

The Dirt Devils Digest

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President's Message

Ray thanks for arranging an HDR pre run. In case you didn't know HDR is just around the corner and I am chairman. I will need all the help I can get, I will be asking

Remember, keep our run coordinator Rick Walters current with your run plans. Rick's email address is on page 5 of this newsletter. Rick would like to run the Rubicon this summer if you're interested let him know.

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

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

See you on the trail.

Jesse May



Air conditioned jeep

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Run reports

Black Canyon Run Report

Run Date: Saturday - January 11, 2014 Trail Leader: Ray Kleinhuizen



Club Members and Guests:

- 1. Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen
- 2. Danny & Linda Ward
- 3. Pete Johnson
- 4. Don Young
- 5. Rick Walter & Leanne
- 6. Eddy Cesena & father
- 7. Castulo Olivas & Friend
- 8. Roy Chance
- 9. Tim Debolt
- 10. Mike Quinlan & Deanne



Ten Jeeps departed the T/A Travel Center in Lenwood and proceeded to Hinkley Rd. where we aired down. The first stop was right at the entrance to Black Canyon to find one of the 1874 Tillman markings in the Black Canyon area. The GPS lead us right to it. The lack of rain in the area has left the sand hard packed at the Canyon entrance. This section is more fun when it's softer and you're sliding a little bit.

Next stop was the well and water trough near the stage coach stop in Black Canyon. The well was dry today but it often has water. Next stop was Scout's Cove, a small shelter cut into the side of a hill that was used by miners in the area.

Next came the hill climb. Everyone went up and we stopped at the top to take in the beautiful view. Rick got a reading 20

degrees, not super steep but fun anyway. We stopped for lunch at the bottom of the hill where we soaked in some of the weather: 65 degrees with light wind.

After lunch we proceeded on Opal Mountain Rd over to Inscription Canyon. This section of Opal Mountain Rd climbs up out of Black Canyon through hills. It is easy but some rocky sections. We spent the most time at Inscription Canyon looking at the large collection of petroglyphs in this small canyon. Every time I'm here I see something new.



From Inscription Canyon we headed back toward Opal Mountain taking the east side route around Opal Mountain. We stopped at a view point that over looks the desert southeast of Opal Mountain.

As we proceeded out we got a little off track heading back to Hinkley but a man with an ipad came to our rescue. Guess I need one of those handy items.

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"

February

Run Date: Saturday - February 15, 2014

HDR Pre-Run #1: "Devils Loop Trail"

Trail Leader: Ray Kleinhuizen (Cell 714-300-9656)

raykleinhuizen@yahoo.com

Meeting Location: From LA/OC take the 15 Fwy North to Barstow Rd (Hwy 247). Meet at the Pizza Hut/Valero next to

the off ramp.

Meeting Time: 8:30 am, leave for the trail at 9:00am

The objective of the run is to re-discover the Devils Loop Trail. The Dirt Devils led this trail for many years when HDR was in the Stoddard Valley OHV area. The trail is considered moderate but has a few difficult sections. Most of these have a by-pass. The difficult sections are rocky with ledges that have steep drop-offs. There is also a steep hill climb.

From the meet spot we will take Hwy 247 to the new HDR head quarters behind the Slash X Cafe. I want to do a quick look around this area for a possible staging area and air down spot for our HDR run. From here we will head over to the start of the Devils Loop Trail to see how the gate-keeper is

doing. The gate-keeper is a rocky section at the beginning of the trail. The point of the gate-keeper is to test drivers and rigs: if you can't make this section, don't continue.

After a look at the gate-keeper we will continue with the rest of the trail. This run will be much like an adopt-a-trail run with some trail maintenance activities a long the way.

Special Equipment Required: 33 inch tires with at least one locker

Reminder to Bring: Camera, Warm clothing, Chair, Lunch, Water, etc.

Lunch: We will stop for lunch along the trail.

21-23 Convention (Cal-4-Wheel)

28- Mar 2 Tierra Del Sol

March

8-9 Calico Ron Webber

see last page

29 Adopt-a-Trail

April

5 Mattina Wash/ Rattlesnake Josh Bleijenberg

12-13 Anza Borrego Pete Johnson

12- 20 Easter Jeep Safari

26 Adopt-a-Trail

May

2 - 4 Corral Canyon Danny Ward/ Pete Johnson

9 – 11 Molina Ghost Run (Cal-4-Wheel)

17 Adopt-a-Trail

23 - 26 Hi Desert Roundup (Cal-4-Wheel)

June

14 - 15 Forest Fest

21 Adopt-a-Trail

28- John Bull/ Holcomb Josh Bleijenberg

July

4th Gold Mtn Night run see the Big Bear Lake fireworks Rick Walter

26 Adopt-a-Trail

24-27 Jeepers Jamboree 62nd annual

Georgetown to Lake Tahoe via the Rubicon Trail www.jeepersjamboree.com

August

1 - 3 Jeep Jamboree 36th annual Rick Walter rick03tj@gmail.com plans to attend Georgetown to Lake Tahoe via the Rubicon Trail www.jeepersjamboree.com 7 - 10 Sierra Trek (Cal-4-Wheel) 7- 10 Grass/ Gold ValleyPoker Flats Run Leader: Mike Wallace

September

23 Adopt-a-Trail

13- 14 Sherman Pass Danny Ward/ Pete Johnson 27 Adopt-a-Trail

October

4- 5 Off-Road Expo

17- 19 Operation Desert Fun (Cal-4-Wheel)

18- Last Chance Canyon Rick Walter

25 Adopt-a-Trail

November

7 - 9 PVD (Cal-4-Wheel)

27 - 30 Niland- North Glamis (Thanksgiving) Ron Webber

December

13th Cleghorn Joel Card

Guests



Jennifer & Scott Mac Arthur Oct '13, Jan '14



Sean, Jennifer, Ella & Lucas This family enjoys their modified '85 CJ7, They hope to attend TDS.



Mike and Deanne Quinlan recently purchased a 2002 TJ their first trip was to Occotillo.

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: \$15.00 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 \(^{1}\)4 page ad, for 3 issues \$50 for a \(^{1}\)2 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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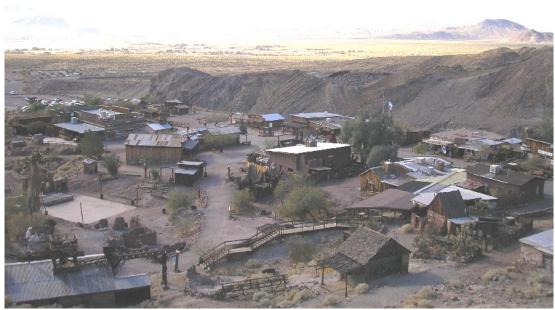
Meeting Place

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.

Marie Callenders. 5711 East La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA

92807, 714-779-0600

Dirt Devils Calico Run



Calico Ghost Town

Where camp: Calico campground Waypoint: N34 56.556 W116 52.012

When: March 8th - 9th

Start ride: Saturday morning 8:30am

Meeting place: just outside the entrance to the calico

campground

Lunch: plan on eating lunch out on the trail

CB: channel 4

Difficulty: 3 on a scale of 5, rear lockers

Trail Boss: Ron Webber

Home 714 649 9836 / Cell 714 715 5692 **RSVP to:** Ron Webber <u>webbermail@cox.net</u>

Where: about a hundred miles from Orange County. Take I-15 8 miles past Barstow get off at Ghost Town Road and turn left or north about 3 miles.



Calico Campground

Location and Reservations:

36600 Ghost Town Road

P.O. Box 638

Yermo, CA 92398

Telephone: 1-800-TO CALICO or

1-800-268 25426 press 0

1-760-254 2122

E-mail: calico@mscomm.com Waypoint: N34 56.556 W116 52.012

http://cms.sbcounty.gov/parks/Parks/CalicoGhostTown.aspx

Camping:

265 Sites: 56 full hookups; 58 partial hookups; 2 dump stations

Tent and off-road vehicles are welcome

Admission to Ghost Town included with camp fees, except

during Special Events

Facilities:

Hot showers; Restrooms; Grills; Fire rings; Restaurants; Shops; Picnic tables; Attractions: Closest tow truck is in Barstow;

Maggie Mine; Calico/Odessa Railroad; Mystery Shack; Museum; Gold Panning; vehicle testing

Camping fees:

Fee includes admission into Calico townsite (excludes special events).

\$2.00 non refundable reservation fee

Without hookups \$30.00/unit/day

With partial hookups \$34.00

With full hookups \$35.00/unit/day

Cabin Rentals

Equipped with one double bed, one bunk bed, air conditioning, heating, porch w/ bench, service counter

\$40.00 Per night (4 persons)

Activities:

Offroad activities; Jeeping in the surrounding area; Living History characters; Gunfights; Self Guided Town Tours; hiking Trails; Calico Cemetery; Medicine Man Show; fixing broken equipment on the trail



KOA campground next to freeway

Barstow KOA 35250 Outer Highway 15 North Yermo, CA 92398

Fax: (760) 254-2247 Reserve: (800) 562-0059 RV Campsite: \$28.00 - 30.00

Information: (760) 254-2311

Tent: \$21.00 - 22.00



Hotels in nearby Yermo:

Oak Tree Inn Yermo 35450 Yermo Road Yermo, CA 92398 (760) 254-1148 Nightly Rates (59.55 - 77.22) 2 Star



Of course Barstow has many motels, too.