



The Dirt Devils Digest

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President's Message

Thanks Mike Ortega for running the meeting while I was off vacationing.

If you didn't make it to Mike Ortega's Big Bear run this weekend it was not boring. Read all about it in this newsletter. I even contributed to some of the fun. Thanks Quinn.

I have been a long time supporter of CAL4WD. Generally I believe they play an important role in keeping trails open. I won't go into any detail about the drama at CAL4WD but some of us in the south were expressing disappointment with operations. The issues were resolved at the last district meeting held in Running Springs, President Mark Cave's apology letter is in this newsletter.

May 6th is the Dirt Devil's adopt a trail day, your help will be appreciated. We start in Running Springs at 9am.

For the month of August we only have one planned run. If anyone has plans to go anywhere else such as Sierra Trek bring it up at the next meeting. Some of us may want to kick up some dust.

Thanks Dan Hyatt for representing the Dirt Devils well in St. Louis.

If you haven't paid up your dues please bring a check to the next meeting. If your contact info has changed in the last 5 years fill out a new membership form.

See you on the trail.
Jesse May

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Danny Delp on Gold Mountain

Website news

If you want to unload Jeep parts send me a picture and a brief description and I will post.

Our website was being hosted by a company in the Philippines they were not up to the task. I have fired them and I am now hosting the Dirt Devils web site at my office "Top Website Placement". We have the equipment and software to do the job.

Please provide new pictures of yourself along side your rig for the website.

Adopt a trail

Holcomb Creek: Mike O reported that other groups are asking for help to repair Holcomb Creek trail. It has gotten worse from the rains this winter; a lot of the trail is washed out. The forest service is asking for extra help to get it open in time for summer. Mike Ortega and Roger Mauer will provide monthly updates.

Calendar

August

2 Regular meeting

6 - DD—Adopt-A-Trail

The plan is to build a new gate keeper with the help of a Forest Service provided back hoe

11-14 - CA4WDC - Sierra Trek

Randy Huddelston (new member) is planning to go to Sierra Trek.

Old White Mtn. Rd Inyo National Forest

Saturday - August 27

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

raykleinhuisen@yahoo.com,

Karen Kleinhuisen (Cell 714-264-1705)

Trail Leader Camping: The trail leader will be camping at the Grandview campground August 26 and 27. From Orange County go to the 15 Fwy and go north to US 395. Go north on US 395 to Big Pine (last chance for gas and supplies). At Big Pine go east on SR 168 (13 miles) to bristlecone pine forest turn (White mtn. rd) and proceed 6 miles to the Grandview campground.

Meeting Location: Grandview Campground entrance located on White Mtn Rd. (there is no cell coverage at the meet spot)

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

Trail Description: This is a trail you won't find in any books or trail guides. We found this trail last year while we were camping in the white mountains. Karen and I tried to take it as a alternate way down to SR 168 on the way home from camping. The trail quickly became more difficult than our F-150 truck could handle and we turned around. We had some difficulty getting back to the trail start but finally were successful. We stopped to look the vehicles over and discover body damage on the truck and a slow leak that soon became a flat tire.

We went back this year to pre run the trail. After some tree clearing and branch trimming the trail turned out to be a lot of fun for Jeeps. The trail starts less then a mile from Grandview campground at 8600 ft elevation and runs about 7 miles down to hwy 168 at an elevation of 7200 ft. The trail is mostly a moderate level of difficulty with 4 or 5 difficult sections and no bypasses. The plan is to go down the trail to start and, if time permits, head over to the Mollie Gibson mines area for lunch. There are some great views of the Sierra Mountains from the lunch location. After lunch we will head back to Old White Mtn. Rd and go back up to the Grandview Campground.

Special Equipment Required: 33" tires are recommended with at least one locker. Stock Jeeps without lockers might have trouble and could experience body damage. Both times I have been on this trail I have had a flat tire so I know there are some sharp rocks.

Campground Information: The Grandview campground has 27 campsites with tables, fire rings (bring firewood), central pit toilets but NO WATER. The max size for motorhomes is 23ft and the last 6 miles to the campground are steep, winding narrow mountain road. No reservations accepted and no fee only voluntary donations. The Grandview campground has large campsites that are spread out and can accommodate multiple vehicles and multiple tents.

The Glacier view campground is located at the junction of US 395 and hwy 168 in Big Pine. Glacier view has 40 open tree shaded RV/tent sites on 20 acres. The rates are \$17 a night for hookups and \$12 a night for dry sites. No reservations accepted

Group campsites are available by reservation only (760-873-2500) and are located on hwy 168 just before the turn off for Grandview campground. The group campsites are large with a pit toilet, covered eating area with tables, a fire ring (bring firewood) but NO WATER. These sites can accommodate RV's and tents.

There are hotel accommodations available in near by Big Pine and Bishop.

Big Pine Motel, 370 S Main St (US 395) 760 938-2282
 Bristlecone Motel 101 N Main St (US 395), Big Pine 760 938-2067
 Best Western 725 N Main St (US 395), Bishop 760 872-3044
 Comfort Inn 805 N Main St (US 395), Bishop 760 873-4284

If you like getting away from the city for some camping and exploring a new trail in a very beautiful high altitude pinion pine forest this is the trail run for you. I have attached some pictures to give everyone an idea of what the trail is like. There are more picture up on Dirt Devils facebook page as well.

RSVP to Trail leader (Ray 714-300-9656) before August 26 @ noon

September

6 Regular meeting
 10 - DD—Miller Jeep Trail

October

1 - DD—Seven Oaks
 4 Regular meeting
 14-16 - CA4WDC - Operation Desert Fun
 22 - DD—Calico

November

1 Regular meeting
 5 - DD—Last Chance Canyon
 11-13 - CA4WDC - Panamint Valley Days
 24-27 - DD—Anderson Dry Lake Area

December

6 Regular meeting

Run Reports

Gold Mountain, John Bull
 Saturday July 30, 2011
 Leader: Mike Ortega



The Discovery Center, Fawnskin, we headed out at 9:10am. We started out with 17 vehicles we aired down at the start of Gold Mtn. shortly after starting we picked up a young guy and his dad that wanted to tag along for Gold Mtn, that made 18 vehicles. Their jeep was stock but they did pretty well.



Rusty Brister breaks axle



Hi Lift Jack handle saves the day

At the first obstacle, Rusty Brister a friend of Quinn Thomas broke an axle on his Dana 30. Rusty strapped a hi lift jack handle on the outside of the tire to keep it from walking out and headed home. We kept in touch via CB he had to stop a few times to adjust the strap but he did make it down.



Trail winds through loose sharp shale

We made our way to the loose shale area. Don Stoutenger a guest that found us recently on the internet. He sliced his right front street tire in the loose shale. The slice was big so rather than fill it with plugs he just swapped out his tire with his spare. About this time it started raining. It continued raining off and on, along with thunder and lightening most of the day. Wet rocks do create an extra bit of fun. It is my opinion that Jeeping with roll up windows, heat and A/C is not keeping with the off-roading experience.

Another group of Jeepers were also using Channel 4 and Mike heard someone say there jeep was over heating so he stopped. We ended up stopping for quite awhile before Mike realized it was another group and not us.



Strap holds track bar mount in place

The next incident was Jesse May's track bar mount. He and Amanda heard a large bang sound. Scaring Amanda half to death. After getting out and carefully inspecting the front of his Jeep he discovered a large crack had developed where the track bar mounts to the frame. Jesse and Quinn ratchet strapped it back together to keep it in place. They turned around and headed back to Quinn Thomas's shop (J Products in Big Bear) to weld it back in place.

I interviewed Castulo Olivas friend Angie. Castulo apparently has convinced her that he is a capable offroad driver. I did not tell her otherwise.

We stopped for lunch at the John Bull gate keeper The delp's, the Neal's, the Jernigan's and Strege had to take off and go home. But Oscar Lizarraga with his friend Pedro, Eddie Cesena and Don Young showed up.

We headed off making it through John Bull's gate keeper without incident.



In one difficult spot Oscar Lizarraga's rear locker was not working and needed a helpful yank from Don Young.

In the same area Eddie Cesena right rear tire dropped into a hole and in an "oh my god" moment he nearly rolled but due to his skillful driving he got it back under control. We all thought Eddie was a goner.

A little while later Don was missing, I found out later that Don Young's Jeep was overheating. Apparently a wire had come loose on his electric fan. It was an easy fix.

Towards the end of the trail there is one spot where the trail severely liens towards a very large tree. Don Stoutenger's wife Mary did not want to damage their Jeep which is in pristine condition. After several attempts and excellent spotting from run leader Mike he managed to get around the tree without a scratch. A short while later Chuck Callahan in his red Jeep attempted to drive over a 3 foot tall rock. The rock rolled and got lodged between the belly pan and his rear differential. Lucky for Chuck, Don Stouenger had just purchased a new winch. Don jumped out hooked the winch line up to the back of Chuck's Jeep and dragged it back off the rock. Chuck limped to Quinn's all J Products shop in Big Bear for necessary repairs.



This trail took it's toll on the Dirt Devils, we started out with 18 Jeeps and finished with 10. Never a dull moment.

CAL4WD

Mark Cave letter

July 14, 2011

First, I wish to extend an apology to Harry and Helen Baker and the entire South District for my unsuccessful attempt to initiate expulsion procedures under CA4WDC bylaws. The proposed proceedings were excessive given the questionable circumstances of the alleged violations of the SOPs.

Ultimately, the matter was never discussed by the BOD as the motion was laid on the table at the June BOD meeting. I will request the BOD not return the matter to the agenda for further consideration at the August meeting. Also bear in mind that I was responding to members of the south who contacted me personally requesting that I address their issues with leadership in the south.

Certainly, the matter will leave a bad taste in the mouths of many in the south for a long time to come. Whether or not this apology finds acceptance, it is offered as promised to both the delegates and the Bakers.

Keep in mind that this was not a personal vendetta against either of the Bakers, nor was the action instigated by any other member of the BOD. It was the action of an overly zealous new President who felt his Association was being harmed by the actions of someone who should have been more supportive of common goals. I should have contacted him directly when he did not respond to my letter accepting what I believed to be his resignation from HDR.

Yet, as I saw the support Harry had in the south among the many individual members and delegates, I realized that my



principles must be secondary to the realities of the potential loss of so many clubs and individual members. Only serious infractions of the bylaws and SOPs can justify such an extreme action against any member, much less an officer of such long standing. I apologize for initiating such an action without first consulting with those that elected that officer.

Under the bylaws, it is not a requirement to do so, but I realize now that the support of the district membership must be part of such a process and it must be included in finding appropriate solutions as conflicts arise.

Any future disciplinary actions under my administration will involve the district clubs and delegates more fully and will have their input. I do not want to be seen as taking actions behind closed doors.

Lest it be forgotten, the process will also entail more face to face and personal conversations with those involved and follow up written confirmation of those discussions. I have relied on e-mail because it leaves a record of communication. I do have the ability to teleconference and create verifiable records of conversations.

Lastly, as Barry Goldwater said "extremism in defense of liberty is no fault." I remain devoted to this Association and seek to serve all of its clubs and members, but I am also very passionate about its defense against any threat. I apologize for my extreme actions in my sincere and honest desire to protect CA4WDC from harm. I believe it is my role as President to bring the problems of the Association before my BOD and discuss potential solutions with them and make plans to resolve the problems that face CA4WDC.

Mark D. Cave, President CA4WDC

Improvements



Pete says the new front fenders improve the functionality of his jeep. I think he did it just for looks.

Dirt Devil supplies

First aid kit tracking

Jesse May.
Mike Ortega believes he gave his 1st aid kit to Sheldon
Jeff Jernigan Feb 1st got from Pete Johnson

Banner

John Strege has it.

Stickers

Dirt Devil Stickers are now available for purchase at the regular monthly meetings for \$15.00 from Emi Webber. We are currently out of magnets.

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.

New members



Randy Hardt voted in as a new member at the April Meeting



Randy & Donna Huddelston drive a 2005 Jeep Unlimited January, February & April meeting guest. Voted in at the June meeting



Ron & Sharon Jackson Ran Cleghorn and has helped out on our adpota trail. Voted in at the June meeting.



Brad Lark with his wife Charlotte and their son Brandon was voted in as a new member at the June meeting

Guest



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



Scott Petrus putts around in a '97 TJ with a 4" lift sitting on top of 35" tires



Mark & Patty Dail guest at the May & June meeting.



Max McCann drives an '06 TJ likes Hungary Valley and The Red Rock area.



Kevin Graff '03 Rubicon

Cowbells



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



Matt Freeman proud owner of a '52 Willys just by chance Matt camped next to Jesse May at HDR, lives in Hesperia.



Our new president 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.

Andy Lamar Oct 23rd Calico run

Roger Mauer, July 11, 2010 on John Bull/ Dishpan yanked by Mike Ortega.

Safety Report

Safety administrator Danny Ward

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.

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Club officers

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- Run Coordinator: Needed

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:
Vehicle:		Year:
Home address:		City & Zip:
Cell phone #	Home phone #	
E-mail address:		
Off road experience?		
Spouse:		Handle:
Vehicle:		Year:
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