

# The Dirt Devils Digest

Award winning publication.

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# **Editors Message:**

Check out the calendar there have been changes. Including the Wild Land First Aid Training was added to Octobers calendar and Danny's Sherman Pass run

We still need an adopta trail organizer. If you could take on this very important responsibility, then talk with Mike.

Jesse May is looking for volunteers to help0 at the Orange County Fairgrounds, Sand Sports Super Show CAL4WD booth, September 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

Emi has the special edition embroidered Patches, see page 9 accessory page.

Ron Webber



Exploring the Grand Canyon

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# **Run Reports**

#### Cal4Wheel

## Save California's OHV Program

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2016 in Ontario, CA, to consider a proposal to merge the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMRV) program with the Dept. of Parks and Recreation. The SEMA Action Network (SAN) strongly opposes the plan since dedicated OHV user fees could be spent on programs unrelated to managing OHV use

## You Can Shape the Course of This Proposal

Request opposition for this proposal by using the following SAN website link for an overview and lawmaker contact.



Adopta Trail

Danny Ward, Jerry and 6 others surveyed the bypass. Moved a few small trees.

Lytle Creek winch clinic

11 people, 9 members and 2 not members. Met at the McDonalds off 138. Got to

the first obstacle, which was a hill with alot of loose dirt. Mike decided to stand at the top

of a hill and when everyone went past, he was blasted with dirt. After lunch, Jack did the winch clinic. Afterwards, headed back down and a few went over to the Morman Rocks.

James, Dave and Mike volunteered their rigs to help with the winching. It was confirmed

that this was a "non bell" event.

## Run Calendar

# Adopt a Trail meeting place

8:30am at Rocky's Roadhouse 32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382 next to the 76 gas station

# August

#### 13 & 14 Off road Clinic

It's time again for our Annual Dirt Devil Training Clinic. Don Alexander from Big Bear 4X4 School will once again be our resident expert. Last year we had a huge turnout which really cut into our teachable moments so we have decided to conduct 2 classes over the August 13th weekend. Saturday's class will end with enough time to join the Night run on Little John Bull that is being led by Jack and Zoe.

**Trail Leader:** Mike Wallace (proudpop80@gmail) (714) 504-8514

CB Chanel 4 (REQUIRED) HAM Simplex 2 146.550

Pack a Trail Lunch, Water and always be prepared for Weather

**Space Limited to 12**, RSVP <u>required via Dirt Devil</u>
<u>Facebook Event (preferred)</u> or directly with trail leader.

<u>DONATION TO THE ADOPT-a-TRAIL</u> program will be collected \$20.00 (Members) \$40.00 (Guest and Prospected Members)

## **Day 1: Saturday August 13th**

Meet Time: 8:30 / Depart 9:00am

**Meeting Location:** Subway Restaurant

42124 Big Bear Blvd Big Bear Lake, 92315

<u>Day 1</u> recommended Special Equipment: Short Wheel Base, High ground clearance, rear lockers recommended, rock rails recommended, skid plates Recommended and 33 inch tires or larger recommended. Body Damage is Possible with or without the recommended Special Equipment items.

Difficulty: (1=Easy, 5=Most Difficult) Rated #4, the trail is moderate with a couple of Difficult obstacles, (optional) rock garden, sharp rocks, steep shelves/grades and rutted roads.

Trail: Gold Mountain Trail (3N69) 12.8 Miles this trail is officially rated most difficult and has some challenges. We have used this trail as our training trail for the past two years and all who have attended have completed the trail with no issues. The trail affords us the opportunity to practice our terrain management skills from both a driver as well as a spotter's perspective. The trail starts off the mail highway and heads up thru some switch backs until you reach the first of two waterfall style obstacles. To some this climb may look unpassable but with the expert guidance of our resident expert Don Alexander you will be feeling as confident as a professional. The second of the two obstacles immediately follows the first and once again you will make short work of it. (Don't be surprised if we turn around and do this obstacle in reverse)

Feeling confident we will crawl this scenic trail passing thru an optional Rock Garden to the top of gold mountain where we will stop for lunch and talk about the day's adventures. We will then pack up and head down the other side and experiencing some moderate shell descents to the main trail that will take us home in time to grab a

bite to eat and meet up with Jack and Zoe for the Little John Bull Night Run if your so inclined.

Please only sign up for one of the DAYS Space is limited to 12 vehicles. If not filled by 8/6 feel free to sign up for a second DAY.

## Day 2: Sunday August 14th

Meeting Time: 8:30 Depart: 9:00am

**Meeting Location:** 

Rocky's Roadhouse

32150 Hill Top Blvd Running Springs, 92382

Day 2 recommended/ required Special Equipment: Short Wheel Base, High ground clearance, rear lockers required, front locker Recommended, rock rails recommended, skid plates Recommended and 33 inch tires or larger recommended. Body Damage is Possible with or without the recommended Special Equipment items

**Difficulty:** (1=Easy, 5=Most Difficult) Rated #5, the trail is Difficult with a couple of Most Difficult obstacles with optional by passes, some tippy sections, sharp rocks, steep shelves/grades and rutted roads.

Trail: Dishpan Springs (3N34) approx. 3.0 Miles, touted as one of the most challenging trails in the Big Bear Mountain Area, this trail is our clubs Adopted trail. This trail spans from the Green Valley to the Lake Arrow Head area and serves as the only remote road between the two communities. As our Adopted trail we are tasked with maintaining the accessibility. This trail has steep ascents and descents, granite boulder faces and large rutted portions. The 2 waterfall sections are the most challenging but with the expert spotting by Don Alexander from Big Bear 4x4 School you will make quick work of the challenges. Dishpan is a tippy no BS Trail and you will feel a sense of success after you conquered this beast. But be cautious this beast bites.

Please only sign up for one of the DAYS Space is limited to 12 vehicles. If not filled by 8/6 feel free to sign up for a second DAY.

## 13 Little John Bull NIGHT RUN,

Big Bear

Run Date: Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>

Trail Organizer: Jack & Zoe

RSVP: YES, call or text 909-213-6787

**Equipment Required:** High ground clearance, off-road tires, low range and off-road lights required. Rock lights are recommended.

**Difficulty:** (1=Very Easy, 5=Extreme) Trail rated 3 moderate, due to small boulders, tippy terrain and sharp rock on sections of the trail (note most of the trail is easy).

This run is to test your off-road lights with some spectacular views of the city lights and night sky.

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 \*PM\*. Go over rig readiness and trail plan, leave at 7:00 PM. Night run only.

**Meeting Location:** We will meet at Rocky's Roadhouse (32150 Hilltop Blvd, Running Springs, CA 92382) i.e. usual spot next to the 76 gas station. From there, we will drive to Polique Canyon (2N09) trail head. Then up to Holcomb Valley and John Bull Flat (3N10) and then down to 3N16/Lake Baldwin.

**Trail Description:** Total aprx. ~10 miles off road (allow 4 to 5 hours). You can expect to encounter small boulders, tippy terrain, and sharp rock on sections of the trail. The US Forest Service rates this trail as Black Diamond Most Difficult trail and it is not recommended for stock SUVs. Body damage and breakage are possible. Elevation ranges from 6,700' to over 8,000'. Note: if you are scheduled to run the Off-road Clinic #1 that same day, that trail lead will join this group after that trail is completed (no need to drive back down - location TBD).

**Permits Required:** Yes, Adventure Pass. \$30/yr or \$5/day, available at most local grocery/gas/ranger stations.

**Communications:** CB Channel 4 and/or HAM channel 146.550 MHz (club simplex #2)

Reminder to Bring: Bring lunch, snacks and extra water, chairs, tools, shovel, camera, extra weather appropriate clothing, etc.

Weather: If heavy wind or rain the trip will be canceled.

#### **Trail Head Coordinates:**

Meeting location:

Lat/Lon (degrees/minutes/seconds) 34° 12' 17.42" N 117° 6' 6.5" W

Lat/Lon (decimal degrees) 34.204838 -117.101806

Trail Head Polique Canyon (2N09)

Lat/Lon (degrees/minutes/seconds) 34° 15' 54.13" N 116°55' 15.75" W

Lat/Lon (decimal degrees) 34.265036 -116.921041

Departure: We will exit at Lake Baldwin & Highway 18.

# 20<sup>th</sup> Mud Caves Anza Borrego night run

Aug 20, 2016 9:00PM

**Trail Leader:** Robert Rien <a href="mailto:rrien07@gmail.com">rrien07@gmail.com</a> **Meeting Location:** Canyon Sin Nombre trail head off S-2 at mile marker 51.3 (32.831059° -116.169993°) **Caravan Meeting location:** Carl's Jr, in South San Clemente, Cristianitos Rd. exist off I-5 Frwy at 7:30PM. We should be at the trail head by 9:00PM.

This is a night time run, we will spend the night in a primitive campsite, no RV's

Difficulty: Easy.

**Recommended Equipment:** Spot lights and Rock lights. 33" tires, no other ground clearance needed.

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Required Equipment: 4 wheel drive, 1st Aid Kit, flashlight, fire extinguisher, some sort of air (Compressed air or compressor) (You will want to lower your tire pressure down, 18 PSI at a minimum), sleeping bag, tent, just enough to spend the night, you don't need to pack like a boy scout this time.

**Communication:** CB or Ham. CB on Channel 4. HAM channel 146.550 MHz (SIMP2)

This is a night time run through Anza Borrego starting at the Canyon Sin Nombre trail head off S-2 at mile marker 51.3. We'll meet at Carl's Jr in South San Clemente and Caravan on down from there or you can meet at the trail head. We'll see Mud Caves, bring your flashlights; the caves are a perfect 72 deg. We will spend a little time in the caves before moving on. From there we will move on to traverse the old swap area, if your top is off make sure you have some bra or cover, we will be driving through mesquite trees, they have thorns and will bite, but just a little if given the chance. Then we will head over to Diablo Drop-off and play around on some of the hills at Diablo Drop-off and then head over the edge. We will run down Fish Creek to the primitive camp site where we will make camp about 2 AM. At dawn we head for home. Bring snacks and drinks, No firewood will be needed, it's still warm out there.

# 27<sup>th</sup> Adopt A Trail - Josh

# September

6<sup>th</sup> Monthly club meeting

# 10th Sherman Pass (Backward)

Trail Leader: Danny Ward

Cell 714-651-9717 d4lward@sbcglobal.net

Meeting Location: Troy Meadow Campground Entry

Meeting Time: 7:45 am – Leaving at 8:00 am.

**Directions to Pearsonville, Ca.:** Starting at CA-91 east bound toward the I-15, take I-15 north toward Barstow 43.3 miles. Take exit **141** to merge onto **US-395 north** toward Bishop/Adelanto 98.3 miles. Take the ramp onto **US-395 north** 7.3 miles to Pearsonville, Ca.

**Special Note:** Pearsonville, Ca. is the last chance for **Gas**. Pearsonville elevation is 2513 and going to Troy Meadow elevation of 7800 is a little bit of a climb.

**Directions to Troy Meadow Campground:** From Pearsonville take US Rt. 395 north 2.6 miles to Kennedy Meadow sign. Turn left at sign onto Nine-mile Canyon Road and go 24.6 miles to a "Y" intersection. Bear left onto Sherman Pass Road and go 10.3 miles to campground sign. Turn right at sign into campground.

**Special Equipment Required**: Minimum 31" tires but could have trouble. High ground clearance vehicle required and rear lockers.

**Trails Description:** Sherman Pass 4 wheel drive road is narrow, rocky, and steep. Road is difficult terrain, expert 4WD techniques required. Not suitable for long wheel base vehicles. (6.8 miles)

**Permits:** "Forest Adventure Pass" is needed to park along this trail.

**Reminder to Bring:** Camera, Warm Clothing, Chair, Lunches, etc.

**Weekend Plan:** I'm leaving Friday the 9th and tent camping Friday and Saturday nights at Troy Meadow Campground.

# 17<sup>th</sup> Holcomb Creek & Larga Flat, Big Bear

**Run Date:** Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>

Trail Organizer: Jack & Zoe

**RSVP:** YES, call or text 909-213-6787

**Equipment Required:** High ground clearance, off-road tires and low range required. Rear locker, skid plates and 33 inch tires or larger recommended. We have seen stock SUVs make it but with damage.

**Difficulty:** (1=Very Easy, 5=Extreme) Trail rated 3.5 moderate, due to boulder fields with no bypass (note most of the trail is easy).

Meeting Time: 8:30am. Go over rig readiness and trail plan, leave at 9:00am. Day trip only.

**Meeting Location:** We will meet at Rocky's Roadhouse (32150 Hilltop Blvd, Running Springs, CA 92382) i.e. usual spot next to the 76 gas station. From there, we will drive to 3N16 past Crab Flats to Larga Flat (2N06X) trail head. Then up to Holcomb Creek (3N93) and back down to 3N16.

**Trail Description:** Total apx. ~6 miles off road (allow 4 to 5 hours). You can expect to encounter large boulders, tippy terrain, puddles and moguls on sections of the trail. The US Forest Service rates this trail as Black Diamond Most Difficult trail and it is not recommended for stock SUVs. Body damage and breakage are possible. Elevation ranges from 5600' to over 6500'. Wet tires add to the difficulty as the trail crosses Holcomb Creek in a few areas.

**Permits Required:** Yes, Adventure Pass. \$30/yr or \$5/day, available at most local grocery/gas/ranger stations.

**Communications:** CB Channel 4 and/or HAM channel 146.550 MHz (club simplex #2)

**Reminder to Bring:** Bring lunch, snacks and extra water, chairs, tools, shovel, camera, extra weather appropriate clothing, etc.

Weather: If heavy wind or rain the trip will be canceled.

#### **Trail Head Coordinates:**

#### **Meeting location**

Lat/Lon (degrees/minutes/seconds) 34° 12' 17.42" N 117° 6' 6.5" W

Lat/Lon (decimal degrees) 34.204838 -117.101806

## Larga Flat 2N06X

Lat/Lon (degrees/minutes/seconds) 34° 17' 21.67" N 117° 2' 10.28" W

Lat/Lon (decimal degrees) 34.289354 -117.036190 **Departure:** We will leave on 3N16 near Crab Flats and head up towards Green Valley/Running Springs and exit out on Highway 18.

## 24<sup>th</sup> AAT BBQ

## October

# 1st Miller jeep trail / Lockwood Creek

## 4 Monthly club meeting

#### 8 First aid/ CPR

Wild Land First Aid Training instruction will focus on trail first aid emergencies.

Instructor: Shawn Youngblood is a paramedic with the Downey Fire Dept has successfully trained hundreds of students

Cost: \$60. Make checks payable to The Dirt Devils

RSVP & pay by the October 4th meeting

Mail checks to: Mike Wallace 20032 Clear River Lane

Yorba Linda CA 92886

Lunch: included

Start: 9am / Finish: 3pm Limited to 20 participants Location: Webber's garage

17092 Olive Grove Lane Silverado CA

# 14 – 16 Death Valley (E) - Rick

El mirage date not set'

# November

# 1 Monthly club meeting / 2017 run planning

## 4 - 6 Afton Canyon (M) - Chris

# 11 - 13 Panamint Valley PVD - Cal 4 Wheel event

## **December**

6 Monthly club meeting

# 10 Calico (D) and Calico (E) - Ron/ Mike

## **Guests & new members**

## Guest at the June meeting

- 1. Julie Hart and Mark Gay 2016 JK unlimited Rubicon
- 2. David & Lisa May '86 4Runner
- 3. Rob Shelton '11 JK unlimited
- 4. Roslyn and Steven Keene '08 Rubicon
- 5. Chris Raymond '98 Grand Cherokee
- 6. John Johnson '15 JK
- 7. Steven Gragg '14 JK unlimited Rubicon
- 8. Jacki Maybin '15 JK unlimited

# No new members voted in at the July meeting

## Club info

If it is necessary to send an email to fellow dirt devils send an email to <a href="mailto:members@dirtdevils.org">members@dirtdevils.org</a>

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

## Club officers

President: Mike Wallace proudpop80@gmail.com

**Immediate past president:** 

Ray Kleinhuizen kkfusedglass@roadrunner.com

**Vice President:** Chris Johnson johnsonsfamily@verizon.net

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

Treasurer: Dave Jones:

sportsadvantage2001@yahoo.com

Web Master: Chris Slaughter: webmaster@dirtdevils.org

Adopt a trail chairmans:

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Hospitality: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Safety Committee: Bill Smith:

Run Coordinator: Rick Walter rick03tj@gmail.com

**Emergency response team coordinator:** 

Rick Walter rick03tj@gmail.com

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

CAL4 wheel reps: Jesse May and Keith Graham

Emails: If it is necessary to make a general announcement to fellow dirt devils send an email to <a href="members@dirtdevils.org">members@dirtdevils.org</a> and the web master will forward it.

# 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 of ... \$56.25 CORVA .....\$30.00 <a href="http://cal4wheel.com/">http://cal4wheel.com/</a>

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

#### DD HAM's

1.	Scott Beggins	KJ6KBG
2.	Paul Coursey	KJ6NNG
3.	Tim DeBolt	KK6TRM
4.	James Ettinger	KK6UYU
5.	Roy Flansurg	KJ6SVM
6.	Keith Graham	KF6LZA
7.	Sandy Graham	KF6SBF
8.	Steve Hendry	KK6UYW
9.	Chris Johnson	KK6SAJ
10	. Pete Johnson	KM6ARI
11	. Dave Jones	KK6SAH
12	.Linda Jones	KK6SAI
13	.Cheryl May	KF6WNG
14	.Al Ramsden	KF6BCJ
15	.Chris Slaughter	KK6TMR
16	. Mike Wallace	KK6SBC
17	.Rob Wallace	KK6UZA
18	.Rick Walter	KJ6NME
19	.Ron Webber	KM6ANT
20	. Mel Nix	KK6SMI

# **Newsletter advertising**

\$25 for ½ 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)

Josh Bleijenberg Ray Kleinhuizen Josh B Danny Ward Ray Kleinhuizen Mike Wallace Josh Bleijenberg

## FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Jack & Zoe Roger Danny Ward Dave Jones Ray K Gilbert

## FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Mike Wallace clinic Ray Kleinhuizen Mike Rick Walter Bill S Ron Webber Calico Jack & Zoe Roger Mauer

# **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. While on the trail, not on the highway to the trail.



Old logo green bell

Roy Flansburg Pete Johnson HDR May 2016 Mike Zeller Holcomb Creek Feb 2016 Frank Gilliland Claw Hammer Frank Gilliland Holcomb Creek 9/26/15 Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 4/10/15 Josh Bleijenberg Dusy Ersham Sept 2014



**Brown bell** 

Ray Kleinhuizen Jack Sobelman rolled Moab Mar 2016 Rob Holcomb Valley / Gold Fever Suhag Claw Hammer Frank Gilliland Claw Hammer Bill Smith HDR May25 2015 Tim Debolt Rattlesnake Feb 2015 Rick Walter adopt a trail 6/27/2014 Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 5/4/2014



Little Blue bell
Frank Gilliland
Rick Walter Moab March 2016
Dave
Kurt Claw hammer
Frank Gilliland Holcomb Creek 9/26/15
Bill Smith HDR May25 2015 winched Bronco on to trailer
Gilbert at Corral Canyon 4/10/15
Chris Slaughter Grizzly
Rick Walter



Mike Maneth memorial bell

Joe at John Bull
Danny Ward at El Mirage apr 2016
Ray Kleinhuizen rolled, Motino Wash Mar 2016
James Ettinger Holcomb Creek
Frank Gilliland John Bull 6/27/2015
Mike Wallace Corral Canyon 4/10/15
James Ettinger Claw Hammer 1/10/15.
Castulo Olivas

# **Dirt Devil Accessories**



# Dirt Devils accessories

http://www.dirtdevils.org/

Item	Price	Qty order	Extended price
Round Stickers	15.00		
Whip flags 8" x 12"	25.00		
Large flags 3' x 5'	70.00		
Caps	20.00		
Caps camo	22.00		
T shirt short sleeve	20.00		
T shirt short sleeve camo	28.00		
*Sweatshirt	35.00		
**T shirt long sleeve	24.00		
Total			

Limited edition embroidered patches \$3. and \$4. See Emi at meeting. <a href="mailto:emiwebber@hotmail.com">emiwebber@hotmail.com</a> / checks payable to Dirt Devils

File: DD accessories order form.docx

<sup>\*</sup> Out of stock / \*\* Limited inventory