

# The Dirt Devils Digest

November 2013

A monthly publication of the Dirt Devils <a href="http://www.dirtdevils.org/">http://www.dirtdevils.org/</a>

#### **President's Message**

The December meeting is our annual "run planning meeting". Start preparing. We need runs and run leaders.

Remember, keep our run coordinator Rick Walters current with your run plans. Rick's email address is on the last page of this newsletter.

Thank you Josh for leading John Bull last month.

Check the calendar and the website for upcoming runs including adopt a trail.

I was at Operation Desert Fun a couple weekends ago and ODF had to pay a park ranger to sit on a hill to try and catch offroader's breaking the rules.

Remember, buy your CAL\$WD Jeep raffle tickets. This is a very important fund raiser for us.

Emi Webber has Dirt Devil sweatshirts, long-sleeve T's and hats for sale.

We are planning a holiday party at the Kleinhuizen;s home in Placentia, details will be available at the December meeting.

Roger has cut a Dirt Devil memorial plaque for Mike Maneth it is a piece of art. Thank you Roger.

See you on the trail.

Jesse May



One very large jeep

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## Adopt a trail total hours

While running John Bull Josh picked up a bag of trash. Dirt Devil Adopt a trail volunteer hours 3n34 September 2013

Roger Mauer 8 hours Dustin Bennett 8 hours Roger Satorra 8 hours Roy Chance 8 hours Tim DeBold 8 hours Ralph Rodriguez 8 hours Mike Wallace 9 hours Rob Wallace 9 hours **Total Hours:** 66 hours

# Safety report

Randy reports all is well.

# Hospitality report

Mike Wallaces father recently passed away. The club sent condolences.

# **Run reports**

John Bull Black Diamond Trail

Lead by Joshua Bleijenbergand and Tail gunner Cort Phelps

Number of rigs 7

Members

Joshua Bleijenberg in his 06 Jeep Wrangler TJ

Cort Phelps in his 89 Toyota 4-Runner

Danny Ward and Linda Ward in their\_06 Jeep TJ

Guests include

Art Ortega, Sean Schwartz (Rider) in their\_89 Jeep Cherokee

Eugene Mariscal, Lucy Torres / Suzy Marisca(riders) in their 93 Toyota 4-Runner

Nick Moniz in their 07 Toyota FJ Cruiser

Edward Taylor in their 85 Toyota Truck

Met atBig Bear Discovery Center

Headed off for the John Bull Trail head (3N10

The weather was Clear & Sunny 60's

Arrived at trail head at 9:30 but waited for group members until 10:30 to start. Group negotiated trail w/o any issues.\_We stopped for lunch around 12:30. 5 vehicles headed home after the completion of John bull around 3:30, while Cort and Josh continued on to complete Holcolmb Valley trail. We headed home at sunset around 6:30 or so. Both trails were in good condition. Holcolmb valley had some snow run-off that made it a little slippery and more challenging than usual.

Cowbells: None

Damage: Cort had a rear passanger tire blow-out. It was changed for spare and the group continued on.

#### **Chocolate Mountain**

Not a club run but Eddie Cesena mentioned to me that he went out to the chocolate mountain area of the desert and decided to test the capabilities of his new 2013 4 door JK. It is well scratched and abused. Now he does not have to worry, it is broken in.

Good job Eddie.

#### Run calendar

#### Adopt a Trail meeting place

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

#### Run template

Research and/or Pre-run the trail route.

Create and Post a Run Announcement

When emailing the run announcement: Please, use the words "Run Announcement" in the Subject line of the message,

forward to the webmaster and newsletter editor.

Date/Time and Place for the Run

Description of Run

Difficulty Rating scale 1 to 5

Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run

Directions to Meeting Place.

**EXACT Departure Time from Meeting Place** 

Required Equipment. Open dif? Lockers?

Is Special Equipment Required?

Is RSVP Required?

Are Permits Required? (Forest Adventure Pass etc.)

CB Channel start with channel 4, if to much traffic then switch to 5 and so on.

HAMM channel 146.440

Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees.

Access for motor homes? Very little ground clearance? Deep soft sand?

**Expected Weather Conditions.** 

Contact Information (Run Leader

Phone Number & email address)

Please, cover all the needed information in the Run

Announcement rather than say "contact me for details".

#### Start of the Run:

Hold brief driver's gathering before start of run. Include special instructions.

Assign vehicle order if there are vehicles with open diffs.

Have vehicle with locked diff in front & behind. (If possible disperse vehicles with HAM radios near the front, middle and rear of the line.

Encourage drivers to learn the name of the person in front and behind his/her vehicle.

Assign "Sweep Vehicle" (Tail Gunner Vehicle)

Give 5 Minute Warning before start

Begin Run ON TIME or notify everyone of new time.

Announce Departure over CB channel 4

Stop at all turns to confirm vehicle behind sees turn

Stop occasionally to close up ranks

Announce Lunch Stop and Length of Stop

After returning home forward to the webmaster and newsletter editor to be copied and pasted a Run Report and a few photos. In the subject line write "Run Report"

# **November**

**28**<sup>th</sup> **Red Rock Canyon** and Last Chance Canyon Run leader Jesse May will be camping in Red Rock. Jesse will send out more information. He will leaving Thursday afternoon about 3:00. He will run Last Chance on Saturday.

#### **December**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> DD run Planning meeting

Come with your ideas meeting starts at 6:50 **7<sup>th</sup> Cleghorn** Dustin/ Joel

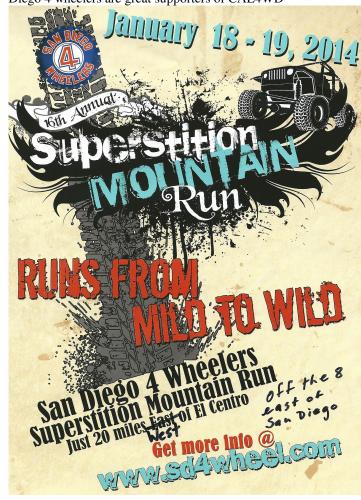
#### January 2014

**25**<sup>th</sup> holiday party at Ray and Karen Kleinhuizen's home in Placentia, details will be available at the December meeting.

17, 18, 19, 20<sup>th</sup> King weekend

18- 19<sup>th</sup> San Diego 4 wheelers

Superstition Mountain off i8 east of San Diego and 20 miles west of El Centro. <a href="www.sd4wheel.com">www.sd4wheel.com</a>. The San Diego 4 wheelers are great supporters of CAL4WD



#### Guests



Alan & Chris Walls invited by Eddie Cesena. Alan putts around in a CJ5 powered by a V8 and son Chris putts around in Don Young's old CJ7 November meeting.

#### **New members**

Welcome Roy Chance our newest member



Roy hails from Panama City, FL and moved to CA about 2.5 years ago with my job. Most of my 4wd experience is in the south in sand and mud. Not many rock gardens there. After driving a Bobcat skidsteer up the side of a roll off container by accident and dumping ash all over the top of my head, Bobcat became my handle in the woods when hunting.

My wife, Laura, grew up in S Ca and her parents and sister still live here so this is a big plus for us.

We live in Huntington Beach and I work for Covanta Energy as the plant manager for the Energy from Waste plant owned by the city of Long Beach on terminal island.

I like to be outdoors and have always had a nagging desire to own a Jeep so I could do some fun 4 wheeling. As life is short, I sold my truck this past spring and stated looking for a clean LJ with low miles. Found this one and had to have it. I drive a stock(hopefully not for long) 05 LJ Sahara Rubicon. Getting ready to add a 4" Currie Rock Jock short arm system and 33" tires. I like to do some of my own work but figured with my limited Jeep experience, having someone else do the lift would be wise. Other smaller things like bumper swaps, CB installs and such I will do.

Looking forward to joining the club on as many runs as I can find time for. Would like to get involved in learning more about the various aspect the clubs participates in so I can contribute as well. My background is power plant maintenance and operations and think that many of those skills lend well to off roading and having fun. First aid CPR and AED certified.

Since I'm just getting into the real offroading scene, I don't know any trails personally but will be glad to do some scouting with anyone looking for a backup.

Other hobbies include riding my Harley Ultra Classic, hiking

and spending time with family.



Roy Chance

# Classifieds

I'm selling my 2010 Lance 830 camper. Brian McGrath 562.547.8333 bmcgrath1@me.com mcgrathb49@verizon.net

# Club info

#### Cowbells

October 2013 no change

September 2013, no changes.

Ray Kleinhuizen Coyote Flat July 2013

**Mike Ortega** Big Bear Holcomb Creek high centered and yes that is the winch controller in his hand.

June 2013

**Pete Johnson:** Corral Canyon May 2013 **Pete Johnson** HDR (rolled) May 2013

Ray Kleinhuizen Moab UT broke shock and track bar mount

and rear differential supports. April 2013

**Don Young** Moab UT broke a ring and pinion on his new dana 60 but he did limp out April 2013

**Dan Delp** 3. Can you say Calico.

Cow bells 1, 2 and 3

Dan, hang them with pride.

Cowbell 3 Randy Huddleston October

Gold Mtn, Pioneer Town run.

Cowbell 1 John Strege August 2012 adopt a trail

Cowbell 2 John Strege August 2012 adopt a trail

**Cowbell 3** John Strege July 2012 earned while playing in the 4x4 area in Hungary Valley

Josh Bleijenberg Miller Jeep Trail

Roger Mauer June

Bill Smith June (he says he wasn't even playing hard.)

Jesse Strege June got a tug from Mike Ortega

John Strege June broke down on the way to the trail.

(Cowbell award?)

Randy Huddleston June 2012

Jeff Jernigan June 2012

Terry Pucket March 2012

Eddie Cesena March 2012

Randy Huddleston March 2012

New brown Jesse May

Old Blue Mike Maneth Calico February 2012



1 Old green cow bell.



2 old blue cow bell aka The Mike Maneth memorial cow bell



3 new brown bell

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.



Proudly displaying the Cow Bell.

# First aid kit tracking

FA #1 (red, blue backpack)
Roger Mauer November 2013
Mike was not at meeting roger to get it for adoptatrail
Mike Ortega August 2012
for Adopt a trail runs

**FA #2** (Orange canvas bag) Jessie May November 2013

Roger Mauer September 2013

Brian McGrath July 2013

Pete Johnson February 2012

John Strege October 2012

Danny Ward August 2012

Randy Huddleston June 2012

Sheldon Neal Jan 2012

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Danny Ward September 2013

Ron Webber Apr 2013 Moab, UT

Roger Mauer

Danny Ward June 2012

Ray Kleinhuizen Apr 2012 for Steel Pass run.

#### Banner

John Strege has it.

#### Accessories

Available at the regular meetings, see Emi Webber.

Dirt Devil Stickers: \$15.00. Short sleeve shirts: \$14.00 Long sleeve shirts: \$18.00 Sweatshirts: \$30.00

Hats: \$20.00

#### 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 Western entrance:

2N26Y is N34° 16.198 W117° 08.258.

**The T6 Bridge:** N34° 16.106 W117° 07.745.

**The Eastern entrance:** 3N16 is N34° 15.663 W117° 05.116.

#### **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.

#### **Club officers**

President: Jesse May: jemay.xj@gmail.com

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### **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.

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