



The Dirt Devils Digest

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

The dirt.

The Dirt Devils have adopted 2 trails Dishpan Springs, Polique Canyon-2N09 and Gold Fever 3N05. After this wet winter there is probably lots of work to do. All part of the fun. Ham radios fare more effective than CB's, we are encouraging all members to get their ham radio license. If I can pass it anyone can.

Did you know that a big section of Moab has been closed to wheelin. The Dirt Devils support lobbying to keep trails open for the people. Join now and donate to CORVA.org; CAL4Wheel.org; BlueRibbon Coalition | ShareTrails.

2024 is just weeks away, the Dirt Devils calendar has been posted. It may change from time to time, for current news go to dirtdevils.org.

I started a section called "Bad and Good Ideas".



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See you on the trail.
Ron Webber

New Member

Drew Trovillion JL Rubicon 4door, manual transmission.
Drew joined us on the Calico run and did well.

March 2023

Jim Mahar & Andrea after taking a break from off-roading,
they have recently purchased a 2012 Jeep Wrangler.

Dan Smith putts around in a 2014 JKU Rubicon with 35's.

Guest**December 2023**

Ed Vena 1st visit 1960 CJ8

November 2023

Rod Abbott Jeep TJ Former member stopped by to say hi

Egan Hernandez 1st visit 2021 Jeep Wrangler

October 2023

Chris Clark 1st visit '91 YJ

Bob Fnslam 1st visit Jeep

Richard Hebskljt 1st visit '01 TJ

September 2023

Darren Askins 2019 Jeep JK

Matthew Perry 1st visit Jeep 2019 JL

September 2023

Darren Askins 2019 Jeep JK

Matthew Perry 1st visit Jeep 2019 JL

August 2023

Ron Nissley 1985 4 Runner 3rd visit

Steve Davis 2021 Jeep Wrangler 1st visit

Greg Muhle '85 4 Runner 2nd visit

George Chay 2004 Jeep TJ 1st visit

July 2023

Ron Nissley 1985 4 Runner 2nd visit

Robert & Salley Bartlett 1993 YJ 3rd visit

Tim Stearns 2004 Jeep Jeep TJ 1st visit

Aaron Higley drives a Jeep 5th visit and voted in as a new member

Braden Stubbart 1997 Jeep TJ 2nd visit

Drew Trouillion 2022 Rubicon 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

www.sharetrails.org

www.nohvcc.org

[Access Issues - California Four Wheel Drive Association \(cal4wheel.com\)](http://www.cal4wheel.com/)

National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council

Events: <https://nohvcc.org/engagement/attend-a-nohvcc-event/>

NOHVCC is working in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to create a California Statewide OHV Action Plan. To make this happen we need your assistance in learning how the BLM can better provide access to high quality OHV recreation experiences in the state of California.

In 2014 NOHVCC and the BLM partnered to develop a National Motorized Recreation Action Strategy designed to help the BLM develop individual state action plans for providing high quality OHV opportunities and develop partnerships to help maintain those opportunities. This process has created state specific OHV action plans in 7 other states where the BLM manages public land. The strategies will be used to help guide future travel management and resource management decisions; however, the strategies are NOT part of a specific travel management plan.

Good & Bad ideas**Diesel Engines Will Last You 500,000 Miles**

[These Diesel Engines Will Last You 500,000 Miles \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/energy/diesel-engines-will-last-you-500000-miles)

Who needs power wheels when you can get this instead?!!?

<https://www.venommotorsportsusa.com/products/coolster-125cc-mini-jeep-willys-edition-3-speed>

Basic Guide to Winch Rigging

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s34IRoUfpWk>

How to find water in the desert

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/how-to-find-water-when-you-re-lost-in-the-desert/ar-AA1fzSrK?ocid=socialshare&pc=LCTS&cvid=8e1ba8d8733d4271964b7259395955c6&ei=61>

Google Maps Sends Drivers into the Mojave Desert

<https://themessenger.com/news/google-maps-mojave-desert-las-vegas-los-angeles-formula-1-dirt-road>

Don Laughlin dies

I have spent many years enjoying Laughlin & Bullhead, boating, wheelin & donating money to Don. Don was very approachable more than once I just walked to him started chatting, I liked him.

LAUGHLIN, Nev. (AP) — Donald “Don” J. Laughlin, a resort owner and the namesake of a southern Nevada town that he turned into a tourist destination, has died. He was 92.



Laughlin is credited as the architect behind the transformation of an area of dirt and weeds 100 miles south of Las Vegas into a thriving alternative to Sin City.

“When we came here there was a dirt road in here and you had to come in by way of the dam,” Laughlin told the Las Vegas Review-Journal in 2016 while celebrating the resort’s 50th

anniversary. “If it rained, you couldn’t get here.”

On the Colorado River and along the Nevada-Arizona border, Laughlin is currently home to eight casino resorts. Nearly 2 million visitors travel there each year, according to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

Laughlin was born in Owatonna, Minnesota. Even as a teen, he was running gambling operations. He was known to use earnings from mink trapping to buy and install slot machines at local pubs, according to the Riverside Resort’s website.

When Laughlin was in ninth grade and making \$500 a week from slots, his school principal issued an ultimatum: The boy would have to give up his entrepreneurial activities if he wanted to stay in school.

In 1964, 10 years after buying a gambling business in North Las Vegas, Laughlin sold it for \$165,000 (about \$1.6 million in today’s dollars), according to his biography posted on the resort’s website. He visited the Mojave Desert and saw a stretch of land called Tri-State was unoccupied. Laughlin bought a boarded-up motel and 6 acres along the riverfront.

The Riverside Resort opened in 1966.

Feds Closing Trails in Moab, Utah



Access to **off-road** trails in and around Moab, Utah, has been contentious for years. It’s a fight between environmentalists, off-roaders, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). But the fight could be over with environmentalist groups claiming victory. Over 300 miles of **trail access** for “off-highway vehicles” (OHV) has been closed by the feds.

This comes as a result of a Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) lawsuit over “mishandling of federal lands public access.” The roads in question are in Labyrinth Canyon and Gemini Bridges in the western portion of Moab. These closures start this weekend.

Why is the Bureau of Land Management closing Moab off-road trails?

In 2017, a settlement with the SUWA included more stringent protections for wildlife habitats, sensitive ecosystems, and cultural resources. Off-roaders are now gearing up to fight the closures. They say that cutting off trail access will create economic losses for businesses that rely on tourism in Moab. Besides affecting **off-roading**, the closures will effectively shut down numerous campsites, mountain bike trails, and roads leading to hiking trailheads.

The 317 miles of closure represent about a third of the 1,057 miles of off-highway dirt roads and trails. But the trail closures will also mean that 18 miles of roads and trails won’t be accessible by trucks. In all, the two areas affected represent around 300,000 acres of land.

Will these off-road trail closures affect the Easter Jeep Safari?

Of note is the closure of some **Easter Jeep Safari** trails, including Hey Joe Canyon and Day Canyon Point. The BLM is saying that over 90% of trails for Easter Jeep activities will remain accessible. But off-roaders fear that these first closures are only the start and that a wave of new trail closures will 20th soon follow.

In a blog post, the Blue Ribbon Coalition, a group fighting to preserve open trails, said this is “the worst plan possible for public access to the area.” It told the Salt Lake Tribune, “There was a decent amount of route density in the Labyrinth Rims and Gemini Bridges area to where there was a good balance of all recreation uses. Now, they’ve tilted in favor of hurting a lot of recreation users.”

Will any other places close access to recreational drivers?

But the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance says the sensitive ecosystems around Green River have seen more damage as [off-roading continues](#) to increase. “This is an opportunity for the BLM to finally get it right, to balance management and to actually protect the river corridor and those side canyons,” SUWA attorney Laura Peterson told the Desert News.



Broncos lining the Colorado River Basin in Utah

In a statement, the BLM says, “The new plan provides predictability and clarity for users, minimizes user conflicts and damage to natural and cultural resources, meets access needs, increases public safety, and addresses law enforcement issues within the area.”

Related

[Off-Roading Will Soon Be Banned In Scenic Moab, Utah](#)

Of course, off-roaders are gearing up to fight the trail closures. They say this is only the beginning of removing trail access to OHVs. The BLM is still making plans for the Henry Mountains Travel Management Area, Trail Canyon, and the San Rafael Swell, according to [The Drive](#). These cover over six million acres the BLM manages.

The post [Feds Closing Over 300 Miles of Off-Road Trails in Moab, Utah: More to Come](#) appeared first on [MotorBiscuit](#).

Run Reports

Calico December 2, 2023

Run Leader: Ron Webber

Number of rigs: 8

Members:

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|------------|---------|
| Mark C | Gary C |
| Darelene C | Dave B |
| Katy N | Trish B |
| Randy S | Greg M |

4 members had canceled at the last minute

Guest: Drew Trovillion (12/6/2023 voted in as a new member)

The weather was great warm while the sun was out, but at night it got chilly. We had a good campfire for those that stayed and camped or stayed at the local hotel in Yermo.

No cow bells, there were a couple close calls. Doran and Odesa are more difficult than last year, except the Doran Water fall is easier. Rear lockers are a must, front and rear are better yet

Friday Randy, Greg Dave & Trish and I pre ran

We went up Duran and decided the first part in the canyon is a lot more difficult than we remembered. CalTrans had visited the main water fall and stacked enough rocks in front creating a ramp. We then made our way up to the lunch spot, Bismark mine, with a beautiful view of the valley below.

After lunch we proceeded over to Odessa Canyon to check out pucker pass. Last year Clive Smith successfully guided everyone over the bypass to avoid the shelf road which is gradually getting more eroded away. Greg jumped at the chance to be the first to tackle the bypass. Even with Dave’s great spotting Greg got high centered, when backing up his rig it was leaning down hill. To give Greg some security Randy used his winch line to keep him from rolling over. After going back and forth about 20 times he got turned around and out. We decided Odessa is now a light weight side by side trail.

We headed back up Odessa over the hill and down West Phillips Drive, past Kramer Arch to pavement and back to camp, for a nice evening by the camp fire.

Saturday was the main event

At 8:30 We lined up on the main road leading to the Calico entrance. We left promptly at 9am and headed over to Duran. It took us awhile to get through as I had said before the trail has changed probably because of Hillary’s visit in August. Katy almost earned a cowbell. Headed up to the waterfall and thanks to CalTrans effort we all made it up and over the top. Next stop was the extra credit (Cheryl May’s brother Danny Delp attempted the same extra credit and suffered extreme damage and had to go home for parts 3 times to drive his rig home). Dave and Ron conquered the extra credit with ease (well Dave did struggle).

Made it to Bismark by noon and enjoyed lunch and the view below. It was decided to find a way over to wall street overlook. After several dead ends Dave found a way to the overlook, it is still a spectacular sight.

We made our way out, up and over many rocky hills, passing Frank and his 15 followers near Bismark mine, (they got a late start).

We headed down Phillips drive through Kramer arch (which is a little spooky you think you are going to take off your top and then at the last second your frontend drops) and back to camp about 4:30 in time for the Campfire and some great socializing.

My kids and their young families came with their camp trailers. They loved visiting Calico riding the train, panning for gold, Mystery House, Maggie's Mine and everything else Calico has to offer.

<https://parks.sbcounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2023/10/Revised-CalicoTown-Map-101823.pdf?x77872>

Calico is one of the few places where you can camp with full hookups or stay at a nearby hotel and drive your OHV out of the campground and hit the trails.

Calico was a successful run. We will be running Calico next year on the first weekend of December 7, 2024. Calico has unofficially become an annual event.

Run Calendar

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

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

Meeting Time and Place

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

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange, CA 92865
Corner of Tustin Street and Meats Street

January 2024

20th Truckhaven Challenge

Truckhaven Checkpoint (M) CORVA Event
The Dirt Devils are donating a generator for Saturday nights raffle.

CORVA's Truckhaven is a big fund raising event that supports offroad lobbying efforts in Sacramento.

<https://corva.org/event-5429669>

Jan 18th – Feb 3rd King of the Hammers

Schedule [Schedule - King of the Hammers](#)

Maps: <https://kingofthehammers.com/2023-koh-maps/>

Live stream: <https://kingofthehammers.com/live-stream/>

February 2024

3rd KoH Main Event

Schedule [Schedule - King of the Hammers](#)

Maps: <https://kingofthehammers.com/2023-koh-maps/>

Live stream: <https://kingofthehammers.com/live-stream/>

10th Giant Rock/Johnson Valley Explore (M)

10th Red Canyon Jeep Trail (M)

16th – 18th CAL4W Convention

[Convention - California Four Wheel Drive Association \(cal4wheel.com\)](#)

March 2024

9th Afton Canyon (M)

16th Black Canyon (E)

16th Stoddard Valley (M)

20th Death Valley Furnace Creek CAL4 Event

[Death Valley Experience - California Four Wheel Drive Association \(cal4wheel.com\)](#)

21st - 24th Arizona Peace Trail (M)

23rd Berdoo Canyon/Brooklyn Mine (M)

24th – 30th Moab M – D

30th Anza Borrego Scenic Run (E)

April 2024

6th CA4WD South District Meeting

9:00A - 12:00P - Bass Pro Shops,

7777 Victoria Gardens Ln, Rancho Cucamonga

Quarterly CA4WDA South District meeting in person and via Zoom. Meeting details will be provided to club delegates or upon request.

In the large room upstairs.

Contact Rybie at sdvp@cal4wheel.com for info.

12th - 14th Barstow/DeathValley/Barstow (M)

13th Holcomb Creek (D)

19th 21st Mojave Road (M)

27th 2N49 Bailey Canyon (E)

May 2024

4th Corral Canyon (D)

11th AAT Workday (E) or (D)

18th Last Chance Canyon (M)

18th HDR Prerun (M)

25th HDR Devils Loop (M) - CAL4 Event

26th HDR Devils Loop (M) - CAL4 Event

HDR is a big fund raising event that supports offroad lobbying efforts in Sacramento.

June 2024

8th 2N02 to Onxy Summit/Pioneertown (M)
 15th Clark's Grade (M)
 22nd John Bull (D)/Gold Mountain (M)

July 2024

13th Cleghorn (M)
 20th Heartbreak Ridge (M)
 27th Gold Mountain (M)
 25th -28th 72nd annual 4day Jeepers Jamboree
 26th -28th 3day Jeepers Jamboree
 yep, Jeepers jamboree started 72 years ago.

August 2024

2nd -4th day 46th Jeep Jamboree
 10th – 13th Sierra Trek CAL4Wheel event
[Sierra Trek - California Four Wheel Drive Association \(cal4wheel.com\)](http://cal4wheel.com)
 10th Dishpan Springs (D)
 14th 17th Rubicon (D)
 15th 18th Dusy Ershim (D)
 21st - 24th JJUSA Big Bear (NON-CLUB)
 31st - Sept 1st Sherman Pass (D)

September 2024

7th Oriflamme Canyon (M)
 14th Miller/Lockwood Jeep Trail (M)
 21th AAT Workday (E) or (D)
 28th Holcomb Creek (D)
 28th Recovery/Training Event (E)
 Basic Guide to Winch Rigging
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s34IRoUfpWk>

October 2024

19th White Mountain (M)
 26th Saddleback Night Run (E)

November 2024

8th – 9th Panamint Valley Days CAL4Wheel event
 due to flooding this event was cancelled in 2023

December 2024

7th Calico D Run Leader: Ron Webber

Club info

The Dirt Devils are a 501(c)(7) corporation
 DD dues can be paid online: <https://dirtdevilsoffroad.square.site/>

Meeting Time and Place

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

Zito's Pizza,

2036 Tustin Street, Orange, CA 92865
 (714) 974-6191 www.zitospizza.com

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)

Club officers

President: Tim Thomas prez@dirtddevils.org

Immediate past president: Rob Rien

Vice President: Katy Nachbaur vpres@dirtddevils.org

Secretary: James Mahar secretary@dirtddevils.org

Treasurer: Trish Behlings treasurer@dirtddevils.org

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Newsletter: Ron Webber: ronjp@outlook.com

Membership: Cheryl May membership@dirtddevils.org

Accessories and Hospitality: Harry Long
merchandise@dirtddevils.org

To Order DD Merch: www.jeepdaddy.com/collections/dirtddevils

Safety:

Run Coordinator: Rob Gabrielson rundude@dirtddevils.org

Emergency response team coordinator:

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:

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| 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/>

DD HAM info

DD Prime 145.585,

DD 1 Simplex 146.580,

DD 2 Simplex 146.565,

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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| DD club | KK1DD |
| Scott Beggins | KJ6KBG |
| James Ettinger | KK6UYU |
| Roy Flansburg | KJ6EVM |
| Robert Gabrlson | K6RPG |
| Keith Graham | KF6LZA |
| Sandy Graham | KF6SBF |
| Steve Hendry | KK6UYW |
| Cheryl May | KF6WNG |
| Al Ramsden | KF6BCJ |
| Rob Rien | KM6GOT |
| Karen Rien | KM6GOS |
| Chris Slaughter | KK6TMR |
| Mike Wallace | KK6SBC |
| Rob Wallace | KK6UZA |
| Rick Walter | KJ6NME |
| Ron Webber | KM6ANT |
| Jay VanWormer | W6JVW |
| John Johnson | K6JOJ |
| Bill Schopper | KM6ZME |
| Richard E VanDuyv | KM6VVV |
| Chris Johnson | KK6SAJ |
| Pete Johnson | KM6ARI |

The club has it's HAM 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.

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. The Dirt Devils 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.

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

Mike Morey Rubicon
Ray K Cleghorn
Allan 4/7/21 Kane Creek
Roger 6/30/2019 Holcomb



#4 Little Blue bell

George Doukas Rubicon
Dave B 4/25/21 Holcomb Creek
Chris Slaughter Last Chance Canyon
Richard V HDR Devils Loop



#2 Brown bell

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



#5 Big Bertha

Mike Costigan John Bull
Katy N Calico
Mike 4/7/21 Kane Creek
Brandon 7/13/19 John Bull night run



#3 New Brown

Greg Mudd Silverwood
Niccole C Calico
Wes 6/7/2021 Holcomb Creek
Nick K 4/7/21 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.