



The Dirt Devils Digest

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

The Mike Maneth memorial issue

President's Message

Mike Maneth passed away on December 3rd at 11:39am. He will be remembered as a great husband, father, Grandfather, friend and longtime member of the Dirt Devils. At the next meeting I would like to propose that the Old Blue cow bell be named in Mike's honor. The Mike Maneth story starts on page 5.

Next years calendar is now published, start making plans. One of the first events is Kevin Hull's BBQ. If you have not attended you have missed out on some very fine cuisine.

Calico Hills is next.

I am interested in purchasing a new GPS device for my Jeep. I would like to hear from other Dirt Devils what they are using. If you would please, write up what GPS device you are using and why, send emails to our editor for publication in an upcoming newsletter.

My new year's resolution is to thoroughly inspect my jeep for any loose nuts and bolts, worn parts that need to be replaced but no body work.

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.

Mike Ortega

mike@topwebsiteplacement.com

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Mike Maneth rock climbing in the Calico Hills. Proudly showing off his Blue Cowbell.

Run Reports

Panamint Valley Days – No Dirt Devil attendees.

Nov -9th – 11th Parker Arizona – John Strege, Jeff Jernigan and Dan Delp (total of 3 vehicles from the club) went. No straps or wenchers by club participants although there were other event participants that had some issues.

Nov - 10th 2nd Annual OMC Off-Road Holiday Food and Toy Drive – No participants present at the meeting.

Nov - 16th thru 18th Bronco Days – No participants present at the meeting.

Nov - 17th thru 18th Cal-4-Wheel Board Meeting.

Run calendar

Regular Adopt A Trail meeting place

9am at Rock Road House
32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382
next to the 76 gas station

January 2013

8th first meeting of 2013

12th Holiday slow cook BBQ Dinner Party

Kevin Hull's house



Saturday, January 12, 2013

at 4pm
20891 Avenida Amapola
Lake Forest 92630
714-227-8876
kevin@heklaw.com

Bring Beer, booze, margaritas, sodas. (I will have an ice chest.) lawn chairs and jackets – we'll sit by the firepit. Pack out what you don't drink of your beverages (unless it is the really good stuff).

If participating in the gift exchange - \$20-\$25 dollar value.

19th Calico Hills

Where camp: Calico campground

Waypoint: N34 56.556 W116 52.012

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

Trail Boss: Ron Webber

Home 714 649 9836 / Cell 714 715 5692

RSVP to: Ron Webber webbermail@cox.net

Where: about a hundred 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.



February

15- 17 CA4WDC Convention.

At the Marriott in Rancho Cordova (near Sacramento).

Planning is in full swing with the return of a vehicle show, trade show, seminars, entertainment and more.

At this years Convention, we will be electing a new association president and treasurer,

02- 10 King of the Hammers

Mike Ortega

March

2- Desert Safari (TDS)

16- 17 Anderson Dry Lake

Pete/ Jesse

April

20- Adopt-a-Trail

Mike/Roger

27, 28 Anza Borrego

Brian

Moab, Utah

April 6 to April 13, 2013 Moab, Utah. We will travel to Moab on April 5 and 6, arriving at the Dead Horse State Park Kayenta camp ground on April 6. This will be my base camp for the whole week. Dead Horse State Park is right outside of Canyonlands and has RV hookups and water but no showers.

For more information go to

'www.stateparks.utah.gov/parks/dead-horse'. It would be great to have everyone at Dead Horse State park but other

options are available in Moab.



Hotel/motels and campgrounds: Most of the Moab campgrounds offer full RV hookups and some provide showers for tent campers. For more information on Moab go to 'www.moab-utah.gov' for camping and hotel options.

The plans for the week will continue to firm up as we get closer to April 2013 but here's a draft calendar for the weeks events. White Rim Rd on April 8& 9 is the only firm trail. The other days are open for discussion. If you know of other good trails, let me know. All trail runs other than White Rim road are open for discussion

Sunday April 7: Day runs (possible trails: Bartlett Overlook, Hidden Canyon Overlook, White Wash Sand Dunes)

Monday April 8: Back country run on White Rim Rd in Canyonlands National Park. We have back country permits for 9 vehicles. The group will back country camp off White Rim Rd at Murphy Hogback and Candlestick camp sites (no water.) The White Rim trail is mostly easy with a few moderate sections. The journey is over 100 miles with a few side trips to visit dramatic arches, rock formations and descend to the Colorado river.

Tuesday April 9: Complete the back country run on White Rim Rd. and return to Dead Horse State Park campground.

Wednesday April 10: Day Runs (possible trails: Hell's Revenge, Fins & Things) with a trip into down town Moab for supplies.

Thursday April 11: Day runs (possible trails: Bull Canyon, Metal Masher)

Friday April 12: Day runs (Possible trails: Elephant Hill, Lavender Canyon)

Saturday April 13: Break camp and head home

RSVP: Ray Kleinhuizen cell: 714-300-9656, Email: raykleinhuizen@yahoo.com

Because the number of vehicles on White Rim Rd. is limited, please sign up early if you want to participate in that trail.

May

2- 5 Mojave Trail (meet Thurs evening at Avi Casino on the Colorado River) trail head is 3 miles north of Avi Jesse/Pete
 11- Adopt-a-Trail Mike/Roger
 18- 19 Coral Canyon Danny/ Randy
 25- 27-May HDR

June

8- Holcomb Mike Ortega
 22- 22-Jun Adopt-a-Trail Mike/ Roger

July

13- Adopt-a-Trail Mike Roger
 26- 27 Coyote Canyon/ Bishop Brian
 25 – 28 Jeepers Jamboree Rubicon Trail Nor Cal
www.jeepersjamboree.com

August

2- 4 Jeep Jamboree Rubicon Trail Nor Cal
www.jeepersjamboree.com
 10- Aug- Adopt-a-Trail –Mike Roger
 24- Aug Miller and Lockwood trails Ralph

September

7- Adopt-a-Trail Mike/Roger
 13- 15- Sherman Pass/Kennedy Meadows Danny Ward
 21- 22- Tentative- Kids on Public Lands
 28- Gold Mountain, John Bull Mike Ortega

October

5- Tentative - ODF
 12- Adopt-a-Trail Mike/Roger
 25- 27 TruckHaven Brian

November

9- 10th Panamint Valley Days
 9- Desert Splash Jeff
 16- Adopt-a-Trail Mike/ Roger
 28-Red Rock Canyon and Last Chance Pete/Jesse

December

07- Cleghorn Dustin/Joel

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 to be copied and pasted.

1. Date/Time and Place for the Run
2. Description of Run
3. Difficulty Rating scale 1 to 5
4. Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run
5. Directions to Meeting Place.
6. EXACT Departure Time from Meeting Place
7. Required Equipment. Open dif? Lockers?
8. Is Special Equipment Required?
9. Is RSVP Required?
10. Are Permits Required? (Forest Adventure Pass etc.)
11. CB Channel start with channel 4, if to much traffic on channel 4 then switch to 5 and so on.
12. Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees. Access for motor homes? Very little ground clearance? Deep soft sand?
13. Expected Weather Conditions.
14. Contact Information (Run Leader Phone Number & email address)
15. Please, cover all the needed information in the Run Announcement rather than say "contact me for details".



Ron Burdett December meeting

Start of the Run:

1. Hold brief driver's gathering before start of run. Include special instructions.
2. 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.
3. Encourage drivers to learn the name of the person in front and behind his/her vehicle.
4. Assign "Sweep Vehicle" (Tail Gunner Vehicle)
5. Give 5 Minute Warning before start
6. Begin Run ON TIME or notify everyone of new time.
7. Announce Departure over CB channel 4
8. Start moving slowly
9. Stop at all turns to confirm vehicle behind sees turn
10. Stop occasionally to close up ranks
11. Announce comfort stops
12. Announce Lunch Stop and Length of Stop
13. 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"



Romeo Rubalcava September, November & December meetings

Guests

Kevin Haynes a friend of Roger Mauer putt's around in a 2000 TJ with a 4" lift, 33" tires and a few other mods. Kevin attended the December meeting (no pic)

New members



Tim DeBolt voted in as a new member at the November meeting.

CB radios

The Solder Joint is now located in Signal Hills go to www.thesolderjoint.com for directions.

Mark Kennedy operates www.highdesertcb.com
mdkennedy1@verizon.net / 760 949 9917

Ham radios are also very useful and have a much longer range.

Mike Maneth



A side profile of Mike, a little red faced but he did not lose his hat.



oops



Mike proudly showing off his Blue Cow Bell



Rattlesnack Canyon with his Blue /cow Bell



Mike on 2 wheels.

Julius Michael Maneth left us on December 3rd at 11:39am.

Mike started life in Glendale California. (A great city, the editor is also from Glendale) grew up in Arizona and married his sweetheart Mary and brought her back to California and settled in Whittier. They have 2 wonderful daughters Lisa and Yoli; 4 grandchildren: Amanda (Dude); Adrian (Weiner Dude) Julia; Izaiah and his sister Jo

Mike has been a proud member of the Dirt Devils since June of 1998.

Although there are no plans, Mike has asked that his ashes be spread on Gold Mountain Trail the first trail he ran with the Dirt Devils. Lisa told me that one of the last things he told his family as they huddled around was "if I am going to spending more time in this wheel chair then I need to modify it".

R.I.P. Mike. Where you are going the trails are better, the sun is warmer, and those who you left behind in this world will always remember you.

"Yea, though I Rock Crawl through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no trail; for thou art modified; thy rig and thy lockers they comfort me."

Tim N.

The first time I met Mike I had just installed an on board welder on my Jeep and since Mike was a welder by trade he was very anxious to help me try it out. He took a lot of time explaining to me the finer points of welding. How to keep the welding rod fresh and so on. On another run we actually fired up the welder and made some trail repairs to another guys truck. (My Jeep never breaks.) Mike was very proud of his Bronco and all the modifications he made himself to his Bronco, he did seem to lay it on it's side a few to many times. When he rolled it on Rattlesnack, Wiener Dude (grandson) was with him and he told Wiener Dude not to tell Grandma. found She found out anyway.

Ron Webber

So sorry to hear about Mike. He was a very special man and will be missed.

Bill and Joyce Hammond

I have no pictures of Mike with his Bronco on it's side. Every year at Fab Fords, we would sit and visit talk about Fords. I'll miss this our time at the shows. Best wishes for the family and our prayers go with them.

Kay & Bill Smith.

Mike had a great time with the club on the Rattlesnake Canyon run this year. Mike took on all the hard parts without needing a strap or any assistance. I am not sure if that was his last run with the club but if it was I know he enjoyed it.

Ray Kleinhuizen

One of the most memorable trips I have yet made across the Mojave Road was last December. Mike, his wife Mary, his daughter Lisa, and son-in-law Frank were members of the expedition. It was, to my knowledge, Mike's third attempt, and this time his Bronco did not let him down. Mike's determination to make it across the trail was emphasized by the knapsack he carried, which contained his IUV and pump. Mary's uncomplaining determination to be with Mike, despite two nights of tent camping in the cold, was remarkable.

Last week, while visiting Mike and his sons with Danny Ward at his home in Whittier, Mike showed us something that may begin to explain his extraordinary resolve.

He showed us the Silver Star his dad was awarded for his actions during Operation Market Garden in WWII. This was the action that is the subject of the film "A Bridge Too Far". Mike's dad was a paratrooper, and at one point during the battle he held off a squad of German soldiers and a tank with a submachine gun.

The apple didn't fall far from the tree.

Pete Johnson

I remember Mike as a person who did subtle things that were thought out and very funny. Maybe it had been done before, but I thought it was very ingenious and funny when Mike made 'hook ups' for his motor home when he was dry camping. He had his input water line connected to a 4x4 post that was buried in the ground with a spigot on it - it was very subtle and realistic; I remember I did a double take when I first saw it.

For the last few years I have been seeing Mike at the Fabulous Fords Forever car show at Knott's Berry Farm with his Bronco. While he was showing his Bronco, he always has that stuffed 'kid' with his arms covering his head leaning against his Bronco. Most people have seen that before, so it's nothing new, but Mike changed things a bit by installing in it a 'fart' noise maker (for lack of a better term) and proceeded to set it off at just the right moment when people walked by. He was a master with that thing. It was fun watching Mike try to keep a straight face. We had a lot of laughs at peoples' confused expressions.

Gary Karp



Dear Friends and Members,
Dads memories of the Dirt Devils were awesome. He thought of you all the time and worked on his Bronco in anticipation of the next run. It has been a great experience for all of us. Words cannot express how grateful we are to you. Thank you for giving him such joy, and thank you for all your support, kindness, and prayers.

The Maneth Family

<http://www.legacy.com/link.asp?i=ls000161492055>

Classifieds

Smithy light bar for a TJ brand new - \$100
Rubicon Express rear coil springs used - \$20
Contact: Rick Walter at "rick03tj@gmail.com"



1995 Grand Cherokee with the 4.0 and automatic trans. I changed the transfer case to the NP242 selec track which has full time and part time 4WD. This is basically a stock jeep that has no aftermarket modifications. The jeep has 193,000 miles on it, but it has been well maintained. I wanted a solid driver, so I changed the timing chain, thermostat, rear main seal, pan gasket - the engine doesn't leak at all. The prior owner changed the radiator, water pump and fan clutch. It's got a new torque converter, and all the gaskets and seals for the front and rear ends have been replaced. I also added front tow hooks and a factory transmission cooler. This is a good running jeep that would be a good start for a project or even just basic transportation. I am asking \$3300.00.

Contact Gary at gkarp1@att.net or 714-577-0244

Cal-4-Wheel

Board Meeting was on the 17th in Sacramento. Some participants used audio conferencing instead of attending in person. Jesse attended in person. There is a discussion in regards to outsource the Jeep raffle. Research and discussions are taking place.

Keith heard a rumor that the South District VP is quitting. According to Jesse and Cheryl, what they know is that Joe is up for re-election in February and he has stated that he is not running. There are additional rumors that Jesse may run for VP. When asked, he refused to commit.

Club info

Cowbells



Cowbell 3 Randy Huddelston 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

Josh Bleijenberg Miller Jeep Trail

Roger Mauer June

Bill Smith June (he says he wasn't even playing hard.)

Jesse Strege June got a tug from Mike Ortega

John Strege June broke down on the way to the trail.
(Cowbell award?)

Randy Huddelston June 2012

Jeff Jernigan June 2012

Terry Pucket March 2012

Eddie Cesena March 2012

Randy Huddelston March 2012

New brown Jesse May

Old Blue Mike Maneth Calico February 2012



1 Old green cow bell.



2 old blue cow bell



3 new brown bell

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.



Proudly displaying the Cow Bell.

First aid kit tracking

FA #1 (red, blue backpack)

Mike Ortega August no change
Feb 2012
for Adopt a trail runs
Danny Ward Dec 2011
Bill Smith

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

John Strege October 2012
Danny Ward August 2012
Randy Huddelston June 2012
John Strege Apr 2011
Sheldon Neal Jan 2012
John Strege Dec 2011

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Ron Webber Jan 2013
Roger Mauer
Danny Ward June 2012
Ray Kleinhuizen Apr 2012 for Steel Pass run.
Pete Johnson Feb 2012
Jesse May Dec 2011

Banner

John Strege has it.

Accessories

Available at the regular meetings, see Emi Webber.

Dirt Devil Stickers: \$15.00.

Short sleeve shirts: \$14.00

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

Vice President: Danny Ward: d4lward@sbcglobal.net

Secretary: Cheryl May: jemay.xj@gmail.com

Treasurer: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Web Master: Mike Ortega: mike@topwebsiteplacement.com

Newsletter: Ron Webber: webbermail@cox.net

Hospitality: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Safety Committee: Randy Huddelston: hudd1@pacbell.net

Run Coordinator: **Needed**

Meeting Place

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.