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

Editors Message:

Thank you Keith Graham for representing the Dirt Devils at the CAL4wheel convention February 18th in Visalia, CA.

Chris our Webmaster is doing a great job of adding trails and updating run announcements. If you are leading a run Chris has a fill in the blanks template.

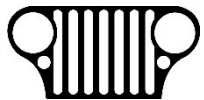
Thank you Maurice Cote, accessories are now available at www.jeepdaddy.com/collections/dirt-devils

The clutch on my 2006 wrangler has a clutch recall and after 15 years of use, Jeep is making the repair.

Both CAL4WD and CORVA actively lobby Sacramento to keep our trails open. If you enjoy the great outdoors, then join CAL4WD and CORVA. If you have extra money just laying around then donate extra.

See Dirt devil business cards see Pres Tim.

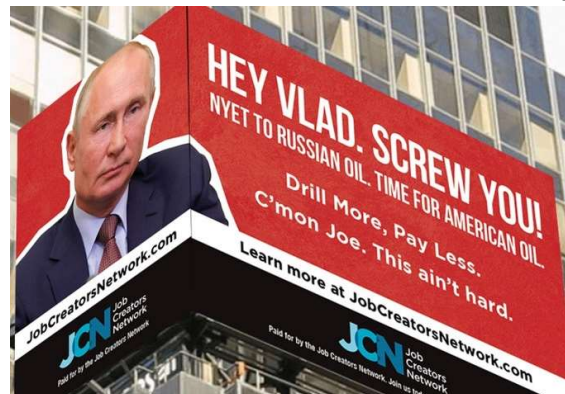
Dirt Devil election season start June.



See you on the trail.
Ron Webber

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New York billboard, "Time for American oil".

New members

January 2022

Sunil Kulkarni 2018 JLU 2nd visit

Ja-Hon Suh 2019 Toyota 4runner

February 2022

Ed Terwilliger 1996 JL

Mike & Charlotte Morey 2021 Jeep Gladiator

March 2022

Mike and Sheri Costigan 2017 Rubicon

Ryan Williamson 2005 LJ 1st visit

Guest

January

Luke DeLeon 2007 FJ 1st visit

Sean Cummings 2018 JLU 2nd visit

February

Michael Monroe 2021 Chevrolet Colorado 3rd visit

Tim Emerick & Marla Meckes

Toyota 4-Runner and a Jeep Wrangler 4th visit

Charlotte & Michael Morey Jp Gladiator 3rd visit

John Enverga 2005 TJ 3rd visit

Melissa & Ruben Mesa 1995 Yukon 3rd visit

March

Ryan Williamson 2005 LJ 3rd visit

Michael Monroe 2021 Chevrolet Colorado 4th visit

Wil Thoms 2021 Ranger 1st visit

Jeff Waugen 2018 JKU 1st visit

Greg Mudd 2015 Rubicon 1st visit

Trail politics



Defend your right to enjoy the great outdoors.

Stay active, support my golf

www.cal4wheel.com/

www.corva.org

www.sharetrails.org

www.sierra access coalition

www.sharetrails.org

A good read

CORVA news

Amy Granat story starting on page 4 is a good read. She describes how the forest service miss-leads and how the “anti-access” community came together to undue CORVA’s work.

CAL4wheel new and returning board members!

<https://cal4wheel.com/latest-news/953-district-election-results-are-in-2>

They are:

North District: Kitten Chapman, Membership Chair; Debbie Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer

Central District: Mike Magaña, Membership Chair; David Rocha II, Secretary/Treasurer

South District: Don 'Rybie' Rybarczyk, Membership Chair; Bonnie Ferguson, Secretary/Treasurer

Kitten will be replacing Ron Delaney as the North District membership, and we would like to thank Ron for his service. Debbie Stephens was previously the association treasurer and will be taking over for Kitten as North District secretary/treasurer.

They were sworn in at the Convention on February 20.

CAL4Wheel

The jeep raffle was won by a women in Central California. The Jeep raffle raised over \$14,000.

Rose Winn is the new natural resource consultant.

Membership is down, lets turn this around.

Red sticker program

(copied from CAL4wheel)



All currently registered Red Stickered vehicles, which includes almost half of off-road motorcycles, a few small quads and very few side-by-sides will be grandfathered into the Green Sticker Program in 2025. This will allow year round legal riding for these vehicles in all California OHV areas. The Red Sticker Program was created to address issues in areas of air quality non-attainment. Competition bikes and many 2-stroke engines could not meet the California Air Quality Board (CARB) air quality requirements. These

vehicles were lumped under a special Red Sticker Program that allowed them to operate only at specific times of the year in non-attainment areas.

As it turned out, the prime riding season in many of these areas corresponded with the Red Stickers' allowed months. This made the Red Sticker a less than viable tool for air quality assurance. CARB was frustrated with the number of non-compliant bikes being sold in California and primarily used for recreation and not racing or competition.

Years of discussions have ensued to find a fair and equitable way to finish out the Red Sticker Program and ensure the sales of more compliant bikes.

The grandfather clause is a huge gift to all of us who own Red Sticker bikes allowing us to continue to register, own, operate as well as legally buy and sell them.

California is a huge market for the motorcycle industry, and just as they did with the outlawing of - wheelers and the end of 2-stroke quads, they will find a way to bring high performance, fast, and fun equipment to their showrooms all while meeting the CARB requirements. This won't be overnight, but industry has known this was on the way. The R&D shops are working to be first to fill this market void.

Run Reports

Tech ideas

Grease

I have had trouble with the control arm bushings falling apart. My solution has been to grease more frequently. I first loosen up the nut which takes pressure off the control arm end brackets. Allowing grease to more easily flow into the bolt and bushing.

The LockNLube grease coupler along with a long grease hose grabs the zerk and reduces waste.

I have also invested in other LockNLube accessories.

I have a 110v Lincoln grease gun, but LockNLube sells a Milwaukee battery operated grease gun which also looks like a good idea.

<https://locknlube.com/>



Rig Report

Ron & Emi's new 2021 White JLU Diesel



5500 miles 26.0 miles per gallon around town. 33.5 highways speeds under 70. No problems.

Emi and I have tested it on some easy offroad trails. It is a pleasure to drive.

Truckhaven Challenge

Those who participated and worked the Dirt Devil's checkpoint 4 were Tim Thomas, Bill Schopper and his family, Danny and Linda Ward, Rob Gabrielson and his son, Ron and Emi Webber, and Randy Smith. Ron and Emi along with Randy arrived Thursday. The rest of us arrived on Friday. We all had a blast at camp with good food, drinks, and company!

Unfortunately, Vinnie, who put 6 months of devotion for a great event fell I'll with the coronavirus and had to leave for his and all of everyone's well being. Please acknowledge and recognize Vinnie for everything he has done. Thanks to Vinnie and the crew of CORVA, the few thousands of people were able to come out to the Truckhaven desert for a great weekend. Although the day of the poker run was windy and cold, the enthusiasm continued. Tim, Ron, and Rob with his son were able to participate in the poker run. Before heading out, Rob had to do some repairs on a shock bracket and eventually just gave up on the weld repair until getting home. Through the trails, vehicles were reasonably spread out. Some check points had larger crowds with the games but all was good and fun!

The Dirt Devil checkpoint 4 seemed to have some quiet moments but a good flow of crowd and rigs to check out. The ladder ball game was an excellent addition to the check point as were all the rigs driving up the hill obstacle to get their next poker card. At the check point, we got to view all the vehicles. We determined there were definitely more side by sides than anything else. There were bikes, Jeep wranglers, Cherokees, Toyotas, Ford Trucks, Broncos, and a Mini Cooper?

As we finished, we headed back to camp where we could relax and enjoy some drinks and dinner. Some of us headed over to the raffle. Although none of us were lucky, we got some free goodies that were tossed out to the crowd. The generator we donated was a great addition to the raffle. Afterwards we headed back to camp and enjoyed the rest of the evening. With some good beverages and bourbon, Ron and Tim have solved all the world's problems before turning in for the evening.

Gross receipts about \$30,000.

Cleghorn

Cleghorn Road is always a fun trail with lots to choose from as far as challenge. We all began at McDonald's off the 138 hwy. Joining us for the day were Travis Bair, Steve Padilla, Ray and Karen Kleinhuizen, Mark and Darlene, Sunil Kulkarni, Ja-Hon Suh, Ed Hepinger, Doug Francisco, Steven Cave, Tom and Gail Bashaw, Nicole Castellanos and Tim Thomas with his friend Doug Tabor.

Heading over to the trail, we aired down and off we went. We all took challenges we felt we could handle. Ray was great at instructing me as trail leader in many instances. Ja-Hon's 4Runner was outstanding in so many obstacles as the same for Travis' very stock jeep. Heading down a very steep decline against a wall, we went through a large boulder obstacle. Most scrapped a bumper and skid plate. This is where Ray and Karen's adventure started. The pitman arm for the steering snapped. The remainder of our adventure became winching Ray back up and finding level ground. In the group, most called it a day after lots of generous help. We then developed a plan to get Ray and Karen's jeep on the main trail and out to the pavement. Tim and Tim's friend Doug headed out to get Tim's tow rig and trailer. The trail sure was a task for a 1 ton dually with a trailer. So much more was the time with a jeep on the trailer. We probably were off the trail by about 7pm and headed home.

As much of a task as it was, this is what a club is all about. Having fun and helping each other when things happen.

Overall, a great adventure on Cleghorn Road.

Run Calendar

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

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

April

See DirtDevil.org 2022 run Calendar

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

9- 17th Easter Jeep Safari

16th Red Canyon Jeep Trail Run: Leader Bill Schopper

23rd Lytle Creek Run Leader: Doug Francisco

29th – May 1st Barstow/ Death Valley/ Barstow
Run Leader: Dave Behling

May

See DirtDevil.org 2022 run Calendar

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

5- 7th Jeep Jamboree USA Big Bear

<https://jeepjamboreeusa.com/trip/30th-big-bear-2022/>

15th Off Road /clinic

21st Freeway Ridge/ Black Gulch

21st HDR Pre Run

27- 30th HDR Cal4Wheel

all Dirt Devils & off-roaders are encouraged to support
<https://cal4wheel.com/events/hi-desert-round-up>

June

See DirtDevil.org 2022 run Calendar

4th Holcomb Creek

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

11th Clarks Grade

July

See DirtDevil.org 2022 run Calendar

5th [Club Meeting](#) **Cancelled**

9th Gold Mtn

12th [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

14- 17th Jeep Jamboree USA Rubicon

<https://jeepjamboreeusa.com/>

15- 17th Bishop to Bridgeport

28th - 31st Jeepers Jamboree 70th anniversary

www.jeepersjamboree.com

August

See DirtDevil.org 2022 run Calendar

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

5- 7th Jeep Jamboree Rubicon 70th anniversary

www.jeepersjamboree.com

11- 14th Sierra Trek Cal4Wheel

<https://cal4wheel.com/sierra-trek>

20th -27th Colorado Mega Trip

September

See DirtDevil.org 2022 run Calendar

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

2- 5th Sherman Pass

- 2th - 5th High Sierra Poker Run Cal4Wheel
- 17th Miller Jeep Trail
- 21th - 25th Emigrant Trail Winnemucca, NV start and go west.
www.jeepersjamboree.com
- 23th – 25th Death Valley Jedi Pass
- 24th Onyx Summit to Pioneer Town

October

- 4th [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange
- 8th Cleghorn
- 15th Holcomb Creek .
- 14th - 15th Operation Desert Fun cal4wheel Ocotillo Wells
<https://cal4wheel.com/operation-desert-fun>
- 29th Saddleback Night Run View the City Lights

November

- 1st [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange
- 5th Berdoo Canyon/ Brooklyn Mine
- 11th - 13th Panamint Valley Days Cal4Wheel

December

- 2th - 4th Calico
- 6th [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange
- 17th Holiday Lights

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: Tim Thomas prez@dirtddevils.org

Immediate past president: Rob Rien

Vice President: Niccole Castellanos vprez@dirtddevils.org

Secretary: Doug Francisco secretary@dirtddevils.org

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Safety: Rick Walter

Run Coordinator: Rob Gabrielson

rundude@dirtddevils.org

Emergency response team coordinator:

Rick Walter rundude@dirtddevils.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

Dirt Devil Emails:

If it is necessary to make a general announcement to fellow dirt devils send an email to members@dirtddevils.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**

Tim Thomas
 Jay Holcomb Creek
 MikeW Clarks grade
 Ron Webber Calico
 RobR Bishop

FA #1

Tim Thomas
 MikeW Clarks grade
 Mike W Moab
 Ron Webber Calico
 RobR Bishop

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

Chris S
 Rob G Last Chance Cyn
 Mike Clarks grade
 James& Nick Holcomb Creek
 Roger AAT

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

Nicolle C
 Shauna Silverwood
 Bill Schopper Red Canyon
 Mike W offroad clinic
 Ray & Karen North rim

FA #4 (Orange canvas bag)

Nicolle C
 James Holcomb Creek
 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. James Ettinger | KK6UYU |
| 4. Roy Flansburg | KJ6EVM |
| 5. Robert Gabrlson | K6RPG |
| 6. Keith Graham | KF6LZA |
| 7. Sandy Graham | KF6SBF |
| 8. Steve Hendry | KK6UYW |
| 9. Cheryl May | KF6WNG |
| 10. Al Ramsden | KF6BCJ |
| 11. Rob Rien | KM6GOT |
| 12. Karen Rien | KM6GOS |
| 13. Chris Slaughter | KK6TMR |
| 14. Mike Wallace | KK6SBC |
| 15. Rob Wallace | KK6UZA |
| 16. Rick Walter | KJ6NME |
| 17. Ron Webber | KM6ANT |
| 18. Jay VanWormer | W6JVW |
| 19. John Johnson | K6JOJ |
| 20. Bill Schopper | KM6ZME |
| 21. Richard E VanDuyn | KM6VVV |
| 22. Chris Johnson | KK6SAJ |
| 23. Pete Johnson | KM6ARI |

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.

HAM update/report.

Jay Van Wormer went over the club license for the new members/guests.

If you are interesting getting your HAM license, the HAM radio testing pool questions are on the club website. There are 100 questions in the pool and they pull 35 questions for the test, you can get 9 wrong and still pass. If you study, you can pass the test. Jay encourages members to get licensed.

Live classes are starting to come up again, testing and radio information on the HAM & CB Radio tab on the club website.

The FCC is looking to mandate a \$50 fee for licenses (currently free) so if you want to get your license, now is the time to do it.

There are lots of advantages of HAM over CB, you have more distance for communication, better quality.

Handheld radios are fine for the club but are not as efficient as the mounted radio with an exterior antenna.

➤ **Please See Mike Wallace for any Programming of HAM Radios**

Cow bells

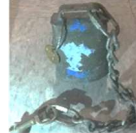


From left to right cowbell 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5



#1 Mike Maneth memorial bell

Ray K Cleghorn
 Allan 4/7/21 Kane Creek
 Roger 6/30/2019 Holcomb
 RobR 4/6 Cleghorn
 Vinnie Barbarino 4/6/2018
 calico gatekeeper
 John Johnson



#4 Little Blue bell

Dave B 4/25/21 Holcomb Creek
 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

Tim T Death Valley
 Bill S Mottino
 Dave B 4/7/21 Kane Creek
 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

Katy N Calico
 Mike 4/7/21 Kane Creek
 Brandon 7/13/19 John Bull night run
 RobR 4/27 AAT
 Dave Behlings 6/9/18 Grizzlycon
 Dave Behlings 4/6/2018 Kane Creek



#3 New Brown

Nicole C Calico
 Wes 6/7/2021 Holcomb Creek
 Nick K 4/7/21 Kane Creek
 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.