



The Dirt Devils Digest  
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<http://www.dirtdevils.org/>

## President's Message

Thank you Mike Ortega for running the meeting in my absence. I was deathly ill.

I recently got an email from Bob Hancock who has moved to Colorado and joined. "The Mile High Jeep Club". Bob says they're so big they divide up into sub clubs, which they refer to as patrols, Bob is in Patrol 2 [www.patrol2.com](http://www.patrol2.com).

I see that Emi Webber forwarded the Cal4WD January 7th meeting minutes. I hope you had a chance to review.

Dinner at Kevin Hull's house was a success, as expected the food was wonderful. Thanks Kevin for putting this event on.

As a run leader you do need to forward the run plan to the newsletter editor (Ron Webber) 2 months before the run so that the plan can be included in this newsletter. Then after the run write up a run report and include a few pictures for the newsletter. Remember, we all want to know who has earned the cow bell.

See you on the trail.  
Jesse May



Proof that Sheldon Neal did take possession of John Strege's first aid kit.

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## 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.

# Tires of the future

Resilient Tech is developing this new tire for the military.



Yes, those are 'spoke' like connections to the inner part of the tire from the outside tread 'wrap!' The next picture shows how odd it looks in motion...



Makes you wonder how the ride feels doesn't it?



## Run calendar 2012

**February**

**Calico Run**

**Date:** February 11, 2012

**Trail Boss:** Sheldon Neal

**Trail Boss Camping?** No

**Campground information:** Barstow/Calico KOA 35250 Outer Highway 15 North; Yermo, CA 92398 Phone: (760)254-2311 or (80z0) 562-0059 Website: <http://koa.com/campgrounds/barstow/>

**Directions to Calico KOA:** Take Interstate 15 North 7 miles north of Barstow. Take Ghost Town Road Exit; left to the gas station, then left .25 mile.

**Meeting Location for Saturday:** Peggy Sue's Restaurant 35654 Yermo Road; Yermo, CA. There is a huge dirt parking lot for any tow vehicles/trailers.

**Meeting Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Departure Time:** 9:30 a.m. (If you plan to eat breakfast at Peggy Sue's, be there at least an hour before departure time).

**Directions to Peggy Sue's:** Take Interstate 15 North 7 miles north of Barstow. Take Ghost Town Road Exit; right turn. Turn left at first stop sign (Yermo Road). Peggy Sue's is on the left.

**Trail Description:** Boulders, rock ledges, narrow canyons and rocky in places. Possibility of body damage.

**Difficulty:** 3.5 on a scale of 1-5.

**Run Type:** Day Run on Saturday with option to camp.

**Equipment Required:** Minimum 33" tires with at least one locker.

**Special Equipment Required:** None.

**RSVP:** Yes, please.

**Permits Required:** No.

**Expected Weather:** Marvelous.

**CB Channel:** 4

**Contact:** Sheldon Neal at [smneal@cox.net](mailto:smneal@cox.net) or Home - 949.559.8018

**Contact Info for Weekend of the Run:** Sheldon's Cell - 714.270.5369

## 9th – 11th King of the Hammers

tour guide Mike Ortega

<http://ultra4racing.com/the-inside-line/2012-griffin-king-of-the-hammers-full-week-schedule/>

## 24 – 26th CAL4WD convention

Courtyard Marriott 9619 Mariposa Rd, Hesperia  
John Strege is our delegate. There are planned runs out to Cougar Butte and the Hammer Trails for the whole schedule go to [www.cal4wd.com](http://www.cal4wd.com)

## March

### 2 – 4th TDS Tierra Del Sol

### 10th Anderson Dry Lake

run leader Pete Johnson

### 17th AAT

Adopt a Trail

## April

1 – 8th Moab UT Jeep Safari Week



13 - 15th Steal Pass run Leader Ray Kleinhuizen  
28 AAT adopta Trail

## May

5<sup>th</sup> Rattlesnack and Heartbreak run leader Ray Kleinhuizen

19<sup>th</sup> AAT adopta Trail **Roger** to lead

26 – 27<sup>th</sup> HDR, High Desert Round up

This is a CAL4WD fundraiser event. President Jesse May will be leading an SUV run.

## June

2nd AAT adopta Trail

22 – 24th Corral Canyon run leader Danny Ward

## July

4th is a Wednesday

13 – 15th White Mtn, Inyo Forest Ray Kleinhuizen

21st AAT adopta Trail

## August

4th Miller Jeep Trail run leader Ralph Schorbach & John Strege

18<sup>th</sup> AAT adopta Trail

## September

8th AAT adopta Trail

14 – 16th Kennedy Mtn & Sherman Pass run leader Danny Ward

## October

13th AAT and Holcomb Creek run Leader Mike Ortega

27th Gold Mtn & John Bull run leader Ralph Schorbach

## November

9 – 11th PVD Panamint Valley Days

22 – 25 Thanksgiving at Truckhaven or Anderson Dry Lake?

## December

8<sup>th</sup> Cleghorn run leader John Strege

## Run template

**Research** and/or Pre-run the trail route.

### **Create and Post a Run Announcement**

Message with the following information: *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.*

- Date/Time and Place for the Run
- Description of Run
- Difficulty Rating on a scale of 1 to 5
- Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run
- Detailed Directions to Meeting Place.
- EXACT Departure Time from Meeting Place
- Required Equipment. Open dif? Lockers?
- Is Special Equipment Required?
- Is RSVP Required?
- Are Permits Required? (Forest Adventure Pass etc.)
- CB Channel start with channel 4, if to much traffic on channel 4 then switch to 5 and so on.

- Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees. Access for motor homes? Very little ground clearance? Deep soft sand?
- Expected Weather Conditions.
- Contact Information (Leader Phone Number & email address)
- Please cover all the needed information in the Run Announcement rather than say “contact me for details”.

### Start 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 “Sweep Vehicle” (Tail Gunner Vehicle)
- Give 5 Minute Warning before start
- Begin Run ON TIME or notify everyone of new time.
- Announce Departure over CB channel 4
- Start moving slowly
- Stop at all turns to confirm vehicle behind sees turn
- Stop occasionally to close up ranks
- Announce comfort stops
- Announce Lunch Stop and Length of Stop

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”

## Advertising

Needed: Jeep Rubicon wheels from a 2003 - 2006 16x8 5 on 4.5. please respond to Rick Walter at [rick03tj@gmail.com](mailto:rick03tj@gmail.com)

## New members



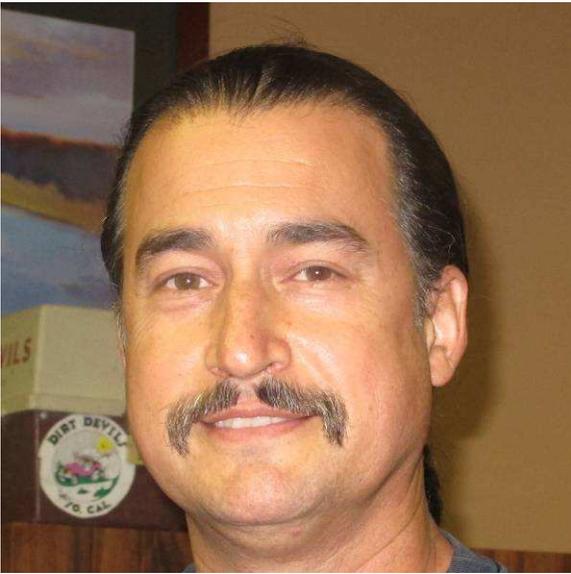
Don Stoutenger drives an '06 TJ Rubicon voted in as a new member at the December meeting.

## Guest

Paul and Debbie Coursey attended the January 2012 and November 2011 meetings as a guest.



Robert and Chad Daub  
Robert puts around in his '74 CJ5 and son Chad puts around in his k5 Blaser.



Frank Salazar attended the January meeting as guest of Mike Maneth



Rick Walter with Rhonda Graves drove to the meeting in his TJ Rubicon which sits on 35's. Rick is also the proud owner of an MJ



Frank Liang drives a 2011 Rubicon Dec '11



Mike (left) and Rob Wallace (right) are brothers and both putt around in '84 CJ7's Mike refers to his as Josephine and Rob refers to his Cj7 as Sam.  
Jan 12

## CB radio news

Many of us have purchased our CB radios from The Solder Joint in Orange. Well the Orange store has closed. They still have a store in Signal Hills go to [www.thesolderjoint.com](http://www.thesolderjoint.com) for directions.

Another option is Mark Kennedy he runs [www.highdesertcb.com](http://www.highdesertcb.com) / [mdkennedy1@verizon.net](mailto:mdkennedy1@verizon.net) 760 949 9917

Ham radio's are also very useful and have a much longer range.

## Cowbells

Mike Maneth December 2011 Mojave Trail

Ron Jackson October 2011 Calico

Andy Lamar October 2011 Calico

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.

If you get stuck and need a winch, strap or 10 of your best friends then you earned a cow bell.

## 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 for keeping your straps together.

When you believe there is a chance of rolling over grab your seat belt and hold on. Do not grab the roll bar or reach out to stop your rig from rolling over.

If your gear is not tied down well then it will get thrown around.

## Club officers

President: Jesse May [jemay.xj@gmail.com](mailto:jemay.xj@gmail.com)

Vice President: Mike Ortega [mike@topwebsiteplacement.com](mailto:mike@topwebsiteplacement.com)

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Newsletter: Ron Webber / [webbermail@cox.net](mailto:webbermail@cox.net)

Hospitality: Emi Webber / [emiwebber@hotmail.com](mailto:emiwebber@hotmail.com)

714 649 9836

17092 Olive Grove Lane Silverado, CA 92676

Safety Committee: Dan Ward / [d41ward@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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

### FA #1 (old box)

Danny Ward (Dec 2011)

Bill Smith

Sheldon Neal

### FA #2

Sheldon Neal (Jan 2012)

John Strege (Dec 2011)

Mike Ortega

FA #3 Jesse May (Dec 2011)

## 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.

# Shirt order form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



<b>Short Sleeve</b>	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:								
<b>Long Sleeve</b>	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	
Price:	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	
Qty:								
Total:								
<b>Hooded Pullover Sweatshirts</b>	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	
Price:	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	
Qty:								
Total:								
<b>Hooded Zippered Sweatshirts</b>	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	
Price:	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	
Qty:								
Total:								
<b>Total:</b>								

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