



# The Dirt Devils Digest

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

## Editors Message:

Some people play golf, some people go wheelin. When things go wrong: <https://www.jk-forum.com/articles/happens-jeeping-goes-wrong/>

Check the calendar, we still have runs coming up.

[Dirtdevils.org](http://Dirtdevils.org) calendar is usually current. We are gradually moving over to [Slack.com](https://Slack.com) for the most current info.

October is Cleghorn & Holcomb.

CAL4Wheel Panamint Valley is in November. December we are going to Calico.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> is our annual running planning meeting, put it on your calendar. Dinner will be served, so please RSVP. There are lots of wheeling opportunities within 200 miles. Come even if you are not sure about leading a run. It is all fun and the club is buying dinner.

The Adopta Trail program never ended. Who knew. The Adopta Trail program is essential to keeping trails open and it is in the Dirt Devils by laws, that members will volunteer at least once a year. Guess what we do need a new Adopta Trail chairman.



The Rubicon Trail

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See you on the trail.  
Ron Webber

**New member**

**August**

George Doukas & Laura Fisher 2<sup>nd</sup> visit 2019JLU Rubicon

**Guest**

**September 2022**

Randy & Diane Javonillo 1<sup>st</sup> visit 2001 XJ  
George Doukas & Laura Fisher 3<sup>rd</sup> visit 2019 JLRubicon  
Jim Haley & Zuema Pietila 1<sup>st</sup> visit 2013 JKU  
Carlos & Georgine Guevara 1<sup>st</sup> visit 2018 JLU  
Lupe Serra 1<sup>st</sup>visit 2021 JL Sierra

**August 2022**

Jerry & Dana Horner 2<sup>nd</sup> visit 2006 LJ

**July 2022**

Graham Monteath 2018 Rubicon 5<sup>th</sup> visit  
Craig Wrobel 2001 TJ 2<sup>nd</sup> visit

**For Sale**

2022 Jeep Unlimited Rubicon with 2200 miles  
Reach out to Mark Chadwick at 714-943-5536  
<https://orangecounty.craigslist.org/cto/d/garden-grove-2022-jeep-wrangler/7529591823.html>

**Ron & Emi's new 2021 White JLU Diesel**



10,600 miles 26.5 miles per gallon around town. 32.5 highway speeds avg 65mph. No problems.  
It remains, a pleasure to drive.

**Trail politics**



Defend your right to enjoy the great outdoors.

Stay active, support my golf

- [www.cal4wheel.com/](http://www.cal4wheel.com/)
- [www.sierra access coalition](http://www.sierra access coalition)
- [www.corva.org](http://www.corva.org)
- [www.sharetrails.org](http://www.sharetrails.org)
- [www.sharetrails.org](http://www.sharetrails.org)

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

**Run Reports**

**Ouray, Colorado**

10 total rigs, 6 members.

2 cowbells awarded 1) Mike Morey and 2) Michael Monroe  
Here is a quick rundown of our trip as we just completed our last day on the trail:

Several of use actually did a couple days in Moab and 1 extra day in Ouray before the rest of the members showed up, but since we only had 2 members for these days, these were not 'official' runs.

We were in Moab the night of the flash flood, and luckily missed it by about 30 mins downtown. We were on Fins n Things when the storm started, and quickly exited the mountain.

Consistently we had risk of rain and thunderstorms, so we adjusted the trail schedule as needed. Weather overall cooperated. We also had lots of trail traffic due to a motorcycle event all week on the trails, so lots of trail traffic.

Everywhere we crested 11500+ foot peaks (highest was 13k) and lots of waterfalls, scenery, old historic/abandoned mining buildings everywhere. Too much to list.

**8/22 – Ophir Pass and Last Dollar Road**

9 total rigs, 5 members. We started the day at the Ophir Pass trailhead at 9am, and proceeded up the trail without issue before arriving at the peak about 2 hours later. After some photos, we headed down into Telluride for lunch. Afterwards we returned to Ophir via Last Dollar road, a scenic but easy dirt road.

### **8/23 – Alpine Loop (Engineer Pass/Cinnamon Pass/California Gulch/Corkscrew Pass)**

This was our longest day on the trail, covering 60 miles of dirt. We started at 7:00 am and proceeded up the Mineral Creek trailhead towards Engineer pass. The trail was wet and lots of mud puddles, with several stream crossings. Took us about 3 hours to arrive at the Engineer peak, where we stopped for some photos. We then proceeded to Cinnamon Pass and we had lunch along the creek on the trail. Proceeding down towards Animas Forks where we stopped to walk the historic district. We then proceeded up California Gulch and then Corkscrew Pass which consisted of multiple sharp switchbacks before exiting the trail about 6:00 pm.

### **8/24 – Black Bear Pass, Imogene Pass**

9 total Rigs, 5 members. Steve Cave – leader. The group met at 9am and headed to the Blackbear trailhead. The group made the long incline up and over the pass, taking time for photos at the summit before heading down to the ‘steps’ obstacle with the group passed with little effort and some spotting. We then proceeded down the switchbacks, which was overall uneventful although very scenic. Lots of careful spotting around the tight switchbacks got everyone through safely. We completed the trail and had lunch in Telluride before heading on to Imogene. Fairly early in the trip we observed a motorcycle rider who had ridden off the trail accidentally and needed assistance, so the group used a winch and lots of muscle to get him back on the trail. We headed up Imogene and took photos at the summit before heading down the trail. Trail was wet with lots of mud, and we ended the day about 5:30pm.

### **8/25 – Poughkeepsie Gulch**

8 total rigs, 5 members. Nick Kovacevich – Leader. We met and departed at 8:00 and drove to the trailhead (Mineral Creek). Trail was wet and lots of water puddles/holes, and a handful of river crossings 6-18” deep. We arrived at ‘the Wall’. Robert G took the first crack at the obstacle, which is about 12’ tall rockface. I was able to get up on the first attempt with lockers. 4 other rigs also were able to make it up the obstacle, all but 1 had lockers. 2 member rigs had to be winched (Mike Morey – JT – no lockers/long wheelbase) and Mike Monroe (Chevy Colorado on 31s, no ground clearance / limited articulation). We returned back via Mineral Creek and ended the day at 12:30pm.

Only minor mechanical issues were experienced (battery connection to starter, low idle issue) which were both resolved.

### **Gold Mountain/John Bull July 2022**

I led a group of 13 rigs on Gold Mountain/John Bull yesterday.

The group met at 9 and departed at 9:30 at Gold Mountain. We had 5 member rigs and 8 guests. Craig and Mark ended up sharing tail gunner duties.

Just before departure, it was discovered one member rig had a leaking valve stem. We used a Colby stem to replace the damaged unit. No further issues.

On the incline up Gold Mountain, one guest rig developed an overheating issue. They elected to turn around and head back down the mountain.

The group moved quickly through the Gold Mountain obstacles. Some difficulty was had on both the first and third obstacle, requiring additional spotting.

While traversing the 3<sup>rd</sup> obstacle (large rock/v cut) one member rig became stuck then developed a vapor lock. The vehicle eventually started after cooling off, and took the easier route around the obstacle. Another member got a door ding when his rig contacted a tree.

The group stopped for lunch about 12:00 near the top of the mountain. After a quick lunch, the group resumed travels down the hill. We were off the trail about 1:30.

Several attendees decided not to go on to John Bull, and headed home. The rest took the drive over to John Bull.

The group inadvertently ran John Bull backwards - which was a different experience for all of us. Lack of paying attention by trail leader! We decided to go with it.

Running this one backwards is a pretty unique experience, especially the last downhill towards the normal gatekeeper. Some pretty big drops going downhill really test the nerves.

Everyone made it through the gatekeeper relatively smoothly, except for Craig whom required some extra rock stacking and wheel speed to avoid a cowbell, but made it through without the winch or a strap.

The group aired up and departed for home at 3:30pm

No cowbells to report.

Robert Gabrielson

Rundude.

## HDR Pre-run - May 21, 2022

Five vehicles showed up at the Barstow Outlet Center including Ray, Karen, Ron, and Greg, along with me and Linda. We headed off for the gatekeeper at 9:00 am. Two large rocks needed repositioning at the gatekeeper, using Ray's winch and Greg's winch, with Ron supplying the chocker chain. We continued running the trail hanging marker flags at each turn without finding any major debris along the way. Ray and Karen moved ahead to create a strategic position for good radio communications as the group would move forward.

## HDR Run - May 28 & Sunday, 29, 2022

Friday evening Ron and Emi hosted dinner at the Dirt Devils camp serving hamburgers and the fixing with Russian margaritas. A nice group showed up to enjoy Ron and Emi's hospitality.

**On Saturday we had 31 vehicles** in line for the run at 8:00am. With the trail crew in their position at each obstacle there were no issues or delays. We reached the lunch area earlier than planned at about 10:30am. During lunch the Desert Burros guests elected to separate from the Devils Loop group and went off on their own. We finished the run back at Slash X at 1:30pm. Dave and Trish served an afternoon snack soon thereafter to the Dirt Devils members.

**On Sunday** we again had 31 vehicles in line with a start-off at 9:00am, running the trail in the opposite direction of Saturday's run. Trail crew again moved themselves into position. All vehicles made it through the gatekeeper, but at the first obstacle a Toyota high centered and blew a tire bead from its wheel. During the recovery, the Blue Moon Run group (an easier trail run) was passing by and the Toyota occupants elected to join them. The next issue was a four-door Rubicon high centering on his cross member. Dave and Rob used their winches to break the Rubicon loose. We made it to the lunch area about 1:00pm and finished the run about 3:30pm.

Thanks to the Dirt Devils trail crew consisting of: Ray, Karen, Dave and Trish, Ron, Randy, Castillo and wife, Rick, Gary, Bill, and Rob. They made this event run very smoothly for our guests.

Danny Ward Run leader

## Run Calendar

For Run details go to [DirtDevils.org](http://DirtDevils.org) then click on [2022 Run reports](#)

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

## September

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Death Valley Jedi Pass**  
see DD calendar

**17<sup>th</sup> Miller Jeep Trail**  
see DD calendar

**21<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Emigrant Trail Winnemucca, NV start and go west.** [www.jeepersjamboree.com](http://www.jeepersjamboree.com)

## October

**1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> Off Road Expo Pomona FairPlex**  
<https://www.offroadexpo.com/presented-by-general-tire/>

**4<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting** Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

**15<sup>th</sup> Holcomb Creek .**  
see DD calendar



**14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Operation Desert Fun cal4wheel Ocotillo Wells**  
<https://cal4wheel.com/operation-desert-fun>

**23<sup>rd</sup> Cleghorn**  
see DD calendar

## **22<sup>nd</sup> Run Leader training & 2023 Run Planning**

3:00pm, leader training

4:00pm 2023 run planning

Run Leader: Ron & Emi Webber

Leader Phone: 714 715 5692 Ron Cell

Leader Email: [ronjp@outlook.com](mailto:ronjp@outlook.com)

RSVP write in subject line: "DD run planning & training"

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Run Description: easy drive through Santiago Canyon to Modjeska Canyon

Location: email Ron for address [ronjp@outlook.com](mailto:ronjp@outlook.com)

Burgers and the fixing's will be served

Bring chairs and favorite drink

Start thinking where you want to go.

All runs will need a run leader to coordinate the event.

It is ok for there to be 2 run leaders.

**29<sup>th</sup> Saddleback Night Run View the City Lights**  
see DD calendar

## **November**

1<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> **Panamint Valley Days Cal4Wheel**

<https://cal4wheel.com/panamint-valley-days>

About Panamint: <http://digital-desert.com/panamint-valley/>



Isham Canyon Panamint Valley Days 2021

## **19<sup>th</sup> CA4WDA board of directors meeting**

9am start Meeting via Zoom and in person. All active members and delegates are encouraged to attend. We hope to conduct the meeting in one day, with the possibility of continuing the meeting on 11/20. For Zoom meeting information, please contact the webmaster at [webmaster@cal4wheel.com](mailto:webmaster@cal4wheel.com)  
Questions? Contact Bonnie at (916) 381-8300.

## **December 2<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Calico**



**Trail Boss:** Ron Webber [ronjp@outlook.com](mailto:ronjp@outlook.com)  
Cell 714 715 5692

**Where camp:** Calico campground

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

I will be camping in space 32 & 31 on the left as you drive in.

**Waypoint:** N34 56.556 W116 52.012

**When:** December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

**Start ride:** Saturday morning 8:30am

**Meeting place:** Just outside the entrance to calico

**Lunch** on the trail

**Ham: 145.585**

**Difficulty:** 3+ on a scale of 5, rear lockers required

**RSVP:** [ronjp@outlook.com](mailto:ronjp@outlook.com)

I will arrive Thursday afternoon, leaving Sunday.

Friday, I plan to pre run.

**Hotel:** Oak Tree Inn Yermo

35450 Yermo Road, Yermo, CA 92398 (760) 254-1148

6<sup>th</sup> [Club Meeting](#) Zito's Pizza, Tustin St, Orange

17<sup>th</sup> **Holiday Lights**

see DD calendar

**January 2023**

13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> , 2023 winter fun fest

[Winter Fun Festival - California Four Wheel Drive Association](#)  
[\(cal4wheel.com\)](#)

**February 2023**

2<sup>nd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 - Johnson Valley, California.



**Club info**

The Dirt Devils are a 501(c)(7) corporation

Meeting Time and Place

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

**Zito's Pizza,**

2036 Tustin Street, Orange, CA 92865

(714) 974-6191

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)

[www.zitospizza.com](http://www.zitospizza.com)

Club officers

**President:** Tim Thomas [prez@dirtddevils.org](mailto:prez@dirtddevils.org)

**Immediate past president:** Rob Rien

**Vice President:** Katy Nachbaur [vprez@dirtddevils.org](mailto:vprez@dirtddevils.org)

**Secretary:** Doug Francisco [secretary@dirtddevils.org](mailto:secretary@dirtddevils.org)

**Treasurer:** Trish Behlings [treasurer@dirtddevils.org](mailto:treasurer@dirtddevils.org)

**Web Master:** Chris Slaughter: [webmaster@dirtddevils.org](mailto:webmaster@dirtddevils.org)

**Adopt a trail chairmans:**

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**Newsletter:** Ron Webber: [ronjp@outlook.com](mailto:ronjp@outlook.com)

**Membership:** Cheryl May [membership@dirtddevils.org](mailto:membership@dirtddevils.org)

**Accessories and Hospitality:** Harry Long  
[merchandise@dirtddevils.org](mailto:merchandise@dirtddevils.org)

**To Order DD Merch:** [www.jeepdaddy.com/collections/dirtddevils](http://www.jeepdaddy.com/collections/dirtddevils)

**Safety:** Rick Walter

**Run Coordinator:** Rob Gabrielson [rundude@dirtddevils.org](mailto:rundude@dirtddevils.org)

**Emergency response team coordinator:**

Rick Walter [rundude@dirtddevils.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

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/>

First aid kit tracking

### **AED / Defibrillator**

RobG  
 Dave B  
 Tim  
 Jay Holcomb Creek  
 MikeW Clarks grade  
 Ron Webber Calico  
 RobR Bishop

### **FA #1**

Tim Thomas  
 MikeW Clarks grade  
 Mike W Moab  
 Ron Webber Calico  
 RobR Bishop

### **FA #2 (Orange canvas bag) out of service**

Doug  
 Chris S  
 Rob G Last Chance Cyn  
 Mike Clarks grade  
 James& Nick Holcomb Creek  
 Roger AAT

### **FA #3 (Orange canvas bag) out of service**

Dave B  
 Nicolle C  
 Shauna Silverwood  
 Bill Schopper Red Canyon  
 Mike W offroad clinic  
 Ray & Karen North rim

### **FA #4 (Orange canvas bag)**

Nicolle C  
 James Holcomb Creek  
 Rob returned to Rick  
 Craig W Miller  
 Rob R Anza Mud Caves  
 Brandon out of service  
 Mike W Clarks grade

DD HAM's

Dirt Devil's primary frequency aka DDprime,  
 146.510 simplex

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

DD club sign	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 VanDuyn	KM6VVV
Chris Johnson	KK6SAJ
1. Pete Johnson	KM6ARI

## **The club now has it own license**

### **HAM update/report.**

the FCC has issued the Dirt Devils a club license (Thank you Jay) Jay applied for and got a vanity call sign. Our 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.

**Jay Van Wormer** went over the club license for the new members/guests.

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. Jay 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.

The FCC is looking to mandate a \$50 fee for licenses (currently free) so if you want to get your license, now is the time to do it.

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**

Ray K Cleghorn  
Allan 4/7/21 Kane Creek  
Roger 6/30/2019 Holcomb  
RobR 4/6 Cleghorn  
Vinnie Barbarino 4/6/2018  
calico gatekeeper  
John Johnson



**#4 Little Blue bell**

Dave B 4/25/21 Holcomb Creek  
Chris Slaughter Last Chance Canyon  
Richard V HDR Devils Loop  
Brian Powell 8/18/18 John bull  
Nick Kovaceich 4/6/2018 Kane Creek  
Rob Rien 3/4/18 Snow run Holcomb



**#2 Brown bell**

Tim T Death Valley  
Bill S Mottino  
Dave B 4/7/21 Kane Creek  
Raelene 6/30/2019 Holcomb  
Brandon Errickson 12/08/2018 Calico  
Danny Ward 4/6/2018 Kane Creek  
Rob Rien 2/24/18 Pinyon Mtn,



**#5 Big Bertha**

Katy N Calico  
Mike 4/7/21 Kane Creek  
Brandon 7/13/19 John Bull night run  
RobR 4/27 AAT  
Dave Behlings 6/9/18 Grizzlycon  
Dave Behlings 4/6/2018 Kane Creek



**#3 New Brown**

Niccole C Calico  
Wes 6/7/2021 Holcomb Creek  
Nick K 4/7/21 Kane Creek  
MikeW Holcomb Creek  
Josh/ Brayden Schiller 8/18/18 John Bull  
Rob Wallace 4/6/2018 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.