



The Dirt Devils Digest

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<http://www.dirtdevils.org/>

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 in the club officers section of this newsletter.

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

Remember, Roger will be leading an adopta trail run on March 29th

Josh Bleijenberg will be leading The Mattina Wash/ Rattlesnake run on April

Pete Johnson will be leading us through Anza Borrego on April 12th & 13th.

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

Big Bear Racing is making quite a name for itself follow them of their face book page.

Mike Wallace purposed and the club voted its approval to make up Dirt Devil Business Cards, that can be handed out to potential new members.

I would like to start a new service tech section. If you have a recommendation or advice pass it on to the Ron Webber news letter editor.

Enjoy reading the great run reports.

See you on the trail.

Jesse May

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March 8th Calico Run near The Bismarck Mine

Run reports

CAL4WD convention and car show

Attended by Jesse and Cheryl May and Keith and Sandy Graham

The Jeep winner was from Idaho. Tickets are available for the new Jeep raffle. Jesse and Keith will have tickets at the next meeting. Profit from the last Jeep raffle was \$23,000.

Comment period for Ocotillo Wells that is due by March 10. Please go on the Cal-4-Wheel website and put comments in. There are 11 sections and each section needs to be commented. Ocotillo Wells also has a website. Keith will forward additional information to Ron so he can send it out to the club. Lawsuit is still in progress.

The organization needs more members to bring in more revenue. The events also need to get more revenue. If every Cal-4-Wheel member brings in one members.

The state government had raided the green sticker fund but the money came back.

Johnson Valley, a lot of money went out for that, but a lot of land was saved for the off-road community.

One of the awards that were passed out was for the club that brought in the most new members and the Dirt Devils won that award. Keith to send Ron a picture. The club lost a lot of plaques and trophies over the years, we need a historian.

The South District meeting is open to all members. There is a lot of information that is brought up at these meetings that are very difficult to bring back all of it to the club. More participation would be greatly appreciated.

The Adventure Trailer was 100% donated, so proceeds from the trailer raffle will go towards the CAL4WD events.

Tierra Del Sol

Attended by Josh Bleijenberg, Kevin Hall, Don Young, Eddie Cesena and Jesse May. TDS was another successful event, Kevin broke out his Bar B Que and practiced trade.

Calico Odessa Duran Loop

We lined up out front of the Calico ghost town and headed out about 9am

In attendance:

1. Ron Webber and Tom Caltabiano (guest)
2. Pete Johnson
3. Keister (guest) and Dernarois (guest)
4. Danny Delp, Kim, Rachel and Nicole Krausert
5. Tim Debolt and Charlie Heritges
6. Randy and Donna Huddleston

7. Ron and Joann Burdett
8. Randy Hardt
9. Danny & Linda Ward
10. Castulo Olivas and Chandra Aldag
11. Paul Coursey
12. Rick Ward

The Odessa Duran loop is somewhat difficult, but if you at least have a rear locker then it is doable and just plain fun. None of us had any major problems just needed spotting help at some obstacles.



Our first stop was the playground at the entrance to Odessa Canyon, an area of rolling sand hills similar to what you might find in truck haven.



Then we moved on to the gate keeper and the very narrow sloped area. We stopped for Lunched at the Bismark Mine. Bismark has lots of old mines, caves and ruins to explore. Danny Delp took one group exploring and they all walked right by a 6' rattle snake in the bushes. No bites, he left us alone. (Danny went back to see what the rattling sound was.)



Our next stop was the top of Wall Street Canyon overlook, quite impressive. The overlook is over a hundred feet above the canyon floor. It is straight down if you could be there when it rained it would be great to watch. The Wells map shows this area extreme. There are a couple steep ledges that going down were somewhat difficult our concern was getting back up. As it worked out we didn't have to go back up.

After leaving Wall Street Over Look the alternative way out took us by the stone cabin. The next stop was helping Ron change a flat tire (apparently BFG's don't like rocks). We were like a race team, the tire was off the back, the lug bolts were off, the tire was back on the Jeep, the Jeep was lowered off the jack and thrown in the back and we were off, all in 7 minutes or less.

The trail then took us by Bismark again and down Duran Canyon (or is it Bismark canyon I'm not sure), we passed Danny Delp's favorite Jeep camp spot. He walked the small slope and prayed to the Jeep gods. After Danny's hangout Dave took over the lead and we headed straight down the Duran Gate Keeper. Once Dave got past the point of no return, I could hear Danny saying do not follow, Duran gate keeper is very difficult. Well Dave was past the point of no return. Apparently, Dave is a professional driver, he made it down with only a bent roll cage and tweaked body or frame not sure which. No big deal.

We had good friends, good weather, no drama and no wind.



Pete exploring in style with his new camp trailer,



Joel has decided that hair is over rated. The pony tail is gone. Take note of his new Dirt Devil cap. It was a special order.

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"

March

29 Adopt-a-Trail

April

5th CAL4WD South District Meeting
 So. Dist. Meeting April 5, 2014 will be hosted by Hemet Jeep Club.
 LaFogata Mexican Restaurant 2940 W. Florida Ave.
 Lunch available. Coffee and donuts.
 Contact Mike Hardy for info. 951 929-JeeP.
 Regards, Mike Hardy Hemet Jeep Club

6 - 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

17 - HDR pre run improve gate keeper.

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

Signup: <http://www.cal4wheel.com/events/hi-desert-round-up>

31 - June 4th Grand Cyn North Rim

Run Leader: Rick Walter rick03tj@gmail.com

1st night at St George

2nd night at Kelly Point

3rd night somewhere between Twin Point and

Grand gulch mine

4th night St George

300 miles loop from St George and back to St George

<http://www.nps.gov/hfc/carto/PDF/PARAMap1.pdf>

<http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/recreation/ohv/gc-overlook.html>

[435-688-3200](tel:435-688-3200)

<http://offroadpassport.com/forum/showthread.php?t=1521>

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pictures are 3 years old

http://www.offroaddance.de/Trails/GrandCanyon/No-rth/KellyPoint/KellyPoint_e.html

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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

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7 – 10 Sierra Trek (Cal-4-Wheel)

Fodyce Creek trail one of the top trails in California

15th & 16th

Little Grass Valley Reservoir Run

Run Leader: Mike Wallace

Plumas National Forrest, La Porte, CA

Elev 4980 ft

Northern California

518 miles away, above Sacramento and east of Oroville

Avg Temp in August is 85 degrees

Recommended:

- 33 inch Tires
- High Ground Clearance
- 1- Locker 2- preferred (See Snake Lake Trail)
- Rockers, possible body damage

Run plan:

My brother lives in the area and I have visited him many times and love it. I want to share the experience with my friends.

Friday August, 15th, 2014 at 8:30am and leave by 9:00am in front of the La Porte general store and proceed through back country via the Howland Flat trail (rated Easy) to the Poker Flat Trail head. Lots of youtube video of Poker Flats and Snake Lake Trail. The guide book lists the Poker Flat Trail as Moderate with steep and narrow areas of inclines and descents. We will stop for lunch and Proceed to the Snake Lake Area and challenge our skills on the Snake Lake Trail. I've been told that this trail is Black Diamond Rated Difficult. Obstacles are described as very rocky and extremely steep. These trails will take all day, we will then take the Hard Ball "Improved paved road" back to La Porte and enjoy a nice quiet evening under the stars licking our wounds.

Saturday August, 16th, 2014 at 8:30am and leave by 9:00am in front of the La Porte general store and proceed to the Trail head. **Saturday run not planned yet**

Lodging options:

- La Porte Cabin Rental, Make reservations early. These are small local cabins with all the amenities. www.laportecabins.com (530) 675-0850, please mention the Dirt Devils or Mike Wallace when making your reservations.
- Camp Grounds around Little Grass Valley Reservoir (reservations can be made at www.recreation.gov) RV Dump available

- (Primary Club Campground) Red Feather Campground, 60 sites, Tent and RV, Flush Toilets, Piped Water.
- Runng Deer Campground, 40 sites, Tent and RV, Flush Toilets, Piped Water.
- Wyandotte Campground, 120 sites, Tent and RV, Flush Toilets, Piped Water.

La Porte businesses:

- La Porte is a very Small Town and remote, with only five full time businesses.
- General Store, Town grocer and fuel station.
- Union Hotel, Cater to Group renters only.
- La Porte Cabin Rental.
- Riley's Bar, Town watering hole and eatery
- Rabbit Creek Deli

Supplies and Provisions:

1. La Porte General Store (Managed by my Brother)La Porte is very Remote and the store supplies itself thru weekly runs to Marysville so it's not the cheapest option)
2. On your way up the mountain stop in **Yuba City/Marysville 60 Miles from La Porte – Costco and chain supermarkets.**

Fuel:

- La Porte General Store
- Quincy
- Brownstown

History of the area and what to expect on the trail:

During the late California Gold Rush in the 1870s and 1880s the town of La Porte had a population of approximately 10,000 people now only 26 permanent residence remain, and had its own bank (Bank of La Porte). Potable water was provided free through redwood mains (some of which are still in service) by wealthy local citizens. Civic leaders strongly opposed hydraulic mining in the area, citing potential damage to watershed land as legal means to stop most hydraulic mining. Also of note is that La Porte is well known as the birthplace of downhill ski-racing

The run that we are planning is both technical and beautiful, a true forest trail with mountain streams and awesome views. A 2002 study by the Forest Service identified 127,000 acres (51,000 ha) of the forest as [old growth](#). The old-growth mixed conifer forests of: [Coast Douglas-fir](#), [Ponderosa Pine](#), [White Fir](#), [Jeffrey Pine](#), and [Red Fir](#) forest. Logging is still active in the area.

23 - Adopt-a-Trail

September

**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

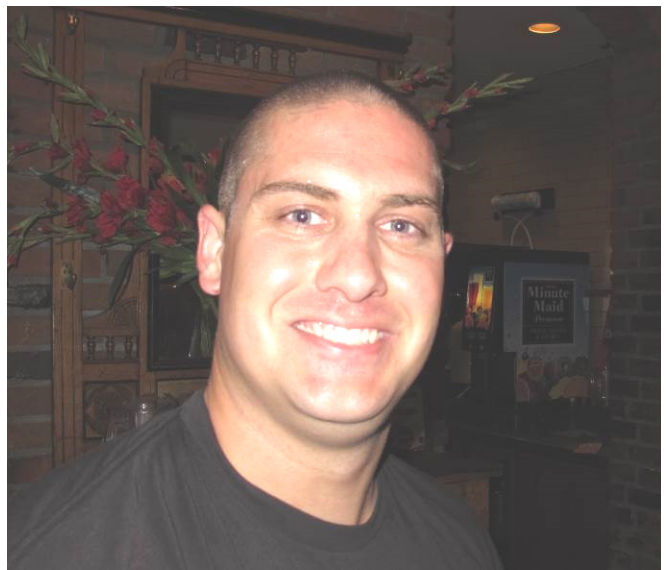
Guests



Chris Goodman visited us about 9 months ago when we were at Keno's Chris can be seen in a '90 modified Jeep.



Ron & Patty Kautz can be seen in the Red '06 Jeep with a few modifications. This is their first meeting.



Spencer Schmidt is the proud owner of a modified '92 YJ



Jim Mahar is the proud owner of a '97 TJ has few mods

including lockers. He was planning to go out to Clark Mountain near Primm NV. Perhaps he can provide us with a run report.



Chris Slaughter can be seen in a '94 Cherokee and a ¾ ton GMC 35's and a 6" lift.

Club info

First aid kit tracking

FA #1 (red, blue backpack)

Mike Ortega Adopt a trail

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Roger Mauer Feb 2014

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Ron Webber march 2014 Calico

Awards



CAL 4 Wheel Drive, new member award

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 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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Run Coordinator: Rick Walter rick03tj@gmail.com

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



Mike Maneth memorial cow bell



Old Green



Old blue

Cowbells

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.



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

Rick Walter Cleghorn January 2014 High Centered and yanked with help from Josh Bleijenberg

Mike Wallace Cleghorn January 2014 water pump went out Ray Kleinhuiizen to give

Ray Kleinhuiizen 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

Ray Kleinhuiizen 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