



The Dirt Devils Digest

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

Editors Message:

The holiday party, what can I say other than everything was great. The food, the company, the stories and the lively gift exchange. Thank you Ray and Karen for hosting such a fine event. Best of all I won the perpetual Dirt Devil white elephant gift. `

Ron Webber & Pete Johnson are now part of the ham radio click. We are still waiting for our call signs.

Click on the link below for an overview of just how much land the federal government controls:

<http://www.ocreger.com/articles/federal-699979-government-day.html>

it is amazing we get to go anywhere.

See you on the trail.

Ron & Emi Webber



Romantic Rides for Valentine's Day



Chris looks perfectly fine to me, Chris we wish you well and look forward to seeing you on the trail soon.

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Run Reports

Claw hammer (Johnson Valley)

1/15- 1/17 2016

Trail rating: Difficult

Trail Master: Joshua Bleijenberg

Tail Gunner: Frank Gilliland

OF RIGS: 10

Members/ Riders/ Rigs:

- Joshua Bleijenberg- TJ
- Gilbert Vasquez-XJ
- Frank Gilliland- TJ
- Suhag Patel- Toyota FJ80
- James Ettinger- JKU
- Brad and Brandin- TJ
- Kirk Smith - JKU
- Rod and Carol- TJ

Guests/ Rigs/ Riders:

- Chris and Frank- CJ
- Doug- YJ

Start: Brads campsite at Valley vista airport 9 AM

Weather: Mostly Sunny, but cold. mid 60's during the day and mid 30's at night

Trail report:

We headed out Friday evening around 5:30 and sat in traffic forever. James let me torture him pretty much the whole weekend and the 5 hour drive was the first leg of our journey. We very slowly made our way east and met up with Gilbert and Suhag at the cheese cake factory before heading up the hill. With our bellies full and still 2 hours away from our destination we steamed up the hill and arrived to camp around 11:30. Brad had a big hot fire burning and some cold drinks ready for us upon arrival. He was a gracious host and his campsite was a very welcome resource. I only wish it was a little warmer and we could have stayed longer. Those are just points to build on for next year. Chris and his brother Frank with a couple of riders met us Friday night and tent camped. They had a couple small children with them so they stayed away from the main fire and turned in early. The rest of us stayed up until 1 or so. James and I took few minutes and stripped the jeeps down so we would be a little lighter for the trails the next day.

Saturday morning we got started around 8 and cooked up some breakfast. Frank Gilliland, Kirk smith with his two riders, Doug, and Rod and Carol all met up with us around 8:30 and we made our way over to means dry lake just after 9. Kirk also stripped his jeep down that morning and we all aired down. There were a few race crews at means dry lake preping and testing, but we had an agenda and a trail to conquer so we pressed on. Rod and Carol

made it clear they would not be attempting the trail and just wanted to see the gate keeper. They did get a chance to test the new mods on their ride and got a show for their efforts. I think they have a pretty good idea of a "difficult" rated trail. Next time we will get them on the trail!

The rest of us embarked on a slightly weathered and loose Clawhammer trail. The entire trail is only .8 of a mile and we spent the better part of 5 hours to complete the mission. There are 2 or 3 parts that are pretty challenging and even heavily modified vehicles have trouble here. At the waterfall, which is about 1/2 way through, we got out the straps and had a bit of a winching educational moment. Suhag and Kirk both earned their first cowbells at this point. Frank earned yet another cowbell to add to his collection a little further down the trail. Gilbert also shredded a sidewall on his BFG 35" tire which he patched on the spot. The only other damage was Brads rear locker which was not activating. He ran the trail with a front locker only. He was showing off his driving skills as this trail is hard even with 2 lockers.

We finished up with all participants still running and fully functional although some of us earned some new jewelry.

Most people had only rsvp'd for Saturday only, so we kind of scattered after the run. Only James, Gilbert, Kirk, Chris, Brad, Suhag and Josh went back to camp. Kirk just to grab his doors and top. Suhag to load up some gear, and Chris and Gilbert to pack up the tents. By 6 pm It was only James and myself and we contemplated some options. We had some dinner and realized maybe we would save Sledge hammer for another time. We saddled up and made the trek back down the hill. It took about 3 hours to get home which was very welcome considering I slept for about 12 hours upon my return. That was followed by a pretty brutal cold/ flu that put me down for the next couple of weeks. I'm glad I didn't spend another night camping and wake up to feel that way and still need to make it home. I think we made the right choice.

Thanks to all who made it a great trip! I am looking forward to the next one!

Cowbells: Suhag Patel, Kirk Smith, Frank Gilliland

Damage: Gilberts tire and Brads rear locker

King of the hammers

By: Ron Webber

The King of the Hammers race vehicles are capable of speeds over 100 miles per hour across the desert sections, but still negotiate the technical aspects of rock crawling. Most racers use highly modified V8 engines that can have up to 800 hp. Just imagine the engineering that goes into these rigs.

The competitors start side-by-side, two vehicles every thirty seconds, and must complete the 165-mile course in less than 14 hours. Each team must pass through seven checkpoints and at all times while staying within one hundred feet of the centerline of the course. KOH is a no-chase-team race; repairs can only be done on the trail by the racers or in the pit area.

I and a few my former dirt bike riding buddies hung out at Brad's place in Johnson Valley, what a great location, after spending the days watching the race we were able to drive back up the hill, enjoy an adult beverage and dinner while looking over the whole valley. Yes, there is a cloud of dust that hangs over the whole valley. The dust cloud does not make it Brad's Place.



A view of Back Door Trail, only one out of ten rigs make it over the waterfall without winning. I am told that only 10% finish.



there must be 10,000 RVs and 50,000 people at KoH. This event is huge. If you want to be entertained do an internet on King Of The Hammers there are no shortage of pictures, videos and stories about this event.

**The final Land Rover Defender
Rolls Off the Line**



The Land Rover Defender has been in continuous production since 1948, with more than 2 million built. Originally known simply as the Land Rover Series I, and then the Series II—it didn't acquire the Defender name until 1990—the off-roader has been built in numerous iterations: two-door softtop and hardtop, four-door station wagon, pickup truck, fire truck, snow plow, etc. The Land Rover's reach expanded to the far corners of the world—even as Britain's worldwide influence receded.

the old-school Land Rover 4x4 disappeared from the U.S. market in 1997, at which point it was already a relic. I thought it was gone along time ago. The old school Land Rover will be missed, but we still have Jeep.



Land rovers

CA4 Wheel Drive Assoc

February 19 – 21 2016

Convention & Jeep raffle

11211 Point East Drive, Rancho Cordova near Sacramento

Win a Jeep & keep trails open.

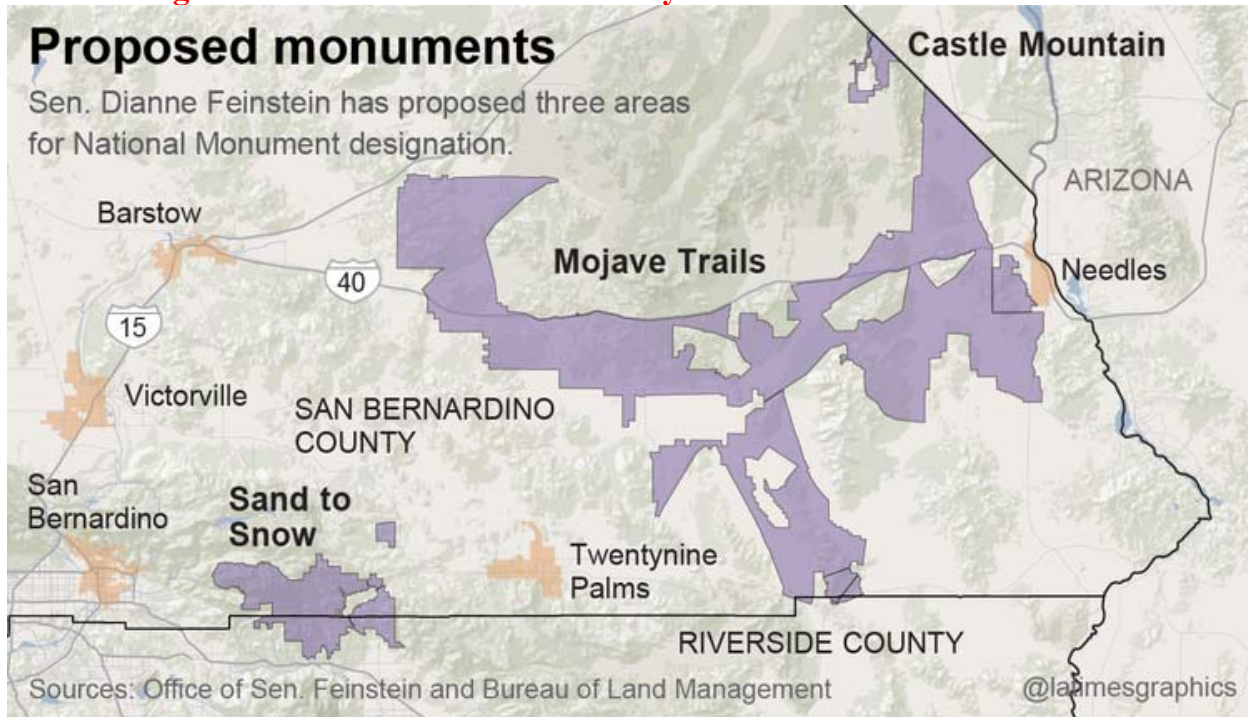
<http://www.cal4wheel.com/win-a-jeep>

Raffle date: 2/21/2016 in Sacramento



- ARB fridge
- 37" BFG tires
- Genright aluminium fenders, bumpers, skid plate
- JE Real drive shafts
- Atlas 2 transfer case
- Sney's LED lights
- K&N air intake
- Curry front dif
- Yukon axle shafts w/ zip air lockers
- PSC hydro steering
- Fox shocks
- PRP seats
- Rock hard sport cage
- TBM brakes
- BBS short arm kit
- Warn winch
- Odyssey battery
- Kicker sound system
- Sider web bikini top
- Reid hi steer knuckles
- Rugged ridge hood latches, handles, mats, 1/2 doors
- LGE paint work

Obama grants monument status to nearly 2 million acres across Calif. Desert



President Obama granted national monument status Friday to nearly 1.8 million acres of scenic Southern California desert. Obama, in California this week for a fundraising swing, signed proclamations establishing three regions as national monuments — Mojave Trails, Castle Mountains (both in the Mojave Desert) and Sand to Snow in the Sonoran Desert. The White House says the designations will nearly double the amount of public land that Obama has designated for national monument status since taking office.

In addition to permanently protecting incredible natural resources, wildlife habitat and unique historic and cultural sites, and providing recreational opportunities for a burgeoning region, the monuments will support climate resiliency in the region...

White House statement

Castle Mountains National Monument, in the Mojave Desert, links two mountain ranges. Sand to Snow National Monument rises from the floor of the Sonoran Desert to the 11,503-foot peak of Mount San Geronio, Southern California's tallest alpine peak. Its diverse landscape includes the headwaters of the state's Santa Ana and Whitewater rivers and is home to 240 species of birds and 12 endangered or threatened species of wildlife. It also contains an estimated 1,700 Native American petroglyphs and 30 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

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

February

20 Holcomb Creek 3N93(snow run) (Dif) –
Rick Walter
26 –28 Primm NV, Colosseum Gorge Trail (M) –
Rick Walter
80 miles, will be an overnight run

March

1 Monthly club meeting
4 - 6 Tierra Del Sol Desert Safari - non club event
12 Motino Wash (D) / Rattlesnake canyon
(E)-D Josh/ E Ron
19 Adopt A Trail - Roger
19 - 27 Easter Jeep Safari Moab - Dave & Zoe
plan to go through Flagstaff on Friday, then through
Monument Valley.
25 -4/ 3 Moab (trail ratings Dif) – Dave

April

5 Monthly club meeting
9 Adopt A Trail - Danny
15 – 17 El Mirage Jim & Karen
22 –24 Anza Borrego (M) - Mike
29 –1 Corral Canyon (D) - Danny

May

3 Monthly club meeting
7 Adopt A Trail - Chris
12 –14 Jeep Jamboree Big Bear - non club event
13- 14 Molina Ghost run sponsored by CAL4WD see
in gear or
www.cal4wheel.com/molina-ghost-run
20 –22 Overland Expo, Flagstaff AZ. - non club event
21 HDR Prerun Devils Loop (M) - Ray
27 –29 HDR Cal 4 Wheel Devils Loop (M) - Ray

June

7 Monthly club meeting
11 Adopt A Trail - Roger
17 –19 Big Bear Forest Fest – non club event
17 –25 Grand Canyon North Rim (E/M) – Ray

July

5 Monthly club meeting
16 John Bull (D) - Josh
23 Adopt A Trail - Ray
Old white mtn road near bishop No date

August

2 Monthly club meeting
6 Off road Clinic 1 - Mike
13 Off road Clinic 2 - Mike
13 Little John Bull night run (M) - Jack& Zoe
20 Adopt A Trail - Josh
11 –14 Jeep Jamboree Rubicon Trail - non club event

September

6 Monthly club meeting
9 –11 Sherman Pass (M) - Danny
17 Holcomb Creek (D) - Jack&Zoe
24 AAT BBQ

October

4 Monthly club meeting
7, 8 Miller jeep trail / lockwood creek
14 - 16 Death Valley (E) - Rick
El mirage date not set

November

1 Monthly club meeting / run planning 2017
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

Mel & Barbara 2014 JK
 Don Landry and Mary Karr 2015 JKU
 Ken & Eva 2016 JK
 Nikki 2014 JK
 Joe 2009 JK
 Chris Raymond 1998 ZJ Grand Cherokee
 Nick 2015 Wrangler limited

New members

Steve ran Gold Mountain clinic and Black Mountain.

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

Club officers

President: Ray Kleinhuizen

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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

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

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

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

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)

Josh B
Danny Ward
Ray Kleinhuizen
Mike Wallace
Josh Bleijenberg

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Dave Jones
Ray K
Gilbert
Mike Wallace
Josh Bleijenberg
Pete Johnson

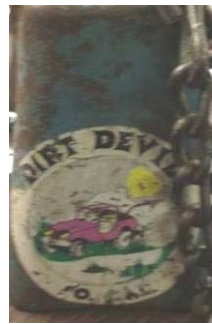
FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Rick Walter
Bill S
Ron Webber Calico
Jack & Zoe
Roger Mauer
Danny Ward
Ron Webber March 2015 Calico

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

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

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

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 Wallace



Mike Maneth memorial bell

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