

# 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 July meeting is pushed back to July 11.

Remember DD dues is due. Can pay online: https://dirtdevilsoffroad.square.site/ or bring a check to the next meeting. Members: \$36.00 | Associate: \$12.00 CORVA: \$40.00 | CAL4wheel: \$50.00

NOHVCC <u>www.nohvcc.org</u> is a lobbying group offroad lobbying group. Their event page has links to the BLM meetings, we need all the help we can get.

The Dirt Devils have adopted 2 trails Dishpan Springs, Polique Canyon-2N09 and Gold Fever 3N05. After this wet winter there is probably lots of work to do. All part of the fun.

I started a section called "Bad and Good Ideas".

Check out Keith's HDR report.

There has been Cow Bell movement. Full discussion at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

NO EXCUSES to not hit the trails. Newsome has deemed COVID is over. The local trails are open. Go for it.



See you on the trail. Ron Webber



Emi asking "Did we make a wrong turn".

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# New Member March 2023

Jim Mahar & Andrea after taking a break from off-roading, they have recently purchased a 2012 Jeep Wrangler.

Dan Smith putts around in a 2014 JKU Rubicon with 35's.

# <u>Guest</u>

## June 2023

Roger and Juanita Johnson 2012 Wrangler 3rd visit

Robert & Sally Bartlett '93 YJ 1st visit

Ron Nissley 4 Runner 1<sup>st</sup> visit

Braden Stubbert '97 TJ 1st visit

Greg Muhle '85 4 Runner 1st visit

# May 2023

**Rodney & Rose Nary Schaerer**  $1^{st}$  visit they enjoy there Dune Buggy.

# **Trail politics**



Defend your right to enjoy the great outdoors.

| Stay active, support my go                              | lf                          |  |
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| www.cal4wheel.com/                                      | www.sierra access coalition |  |
| www.corva.org   | www.sharetrails.org         |  |
| www.sharetrails.org                                     | www.nohvcc.org              |  |
| Access Issues - California Four Wheel Drive Association |                             |  |
| (cal4wheel.com)   |                             |  |

## National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council

Events: https://nohvcc.org/engagement/attend-a-nohvcc-event/

NOHVCC is working in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to create a California Statewide OHV Action Plan. To make this happen we need your assistance in learning how the BLM can better provide access to high quality OHV recreation experiences in the state of California. In 2014 NOHVCC and the BLM partnered to develop a National Motorized Recreation Action Strategy designed to help the BLM develop individual state action plans for providing high quality OHV opportunities and develop partnerships to help maintain those opportunities. This process has created state specific OHV action plans in 7 other states where the BLM manages public land. The strategies will be used to help guide future travel management and resource management decisions; however, the strategies are NOT part of a specific travel management plan.

## Good & Bad ideas

<u>Jeep</u> is Removing Gas-Only Wranglers from Dealers in These 14 States

Jeep is Removing Gas-Only Wranglers from Dealers in These 14 States (msn.com)

Good ideas

## Differential gaskets

They had what I needed: www.lubelocker.com

## Urethane bushings

What is the best grease? It depends.

Should we be using different grease for different applications?

My Black Jeep has a GenRight long arm kit with Johnny Joints and my Brown Jeep has a TeraFlex long arm kit with their FlexArm joints. I have spares of each manufacturer's joints. They look nearly the same and the FlexArm joint fits in the Johnny Joint rebuild tool, so they are the same size. Who was first?

I have a regular routine of lubing the joints after nearly every run. The JohnnyJoint urethane joints were getting deformed and bulging out. I went to Johnny Joint in Corona and showed them my pictures and I was told that I must use Molybdenum Disulfide grease. So, I purchased 14 rebuild kits and their special rebuild tool and rebuilt all the johnny joints using Molybdenum Disulfide grease from O'Reilly.

I have been using <u>Royal Purple UPG (ultra performance grease)</u> on my Jeeps.

After better understanding how the Jonny Joints work, the Royal Purple grease was not effectively lubricating the Johnny Joints. When they were apart I rubbed my finger on the insides they were tacky not smooth or slippery.

I emailed Royal Purple and asked if their Royal purple UPG (ultra performance grease) had Moly. Their answer is:

"I'm pretty sure Johnny Joints use a polyurethane insert, therefore the greasing needs of that type of joint may be somewhat different than a standard Heim Joints where it is all metal.

Our Royal UPG (Purple Ultra Performance) grease includes our proprietary Synslide EP additive technology, which creates an ionic bond with all the metal surfaces. It is therefore at least possible that the UPG (ultra performance grease) might not have the same surface attraction or bonding to the polyurethane component surfaces of the Johnny Joints, like it does to the metal surfaces that is in contact with."

"I unfortunately can't say for sure, but a moly disulfide grease might possibly provide a solid lubricant (non oil soluble), nonsurface acting type of lubrication for the non-metal poly components of the Johnny Joints, so I think it might actually be worth a try, for this somewhat unique joint application."

#### James Morrissey

Phone: 281 354 8600 (x263) Automotive & Powersports Technical Support Email: James.Morrissey@calumetspecialty.com

With that answer I was wondering what grease I should use on my Brown Jeep and of course I don't want to have separate grease guns.

I emailed TeraFlex and asked what type of grease should be used? Since JohnnyJoint says to use Molybdenum Disulfide grease with their JohnnyJoint's.

Taylor Black with TeraFlex reply is:

"Use a Lithium grease. It will hold up to a lot of temperature, is very hydrophobic, and will not degrade rubber or polyurethane. My favorite is Lucas Red n Tacky"

"You can use a Molybdenum Disulfide grease if you would like. I just think its overkill as its designated use is for High pressure, high heat, metal on metal applications. As long as you are not using a <u>petroleum based grease</u>, you should be just fine"

I would like to continue this conversation, what is the best grease.

#### OnX GPS maps has partnered with Cal4wheel.

 $\frac{20\%\ discount\ {\rm https://cal4wheel.com/latest-news/987-cal4wheel-foundation-partners-with-onx-offroad}{}$ 

### Free for Club President and 2 others

Cal4Wheel has partnered with onX Offroad and is looking for Cal4Wheel clubs to nominate Trail Guides who will act as admins for their local trail network on the onX Offroad app. This partnership empowers clubs to update existing trails, add new trails, and remove closed or illegal ones, providing better trail data to the community. This effort will keep people legal, disperse the impact from popular routes, and prevent lesserknown trails from being forgotten and closed.

Clubs that nominate Trail Guides will receive a **Free onX Offroad Elite membership** for the Trail Guide, Club President, and Vice President (Presidents and VP's can also sign up to become a Trail Guide). Additionally, Trail Guides will receive a cash stipend for each new or updated trail submission they make to cover the costs of going off-road (please note, at least one trail submission is required per year).

You can find the signup link in your club portal (check the club resource area) to become a Trail Guide or sign up directly at <u>this link</u> on the Cal4Wheel website.

For more information, contact Allen Schrage at <u>allen@cal4wheel.com</u> or call 707-972-4863.

### **Run Reports**

# <u>High Desert Roundup (HDR)</u> Keith Graham Reporting

HDR went well for the most part, attendance was 245 registered vehicles. There were no major problems that I know of. Slash-X is looking forward to having us back again. On another note, we are looking for volunteers to help Slash -X install new electrical service out to the barn which will benefit us all.

We did have 2 roll overs.

Both were on Duran Canyon. The first an XJ, just after Pucker Pass was completely up side down. After the water fall where you drag & smack your rear bumper. The driver hit the wall and almost hit the spotter, he did not make the turn and drove up the three foot embankment and flipped on it's roof. The other rig hit the canyon wall and rolled on it's side. The only reason it didn't go all the way over was at the squeeze where the old road used to be is a top eater. I went out and was able to winch him out, we had four guys on the high side acting as a counter balance. No injuries except a small cut on an arm and forehead on the first one.

I do not have Profit and Loss numbers yet still paying bills.

I want to thank the Dirt Devils for their support. I am looking forward to next year.

### Run Report Ray Kleinhuizen

This was the 51<sup>st</sup> annual HDR. The Dirt Devils were leading the Devils Loop trail Saturday and Sunday. The Sunday run goes in reverse direction. We had 12 club members available to support the runs on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday we had 23 guest vehicles. The start of the trail has a (Gate Keeper) rock pile to test drivers and vehicles. If you have trouble here you might consider a different trail. Several vehicles had to take several tries to get through but all finally made it. The only problems we had the rest of the day were three flat tires. The first flat was the only one that slowed the run down. This flat occurred in a narrow section of the trail which stopped the whole group. The other two occurred late in the run in wider sections of the trail. All three flats were side wall cuts that could not be plugged.

On Sunday we had 20 guest vehicles. This group was filled with more capable vehicles and experienced drivers. All of these vehicles made it through the Gate Keeper without any issues. Early in this run Ron Weber had an accident and needed help to get off the trail. Ron's injuries turned out to be minor which was good news. However this group continually had large gaps between vehicles that slowed the whole group down. We had one conflict with a large group of vehicles using a short section of the trail. We had a short wait until the other group turned off the trail.

Overall, a great HDR, thanks to all the members that came out to support this important Cal4wheel event. We need to remember that Cal4Wheel is on the front lines fighting to keep our trails open for us to enjoy.

## HDR May 28 2023 Devils Loop trail

Report by Ron Webber

My job for the day was to spot the run participants through one of the difficult areas.

I stopped on a flat area with a slight slope forward, I pulled up the E brake (it was feeling a little soft). Threw the trans into neutral, took my foot off the brake and waited a moment to see if it would roll forward, it didn't (while I was inside). I jumped out walked around to the back of my jeep and it began to roll forward. I ran around to the door attempting to jump in and put my foot on the brake. My right foot got caught under the rear tire and my Jeep continued rolling forward. I fell forward landing on my left side. My Jeep continued rolling forward gaining some speed, bouncing off rocks, the door was swinging back and forth. Jim Mahar was a 100' away and heard the bouncing and banging and ran to see what was going on. My Jeep did stop at a large rock.

Jim helped me up and I slowly walked over to a large rock to sit on. Jim got into my jeep and backed it up out of the way before Danny Ward came through with 20 rigs. I was feeling lightheaded and not ready to drive over a rocky trail back to camp. Castulo drove my jeep back to camp; Mike Wallace helped me into his Jeep and back to camp. They assisted in getting my Jeep setup, to tow home behind my RV and put away our outside gear. Emi and I drove home.

Emi took me to ER the next day, my right big toe and middle toe were broken, my left upper arm is badly bruised, and my left hand lost a layer of skin, but no breaks or dislocations. I was wearing a good stout pair of boots that were laced up tight (I'm sure that helped).

I have spoken with a few others and I am not the only one that when stopping for just a few minutes sets the E brake, throws the trans into neutral and gets out. Randy reminded me that the Red Jeep that rolled off Black Bear Pass stopped at the top and did what I did and trusted the E brake.

I want to <u>thank the Dirt Devil team</u> they jumped in and helped. What a team.

The Jeep is fine. It rolled 50 feet and stopped a large rock. Hindsight being 20/20 I should have just watched it roll away.

As of June 27, my right foot is still swollen. My next doctor's appointment is Friday.

Ron Webber

## Holcomb Creek 6/10/23.

Leader: run dude Robert Gabrielson

11 total rigs (9 members, 2 guests) on

We met at 8:00 at the Fawnskin fire station and departed about 9:00. Dave B was tail gunner.

There was a large Bronco event occurring at the same time. A large group of 20+ classic Broncos left at about 8:00 (more on this later). Additionally, there was a dual sport motorcycle event occurring, which we frequently passed going the opposite way all day.

We proceeded to the trailhead after airing down and a quick safety meeting. The group made it through the east gatekeeper without incident, and continued on the trail, enjoying the 72 degree weather.

Continuing through a couple additional small rock gardens the group was making great time and made it to the center rock garden at about 10:30.

We then encountered the large group of Broncos, and they had only made 2 of their 20 rigs through at this point. Accordingly, we were in for a long wait. They were trying different lines, but the moving rocks, mud and substantial beer consumption on the trail wasn't helping. Difficult to move rigs with 5 spotters telling you what to do at any time, progress was slow. Some of us watched the show, others decided to just wait in the shade by the lunch tree.

Finally, at about 12:30 it was our turn to proceed, and Robert tried a far left line which ended up being very difficult. I was able to make it through with some careful spotting without winching, but we decided this wasn't the best route through.

Bill S. then tried a right line over two large boulders, which he passed through with relative ease (these are the same boulders that have proved multiple cowbells on previous runs).

One by one, we got each rig through the route that Bill S trailblazed without much difficulty. The rigs on 35s and the 2 doors had more challenges with this one. One guest rig had to be winched (2 door, 35s) as he was high centered. Nick also almost had to winch but was able to free himself with some rock stacking and a little throttle.

We exited the center rock garden about 1:30, and continued down the trail through the rest of the obstacles. Mike W had a near winch opportunity when he high centered on a rock, but was able to get free.

At the West gatekeeper, the AAT owner (My Jeep Rocks) was doing trail maintenance and had just finished repairing the extreme off camber spot just before the rock garden, which had been further damaged by the winter storms. It was in great shape now. We thanked Nick Clark and his team for their work.

Arriving at the end of the trail, Robert proceeded out the West long rock garden and everyone else followed. One by one we exited, until we heard Dave B yell out on the radio 'I think im going to need a winch, im stuck'. Dave was 30' from the end of the trail, and was trying to take a harder line over some hige rocks and had all 4 wheels off the ground. We tried to free with rock stacking and rocking, to no avail. He hooked his winch to Nick's Jeep, and he was extracted, winning him the cowbell of the day. We exited the trail at 3:30.pm.

After giving Dave enough of a hard time, we proceeded down 3N16 to Green Valley lake and aired up downtown. After airing up, many of us stopped at the Shake Shack for a beverage and some food, before heading home about 4:30.

No breakdowns, 1 cowbell (Dave B).

## **Run Calendar**

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

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

## July 2023

Go to <u>http://www.dirtdevils.org/</u> for current run details

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

15<sup>th</sup> Heart Break Ridge M (East of Big Bear) Run Leader: Craig Woolbert

**22<sup>nd</sup> Gold Mountain M Holcomb Creek D optional** Run Leader: Rob Gabrielson

27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 4 day Jeepers Jamboree Rubicon 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 3 day Jeepers Jamboree Rubicon https://jeepersjamboree.com/

## August 2023

Go to <u>http://www.dirtdevils.org/</u> for current run details 1 <u>Club Meeting</u> Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange **4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 3 day Jeep Jamboree**. Jeep Jamboree is sponsored by Jeep

#### https://jeepjamboreeusa.com/2023-event-schedule/

## 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Dirt Devils Rubicon Trail D (waitlist)

Run Leader: Rob Gabrielson

The Rubicon Trail is an unmaintained County Road that runs from Loon Lake to Tahoma in North Lake Tahoe. This trail is rated very difficult. There are no repair shops nearby. All vehicles must be in very good condition. Lockers are required.

#### September 2023

Go to <u>http://www.dirtdevils.org/</u> for current run details

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

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sherman Pass M

Run Leader: Alan Cleveland co lead: Danny Ward

**29<sup>th</sup> – Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** Prescot AZ Outdoor Summit <u>https://prescottvalleyoutdoors.com/</u> Rob Rein has reserved camp space 15 for himself.

**30<sup>th</sup> – Oct 1<sup>st</sup> OffRoad Expo** Pomona Fairplex <u>https://www.offroadexpo.com/</u>

**30<sup>th</sup> Miller Lockwood M** Run Leader: Craig Woolbert

## October 2023

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

7<sup>th</sup> Last Chance Canyon M

28<sup>th</sup> Saddleback Mtn **E** (great view of OC) Run Leader: Tim Thomas

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Cal4wheel Panamint Valley Days Near Trona Cal4wheel fund Raiser

14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Off Road Expo Phoenix Raceway Avondale, AZ https://www.offroadexpo.com/

November 2023

7<sup>th</sup> <u>Club Meeting</u> Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange 11<sup>th</sup> Anza Borrego Mud Caves **M** 

11th Clarks Grade E

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Bradshaw Trail **M** Run Leader: Bill Schopper

18<sup>th</sup> Holcomb Creek **D** Run Leader: Rob Gabrielson

### December 2023

5<sup>th</sup> <u>Club Meeting</u> Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange 2<sup>nd</sup> Calico **D** Run Leader: Ron Webber
I have reserved spaces O29, O30,

# 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: Katy Nachbaur <u>vprez@dirtdevils.org</u>

Secretary: Doug Francisco secretary@dirtdevils.org

Treasurer: Trish Behlings treasurer@dirtdevils.org

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Adopt a trail chairmans: adoptatrail@dirtdevils.org

Newsletter: Ron Webber: <u>ronjp@outlook.com</u>

Membership: Cheryl May membership@dirtdevils.org

Accessories and Hospitality: Harry Long merchandise@dirtdevils.org

To Order DD Merch: www.jeepdaddy.com/collections/dirt-devils

Safety:

Run Coordinator: Rob Gabrielson rundude@dirtdevils.org

#### Emergency response team coordinator: rundude@dirtdevils.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

**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 <u>members@dirtdevils.org</u> 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/

First aid kit tracking

# AED / Defibrillator

Bill RobG Dave B

## FA #1

Tim Thomas MikeW Clarks grade Mike W Moab Ron Webber Calico RobR Bishop

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

Doug Chris S

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

Ron W Dave B

#### FA #4 (Orange canvas bag) Ron W

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#### DD HAM info

DD 11

DD Prime 145.585, DD 1 Simplex 146.580, DD 2 Simplex 146.565,

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

WW 1DD

| DD club           | KK1DD  |
|-------------------|--------|
| Scott Beggins     | KJ6KBG |
| James Ettinger    | KK6UYU |
| Roy Flansburg     | KJ6EVM |
| Robert Gabrlson   | K6RPG  |
| Keith Graham      | KF6LZA |
| Sandy Graham      | KF6SBF |
| Steve Hendry      | KK6UYW |
| Cheryl May        | KF6WNG |
| Al Ramsden        | KF6BCJ |
| Rob Rien          | KM6GOT |
| Karen Rien        | KM6GOS |
| Chris Slaughter   | KK6TMR |
| Mike Wallace      | KK6SBC |
| Rob Wallace       | KK6UZA |
| Rick Walter       | KJ6NME |
| Ron Webber        | KM6ANT |
| Jay VanWormer     | W6JVW  |
| John Johnson      | K6JOJ  |
| Bill Schopper     | KM6ZME |
| Richard E VanDuyn | KM6VVV |
| Chris Johnson     | KK6SAJ |
| Pete Johnson      | KM6ARI |
|                   |        |

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

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. The Dirt Devils 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.

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.

Please See Mike Wallace for any Programming of HAM Radios

#### The club has it's HAM 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 <u>KK1DD</u>. 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.

#### Cow bells



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

# #1 Mike Maneth memorial bell



Ray K Cleghorn 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 4/25/21 Holcomb 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



# #5 Big Bertha

Katy N Calico 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



# #2 Brown bell

Tim T Death Valley Bill S Mottino 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,



## #3 New Brown

Niccole C Calico 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.