



The Dirt Devils Digest

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

President's Message

I enjoyed reading about Joe Branch one of the founders of Terra Del Sol you might enjoy it, too. <http://bit.ly/QA4CXh>;
<http://bit.ly/QA4Nlr>

Normally our December meeting is set aside as a run planning meeting for next year. Ray is not waiting he is already planning a Moab UT trip in April.

Remember to check the cowbell and first aid kit section to know who id holding.
See you on the trail.

Jesse May

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Website news

If you want to unload Jeep parts send me a picture and a brief description and I will post.

Please provide new pictures of yourself along side your rig for the website.

Mike Ortega

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Hells Revenge Trail Moab, UT

Adopt a trail

Run Reports

August 8-18 Adopt-a-Trail

Mike Ortega reporting– We met at Rocky’s Roadhouse in Running Springs at 9:00am. Started at Crab Flats. We had planned nice a mellow run. After making it through the first obstacle. John had the cow bell and offered it up to anyone who wanted it. John opted to go the bypass in order to take it easy, but he should have taken the ledge. He busted his driver front axle. It took an hour and a half to get it out. He drove the rest of the trail in 3-wheel drive. A couple of vehicles went out with John. On the way out, they found that John also broke the passenger rear axle.

We spent about an hour or two doing trail maintenance. Mark and Patty had some issues with their track bar but were able to drive out. They finished the trail around 3:30. The waterfall is very rutted out. It’s more of a challenge now.

An early model Honda Accord got stuck at the first obstacle and walked out. A local police officer was there arranging to get it towed out and taken to the impound yard.

Run calendar 2012

Regular Adopt A Trail meeting place

9am at Rock Road House
32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382
next to the 76 gas station

October

6th OHV adopt a trail BBQ in Big Bear for info contact Mike Ortega.

13th Adopt A Trail and Holcomb Creek
run Leader Mike Ortega

27th Gold Mtn & John Bull
run leader Ralph Schorbach

27th CA4WD South District, Templar’s Hall, Old Poway
Park, 4134 Midland Rd., Poway, CA, 9AM

November

9– 11th PVD Panamint Valley Days

22– 25th Thanksgiving at Truckhaven?

December

8 Cleghorn
run leader John Strege

February 2013

15 17th **CA4WDC Convention.** at the Marriott in Rancho Cordova (near Sacramento). Planning is in full swing with the return of a vehicle show, trade show, seminars, entertainment and more.

In addition, this year’s Convention will include an election for the association president and treasurer

April 2013

Moab, Utah



April 6 to April 14 2013 is the week for the Dirt Devils Moab Utah run. We will travel to Moab on April 5 and 6, arriving at the Dead Horse State Park Kayenta camp ground on April 6. This will be my base camp for the whole week. Dead Horse State Park is right outside of Canyonlands and has RV hookups and water but no showers. For more information go to ‘www.stateparks.utah.gov/parks/dead-horse’. It would be great to have everyone at Dead Horse State park but other options are available in Moab.

Moab has several hotel/motels and campgrounds. Most of the town campgrounds offer full RV hookups and some provide showers for tent campers. For more information on Moab go

to 'www.moab-utah.gov' for camping and hotel options.

The plans for the week will continue to firm up as we get closer to April 2013 but here's a draft calendar for the weeks events. White Rim Rd on April 8&9 is the only firm trail. The other days are open for discussion. If you know of other good trails, let me know. All trail runs other than White Rim road are open for discussion

Sunday April 7: Day runs (possible trails: Bartlett Overlook, Hidden Canyon Overlook, White Wash Sand Dunes)

Monday April 8: Back country run on White Rim Rd in Canyonlands National Park. We have back country permits for 9 vehicles. The group will back country camp off White Rim Rd at Murphy Hogback and Candlestick camp sites (no water.) The White Rim trail is mostly easy with a few moderate sections. The journey is over 100 miles with a few side trips to visit dramatic arches, rock formations and descend to the Colorado river.

Tuesday April 9: Complete the back country run on White Rim Rd. and return to Dead Horse State Park campground.

Wednesday April 10: Day Runs (possible trails: Hell's Revenge, Fins & Things) with a trip into down town Moab for supplies.

Thursday April 11: Day runs (possible trails: Bull Canyon, Metal Masher)

Friday April 12: Day runs (Possible trails: Elephant Hill, Lavender Canyon)

Saturday April 13 Break camp and head home

RSVP: Ray Kleinhuizen cell: 714-300-9656, Email: raykleinhuizen@yahoo.com

Because the number of vehicles on White Rim Rd. is limited, please sign up early if you want to participate in that trail.



Run 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 to be copied and pasted.

1. Date/Time and Place for the Run
2. Description of Run
3. Difficulty Rating scale 1 to 5
4. Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run
5. Directions to Meeting Place.
6. EXACT Departure Time from Meeting Place
7. Required Equipment. Open dif? Lockers?
8. Is Special Equipment Required?
9. Is RSVP Required?
10. Are Permits Required? (Forest Adventure Pass etc.)
11. CB Channel start with channel 4, if to much traffic on channel 4 then switch to 5 and so on.
12. Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees. Access for motor homes? Very little ground clearance? Deep soft sand?
13. Expected Weather Conditions.
14. Contact Information (Run Leader Phone Number & email address)
15. Please, cover all the needed information in the Run Announcement rather than say "contact me for details".

Start of the Run:

1. Hold brief driver's gathering before start of run. Include special instructions.
2. 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.
3. Encourage drivers to learn the name of the person in front and behind his/her vehicle.
4. Assign "Sweep Vehicle" (Tail Gunner Vehicle)

5. Give 5 Minute Warning before start
6. Begin Run ON TIME or notify everyone of new time.
7. Announce Departure over CB channel 4
8. Start moving slowly
9. Stop at all turns to confirm vehicle behind sees turn
10. Stop occasionally to close up ranks
11. Announce comfort stops
12. Announce Lunch Stop and Length of Stop
13. After returning home forward to the webmaster and newsletter editor to be copied and pasted a Run Report and a few photos. In the subject line write "Run Report"

Guests



Larry and Kari Keller



Tim DeBolt Drives a 2009 JK with a 3" lift and 35" tires. He has a few scratches but is looking for more.



Brian and Julietta Liggett own a new '12 JK Rubicon which is mostly stock.



Romeo Rubalcava '95 Toyota Truck with a 3" lift, 33" tires currently building a roll cage.

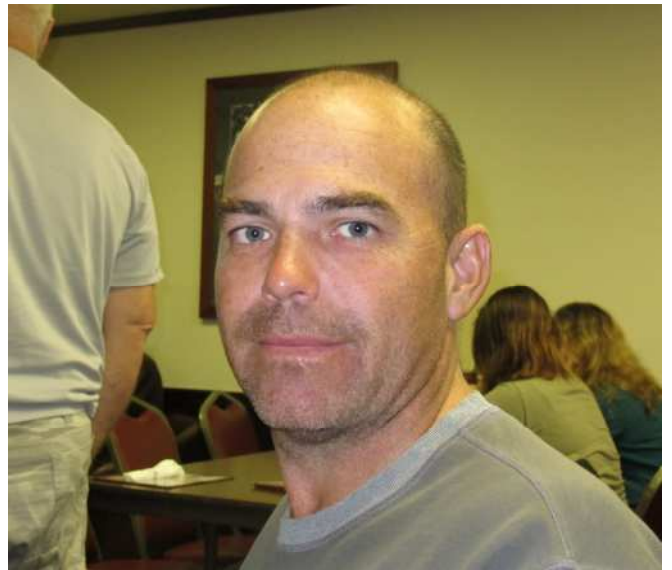


Jeremy (Left) and Travis Morrow putt around in a 2004 TJ, 4

½” lift, 33” tires. Jeremy, has an '01 GMC truck.



Tim DeBolt



Charles Fayette puts around in a stock '01 TJ Wrangler



Randy Hardt



Angela and RJ Ahl 2012 Jeep Wrangler unlimited
Meetings: June, July, August



Tim Rowatt puts around in a Toyota forerunner

New members



Mike Wallace



Rick Walter and Rhonda



Chris Johnson



Brain McGrath August meeting



Josh Bleijenberg voted in at the July meeting
2007 Toyota FJ lifted 3" many upgrades.



Cort Phelps; Cort drives a well modified Toyota Forerunner
DD runs: Hammer trails with Mike Ortega

CB radio news

Many of us have purchased our CB radios from The Solder Joint in Orange. Well the Orange store has closed. They still have a store in Signal Hills go to www.thesolderjoint.com for directions.

Another option is Mark Kennedy he operates www.highdesertcb.com
mdkennedy1@verizon.net / 760 949 9917

Ham radios are also very useful and have a much longer range.

Classified

Dirt Devil special

LAZER STAR Dominator HID lights



These lights have internal Ballast are 35 W HID and come in either Spot or Flood Beam.
Powerful, affordable HID technology in a lightweight ABS housing features internal ballast. Available in 4" or 7" diameter.

4 Inch: 120.00 7 Inch: 130.00 Per Light

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Club info

Cowbells

Cowbell 1 John Strege August 2012 adopt a trail

Cowbell 2 John Strege August 2012 adopt a trail

Cowbell 3 John Strege July 2012 earned while playing in the 4x4 area in Hungary Valley

Josh Bleijenberg Miller Jeep Trail

Roger Mauer June

Bill Smith June (he says he wasn't even playing hard.)

Jesse Strege June got a tug from Mike Ortega

John Strege June broke down on the way to the trail.
(Cowbell award?)

Randy Huddelston June 2012

Jeff Jernigan June 2012

Terry Pucket March 2012

Eddie Cesena March 2012

Randy Huddelston March 2012

New brown Jesse May

Old Blue Mike Maneth Calico February 2012



1 Old green cow bell.



2 old blue cow bell



3 new brown bell

First aid kit tracking

FA #1 (red, blue backpack)

Mike Ortega August no change
Feb 2012

for Adopt a trail runs
Danny Ward Dec 2011
Bill Smith

FA #2

Danny Ward August 2012
Randy Huddelston June 2012

John Strege Apr 2011
Sheldon Neal Jan 2012
John Strege Dec 2011

FA #3

Roger Mauer
Danny Ward June 2012
Ray Kleinhuizen Apr 2012 for Steel Pass run.
Pete Johnson Feb 2012
Jesse May Dec 2011

Banner

John Strege has it.

Safety Report

Safety administrator Randy Huddelston

When on the trail keep an eye out for the rig behind you.

Keep your fire extinguisher fresh. Shake it, you should feel the powder move around.

For groups larger than 10 there needs to be a 1) leader, 2) tail gunner and a 3) mid rig.

Basic safety equipment should include: first aid kit, fire extinguisher, CB radio, tow strap, extra food and water, basic tool kit, some spare parts, safety glasses, gloves, full size spare, working emergency brake.

Large Velcro straps are handy for keeping your straps together.

When you believe there is a chance of rolling over grab your seat belt and hold on. Do not grab the roll bar or reach out to stop your rig from rolling over.

If your gear is not tied down well then it will get thrown around.

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.

Accessories

Available at the regular meetings, see Emi Webber.

Dirt Devil Stickers: \$15.00.

Short sleeve shirts: \$14.00

Long sleeve shirts: \$18.00

Sweatshirts: \$30.00

Hats: \$20.00

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 Western entrance:

2N26Y is N34° 16.198 W117° 08.258.

The T6 Bridge: N34° 16.106 W117° 07.745.

The Eastern entrance: 3N16 is N34° 15.663 W117° 05.116.

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.

Club officers

President: Jesse May: jemay.xj@gmail.com

Vice President: Danny Ward: d4lward@sbcglobal.net

Secretary: Cheryl May: jemay.xj@gmail.com

Treasurer: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Web Master: Mike Ortega: mike@topwebsiteplacement.com

Newsletter: Ron Webber: webbermail@cox.net

Hospitality: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Safety Committee: Randy Huddelston: huddl@pacbell.net

Run Coordinator: **Needed**

Meeting Place

First Tuesday of each month,

6:30pm for Dinner & 7:30pm for the meeting at

Keno's Restaurant

5750 E. La Palma Anaheim

just east of Imperial Hwy and north of the 91 Fwy.