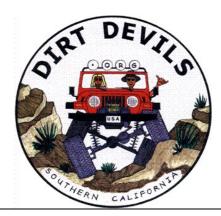
Dirt Devils Digest



The Dirt Devils Digest

A monthly publication of the Dirt Devils <u>http://www.dirtdevils.org/</u>

Presidents Message:

The final run calendar will be voted on at the December meeting. If you have anything to add then December is the time to do it.

New Meeting spots reported by Rick

- Looking at Zito's. Please go by and visit. It can seat 100 people. It's about four and a half miles away from Marie Calendars. The address is 2036 N. Tustin Street, Orange, CA 92865. www.zitospizza.com
- Black Bear Diner is another option in Buena Park

• Both places do not have any requirements. Need to have feedback at the next meeting in order to make a decision. Seem to be outgrowing the current meeting room and it's hard to hear.

• Sizzler has a room but not available on the first Tuesday. To change the date would require a change of the bylaws. Also the bylaws state that the club meets in Orange County.

• Zoe sent out a list of about 30 different places that she researched. See you on the trail.

Ray Kleinhuizen



SEMA Historic Jeep tour http://www.thedrive.com/article/686#.VjUFuXo_w5A.email

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Adopt a Trail

Hours 412

At the last run we worked the bypass, moved a few rocks, cut some brush back and picked up trash.

Motorcycles have created a single track by pass around the waterfall. Greg (ranger) has recommended that we look and build an easy by pass around the water fall. Last weekend august 29th led 45 rigs around Big Bear back country. It was a lot of fun to see some of the closed down areas.

Run reports

Adopta Trail Barbecue awards banquet about 100 people attended. The #1 club had over 3,000 hours. The Dirt Devils had about 400 hours. Mike noted that two Dirt Devils worked the adoptatrail booth at the Off Road Expo. Rain in Death Valley

October storms caused large amounts of damage throughout Death Valley National Park. Flash floods destroyed significant multiple roads and heavily damaged several historic structures at Scotty's Castle https://www.facebook.com/DeathValleyNP/videos/10942 30560601225/

Dish Pan Trail, Pete and Josh went up and for a possible bypass but reported that it would not work. They were looking at an old road and the last couple hundred yards would require too much work.

Night run, Sugar pine mountain

12 vehicles, 7 of which were guest. No breakdowns great opportunity to test out our offroad lights. The place was light up like like a football stadium

CA4 Wheel Drive Assoc

Reinstein wants to nationalize three parks. South District Meeting. In this case it might be a good thing since is will keep the renewable energy guys out. January, 23, 2016 Ontario 9:00am Host club needed

Win a Jeep, keep trails open.

http://www.cal4wheel.com/win-a-jeep Raffle date: 2/20/2016 in Sacramento





- ARB fridge
- 37" BFG tires
- Genright aluminium fenders, bumpers, skid plate
- JE Real drive shafts
- Atlas 2 transfer case
- Snevy's LED lights
- K&N air intake
- Curry front dif Yukon axle shafts w/ zip air lockers
- PSC hydro steering
- Fox shocks

- PRP seats
- Rock hard sport cage
- TBM brakes
- BBS short arm kit
- Warn winch
- Odyssey battery
- Kicker sound system
- Sider web bikini top
- Reid hi steer knuckles
 - Rugged ridge hood latches, handles, mats, ½ doors
 - LGE paint work

Run Calendar

Adopt a Trail meeting place

8:30am at Rocky's Roadhouse 32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382 next to the 76 gas station

November

12th – 14th Panamint Valley Days (PVD), Cal 4 Wheel event



Celebrating 30 years of having fun in the Panamints with all your friends and family; all those great sunrises and sunsets. All those flyovers, the rain, the snow, and the great starfield at night, really seeing the Milky Way. All this, makes Panamint Valley Days so fun and great to spend time with friends and family. For full info and registration: <u>http://cal4wheel.com/panamint-valley-</u> days?utm_source=CA4WDA+Updates&utm_campaign= 04e69c8669-barrett-lake-reopen-07-27-15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d30f6c948f-04e69c8669-85608049&mc_cid=04e69c8669&mc_eid=e64d42a631

21st CA\$WDA board of directors meeting

http://cal4wheel.com/calendar/g-1pe105gpmffbnq79d57lv4kpnog 201511211700

December

1st Monthly club meeting 5th Calico Run Leader Ron Webber See the last page of this newsletter for run information.

January 2016

5 Monthly club meeting

November 2015

15-17 Hammer trails (D) - Josh 15 Superstition 17 put on by Sand Diego 4 wheelers http://cal4wheel.com/calendar/g-1t8jg18nngah9sko33tkinveupc 20160115 23 Holiday Party King of the Hammers - non club event 29 - 730th, 31st ham radio License (entry level) **Ouestions ask** Mike Wallace Instructor: Mark Chung 562 708 3893 mchung@prodigy.net Make check out to: Wynns radio for \$75. Mail to: Cerritos Amateur Radio League PO Box 575 13337 South Street Cerritos CA 90703 **Class location:** Sheriff's Station 18135 Bloomfield Ave Cerritos . 8am to 5pm both days

February

- 2 Monthly club meeting
- 13 Cactus Flats (snow run) (E) Dave
- 26 –28 Primm Colosseum Gorge Trail (M) Chris
- 20 Holcomb Creek (snow run) (D) Rick

March

- 1 Monthly club meeting
- 4 6 Tierra Del Sol Desert Safari non club event
- 12 Motino Wash (D) / Rattlesnake canyon (E)-
- D Josh/ E Ron
- 19 Adopt A Trail Roger
- 19 27 Easter Jeep Safari Moab non club event
- 25 -4/3 Moab (trail ratings TBD) Dave

April

- 5 Monthly club meeting
- 9 Adopt A Trail Danny
- 22 –24 Anza Borrego (M) Mike
- 29 –1 Corral Canyon (D) Danny

May

- 3 Monthly club meeting
- 7 Adopt A Trail Chris
- 12 –14 Jeep Jamboree Big Bear non club event
- 20-22 Overland Expo, Flagstaff AZ. non club event
- 21 HDR Prerun Devils Loop (M) Ray
- 27 29 HDR Cal 4 Wheel Devils Loop (M) Ray

June

- 7 Monthly club meeting
- 11 Adopt A Trail Roger
- 17–19 Big Bear Forest Fest non club event
- 17 –25 Grand Canyon North Rim (E/M) Ray

July

5	Monthly club meeting
16	John Bull (D) - Josh

23 Adopt A Trail - Ray

Old white mtn road near bishop No date

August

- 2 Monthly club meeting
- 6 Off road Clinic 1 Mike
- 13 Off road Clinic 2 Mike
- 13 Little John Bull night run (M) Jack& Zoe
- 20 Adopt A Trail Josh
- 11 –14 Jeep Jamboree Rubicon Trail non club event

September

- 6 Monthly club meeting
- 9 –11 Sherman Pass (M) Danny
- 17 Holcomb Creek (D) Jack&Zoe
- 24 AAT BBQ

October

- 4 Monthly club meeting
- 7, 8 Miller jeep trail / lockwood creek
- 14 16 Death Valley (E) Rick

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November

1	Monthly club	meeting / run	planning 2017
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- 4 6 Afton Canyon (M) Chris
- 11 13 Panamint Valley PVD Cal 4 Wheel event

December

6 Monthly club meeting

10 Calico (D) and Calico (E) - Ron/ Mike

Guests

- 1. Jerry Horner
- 2. Kevin Davidson
- 3. Leslie Carlin
- 4. Blake Talton
- 5. Shawn & Kim Varble
- 6. Brandan Lesher
- 7. Erv Hunt
- 8. Michael Thomas his wife gave him a new Jeep for Fathers day.
- 9. Hector Escamilla drives around in a 79 Ford Bronco
- 10. Mel Nix '14 Rubicon
- 11. Kevin Davidson and Leslie Carlin

New members

Suhag Patel

Classified

New Complete **Dana 30 axles shafts** a little rust. keep a spare with you at all times, just in case was in my 2000 TJ (until I upgraded) should fit '97 – 2006 maybe others that I don't know about.



\$50. Each, driver and passenger side. contact Ron Webber 714 715 5692 or <u>ronjp@outlook.com</u> **Free Alternator** from 2000 TJ stock swapped out for one with higher amperage at about 40k miles **Free Oil pan skid plate** John Bull trail tested.



<u>Free</u> contact Ron Webber 714 715 5692 or ronjp@outlook.com

Club info

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

Club officers

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the emergency response team makes themselves available to help with our adopt a trail Dish Pan.

CAL4 wheel reps: Jesse May and Keith Graham

Club membership

Membership dues:	
Dirt Devil annual club dues\$3	
Spouse\$1	2.00
CAL4WD annual dues\$4	
CAL4WD permanent member\$67	5.00
CAL4WD permanent member 12 installments of\$5	6.25
CORVA\$3	0.00
http://cal4wheel.com/	

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 West entrance: 2N26Y is N34° 16.198 W117° 08.258.

The T6 Bridge:

N34° 16.106 W117° 07.745.

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

Meeting place

8:30am at Rock Road House 32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382 next to the 76 gas station Adopt a trail Current hours – 192

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 DD logo magnets available in various sizes for \$4.50 to \$13.50 each.

Awards



CAL 4 Wheel Drive, new member award

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.

Run report template:

Run name: Run leader: Date: Number of rigs: Participants: Members: Guest: The story: Weather: Cow bells earned:

Run announcement 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 Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run Directions to Meeting Place. EXACT Departure Time from Meeting Place Required Equipment. Open dif ? Lockers? Is RSVP Required? CB Channel 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?

Contact Information (Run Leader Phone Number & email address)

Day 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 Tail Gunner Vehicle

After returning home forward to the newsletter editor a Run Report and a few photos. subject line write "Run Report"

DD Trail Ratings

Trail ratings are subjective and weather conditions over the years can change a trail. An easy trail can become more difficult after or during rain. The trail leader needs to be the final judge of trail conditions the day of the run. If any part of a trail is difficult the trail is rated difficult. If difficult sections have bypasses the trail may be suitable for less capable rigs or less experienced drivers.

E – Easy (Black Canyon, Mohave Trail)

- M Moderate (Devils Loop, Miller Jeep Trail)
- D Difficult (John Bull, Calico)

I Easy trails could include these conditions:

- Any dirt, sand or gravel road.
- Gentle to mildly steeper hill climbs, mild rocky sections and/or soft sandy sections.
- Four wheel drive may not be necessary all the time.
- Pot holes or ruts that require high ground clearance.
- Water crossings are up to 15 inches deep.
- Suitable for full size vehicles.
- Low gears may be required on hill climbs.
- Recommend 4 wheel drive vehicle
- Suitable for most tire sizes

• (M) Moderate trails could include these conditions::

- Steep rutted and rocky hill climbs that require careful tire placement.
- Two to three foot ledges to climb and/or steep down hill drop offs.
- Rocky sections that can cause body or rim damage.
- Water crossings might have rocks and could be deeper then 12 inches.
- Brush or cactus may touch vehicle.
- These trails will require low range gears, high ground clearance and 4WD.

- Skid plates and body protection are recommended.
- Minimum 33 inch or bigger tires.
- Recommend at least one axle locker.

(D) Difficult trails could include these conditions:

- Rocks as big as your tire to as big as your vehicle.
- Hill climbs are steep and may require extended wheel travel.
- These trails can have long sections of large rocks that require careful tire placement. .
- Three + foot ledges to climb and steep drop offs.
- Body damage is possible and brush may scratch vehicle.
- These trails will require vehicle modifications such as suspension lifts, body protection and skid plates.
- Minimum 35 inch or bigger tires.
- Recommend front and rear axle lockers.

10 reasons to be a trail leader:

 $10-\ensuremath{\text{You}}$ pick the trail (hopefully someone will want to run it with you)

- $9-\ensuremath{\text{You}}\xspace$ pick the run start time and meet spot
- $\mathbf{8} \mathbf{You}$ write the run announcement
- 7 You pick the CB channel (duh 4)

6 - You conduct the drivers meeting (best if done before you start the trail)

5 – You carry the Dirt Devils club first aid kit (hopefully you know how to use it)

4 – You pick the bathroom stops (more stops keep you out trouble)

3 -You are the spotter when someone needs help (you'll get a lot of exercise)

2 – You will get unwavering support from all drivers even when you are hopelessly lost and confused.

1 - You get to ride in front of everyone out of the dust (this the only good reason to be a trail lead)

Trail Tools

We all know it's important to carry tools in case something breaks when we are on the trail. We also know that spare parts can be the difference between walking and driving off the trail. The question is: will we be able to perform a trail fix that's not straight forward? These are important issues we all should think about before each run. The fact is, if you 4-wheel, on any level of difficulty trail, sooner or later you will be faced with a trail fix situation! Close scrutiny above and below your rig will reduce the likelihood. Loose screws, nuts and bolts.

But what tools and spare parts should we bring? Most of us have limited space for tools and spare parts in our rigs. Therefore we bring tools and spare parts that we hope will fix whatever breaks so that we can be back on the trail in minimal time. Knowledge of your vehicle is very important when selecting tools and spare parts. It's a good idea, if possible to pack a separate tool kit specifically for your 4 wheeling vehicle. A good way to determine if you have the right tools in your kit is to do some basic maintenance on the vehicle using only tools from your take along tool kit. This will give you a good idea of how much you can accomplish with that tool kit and what items need to be added.

A sample list of items in a trail tool kit is identified below. Your knowledge of your vehicle should help you edit the list to include the tools and spare parts that could be needed on the trail. No matter how prepared you are, a failure can still ruin your day because it's not practical or possible to carry every spare part that might be needed.

Recommended trail tools:

1. Socket Set (some vehicles use both standard & metric), ratchet and extensions

2. Combination wrenches (some vehicles use both

- standard & metric)
- 3. Vise grips
- 4. Adjustable jaw pliers and channel locks
- 5. Crescent Wrench
- 6. Spark plug wrench
- 7. Screwdrivers (Standard & Philips)
- 8. Hammer 9. Bottle Jack
- 10. Utility Knife
- 11. Hacksaw
- 12. Latex Gloves
- 13. Tire plug kit
- 14. Hacksaw
- 15. Rags
- 16. Funnel
- 17. Flashlight / work light (extra batteries)
- 18. Ratchet straps
- 19. Cordless tools (impact driver, saw, etc.)

Spare parts and consumables:

The extreme situations: carry no spare parts, or carry so many your rig breaks due to the extra weight. What you need to do is get somewhere in the middle by carrying parts that are most likely to fix your broken rig. If you have knowledge of your vehicle, any special items can be added. If your rig has a history of U joint issues carry a spare.

Sample Spare parts list: add or subtract as needed!

- 1. Fuses, electrical wire, electrical tape, duct tape,
- nylon wire ties, silicon sealer
- 2. Miscellaneous nuts, bolts and hardware
- 3. Fan belts, hose, clamps
- 4. Valve stems, tire plugs
- 5. Engine oil, brake fluid, transmission fluid, etc.
- 6. Coolant or water for the radiator

Once you have everything together, you need to determine how to store them in your vehicle. A permanently installed tool box or a carry-on tool bag / box that can be secured to the vehicle are good choices.

A breakdown will likely include crawling under the vehicle and messy parts. Bring a blanket, towel or plastic trash bag that you can lay on. They also help keep parts and tools away from the dirt.

Many breakdowns can be fixed on the trail with some tools, spare parts and knowledge of the vehicle. Keep an open mind when the fix is not straight forward. Many vehicles have been driven off the trail with unique fixes. A ratchet strap can be used to keep an axle in place to drive off the trail. (I have personal experience) A high lift jack handle and hose clamps can straighten and splint a bent tie rod.

With some forethought and preparation you should be able to deal with a wide range of common trail fixes. The big plan here is to safely get you off the trail after a breakdown.

First aid kit tracking FA #1 (red, blue backpack)

Danny Ward Ray Kleinhuizen Mike Wallace Josh Bleijenberg Ron Webber November 2014 Ray Kleinhuizen July 2014

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Gilbert

Mike Wallace

Josh Bleijenberg

Pete Johnson

Josh Bleijenberg corral cyn then handing off to Pete

Ray Kleinhuizen Danny Ward Josh Bleijenberg April 2014 Roger Mauer Feb 2014

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Jack & Zoe Roger Mauer Danny Ward Ron Webber March 2015 Calico Rick Walters July 2014 Pete Johnson April 2014 Ron Webber March 2014 Calico

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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. This starts at the beginning and the end of the trail, not on the highway.



Old logo green bell Frank Gilliland Holcomb Creek 9/26/15 Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 4/10/15 Josh Bleijenberg Dusy Ersham Sept 2014



Brown bell Frank Gilliland Claw Hammer Bill Smith HDR May25 2015 Tim Debolt Rattlesnake Feb 2015 Rick Walter adopt a trail 6/27/2014 Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 5/4/2014

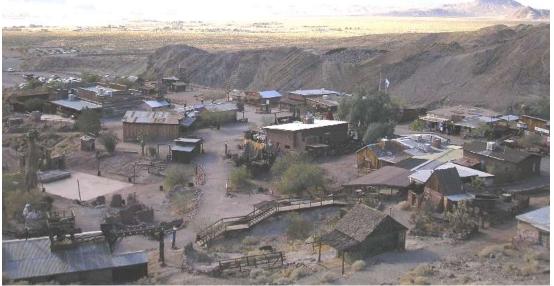


Little Blue bell Frank Gilliland Holcomb Creek 9/26/15 Bill Smith HDR May25 2015 winched Bronco on to trailer Gilbert at Corral Canyon 4/10/15 Chris Slaughter Grizzly Rick Walter Mike Wallace



Mike Maneth memorial bell Frank Gilliland John Bull 6/27/2015 Mike Wallace Corral Canyon 4/10/15 James Eddinger Claw Hammer 1/10/15. Castulo Olivas

Dirt Devils Calico Run



Calico Ghost Town

Where camp: Calico campground

I will be camping in the overflow campground area (with my gray & black 40' RV) on the left as you drive in the main entrance.

The Overflow campground has no RV hookups, but does have scattered water faucets.

The overflow campground does a few small cabins.

Waypoint: N34 56.556 W116 52.012

When: December 5th 2015

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 required 33" tires some scratches & damage may occur.

Trail Boss: Ron Webber

Home 714 649 9836 / Cell 714 715 5692

RSVP to: Ron Webber ronjp@outlook.com

Where: about a hundred twenty 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 scattered water faucets for getting water 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 No hookups \$30.00/unit/day Partial hookups \$34.00 Full hookups \$35.00/unit/day

Cabin Rentals

Equipped sleeps 4, A/C & heat, porch w/ bench & service counter. \$45.00 Per night (4 persons)

Activities:

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

KOA campground next to freeway

Barstow KOA 35250 Outer Highway 15 North Yermo, CA 92398 Information: (760) 254-2311 Fax: (760) 254-2247 Reserve: (800) 562-0059 RV Campsite: \$28.00 - 30.00 Tent: \$21.00 - 22.00



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.