



# The Dirt Devils Digest

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

## President's Message

John Stewart visited us and did a great job explaining what he and CAL4WD is involved with. Read about it in the guest section of this newsletter.

We had some discussion whether or not we should have just one or two raffle gifts rather than many. What do you think?

Emi Webber will have shirts at the October meeting.

Remember, to keep Rick Walters current with your run plans.

See you on the trail.

Jesse May

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Mike Wallace in his red Jeep.

**Safety report** Randy Huddelston

What would happen you broke down on the trail and had to spend the night? As we head into winter Randy wants to remind everyone that it is a good idea to maintain a duffel bag with emergency supplies, warm blankets, matches, some water and food.

**Run reports****Adopt-a-Trail – Roger**

8 vehicles. Worked from the bottom up. Moved three or four trees before the waterfall. Including a 3 foot diameter, 60 foot tree laying on it's side. A few years ago there were a couple of trees that crisscrossed, one of which had fallen a few years ago. The second one fell. Using three Jeeps we moved the tree. Met up with someone on the trail in a Blazer who was stuck, trying to winch it out. The driver was sitting on the winch guiding the winch in. After about 15 minutes, the vehicle was unstuck – luckily with no injuries. Was not able to affix the placards but will do so next trip.

**Run calendar****Adopt a Trail meeting place**

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

**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.

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 then switch to 5 and so on.
12. HAMM channel 146.440
13. Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees. Access for motor homes? Very little ground clearance? Deep soft sand?
14. Expected Weather Conditions.
15. Contact Information (Run Leader Phone Number & email address)
16. 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. Stop at all turns to confirm vehicle behind sees turn
9. Stop occasionally to close up ranks
10. Announce Lunch Stop and Length of Stop
11. 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"

**October**

**12<sup>th</sup> - Adopt-a-Trail** Mike/ Roger

**12<sup>th</sup> The Hemet Jeep Club is hosting the October 2013**

**So. Dist Meeting CAL4WD.**

At the Anchor Restaurant 2524 E. Florida Ave. Hemet  
951 925-0591. Lunch will be available. ...

## Operation Desert Fun

October 18-19,



Come out and support the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Cal-Diego Chapter as well as Cal 4 Wheel. Bring your 4X4, ATV, UTV, or Motorcycle and explore the Ocotillo Wells SVRA. You can also test your rig's limits on the very popular 4X4 Training Facility.

We will have a Geocache, and we will also have a Best Equipped game for anyone who wants to participate. Only one vehicle needed per entry. Prizes will be awarded along with bragging rights to the winners! And of course we will have our awesome raffle for kids and adults.

**[Register Online](#) | [Like ODF on Facebook](#)**

### 25- 27 TruckHaven

Brian McGrath run leader

## November

### 9- 10<sup>th</sup> Panamint Valley Days

Near Trona, CA

Runs for all levels, meals, and drawing

<http://cal4wheel.com/panamint-valley-days.html> for info

### 9<sup>th</sup> Desert Splash

Jeff Jernigan

### 16<sup>th</sup> Adopt-a-Trail

Mike/ Roger

### 28<sup>th</sup> Red Rock Canyon and Last Chance Pete/Jesse

## December

### 07<sup>th</sup> Cleghorn

Dustin/ Joel

## Guests



Roger Satorra puts around in a lifted 2011 Jeep Rubicon. June September meeting



John Stewart is the CAL4WD natural resource advocate. He visited us and explained some of what CAL4WD is involved with. A few highlights: Glamis will be increasing their fees, one day passes are no longer available and John recommends getting your passes before even going out to Glamis.

The California legislature is about ready to pass a law limiting UTV's to only 2 seats, the driver will have to be licensed, the passenger's feet must be able to touch the floor and reach the handle while leaning against the seat back. AQMD (you know these guys they want to eliminate camp fire rings at the beach.) is about to get involved in offroad activities, they want all offroad vehicles to be smogged. John has recently heard of some people getting tickets for having the old style jerry cans, if you do get a ticket let John know he wants to help fight this sort of harassment.

Ocotillo Wells. A couple of organizations are trying to stop off-roading in this area. We have won the first lawsuit, but they have appealed, this could reduce the trail opportunities.



CA State Parks is asking for the lawsuit to be thrown out. A hearing is scheduled for September 13. Tierra Del Sol and Ecological Partners have committed to assisting against the lawsuit if needed.

One of his efforts to get BLM to start an adopta trail program similar to what the forest service does.

A very informative talk.



Roy Chance putts around in an '05 LJ rubicon, ran The Miller Jeep trail last month. Sept meeting

### New members



Rob and Mike Wallace, Mike was voted in as a new member, ran Kennedy Meadows and Miller trail. Rob's only recently repaired his jeep and is now able to get out again.

### CB radios

The Solder Joint is now located in Signal Hills go to [www.thesolderjoint.com](http://www.thesolderjoint.com) for directions.

Mark Kennedy operates [www.highdesertcb.com](http://www.highdesertcb.com)  
[mdkennedy1@verizon.net](mailto:mdkennedy1@verizon.net) / 760 949 9917

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

### Classifieds



1993 Jeep Wrangler red with grey soft top, air conditioning, stereo w/cd player, CB radio, extra engine gauges

1999 4.0 engine w/approx. 40m miles chevy 700r4 transmission built by "Toy store" Pomona Dana 44 diffs. front and rear w/ ARB lockers 488 gears Atlas twin stick transfer case

Near new 33" tires with custom rims 1 1/2 years old

4" lift with 1" body lift to clear blower Avenger supercharger

Ramsey 8m winch

140# on board air

Premier on board welder

Hydraulic boost brakes (not vacuum) Swing a way tire rack

Custom rear inside rack w/pull out tool box Tow bar w/Warn disconnect rear hubs

Many more, do dads

Dave Lewis 562 857-7410

## Club info

### Cowbells

**September 2013, no changes.**

**Ray Kleinhuisen** Coyote Flat July 2013

**Mike Ortega** Big Bear Holcomb Creek high centered and yes that is the winch controller in his hand.

June 2013

**Pete Johnson:** Corral Canyon May 2013

**Pete Johnson** HDR (rolled) May 2013

**Ray Kleinhuisen** Moab UT broke shock and track bar mount and rear differential supports. April 2013

**Don Young** Moab UT broke a ring and pinion on his new dana 60 but he did limp out April 2013

**Dan Delp** 3. Can you say Calico.

**Cow bells 1, 2 and 3**

Dan, hang them with pride.

**Cowbell 3** Randy Huddleston October Gold Mtn, Pioneer Town run.

**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 Huddleston June 2012

Jeff Jernigan June 2012

Terry Pucket March 2012

Eddie Cesena March 2012

Randy Huddleston March 2012

New brown Jesse May

Old Blue Mike Maneth Calico February 2012



1 Old green cow bell.



2 old blue cow bell aka  
The Mike Maneth memorial cow bell



3 new brown bell

**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.



Proudly displaying the Cow Bell.

## First aid kit tracking

### FA #1 (red, blue backpack)

Mike Ortega August 2012  
for Adopt a trail runs

### FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Roger Mauer September 2013

Brian McGrath July 2013

Pete Johnson February 2012

John Strege October 2012

Danny Ward August 2012

Randy Huddleston June 2012

Sheldon Neal Jan 2012

### FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Danny Ward September 2013

Ron Webber Apr 2013 Moab, UT

Roger Mauer

Danny Ward June 2012

Ray Kleinhuizen Apr 2012 for Steel Pass run.

## Banner

John Strege has it.

## 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](mailto:jemay.xj@gmail.com)

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## 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.

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