



The Dirt Devils Digest

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

Editors Message:

The Dirt Devils has their own license KK1DD, yahoo.

The Cal4WD Jeep raffle was won by a fellow offroader in North Carolina. What a pleasure to know that Carolinian's are supporting us & Cal4WD. Total income for the raffle was about \$68,000.

Off road warehouse is having a giant grand opening at their newest location on March 27th. 1531 Pomona Rd Corona visible from the 91 near Lincoln

For current run announcement detail, please go to www.dirtdevils.org/. This will be a fun year there are lots of runs planned and probably some unplanned runs as well.

CAL4wheel and CORVA income is down meaning there are fewer dollars to spend on keeping trails open. If you have a spare nickel give it to these two groups.

Run leaders, we need run announcements, if you need the form then ask Chris or Rob. Of course after the run it is always good to hear about the run.



See you on the trail.

Ron Webber

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Jeepster Commando built from 1966 - 1972

New members

December

Gail and Tom Bashaw – have been on 2 runs (onyx summit ladies run and rattlesnake canyon) they are new to Jeeping, and have a 2020 stock Rubicon. They plan to modify it. They live in Yucaipa, they wanted to join the Dirt Devils because the website and runs are organized and a lot of our runs are out in their area anyway.

January

Randy Smith 2005 LJ

Mark and Darlene Chadwick 2005 LJ

February

Niccole Castellanos and Chris Campbell 2014 JK

Chris has a 2015 JK 2 door, 3-inch lift, lockers front and rear, 35's, lots of scratches. Niccole bought her 2014 Jeep in Puerto Rico, loves wheeling and enjoys going out with the club. Niccole and Chris have been wheeling a lot since COVID started, they did the Rubicon Trail for the first time, 2 Moab trips, Bishop 4 times, Sedona, AZ and some other AZ spots a few times, lots of local trips.

Tom and Thu Burke 2020 Rubicon

JL with a 2-inch lift and 37's. Tom is new to wheeling and is looking forward to the adventure. No scratches yet.

David Cagel – 2012 JK, 4 ½-inch lift, 37s, lockers. Ran Sugarpine a few times and is looking forward to finding out what his rig can do.

Guest

March

Curt Champillion 2013 JKU 2nd visit

Michael Lynch 2013 JKU 1st visit

Tim & Tracey Rosas 2014 JKU Rubicon 5th visit

Mike and Charlotte Murey 2021 Gladiator 2nd visit

Rick Doria 2020 JLUREcon 1st visit

Steve Babyak 2014 JKUS 4th visit

Harry Long 2012 JK 1st visit

Mike and Christie Olson 1990 YJ 1st visit
the live in beautiful Silverado

Edward Bair 2004 Grand Cherokee 1st visit

Ron Bair 2001 WJ 1st visit

Travis Bair 2000 WJ 1st visit
yes, the Bair's are brothers

February

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Mike & Charlotte Murey 2021 Gladiator 2nd visit

January

Mathew Masullo and Megan Mikhail 3rd visit 2011 JK

Wesley Hibbs 2nd visit 2013 JKUR

Ben and Gabby Burns 1st visit JLU

Niccole Castellanos and Chris Campbell 2014 JK 6th visit

Tricks of the trail

Gas & water spouts and pumps

<https://koolproducts.us/>

<https://gasspouts.com/>

<https://www.terapump.net/product-p/trep01.htm>

takes 2 D batteries this works great for a 5g can

Trail politics



Defend your right to enjoy the great outdoors.

Stay active, support my golf

www.cal4wheel.com/

[www.sierraaccesscoalition](http://www.sierraaccesscoalition.org/)

www.corva.org

www.sharetrails.org

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18 wrong predictions

Predictions made on the first Earth Day in 1970

All 18 are interesting to read.

<https://www.aei.org/carpe-diem/18-spectacularly-wrong-predictions-made-around-the-time-of-the-first-earth-day-in-1970-expect-more-this-year/>

18. Kenneth Watt warned about a pending Ice Age in a speech. "The world has been chilling sharply for about twenty years," he declared. "If present trends continue, the world will be about four degrees colder for the global mean temperature in 1990 and eleven degrees colder in the year 2000. This is about twice what it would take to put us into an ice age."

Satellite phones

Satellite phones a good article at gearjunkie.com

<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

Toyota News

The Land Cruiser is no more. how will Toyota replace it?

Toyota has announced that the 2021 model year will be the final year for the Land Cruiser name in the United States

https://www.overlandexpo.com/whats-new/2021/1/23/toyota-discontinues-land-cruiser?utm_source=Overland+Expo+General+Interest+List&utm_campaign=2fc3237794-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_01_21_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_39010529c3-2fc3237794-408046826&mc_cid=2fc3237794&mc_eid=63e97e3967

Kawa News

Some of the longest range, most storied overland motorcyclists have trusted their round-the-world journeys to Kawasaki's KLR650. With nicknames like "The Mule" and "The Tractor," it's not surprising that this machine is synonymous with reliability and go-ability

<https://www.overlandexpo.com/whats-new/2022-kawasaki-klr650-details-specs-pricing>

Ham radio news

The club now has it own license

Jay announced that the FCC has issued the Dirt Devils a club license Jay applied for a vanity call sign and got the approval this morning. Our new club call sign is KK1DD. In order to use the club call sign on runs, we will need to have a ham control operator (someone with a HAM radio call sign) on every run.

the club having its own license gives us the option of having non-licensed people on our runs being able to use their ham radios with the club call sign as long as they are on a run with a licensed operator.

We strongly encourage everyone get their own license. Please See Mike Wallace for help Programming your HAM Radios.

Run Reports

January 16th Berdoo Canyon

Run leader Rob Gabrielson Great run with a lot of guest in attendance. We had 19 rigs, 12 members, 7 guests, covered about 100 miles (50 on dirt). One member had an issue with shocks and bowed out early. Took a nice tour of Joshua tree, Brooklyn Mine area, made it back to pavement about 5pm.

January 23rd Big Bear Snow run

Great time, lots of snow and ice, several guests in attendance. Rob R started off leading the run, Rob G led the second half of the trail. We had 16 rigs signed up, ended up with 12, had one tagalong at the trailhead and picked up a few more towards the end of the run. One person started off at a different location and was going to meet us on the trail but we never saw them. There were a few good sized groups on the trail. There was snow on top of ice in a lot of sections, one tagalong did a 270

on the trail going down the hill. We aired down really low (Rob G started of at about 10 and ended up at 3) Ron W had to put chains on to get up an icy hill. Ron W and Rob R went about 100 yards backwards down the hill sliding on ice. On the second half of the trail, we had to make sure to stay all the way to the edge of the trail in the fresh snow in order to gain traction. There was an incident with a Jeep sliding into a truck, but it ended up fine. No cowbells on this trip.

February 6th Last Chance Canyon

Report given by Rob G – had 12 rigs; 1 Toyota and 11 jeeps, 9 club drivers, 3 guest drivers. More than half of the vehicles did the v-notch at Last Chance Canyon. At Graduation Hill, Chris had some issues with his transfer case and had to be winched up the hill – Chris earned a cowbell. Chris finished the trail in 4-high and finished the rest of the trail with no other issues. At Burro Schmidt tunnel, tons of side-by-sides showed up outside the tunnel and swarmed the area, there ended up being over 100 vehicles. Thankfully they were going the other direction and we did not run into them again. Good fun run

February 12th

Anza Borrego Desert, The Squeeze and Heart Attack Hill

Report given by Rob R. We had 10 vehicles on Saturday for The Squeeze and Heart Attack Hill. Tim got through the squeeze with his exoskeleton (he had a few scratches but got through). We had a few JL's on this run and JL's are about 2 inches wider than the JK's and it was tough to get them through but we got them through with minimal scratches. One guest on the run that met up and tagged along with another attendee at a gas station came along on the run, tried to spot his wife through The Squeeze while Rob was spotting and Rob had to let him spot his wife through. Allan got one small dent on his driver's side door. Everyone made it through the Frog Rock section and down Heart Attack Hill no problem. We ran into 3 teenagers (one going into the army) in an old Chevy army truck – they got it through the squeeze no problem (had plenty of scratches and dents at the end of it) but they asked for spotting help on Heart Attack Hill. Great group of teenagers.

On Sunday we went to Sandstone Canyon and found out it was closed. We decided to go across the desert and Chris and Craig led us over to Font's Point. After leaving Font's Point, we had to rescue a couple of 2 wheel drive vehicles from the soft sand on the road to Font's Point. After Font's Point, we went into the town of Borrego Springs and had dinner at the Red Ocotillo (recommended by Craig Woolbert) and had a very good meal.

Stagecoach RV Resort has made a lot of enhancements to the campground in the past few years and is Rob & Karen's go-to camping spot when staying in the area

February 20th Cleghorn

Report given by Jay. We had 12 vehicles on this run. This was 2 different runs, one goes over the 15 and Hwy 38 – We started off on Cleghorn with most of the usual offshoots –

some of the offshoots were taken over by groups of people so we had to bypass some of the good offshoots. We found some good offshoots, had a lunch break then started Sugarpine; we got in about 7 miles and hit a lot of snow, drove into the snow a bit, did ok then Jay walked about 100 yards to see the conditions, decided to turn around but then went further and went off camber and started to slide down the hill. They made the final decision to turn around and went back down the hill by 3:00 and called it a day. 6 guests, 6 members. Had a good day.

Run Calendar

For Run details go to DirtDevils.org then click on [2021 Run Calendar](#)

March

13th Stoddard Valley OHV area Run Leader: Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen

This run will take participants through sandy and rocky washes, small to medium sized hills, rocky hill climbs, steep hill climbs and off camber situations. We will cross old race courses, sometimes traveling on the race course. This run will take us through some sections of the Devils Loop trail and some sections of the Achy Breaky trail. This will be a day run and a night run. You can do the day run only or the night run only or both. It is mostly easy but goes by a lot of difficult things – Achy Breaky, Devils Loop, Pumpkin Eater. It can be as easy or difficult as you want.

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

26th – 28th Barstow to Death Valley Run Leader: Dave & Trish Behlings **cancelled**

27th to April 4th Moab UT Jeep Safari week.

27th Offroad warehouse is opening a new location.
1531 Pomona Rd Corona
visible from the 91 near Lincoln

April

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

March 27th April 4th – Moab UT Run Leader: Mike Wallace

3rd Red Canyon to Red Cloud Mine Run Leader: Bill Schopper

This trail starts in Indio just past Scirocco Summit. Red Cloud Canyon Drive to Red Cloud Mine OHV Route is a 19 mile moderately trafficked out and back trail located near Indio, California that features beautiful wildflowers and is rated as moderate. The trail is primarily used for nature trips, bird

watching, and off road driving and is best used from March until October. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash. This will be a full day going through washes and checking out the mine, some rock gardens.

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

4th – 9th Moab UT Run Leader: Mike Wallace

24th Corral Canyon OHV area East San Diego Run
Leader: Danny Ward

Sidewinder is rated most difficult. A nasty hardcore trail with steep ascents and descents over rocky terrain, tight brush, and large boulders. This trail has No Bypasses. The trail is short, 1 miles long, so about 2 hours with no breakdowns. Bronco Peak is rated most difficult. A nasty hardcore trail with very steep ascents and descents over rocky terrain, tight brush, and large boulders. This trail has No Bypasses. The trail is short, 1.8 miles long, so about 3 hours with no breakdowns. Depending on time there are three exits from Bronco Peak and will choose accordingly to time and experience.

Bronco Peak Connector is rated double most difficult. A nasty hardcore trail with steep descents over rocky terrain, tight brush, loose soil, and large boulders. The northern end of this trail is extremely challenging for 4WD and recommend vehicle be less than 72" wide. This trail has No Bypasses. The trail is short, 1.1 miles long, so about 2 to 3 hours with no breakdowns.

Bronco Flats is rated most difficult. A hardcore trail with descents over rocky terrain, tight brush, and large boulders. This trail has No Bypasses. The trail is short, 0.9 miles long, so about 1 hour with no breakdowns.

Gun Slinger is rated more difficult. A trail with ascents and descents over rocky terrain, tight brush, and large boulders. This trail has No Bypasses. The trail is 1.9 miles long, so about 2.5 hours with no breakdowns.

Corral Canyon Camping: Sites are open to dry camping at either Bobcat Meadow Campground or Corral Canyon Campground but the size of sites and the road getting there is not friendly to big RVs. Tents, tent trailers or trucks with campers would be fine. (Adventure Pass Required) Use Directions to Four Corners Staging Area and to the left of the staging area it will take you to Bobcat Meadow parking area near a paved 4-way intersection called Four Campground, and straight down the hill will bring you to Corral Canyon Campground. There are some hotel accommodations available in nearby Pine Valley.

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

May

4th [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

2nd Off Road Clinic Run Leader: Mike Wallace

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

14th – 16th Mohave Road Needles to Barstow

Run Leader: Chris Slaughter

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

15th Pilot Rock Run Leader: Jay Van Wormer

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

22nd HDR pre run Run Leader: Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

28th – 31st HDR CAL4wheel event

Run Leader: Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

June

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

5th Holcomb Creek + Run Leader: James Ettinger

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

12th Clarks Grade Run Leader: Mike Wallace

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

14th – 20th Big Bear Forest Fest non club even

25th – 27th Grizzly con Run Leader: Brandon Errickson

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

26th Lady Drivers Silverwood to Arrowhead Run

Leader: Shawna Van Wormer

Go to Dirtdevils.org for details

July

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

10th White mountain Run Leader: John Johnson

16th – 18th Bishop Run Leader: Ray Kleinhuizen

31st Dishpan Springs Run Leader: Ron Webber

August

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

4th - 8th High Sierra Dusy Ershim East of Fresno Run Leader: Ron Webber

12th – 15th Jeep Jamboree Rubicon non club event

12th – 15th Sierra Trek Fordyce trail CAL4wheel event
Near Truckee Nor Cal

14th Oriflamme Canyon Lady Drivers Run Leader: Karen Rien

21st Sugar Pine to Cleghorn Run Leader: Jay vanWormer

September

7th [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

3rd – 6th Sherman Pass Run Leader: Danny Ward

3rd – 6th High Sierra Poker run CAL4wheel event

10th – 12th Bishop to Bridgeport Run Leader: Rob Rien

18th Pioneer town to Onyx Summit Run Leader: Jay VanWormer

25th Lockwood Miller Jeep Trail Run Leader: Danny Ward

30th – Oct 2 Death Valley Jedi Pass Run Leader: Mike Wallace

October

5th [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

9th Gold Mountain Run Leader: Mike Wallace Run Leader:

16th – 17th Anza Borrego mud cave night run Run Leader: Rob Rien

23rd Run Planning Run Leader: Ron Webber

30th Saddleback Mtn Halloween evening Run Leader: Rob Gabrielson

November

2nd [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

12th – 14th Panamint Valley Days CAL4wheel event

20th Rattlesnake Canyon Run Leader: Jay VanWormer

December

7th [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

4th Calico Run Leader: Ron Webber

18th Holiday lights Run Leader: Rob Rien

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@dirthevils.org

Immediate past president:

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Secretary: Karen Rien secretary@dirthevils.org

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Run Coordinator: Rob Gabrielson
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Emergency response team coordinator:

Rick Walter rundude@dirthevils.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@dirthevils.org and the web master will forward.

Post office box:

Dirt Devils of So Cal
960 N Tustin #120
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

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

FA #1

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

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

- Rick Walter (out of service)
- Mike Clarks grade
- James& Nick Holcomb Creek
- Roger AAT

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

- Bill Schopper Red Canyon
- Mike W offroad clinic
- Ray & Karen North rim

FA #4 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

- Rob returned to Rick
- 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. DD club | KK1DD |
| 2. Scott Beggins | KJ6KBG |
| 3. Paul Coursey | KJ6NNG |
| 4. Tim DeBolt | KK6TRM |
| 5. James Ettinger | KK6UYU |
| 6. Roy Flansburg | KJ6EVM |
| 7. Robert Gabrlson | K6RPG |
| 8. Mark Gay | KM6IBP |
| 9. Keith Graham | KF6LZA |
| 10.Sandy Graham | KF6SBF |
| 11.Julie Hart | N2RLY |
| 12.Steve Hendry | KK6UYW |
| 13.Chris Johnson | KK6SAJ |
| 14.Pete Johnson | KM6ARI |
| 15.Nick Kovacevich | KM6PIN |
| 16.Cheryl May | KF6WNG |
| 17.Al Ramsden | KF6BCJ |
| 18.Rob Rien | KM6GOT |
| 19.Karen Rien | KM6GOS |
| 20.Chris Slaughter | KK6TMR |
| 21.Mike Wallace | KK6SBC |
| 22.Rob Wallace | KK6UZA |
| 23.Rick Walter | KJ6NME |
| 24.Ron Webber | KM6ANT |

Cow bells

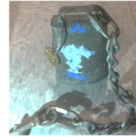


From left to right cowbell 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5



#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

Chris Slaughter Last Chance Canyon
 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.