



The Dirt Devils Digest

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President's Message

Every September the forest service in Big Bear holds a BBQ for adopta trail volunteers. This last year the Dirt Devils came in 7th place with 1736 hours, next years goal is 3000 hours. This is a very worthwhile activity to help keep our trails open.

Leave to Sheldon for organizing a great Calico Trip. Read all about it in this newsletter. There are even a few new Cow Bell owners.

Check out the calendar, we still have more runs in November. The December meeting is our run planning meeting for the next year. Start planning now for our December run planning meeting.

See you on the trail.

Jesse May

Website news

If you want to unload Jeep parts send me a picture and a brief description and I will post.
Please provide new pictures of yourself along side your rig for the website.

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Calendar

November

1st Regular meeting

5th -DD— adopta a trail meet at 9am in Running Springs

11th 13th CA4WDC - Panamint Valley Days

http://www.cal4wheel.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=63&Itemid=91

11th 13th wounded warriors fund raiser, trail ride and BBQ at Snow Summit in Big Bear. For more info contact Mike Ortega

24th -27th - DD—Anderson Dry Lake

December

The 3rd or the 10th 3 days 2 nights on the Mojave Trail lead by Jeff & Nancy Jernigan

6 Regular meeting

Run report

Miller jeep trail in September had a little bit of everything except breakdowns no cowbells. Thunder storms, mud and rocks. It's a great trail we all had fun.

CALICO Adventure

October 22, 2011

By Sheldon Neal

12 Jeeps met at Peggy Sue's on Saturday morning and we promptly left for the trailhead at 9:00 with great anticipation. Little did we know what an interesting day it would turn out to be for us. The Dirt Devils have run the Odessa/Doran Canyon trail countless times; at least once a year since I've been a member. I consider it a moderate trail but it always seems to give us a curveball or two. This year most of the curveballs were thrown to Ron Jackson.



As we were airing down another group passed us heading for the trail. I decided we should hang out a bit to give them some time to get a ways down the trail so we wouldn't be following or waiting on them all day. After a bit we had our Drivers meeting and headed on. At the first little obstacle there they were, working to get through. Traffic on the trail would be a recurring theme for the day. On this first obstacle, Ron got hung up enough that he was unable to go further. A quick winch tug and he was free; Ron tried to convince some that it should not be a cowbell since he was winched by a visitor on the run, but we all know that's not how it works.



After a little more mild rock climbing we made it to the top and to the right waterfall. Most made it up without too much fuss, although several had to give it an extra try or two to get the right line. After a couple of less than successful attempts, Eddie wisely took the strap – cowbell number 2. He had broken here the last time on the trail and decided he wanted to see the rest of the trail this time. Lockers are a great thing; I think Eddie said his were in his garage.



We stopped for lunch at our usual spot and watched all the traffic going by. Our usual Mine Tour Guide wasn't on this year's trip so we didn't go into the mines. After lunch we worked our way down the canyon without incident and made it to the biggest drop-off of the day. Although there were a few wide-eyed moments everybody made it through just fine. Well, except for Andy. Andy somehow forgot his previous visit to the little drop-off after the big drop-off where he got turtled and messed up his transfer case output shaft seal. So, he decided to take the same line, maybe expecting a different result this time. The result was different, but not what Andy was looking for.

This time Andy was turtled on his transfer case cross member. After much discussion and study, we decided it would be best to pull him forward off the rock. Tried a strap, no good. Tried a winch, no good. Tried a winch with an anchor vehicle, good for cowbell number 3. However the scraping on the rock was a little more severe than expected and took a toll on the cross member, bending it back several inches. This presented a problem as it was pinched against the front output shaft. So, we hooked the winch up to the cross member and a Jeep to the back for anchor and some strategic choker chain placement we were able to bend the cross member forward enough to clear. And probably a third of the bolts weren't damaged at all so on we go.



A little further down the trail in a downhill rocky section, I heard John say over the radio, "Stop, your (something) falling off!". So, I stopped. Turns out it wasn't my (something) but rather Ron Jackson's Hi-Lift jack. It was mounted on his front bumper and the rubber thingie had rattled loose and let the handle drop down. With the Jeep's forward movement it had become wedged under the Jeep in the rocks and bent the mount a little. A few whacks with a hammer on the wing nuts and back the Jeep up and the jack was free.

On we went through the tunnel of rocks; Ron took a slightly different line than John or I and got hung up. A quick tug from behind with a winch gave him a chance at a better line and cowbell number 4 for the day. On down the trail we went for the grand finale.

John and I had already made the turn up out of the wash at the end when it came over the radio, "Help. We've got a Jeep rolled over and need assistance immediately!" So, John, Nancy and I hustled back to the wash and, sure enough there was a Jeep on its side with the Jacksons inside. We couldn't get to it from the side to winch it back up on its tires, so we hooked a winch line up to the back of it and with a bunch of strong men and me pushing from the side we were able to right the Jeep. Cowbell number 5 for the day.



So, figuring we were done with the drama for the day we went on our merry way over the hilltops to a place to air back up. However, Eddie was not done for the day as we heard over the radio that he had lost his rear drive shaft. We all waited a short time while he removed it and then down to the flat to air up. We had no issues while airing up and Eddie decided to have his Jeep towed home rather than take it in front wheel drive only. Cowbell number 6?

All in all it was a fun day with plenty of adventure. I think we need to get Ron a golden cowbell for his contributions to the day. He had brought several friends and their Jeeps from Big Bear, maybe he was just showing off?

CAL4WD

New members

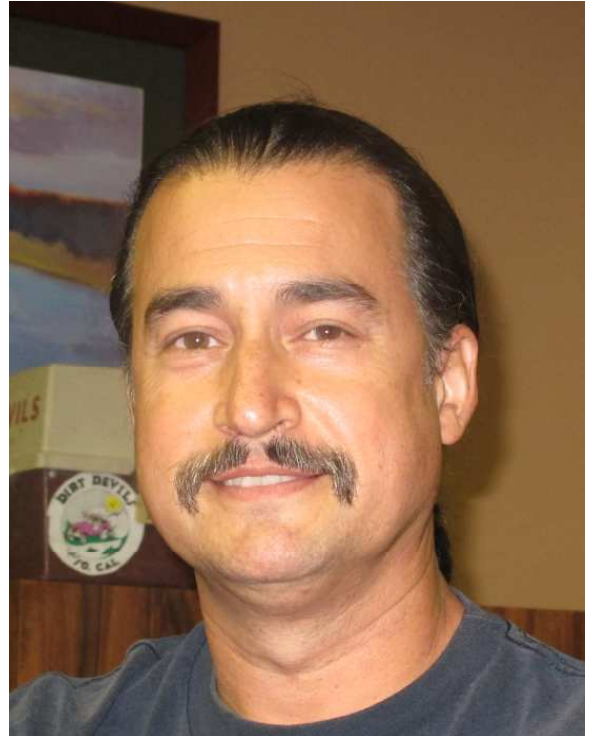


Mark & Patty Dail guest at the May, June, Aug, Oct meeting.
Voted in at the October meeting

Guest



Louis Faas visited the Dirt Devils regular October meeting.
Lives in Orange and drives an '07 JK Rubicon



Frank Salazar attended the October meeting and a guest of
Mike Maneth



Russ Deer visited the October meeting, he drives a 2012
Rubicon



Don Stoutenger drives an '06 TJ Rubicon.
Jun, Aug '11 meeting & Jul 30th Gold Mtn John Bull run.

Cowbells

Randy Huddelston August 2011
Randy needed the help of a winch at the water fall, during an adopt a trail day at Dishpan Springs.

Chuck Callahan John Bull July 2011
he got hung up on a large rock

Oscar Lizarraga July 2011
needed the help of a strap.



Dustin Bennett proudly holding his cow bell. Earned at a V notch while on the Cleghorn run



Jesse May lost his drive shaft on the trail at HDR. Fortunately for Jesse Dustin Bennett found it on the trail and returned it to it's rightful owner.

Dan at Cleghorn laid his jeep on its side.

Safety Report

Safety administrator Danny Ward
When on the trail keep an eye out for the rig behind you.

For groups larger than 10 there needs to be a 1) leader, 2) tail gunner and a 3) mid rig.

Basic safety equipment should include: first aid kit, fire extinguisher, CB radio, tow strap, extra food and water, basic tool kit, some spare parts, safety glasses, gloves, full size spare, working emergency brake.
Large Velcro straps are handy to keep your straps together.

Club officers

President: Jesse May jemay.xj@gmail.com

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Safety Committee: Dan Ward / d41ward@sbcglobal.net

Run Coordinator: Needed

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.

First aid kit tracking

3 first aid kits:

FA #1 Sheldon Neal

FA #2 Mike Ortega

FA #3 Jesse May

Banner

John Strege has it.

Stickers, T shirts & hats

Dirt Devil Stickers are available at the regular meetings for \$15.00 from Emi Webber.

Shirts see last page, Hats see Emi

Meeting Place

We meet the first Tuesday of each month. 6:30pm for Dinner & 7:30pm for the meeting at

Keno's Restaurant

5750 E. La Palma

Anaheim just east of Imperial Hwy and north of the 91 Fwy.

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.

Dirt Devils Membership Form

June 1, 2011 through May 30, 2012



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Membership	New:	Renewal:
Member Name:		Handle:
Vehicle:	Year:	• Lic#:
Vehicle:	Year:	Lic#:
Home address:	City & Zip:	
Cell phone #	Home phone #	
E-mail address:		
Off road experience?		
Spouse:		Handle:
Vehicle:	Year:	Lic#:
Home address:	City & Zip:	
Cell phone #	Home phone #	
E-mail address:		

Also, please email a photo of yourself and your vehicle in the "Members " section of the Dirt Devils web site. Please include a Face Shot and include your Real Name (*at least a first name*).

Annual Membership Dues:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Total
	\$36.00 Member	
	\$12.00 (Spouse)	
	\$45.00 yearly renewal of CA4WD dues.	
Total:		

If CAL4WD (California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc.) membership dues is paid,

Please provide CAL4WD Member ID: _____ Life member? _____

Please make check payable to Dirt Devils of SoCal. Send check & this form to
Emi Webber 17092 Olive Grove Lane, Silverado, CA 92676 emiwebber@hotmail.com

Note: The Federal Tax Reform Act requires that we advise members that contributions or gifts to CA4WDC or Dirt Devils Club are not deductible as charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes.

Shirt order 2011

Name: _____



Short Sleeve	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	Totals
Price:	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	
Qty:								
Total:								
Long Sleeve	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	
Price:	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	
Qty:								
Total:								
Hooded Pullover Sweatshirts	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	
Price:	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	
Qty:								
Total:								
Hooded Zippered Sweatshirts	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	
Price:	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	
Qty:								
Total:								
Total:								

Fax order to Quest Building Products 714 738 6640 or email emiwebber@hotmail.com please write "DD shirts" in the subject line