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Means Dry Lake after it rained 4 inches in 18 hour period October 2018.

Editors Message:

Steve Gardiner passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack. Steve was very active with Cal4Wheel, CORVA and anything OHV. Steve helped with the CAL4wheel Jeep auction, 4x4 runs & motorcycle runs and promoted OHV at various events. There will be a celebration of life for Steve at SlashX (Barstow) from 6pm- 9pm on Sept 19th. <https://cal4wheel.com/steve-gardiner>

No one in Sacramento has asked for my advice, I believe the great outdoors, is the best place to practice safe distancing.

Covid & the fires get blamed for everything. Vinnie can't get permits for Truckhaven Challenge in January because of COVID. Bishop to Bridgeport run is cancelled because of the fires.

Motino wash (North side of Big Bear) needs a leader, if you're willing and available contact the Pres Rob Rien.

Our meetings did start back up in the back parking lot at Zito's. It is working out well (don't tell Sacramento).

We are looking for a few good Dirt Devils to manage accessories, if you're willing and available contact the Pres Rob Rien.

Ham radios are a hundred times better than a CB. Go to Dirtdevils.org and click on "HAM & CB" Chris has added a lot of good ham info including online practice test and where to go to take the test.

2020 is not over yet and there are still a few opportunities to get outside, check the calendar dirtdevils.org and facebook will always have the most current info .

October 17th we will be holding our annual **2021 run planning** meeting all Dirt Devils members are welcome. If you have not led a run before, come anyway and join in the conversation. We will be meeting at my house in Modjeska Canyon, please RSVP.

CAL4wheel and CORVA donations are down (it's COVID fault).

Thank you, Ray & Karen for a great run report.

See you on the trail.

Ron Webber



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New members

August

Maurice Cote F250 & 2007 JX

Maurice is new to off-roading (new jeep a year ago) visited a couple different clubs and liked the Dirt Devils, he went on 2 of Ray's runs. Ray reported that during the Bishop run (no man left behind) Maurice really stepped up to help on the trail.

September

Aghassi Gharadaghian 2013 JK Rubicon 1st visit has a lot of off-road experience, has been on a few runs with the club over the past year and a half. Aghassi is interested in becoming a run leader, learning from our club and passing on his knowledge

Guest

September

Randy Smith 2nd visit 2005 LJ 7th visit

Tim & Tracey Rosas 2014 JKU Rubicon 3rd visit

Fred and Kris Mulder 2003 Rubicon 2nd visit

Terry & Cindy Olson 2020 Gladiator 3rd visit

Tom and Thu Burke 2020 Rubicon 2nd visit

David & Margo Cagle 2012 JK 2nd visit

David & Margo ran Cleghorn with the Dirt Devils

Niccole Castellanos and Chris Campbell 2014 JK 3rd visit

Mynor Moreno & Audrey Reavides 2006 LJ Rubicon 1st visit

Brian & Stacy Keown 2005 TJ 1st visit

Brian Stroud '15 overlander; '01 WJ; '89 CJ7 1st visit

Wes Hibbs 2013 JK Rubicon 1st visit

JP Joce Martinez & Maria Perez 2018 JL 2nd visit

Alex & Katherine Brandt 2020 Gladiator 1st visit

Dan & Patricia Weir 2020 Gladiator 1st visit

1st visit

August

Tim & Tracey Rosas 2014 JKU Rubicon 2nd visit

Chris Campbell & Niccole Castellanos 2015 JK 2nd visit

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Randy Smith 2nd visit 2005 LJ 6th visit

Scott Kahle 2004 LJ 4th visit

David & Margo Cagle 2012 JK 1st visit

Tom and Thu Burke 2020 Rubicon 1st visit

Mike and Charlotte Murey 1st visit

Fred and Kris Mulder 2003 Rubicon 1st visit

Terry & Cindy Olson a new Gladiator 1st visit

Jason Taylor 2011 Wrangler 1st visit

Jason's rig is modified, scratched and ready for more.

July

Randy Smith 2nd visit 2005 LJ 5th visit

Terry Olson a new unscratched Gladiator 1st visit

Niccole Castellanos and Chris Campbell JK 2015 1st visit

Trail politics



Defend your right to enjoy the great outdoors.

Stay active, support my golf

www.cal4wheel.com/

www.sierraaccesscoalition.com/

www.corva.org

www.sharetrails.org

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Oceano Dunes has been closed down for awhile, it may re-open on October 1 there is talk of a big rally to show support of the opening.

Truckhaven Challenge update (Run Leader: Vinnie Barbarino) California State Park Ocotillo Wells is not issuing permits due to COVID

U.S. CONGRESS PASSES GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT
Both chambers of the U.S. Congress have passed the Great American Outdoors Act, and President Donald Trump has indicated he will sign the bill. It will provide up to \$9.5 billion to address infrastructure needs within the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other federal agencies. In addition, the bill will fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund, directing \$900 million per year for outdoor recreation, including public lands, parks, and trails. The funds will come from energy development revenues on federal land and water.

“If you’re an RVer, or any kind of outdoor recreation enthusiast, the Great American Outdoors Act is the best thing to happen to our community in six decades,” said Craig Kirby, RV Industry Association (RVIA) president. In May, RVIA joined 28 other national outdoor recreation trade associations in calling for Congress to pass the act. The bill had bipartisan support in both chambers. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill, 310 to 107, on July 22. The U.S. Senate passed it on June 17 by a 73 to 25 vote.

NATIONAL PARK VISITS BOOST ECONOMY AND SUPPORT JOBS
Spending by visitors to U.S. national parks in 2019 resulted in a \$41.7 billion boost to the U.S. and local economies, and such spending supported 340,500 jobs, according to a National Park Service report.

Visitor spending increased by \$800 million from 2018 to 2019, and the overall effect on the U.S. economy grew by \$1.6 billion, the report, “2019 National Park Visitor Spending Effects,” said. In the last five years, visitor spending has increased by \$4.1 billion and the effect on the U.S. economy grew by \$9.7 billion. National Park System sites exist in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam.

Satellite phones

Satellite phones a good article at [gearjunkie.com](https://gearjunkie.com/best-satellite-phone)
<https://gearjunkie.com/best-satellite-phone>

Satellite Communicator Garmin inReach
<https://www.garmin.com/en-US/search/?query=inreach>
[Learn more about inReach satellite subscription plans](#)

Run Reports

Oriflamme Canyon led by Rob & Karen

6 rigs met at the Vons off Indian Truck Trail Saturday morning. We had two guests along for the fun. After a driver meeting, we headed out. We traveled south on i15 to the

trailhead off S2 San Felipe Road. The trailhead is well marked and easily accessed. Karen led the run in her Grand Cherokee Trailhawk and had no issues, just one section where she needed to be spotted. It was hot, about 100 degrees, but a good day. The trail was not busy, and we made it through without issues and had a great lunch at Julian Station.

Run Report Bishop July

Club members in attendance:

Ray and Karen Kleinhuisen (run leaders)

Danny and Linda Ward.

Bill and Donna Schopper

Rachel Woolbert

Aaron Woolbert and Corri Vega

Richard Van Duyn and Melani Van Duyn

Terry Pucket

Tim Thomas

Guests

Maurice and Andrew Cote

Chris Campbell

Nicole Castellanos

Lance Howard



Saturday July 18:

The run starts with Old White Mountain Rd followed by a drive up to 11k altitude to visit the Patriarch Grove of Bristlecone Pines. We finish the run going down Silver Canyon to Bishop.



Old White Mountain road is a moderate trail that starts at Hwy 168 and ends near the Grandview campground. The first optional difficult section is tight and rocky. Drivers need to climb the wall a little to make it through. Everyone who tried it made it through. A few needed more than one try. The second optional difficult section is a steep rocky waterfall to climb. Some drivers needed multiple try's but all that tried made it through.



Near the end of White Mountain Rd. Chris Campbell reported a loud pop coming from under his hood. After checking hoses and air connections we found the battery cap was off. The battery looked fine but would not start the Jeep. We tried my Micro Start with boost still no luck. We used a rope to pull Chris to the entrance of Grandview Campground. No cowbell, Chris is a guest. After working with the auto club to get a tow for the Jeep. Chris, Nicole and their dog needed a ride.

That's when the HERO of the day, Maurice Cote, volunteered to help. Maurice went down to Bishop to get his truck came back to pick up Chris, Nicole and dog. The Auto club would only take the vehicle because of COVID. Thank you so much Maurice.

After lunch, we drove over to the Patriarch Grove. This is the home of the oldest and largest Bristlecone Pines. There's a short guided trail that a few people walked. The trees really like the high altitude at 11326 ft. per GPS.

We made our final stop of the day at the top of Silver Canyon at 10090 ft. per GPS. We had a fairly clear view of the eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains and Bishop down in the Owens Valley. Silver Canyon is very steep with lots of tight switchbacks and big rocks in a few spots. Time to use your low gears to keep your speed under control. There are several water crossings at the bottom of Silver Canyon. I think a few people got carried away in the last few water crossings.

We had a fun pizza meetup in the Bishop City Park Saturday after the run. This is when we found out Chris put a new battery in his Jeep but it still would not start. Chris had a plan for getting the Jeep home but there's more to the story later.

Sunday July 19:

When I arrived at the meet spot the last person I expected to see was Chris; but there he was. After reading the error codes and trying some things that did not work. Chris reseated a fuse that didn't look right and it started. Chris, Nicole and the dog were with us all day Sunday.

This day was in the Volcanic Tablelands northwest of Bishop. These trails are more about points of interest then hard wheeling. We did have a steep hill climb and a steep rocky downhill.



The first three stops were Petroglyph sites. Some of these Petroglyph's are carved deep into rock which is very unique. Next was a slow ride through Red Rock Canyon. This is a narrow canyon with large unusual looking red rocks. We had a problem with the HAM radio's on the DD1 frequency. We fixed the problem by switching to DD2.



After lunch we stopped at a high altitude view spot overlooking Lake Crowley and Mammoth Mountain. The last stop was at a very good view overlooking the Owens River Gorge. Not the Grand Canyon but pretty cool.

A special thanks to Danny & Linda Ward and Bill & Donna Schopper for all there help and support conducting this run. Overall a great trip with a good group of members and guests.

Run Calendar

September

26th [Lockwood Miller Jeep Trail](#)

Craig Woolbert & Mike Wallace

October

6th [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

10th [CA4WD South District Meeting](#)

9am – 3pm Bass Pro Shop Rancho Cucamonga

https://cal4wheel.com/latest-news/calendar/g-1-056e5tbfeeqoih0qsimkjraa8_202010101600

12th [Victor Valley Fun in the Desert](#)

https://cal4wheel.com/latest-news/calendar/g-1-6jupjkdslup3sqghcspqbispfd_20201012

16th [Operation Desert Fun](#)

https://cal4wheel.com/latest-news/calendar/g-1-1g7e15teoh0sp5uh1bvs144hla_20201016

17th [Run Planning Meeting](#) at Webber's

start 4pm

If you are at all interested in leading, co-leading or learning what is involved in leading a run come to the meeting.

18th [Off-Road Clinic](#)

Mike Wallace

24th [Pioneer to Onyx Summit Ladies Run](#)

Shawna VanWormer & Karen Rien

November

3rd [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

13th - 15th [Panamint Valley Days](#) Cal4Wheel

<https://cal4wheel.com/events/panamint-valley-days>

14th [Motino Wash/Rattlesnake Canyon](#) TBD

December

1st [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

4 - 6th [Calico](#)

Ron Webber

12th [Holiday Lights](#) TBD

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.

Meeting typical place

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

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.

The forest service does require an Adventure pass
<https://www.fs.fed.us/portaldata/r5/ap/r5-ap-vendors.php>

Club info

The Dirt Devils are a 501(c)(7) corporation

Meeting Time and Place

First Tuesday each month, 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza,

2036 Tustin Street, Orange, CA 92865
(714) 974-6191

Corner of Tustin Street and Meats Street (drive west on Meats plenty of parking in the rear of the restaurant with DIRECT ACCESS to the Meeting Room)

www.zitospizza.com

Club officers

President: Rob Rien prez@dirdevils.org

Immediate past president:

Mike Wallace proudpop80@gmail.com

Vice President: John Johnson vpres@dirdevils.org

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Accessories and Hospitality: Bill and Donna Schopper

Safety: Rick Walter

Run Coordinator: Brandon Errickson
rundude@dirdevils.org

Emergency response team coordinator:

Rick Walter rundude@dirdevils.org

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

CAL4 wheel reps: Jesse May and Keith Graham

CORVA rep: Vinnie Barbarino / 80hiluxcrawler@gmail.com

Tips and Tricks Robert Rien RRien07@gmail.com

Dirt Devil Emails:

If it is necessary to make a general announcement to fellow dirt devils send an email to members@dirdevils.org and the web master will forward.

Post office box:

Dirt Devils of So Cal
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Orange, CA 92867

Club membership

Membership dues:

- Dirt Devil annual club dues\$36.00
- Spouse.....\$12.00
- CORVA\$30.00
- CAL4WD annual dues\$45.00
- CAL4WD permanent member\$675.00
- CAL4WD permanent member 12 installments of ...\$56.25

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

First aid kit tracking

AED / Defibrillator

- RobR Bishop
- Ron Webber High Sierra
- MikeW Clarks grade
- Mike W off road clinic
- Danny W Sherman Pass

FA #1

- RobR Bishop
- Ron Webber High Sierra
- MikeW Cleghorn
- Danny W Sherman Pass

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

- out of service
- Mike Clarks grade
- James& Nick Holcomb Creek
- Roger AAT

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

- out of service
- Mike W offroad clinic
- Ray & Karen North rim

FA #4 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

- Craig W Miller
- Rob R Anza Mud Caves
- Brandon out of service
- Mike W Clarks grade

DD HAM's

Dirt Devil's primary frequency aka DDprime, 146.510 simplex

Mike and John have the RT systems programmer for the following radios: Kewood 710; Yeasu 2 & 60 (handheld), 400, 8900; Baofeng handhelds BF F8, UV 5R; UV 82HP

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| 1. Scott Beggins | KJ6KBG |
| 2. Paul Coursey | KJ6NNG |
| 3. Tim DeBolt | KK6TRM |
| 4. James Ettinger | KK6UYU |
| 5. Roy Flansburg | KJ6EVM |
| 6. Robert Gabrlson | K6RPG |
| 7. Mark Gay | KM6IBP |
| 8. Keith Graham | KF6LZA |
| 9. Sandy Graham | KF6SBF |
| 10. Julie Hart | N2RLY |
| 11. Steve Hendry | KK6UYW |
| 12. Chris Johnson | KK6SAJ |
| 13. Pete Johnson | KM6ARI |
| 14. Nick Kovacevich | KM6PIN |
| 15. Cheryl May | KF6WNG |
| 16. Al Ramsden | KF6BCJ |
| 17. Rob Rien | KM6GOT |
| 18. Karen Rien | KM6GOS |
| 19. Chris Slaughter | KK6TMR |
| 20. Mike Wallace | KK6SBC |
| 21. Rob Wallace | KK6UZA |
| 22. Rick Walter | KJ6NME |
| 23. Ron Webber | KM6ANT |

Cow bells

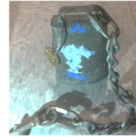


From left to right cowbell 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5



#1 Mike Maneth memorial bell

Roger 6/30/2019 Holcomb
 RobR 4/6 Cleghorn
 Vinnie Barbarino 4/6/2018
 calico gatekeeper
 John Johnson



#4 Little Blue bell

Richard V HDR Devils Loop
 Brian Powell 8/18/18 John bull
 Nick Kovaceich 4/6/2018 Kane Creek
 Rob Rien 3/4/18 Snow run Holcomb



#2 Brown bell

Raelene 6/30/2019 Holcomb
 Brandon Errickson 12/08/2018 Calico
 Danny Ward 4/6/2018 Kane Creek
 Rob Rien 2/24/18 Pinyon Mtn,



#5 Big Bertha

Brandon 7/13/2019 John Bull night run
 RobR 4/27 AAT
 Dave Behlings 6/9/18 Grizzlycon
 Dave Behlings 4/6/2018 Kane Creek



#3 New Brown

MikeW Holcomb Creek
 Josh/ Brayden Schiller 8/18/18 John Bull
 Rob Wallace 4/6/2018 Kane Creek



The cow bell rules are: Cow bells are awarded from air down to air up. 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 Dirt Devils then you have earned the privilege of hanging the 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 help attach the cow bell to their bumper.