 4x4 trail

# **Run Reports**

Calico RR

Run Leader Ron Webber Tail gunner: Dave and Trish Rigs 17 Cow bells 2 Nicolle & Katie

Guest rigs 8 Members rigs 9 We ran the loop in reverse going up Duran, where the trail starts off with many small & medium ledges. A guest in a 470 Lexus bent his driver side independent front axle. We dragged him off the trail. He had a spare axle and the tools to replace it (this was not his first time) and he caught up with us at the big water fall.

The big water fall, has been filled with about 3 feet of rocks. Even with 3 feet of rocks it is still difficult. With a lot of help and 2 cowbells everyone got up and over. We stopped for lunch and a few of us tried Danny Delp's (former DD member) extra credit. It is not easy but unlike Danny Delp we made it through earning extra credit points.

By the time we got to Bismark I did not think we had time to go down Odesa. We went down Phillips Drive through Kramer Arch, which is always fun. Then up, over and around the dirt mounds and we got back to camp about 4pm.

I'm sorry we did not get to see the Duran Gate Keeper and the Odessa's pucker pass. Maybe next time.

Another great day on the trail

### The holiday light parade was great



#### Ham radio news

The club now has it own license

Jay announced that the FCC has issued the Dirt Devils a club license Jay applied for a vanity call sign and got the approval this morning. Our new club call sign is KK1DD. In order to use the club call sign on runs, we will need to have a ham control operator (someone with a HAM radio call sign) on every run.

the club having its own license gives us the option of having non-licensed people on our runs being able to use their ham radios with the club call sign as long as they are on a run with a licensed operator.

We strongly encourage everyone get their own license. Please See Mike Wallace for help Programming your HAM Radios.

### **Run Calendar**

For Run details go to <u>DirtDevils.org</u> then click on <u>2021 Run reports</u>

The forest service does require an Adventure pass https://www.fs.fed.us/portaldata/r5/ap/r5-ap-vendors.php

### **December**

4th Calico Run Leader: Ron Webber

18th Holiday lights Run Leader: Rob Rien

Go to **Dirtdevils.org** for details

### January 2022

4th Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

8<sup>th</sup> The Dirt Devils famous Holiday Party

14th - 16th CAL4Wheel

San Diego 4 Wheelers 24<sup>th</sup> Superstition Mountain <a href="https://sd4wheel.com/24th-annual-superstition-mountain-run/">https://sd4wheel.com/24th-annual-superstition-mountain-run/</a>

### 22<sup>nd</sup> CORVA Truckhaven Challenge

Vinnie B needs volunteers

https://corva.org/event-4554166

Or

http://dirtdevils.org/ 2022 calendar

27<sup>th</sup> – Feb 5 King of the Hammers https://www.ultra4racing.com/race/66

29<sup>th</sup> Cleghorn

for current information See DirtDevil.org 2022 run Calendar

# February 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

12th Last Change Canyon/Burro Schmitt

18- 20th Cal4Wheel Convention Visalia https://cal4wheel.com/events/convention

18- 21st Death Valley

26<sup>th</sup> Oriflamme Canyon

See DirtDevil.org 2022 run Calendar

### March

1st Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Tierra Del Sol

6th Red Canyon Jeep Trail

12th Black Canyon Barstow

13th Johnson Valley/ Giant Rock,/ Fissure Mountain

17- 20th Moab or Sedona

19th Silverwood to Arrowhead

See <u>DirtDevil.org</u> 2022 run Calendar

### **April**

5<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

9- 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Jeep Safari

9<sup>th</sup> Pinyon Mtn

23<sup>rd</sup> Lytle Creek

29th - May 1st Barstow/ Death Valley/ Barstow

### May

3<sup>rd</sup> Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

5-7<sup>th</sup> Jeep Jamboree USA Big Bear

15th Off Road /clinic

21st Freeway Ridge/Black Gulch

21st HDR Pre Run

27- 30th HDR Cal4Wheel

all Dirt Devils & off-roaders are encouraged to support https://cal4wheel.com/events/hi-desert-round-up

#### June

4th Holcomb Creek

7<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

11th Clarks Grade

### July

5<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Cancelled

9th Gold Mtn

12th Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

14- 17th Jeep Jamboree USA Rubicon

15<sup>-</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Bishop to Bridgeport

### August

2<sup>nd</sup> Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

5- 8<sup>th</sup> Jeepers Jamboree Rubicon 11- 14<sup>th</sup> Sierra Trek Cal4Wheel 20<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> Colorado Mega Trip

### September

6th Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

2-5<sup>th</sup> Sherman Pass

2- 5th High Sierra Poker Run Cal4Wheel

17<sup>th</sup> Miller Jeep Trail

23-25 Death Valley Jedi Pass

24 Onyx Summit to Pioneer Town

### October

4th Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

8th Cleghorn

15th Holcomb Creek .

29th Saddleback Night Run View the City Lights

### **November**

1<sup>St</sup> Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

5th Berdoo Canyon/ Brooklyn Mine

11- 13th Panamint Valley Days Cal4Wheel

#### **December**

2-4th Calico

6th Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

17th Holiday Lights

#### Club info

The Dirt Devils are a 501(c)(7) corporation

Meeting Time and 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 Street (drive west on Meats plenty of parking in the rear of the restaurant with

DIRECT ACCESS to the Meeting Room) www.zitospizza.com

Club officers

President: Tim Thomas prez@dirtdevils.org

Immediate past president: Rob Rien

**Vice President:** Niccole Castellanos <u>vprez@dirtdevils.org</u> **Secretary:** Doug Francisco <u>secretary@dirtdevils.org</u>

Treasurer: Trish Behlings

Web Master: Chris Slaughter: webmaster@dirtdevils.org

Adopt a trail chairmans:

Rick Walter, adoptatrail@dirtdevils.org

Newsletter: Ron Webber: ronjp@outlook.com

Membership: Cheryl May membership@dirtdevils.org

Accessories and Hospitality: Maurice Cote

mcote@meccaddesign.com

Safety: Rick Walter

Run Coordinator: Rob Gabrielson

rundude@dirtdevils.org

### **Emergency response team coordinator:**

Rick Walter <a href="mailto:rundude@dirtdevils.org">rundude@dirtdevils.org</a>

the emergency response team makes themselves available

to help with our adopt a trail, Dish Pan.

CAL4 wheel reps: Jesse May and Keith Graham

**CORVA rep:** Vinnie Barbarino / <u>80hiluxcrawler@gmail.com</u>

#### **Dirt Devil Emails:**

If it is necessary to make a general announcement to fellow dirt devils send an email to members@dirtdevils.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 installmen	nts of\$56.25

http://cal4wheel.com/

### First aid kit tracking

#### **AED / Defibrillator**

Jay Holcomb Creek MikeW Clarks grade Ron Webber Calico RobR Bishop

#### FA #1

Mike W Clarks grade Mike W Moab Ron Webber Calico RobR Bishop

### FA #2 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

Rick Walter (out of service) Mike Clarks grade James& Nick Holcomb Creek Roger AAT

### FA #3 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

Shauna Silverwood Bill Schopper Red Canyon Mike W offroad clinic Ray & Karen North rim

### FA #4 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

James Holcomb Creek Rob returned to Rick Craig W Miller Rob R Anza Mud Caves Brandon out of service Mike W Clarks grade

#### DD HAM's

Dirt Devil's primary frequency aka DDprime, 146.510 simplex

Mike and John have the RT systems programmer for the following radios: Kewood 710; Yeasu 2 & 60 (handheld), 400, 8900; Baofeng handhelds BF F8, UV 5R; UV 82HP

1. DD club	KK1DD
2. Scott Beggins	KJ6KBG
3. James Ettinger	KK6UYU
4. Roy Flansburg	KJ6EVM
5. Robert Gabrlson	K6RPG
6. Keith Graham	KF6LZA
7. Sandy Graham	KF6SBF
8. Steve Hendry	KK6UYW
9. Cheryl May	KF6WNG
10. Al Ramsden	KF6BCJ
11. Rob Rien	KM6GOT
12. Karen Rien	KM6GOS
13. Chris Slaughter	KK6TMR
14. Mike Wallace	KK6SBC
15.Rob Wallace	KK6UZA
16. Rick Walter	KJ6NME
17.Ron Webber	KM6ANT
18. Jay VanWormer	W6JVW
19. John Johnson	K6JOJ
20. Bill Schopper	KM6ZME
21. Richard E VanDuyn	KM6VVV
22. Chris Johnson	KK6SAJ
23. Pete Johnson	KM6ARI

Now that we have the Club License I do not expect the FFC to follow up after the issuance of the License, we should continue to make sure we meet the minimum requirements.

➤ Please See Mike Wallace for any Programming of HAM Radios

#### Cow bells



From left to right cowbell 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5



### **#1 Mike Maneth memorial bell**

Allan 4/7/21 Kane Creek Roger 6/302019 Holcomb RobR 4/6 Cleghorn Vinnie Barbarino 4/6/2018 calico gatekeeper John Johnson



### **#4 Little Blue bell**

Dave B 4/25/21Holcomb Creek Chris Slaughter Last Chance Canyon Richard V HDR Devils Loop Brian Powell 8/18/18 John bull Nick Kovaceich 4/6/2018 Kane Creek Rob Rien 3/4/18 Snow run Holcomb



#### #2 Brown bell

Dave B 4/7/21 Kane Creek Raelene 6/302019 Holcomb Brandon Errickson 12/08/2018 Calico Danny Ward 4/6/2018 Kane Creek Rob Rien 2/24/18 Pinyon Mtn,



### #5 Big Bertha

Mike 4/7/21 Kane Creek Brandon 7/13/19 John Bull night run RobR 4/27 AAT Dave Behlings 6/9/18 Grizzlycon Dave Behlings 4/6/2018 Kane Creek



#3 New Brown

Wes 6/7/2021 Holcomb Creek Nick K 4/7/21 Kane Creek MikeW Holcomb Creek Josh/ Brayden Schiller 8/18/18 John Bull Rob Wallace 4/6/2018 Kane Creek



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 Dirt Devils 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 help attach the cow bell to their bumper.

### **Dirt Devils Holiday Party**

Date: January 8, 2022

Meeting Time: 4:00 to??

Trail Boss: President Tim Thomas prez@dirtdevils.org

Meeting Location: Ron and Emi Webber's home Silverado

**RSVP:** ronjp@outlook.com

"DD holiday party" in the subject line Ron will reply with address

Run type: Night run

Difficulty Rating: Laid back

**Trail Description:** This will be an outside event. Please, bring your Chair and prepare for the

weather.

In the event of rain or snow the Holiday party will be moved inside Ron's garage.

**Cost:** No charge for members / **Non members:** \$20. each person

Equipment Required: BYOB and Chairs Permits Required: Personal Party Permit

Please, no pets.



### **UGLY SWEATER CONTEST**

White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$20.00 Min.)



