



# The Dirt Devils Digest

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

## Presidents Message:

Karen and I had a great time on Motina wash and Black Canyon runs. What a turn out for both run 19 rigs on Motina and 25 on Black Canyon.

In March we start out with a popular run Calico. Followed by the first Adopt A Trail of the year. Try to join one of these runs if you can.

Members going the HDR in May can register now. The Dirt Devils are leading 3 runs Danny and Jesse will need help on these runs.

We need more members establishing accounts on the Dirt Devils web site. See Chris if you need help.

Thanks Mike Wallace for coordination of the HAM radio classes.

Officer emails are listed on page 7 in the Club info section

Keep our trails open

Ray Kleinhuizen



A beautiful sunny day to air down

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## Top 10 reasons to be a Dirt Devils trail leader:

- 10 – You pick the trail (hopefully someone will want to run it with you)
- 9 – You pick the run start time and meet spot
- 8 - You write the run announcement
- 7 - You pick the CB channel (duh 4)
- 6 - You conduct the drivers meeting (best if done before you start the trail)
- 5 – You carry the Dirt Devils club first aid kit (hopefully you know how to use it)
- 4 – You pick the bathroom stops (more stops keep you out trouble)
- 3 – You are the spotter when someone needs help (you'll get a lot of exercise)
- 2 – You will get unwavering support from all drivers even when you are hopelessly lost and confused.
- 1 – You get to ride in front of everyone out of the dust (this the only good reason to be a trail lead)

## Web site

New site has been up for a little over two months. The forum has 24 members. Five members have posted pictures. Have 114 GPS tracks posted. Had over 900 unique visits. 30 percent were from California. Had some visitors from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Disney and Homeland Security. Steve Henry requested to have posted that he has rotors for a TJ. A lot of members have stuff that no one wants and others might. Can start posting some things but should be vehicle parts. May want to put a disclaimer for legal purposes. Make the section so that members can post themselves. Chris will check into it. • Had 44 referrals, including from Quadragech. Put up some technical articles and have referrals for those.

Sign up on the forum  
please forward your pictures to Chris Slaughter web master.  
for Chris's email address see club info on page 7.

## Cal 4 wheel

At the convention, it was decided to remove the word 'club' from the name. New logo to change the name, bear will be black and add the website. Cal-4-Wheel has 3,000 members. Sierra Club has over 2 million. Parts of Cleghorn are closed and barriers were put up. When being reviewed, there were "options" side-by-side and the hardest side was closed. When the comment period was open, didn't get enough comments to keep it open.

There's a meeting coming up for Ocotillo Wells. Check with Jesse or Keith for more info.

Cal-4-Wheel is working with an organization that is being created nationwide with businesses to advocate for off-roading. Need to keep in mind that even if something is being created for a different type of off-roading, it will eventually affect all types. The winners of the Jeep were from Sunland. They bought the ticket at Pomona. Had enough money coming in last year to pay the bills with a couple hundred left over. Next years convention will be at Rancho Cordova. There is alot of information at the convention. Land issues being fought. Glamis has won the 15 year lawsuit but now there's a new lawsuit trying to close it again. Spent over a million dollars on Johnson Valley to keep it open - and that was just Cal-4-Wheels part. It does not include what other organizations such as Corva spent. Two bills in Congress to make Johnson Valley an open area.

- ODF is an event that is sponsored by Cal-4-Wheel for the veterans. They got a recognition by the House and the state legislation.
- HDR is coming up. Club is sponsoring three runs. Slash X is offering dinner, ribs, chicken, coleslaw. Slash X is talking about opening for breakfast if there is interest. Working on getting more run leaders and games

## Run reports

### Black Canyon

February 28, 2015

**Trail Leader:** Ray Kleinhuisen

#### Members:

Ray & Karen Kleinhuisen  
Mike, Ryan & Parker Wallace & Laura  
Pete Johnson  
Randy & Donna Huddleston  
Scott Beggins  
Danny & Linda Ward  
Chris Slaughter  
Dave & Linda Jones  
Chris & Alison Johnson  
Jim, Megan, Rachael & Margie Ettinger

#### Guests:

Mike & Nancy Zeller  
Alan & Mathew Mongeau '13 JK  
Alex Ramirez & Jose Gudino '13 JK  
Janet Johansen '15 JK  
Rob & Carol Abbott '01 TJ  
Spencer Abbott & Maggie Pauro Dodge Dakota

Steve Myers, 2000 TJ

Al & Mike Ramsden, 2001 TJ

Ryan Smith

Brent Betker '14 JK sport

Alan Betker '13 JKU

Jay Betker '13 JKU

Tom and Janet Lauterjung '13 Rubicon 2dr.

Karen and I were having breakfast at the T/A Center as the parking started to fill up with Jeeps. By the meet time there were 24 Jeeps and a Dodge Dakota ready to hit the trail. We must have been an interesting sight as we departed the T/A Center headed for the trail.

The weather forecast for the day was 40% to 60% chance of rain and a high of 58F. The day turned out to be very nice: no rain, little wind, high in the 60's. After airing down on Hinkley rd. we headed to the entrance of Black Canyon on Black Canyon rd. The first stop was at the canyon entrance to see Indian petroglyphs and one of four 'Tillman' signatures. Tillman was an explorer that passed through Black Canyon in 1874, for some unknown reason he left markings on the rocks.

The next stop was the old spring and water trough that serviced the stage line that ran through Black Canyon.

The next stop was the optional hill climb that was closed for some reason by the BLM. Seems a little crazy to stop people from driving on top of a tailings pile.

From here we turned onto Opal Mountain Rd. that runs south through the hills toward Opal Mountain. This has a few mild rocky sections and steep but short hill climbs. At the base of Opal Mountain we changed to a BLM route and head to Scouts Cove, a manmade shelter carved into the side of a hill.



We headed north from Scouts cove out of the hills than east to Inscription Canyon. This section of trail had several muddy areas that some folks wanted to play in. Big job cleaning up back home for the playful ones. We stopped for lunch at Inscription Canyon a small rocky canyon with many interesting Indian petroglyphs. After lunch we headed south to a nice view point on the east side of Opal Mountain. From here the trail heads south first through the hills then a little east to a place called Murphy's Well. Up near the top of a rock pile is a large flat stone with some very impressive and well preserved Indian Petroglyphs.

From Murphy's well we headed back to pavement at Hinkley Rd to air up and head home. After airing up the group started breaking up and heading home. The last group started out and when we hit black top there was Al and Mark Ramsden parked and looking under the Jeep. They broke a weld on the upper control arm bracket on the rear axle. We used plastic tie's to clear some wires and Mark drove it home. While we are stopped Al points under my Jeep were fluid is leaking on the front driver side tire. After some inspection we discovered the axle seal is leaking, luckily we home.



Overall a really fun day exploring the Black Canyon Opal mountain area.

## Rattlesnake and Matina Wash

19 vehicles, Rattlesnake was fairly easy, but not Matina. Tim earned a cow bell on this run, good job Tim.





## Adopt a trail

Current hours – 28+ 5 hours for Jesse going to the meeting = 33 hours

Jesse May attended the last meeting at the Corona Sizzler. The main issue was that when we do any major work on the Adopt-a-Trail, make sure Greg knows beforehand. There are some clubs that have not notified him. We are not supposed to go onto someone else's Adopt-a-Trail and count that as hours, which some clubs have done that. None of the hours have been forwarded onto Angela, which needs to be done. Will go back through the minutes and get the information and send it to her. There is a number to be called for fire danger, especially when doing major work. Not a big deal for us as we always go through Greg for that. Greg will be having another chain saw class.

## Run calendar

### Adopt a Trail meeting place

8:30am at Rock Road House  
32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382  
next to the 76 gas station

### March

**13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>** Calico  
run leader Ron Webber [ron@questbuilding.com](mailto:ron@questbuilding.com)  
**28<sup>th</sup>** - Adopt A Trail (D) – Rick Walters  
**3/28 - 4/5** Easter Jeep Safari Moab - non club event

### April

**7<sup>th</sup>** - club meeting  
**10<sup>th</sup> - 4/12** Coral Canyon (D) – Danny Ward.  
**25<sup>th</sup>** - Adopt A Trail – Ray

### May

**5<sup>th</sup>** - club meeting

**30<sup>th</sup>** - **5/3** Mojave Trail (E) - Pete  
**16<sup>th</sup>** - HDR Prerun - Danny W.  
**23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>** Devils Loop trail (M)  
HDR Cal4Wheel event - Danny W.  
**22<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>** **Hi Desert Round up** CAL4WD event.  
Slash X Barstow CA  
Dirt Devils will be leading Devils Loop Trail  
**30<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>** **North Rim run**  
Run leader: Ray Kleinhuisen

## June

**2<sup>nd</sup>** club meeting  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Adopt A Trail - Lead TBD  
**19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** Forest Fest Big Bear Father's Day weekend  
register is open and generally fills up fast, if you are  
interested register online at  
<http://ie4w.com/page10/index.php>  
**6/27** John Bull (D) - Josh

## July

**7<sup>th</sup>** club meeting  
**10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>** Bishop Ca. trails - Ray  
**24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>** Adopta Trail overnight camp at tent peg  
campground Big Bear  
run Leader Roger  
**23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>** Jeepers Jamboree  
**31<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>** Jeep Jamboree  
<http://www.jeepersjamboree.com/> Dave Jones will  
represent the Dirt Devils on the 31<sup>st</sup>

## August

**4<sup>st</sup>** club meeting  
**6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>** Sierra Trek near Truckee CAL4WD event.  
<http://www.cal4wheel.com/sierra-trek>



**15<sup>th</sup>** 4x4 Big Bear Clinic (E/M) - Mike  
**22<sup>th</sup>** Adopt A Trail - Roy

**September**

- 1<sup>st</sup> club meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> High Sierra Poker Run CAL4WD event. near Shaver Lake
- Last Saturday of September Adopt a Trail BBQ
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Sherman Pass (M) – Danny W.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Adopt A Trail - Josh

**October**

- 6<sup>th</sup> club meeting
- 3<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Off Road Expo Pomona
- 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly club meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> Miller Jeep Trail (M) - Pete
- 24<sup>th</sup> Adopt A Trail - Lead TBD

**November**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly club meeting / run planning 2016
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Black Canyon (E) - Ray
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Panamint Valley Days (PVD), Cal 4 Wheel event

**December**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly club meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> Cleghorn (M) - Joel

**New Member**



Kirk and Jeanne Smith are proud new members.

**Guests**



Greg Antonowitsch drives around in an '04 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon, Greg said his Jeep is unmolested. Mar '15



Eric Walberg enjoys traveling the highways and byways in his 2012 Jeep with a 3" lift, 35" tires, sliders and so on.

Andrea and her son Devin drive a '96 cherokee sorry no picture available



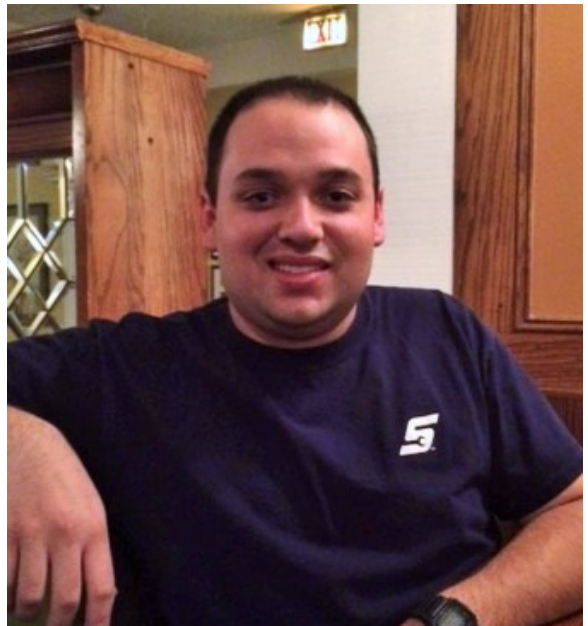
Chris Walls drives a CJ7



Steve Myers putts around in a 2000 Jeep Wrangler with dana 44 axles, 3 1/2" lift and 33" tires he ran The Black Cyn run an March is his first meeting.



Gloria & Rob Ranallo spend the spare time out in Salton Sea area. The Dirt Devils spent Thanksgiving out in the Salton Sea area.



Ken Hunter drives a 2000 Cherokee with 4 1/2" lift and 32's Feb, Mar 2015 1 run and 2 meetings

Marie Callenders. 5711 East La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92807, 714-779-0600



Janet Johansen joined us on the Black Canyon run



Carrol and Rod Abbott Recently purchased a red 2001 TJ Nov, Dec 2014, Feb, Mar 2015



Mike and Al Ramsden Mike putts around in a '01 wrangler with 35" tires and a few other mods sept, Oct, Nov 2014, Feb, Mar 2015.

### Club info

#### 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.

### Club officers

**President:** Ray Kleinhuisen

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**Safety Committee:** Bill Smith:

**Run Coordinator:** Rick Walter [rick03tj@gmail.com](mailto:rick03tj@gmail.com)

**Emergency response team coordinator:** Rick Walter [rick03tj@gmail.com](mailto:rick03tj@gmail.com)

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

### Club membership

Membership dues:

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

Spouse ..... \$12.00

CAL4WD annual dues ..... \$45.00

CAL4WD permanent member ..... \$675.00

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

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

### Accessories

Available at the regular meetings, see Emi Webber.

Dirt Devil Stickers: \$15.00.

Short sleeve shirts: \$15.00

Long sleeve shirts: \$18.00

Sweatshirts: \$30.00

Hats: \$20.00

DD logo magnets available in various sizes for \$4.50 to \$13.50 each.

## Awards



CAL 4 Wheel Drive, new member award

## 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.

## First aid kit tracking

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

Mike Wallace

Josh Bleijenberg

Ron Webber November 2014

Ray Kleinhuizen July 2014

### FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Josh Bleijenberg

Ray Kleinhuizen

Danny Ward

Josh Bleijenberg April 2014

Roger Mauer Feb 2014

### FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Ron Webber March 2015 Calico

Rick Walters July 2014

Pete Johnson April 2014

Ron Webber March 2014 Calico

## Run report template:

Run name:

Run leader:

Date:

Number of rigs:

Participants:

Members:

Guest:

The story:

Weather:

Cow bells earned:

## Run announcement 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.

Date/Time and Place for the Run

Description of Run

Difficulty Rating

Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run

Directions to Meeting Place.

EXACT Departure Time from Meeting Place

Required Equipment. Open dif ? Lockers?

Is RSVP Required?

CB Channel channel 4, if to much traffic then switch to 5 and so on.

HAMM channel 146.440

Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees.

Access for motor homes?

Contact Information (Run Leader

Phone Number & email address)

## Day of the Run:

Hold brief driver's gathering before start of run. Include special instructions.

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.

Encourage drivers to learn the name of the person in front and behind his/her vehicle.

Assign Tail Gunner Vehicle

After returning home forward to the newsletter editor a Run Report and a few photos. subject line write "Run Report"

## DD Trail Ratings

Trail ratings are subjective and weather conditions over the years can change a trail. An easy trail can become more difficult after or during rain. The trail leader needs to be the final judge of trail conditions the day of the run. If any part of a trail is difficult the trail is rated difficult. If difficult sections have bypasses the trail may be suitable for less capable rigs or less experienced drivers.

E - Easy (Black Canyon, Mohave Trail)

M - Moderate (Devils Loop, Miller Jeep Trail)

D - Difficult (John Bull, Calico)

### (E) Easy trails could include these conditions:

- Any dirt, sand or gravel road.
- Gentle to mildly steeper hill climbs, mild rocky sections and/or soft sandy sections.



- Four wheel drive may not be necessary all the time.
- Pot holes or ruts that require high ground clearance.
- Water crossings are up to 15 inches deep.
- Suitable for full size vehicles.
- Low gears may be required on hill climbs.
- Recommend 4 wheel drive vehicle
- Suitable for most tire sizes

32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382 next to the 76 gas station

• **(M) Moderate trails could include these conditions::**

- Steep rutted and rocky hill climbs that require careful tire placement.
- Two to three foot ledges to climb and/or steep down hill drop offs.
- Rocky sections that can cause body or rim damage.
- Water crossings might have rocks and could be deeper than 12 inches.
- Brush or cactus may touch vehicle.
- These trails will require low range gears, high ground clearance and 4WD.
- Skid plates and body protection are recommended.
- Minimum 33 inch or bigger tires.
- Recommend at least one axle locker.

**(D) Difficult trails could include these conditions:**

- Rocks as big as your tire to as big as your vehicle.
- Hill climbs are steep and may require extended wheel travel.
- These trails can have long sections of large rocks that require careful tire placement. .
- Three + foot ledges to climb and steep drop offs.
- Body damage is possible and brush may scratch vehicle.
- These trails will require vehicle modifications such as suspension lifts, body protection and skid plates.
- Minimum 35 inch or bigger tires.
- Recommend front and rear axle lockers.

## 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

**Cowbells**



**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. This starts at the beginning and the end of the trail, not on the highway.

**Old logo green bell**

Josh Bleijenberg Dusy Ersham Sept 2014

**Brown bell**

Tim Debolt Rattlesnake Feb 2015

Rick Walter adopt a trail 6/27/2014

Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 5/4/2014

**Little Blue bell**

Chris Slaughter Grizzly

Rick Walter

Mike Wallace

**Mike Maneth memorial bell**

James Eddinger Claw Hammer 1/10/15.

Castulo Olivas



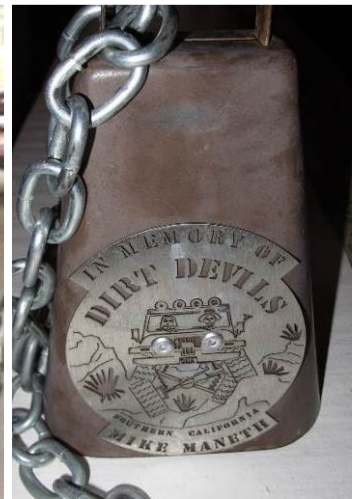
Old Logo Green



Brown



Little Blue



Mike Maneth Bell