



The Dirt Devils Digest

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President's Message

As the year draws to a close we need to start planning for next year. December will be our run planning meeting. Bring your run wish list to the December meeting.

At the October meeting I passed out the Dirt Devil by-laws. At the November meeting I intend to review our by-laws, make changes and vote in any changes at the December meeting.

Be sure to see the run calendar for Ralph's Big Bear run announcement.

2 topics that I try to keep track of throughout the year include who has possession of the Cow bells and First Aid kits, currently there are no changes.

You may have noticed that our website went down for a few days, we had not paid our annual fee. It is now paid and were up again.

One last item, thank you Lisa for being Mike's chauffeur to the last few meetings. We all appreciate it.

See you on the trail.

Jesse May

Safety Report

Safety report for the month of October 2012

Greetings all,

Safety inspections: On the Kennedy Meadows run in the month of September I inspected prospective members Tim DeBolt and Mile Wallace's rigs. I am happy to report they passed and have fulfilled that portion of requirements to join the club.

Safety reminder: Due to our clubs tendency to lay our rigs on their side occasionally, it would be prudent to remind everybody to keep their arms inside the rig. Although laying it on its side is somewhat funny, limb amputation would be a disaster. So remember to keep your arms inside! Additionally if you think you are going over remember to grab your seatbelt instead of the roll bar or other hand hold.

See you all on the trail!

Randy Huddleston

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

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Cleghorn Excitement December 8th

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Run Reports

Adopt A Trail

August 18th Adopt-a-Trail

Mike Ortega run leader

Report provided by Roger. On the way out of the trail last month, before the parking lot by the bridge, a rock garden was created filling in all the holes. This will eliminate traffic by stock vehicles. Roger saw it under construction but has not yet seen the finished product. The forest service might be installing a restroom in this area. The volunteer dinner has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for November. Everyone should consider going. The event has a nice raffle and everyone that goes counts with the adopt-a-trail hours.

September 8th Adopt-a-Trail

run leader Roger Mauer – 7 people, 6 vehicles. Fairly uneventful until the waterfall. Larry went through the waterfall, hit the brake and gas at the same time, lunged forward and went sideways. He took out the right rear window of the hard top and was on two wheels. Tilted him back onto 4 wheels and moved him out of the way. In the same spot, Eddie lunged forward due to a broken stainless brake line. To fix he Cut the brake line, connected clamps and drove out with only brakes at 3 wheels. Safety tip –check brake lines before heading out. We shoved 6 trees off the trail. We were done and off the trail by mid afternoon.

Sherman Pass Run



Danny Ward run leader

Friday, September 14th Pete Johnson, Randy/Donna and myself met in Yorba Linda to caravan to Troy Meadows. We drove to the Pilot Travel Center off the I395 and the I15 where we meet up with Don. Don was patiently waiting for us and we continued north on the I395. We stopped for fuel at Pearsonville, then continued to Troy Meadow camp ground

and arrived about 4pm. Within the next hour Tim and his son Chris showed up, then Mark and Patty arrived. So everyone had time to set up their campsites and then we all met at Don's campfire for an enjoyable evening. We turned in for the night and in the morning I found out that Mike Wallace and his son showed up later that night.

Saturday morning everyone was ready by 8:30 and we lined up in front of our campsites. This was a good time for the cameras to be tested for the day and everyone got into the pictures.

Troy Meadow Campsite had a low turn out for campers and it was very quiet. After the pictures, we moved to the entrance of the campsite to get started for the day. I found out that my CB radio did not want to work and Randy had a handle-held radio that I used as we got started to the trail. Half way to the trail there were four deer crossing the road so we stopped to check them out and they moved through the forest pretty fast. As we continued on my radio decided to start working.

We finally arrived at the trail a little past 10 and got our vehicles ready for some four wheeling. The starting line was Mike in his CJ after me, then came Randy/Donna in their TJ, Mark and Patty in their JK, Tim in his JK, Don in his TJ, and Pete trail gunning in his TJ. We were doing good going up the trail until Mike lost momentum in some soft soot with a big rock that did not allow his axle to pass. Mike was having a hard time in the climb in this area and we helped him with a strap to the bumper. Mike then cleared the rock. We watched the rest of the vehicles following through the area.

Continuing up the trail Mike was bouncing too much over the rocks and Mark advised him to lower his air pressure some more. He took Mark's advice and this helped Mike with the rest of the climb up the first half of the trail. We finally crested the hill into a valley of heavy growth and dead trees from a fire many years ago.

We drove through the dead trees area and into a valley of heavy brush and the only two trees in this area decided to lie across the trail. The first tree someone else had cleared and the second tree we had to move. We then moved forward. We had almost made it to the top at the trail crossing and being noontime; we decided to have lunch in the shaded area. After lunch we moved forward and decided not to go to the top for the view.

We passed through a little rock garden and weaved through the forest until we came to a cattle coral. At this time we partly aired up our tires and took the road back toward the camp. We continued to Monache Meadow with about three hours of sun light left.

As we entered the first part of the meadow Mark spotted a good-sized coyote. The coyote made sure there was plenty of space between us, but did stop to check us out. I think he was checking out our tail gunner Pete for dinner.

A few minutes later Pete notified us over the radio that he has a flat tire. With everyone helping Pete, the tire was changed in record time.

We moved forward and finally arrived at the fishing stream. We were taking a break when a lady came through the brush to get to the stream. She was retrieving her bag of wine that was chilling in the stream before we noticed it. Fishing here could be fun. We started heading back but I took the wrong trail that Pete told me was to a dead end. It was still fun and we finally got back on the right trail.

Mike's throttle got stuck open on the climb out of the meadow. During the throttle inspection Mike noticed the throttle was too close to the brake master cylinder. Again Mark suggested rolling the vehicle back onto flat ground and the problem was solved. We finished the trail and hooked up our sway bars before it was dark. It was very long day and the drive back to camp was dark.

Thanks to Tim, Chris, Mike, Randy, Donna, Don, Pete, Mark, and Patty for the fun and safe wheeling. The last thing I have to say to Mark and Patty thank you for joining us on your wedding anniversary.



Run calendar 2012

Regular Adopt A Trail meeting place

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

October

13th Adopt A Trail and Holcomb Creek
run Leader Roger Mauer (see regular Adopt A Trail info above)

27th Big Bear Trail adventure!

Gold Mtn & John Bull
Meet at The Discovery Center 8:30am
departing at 9:00am sharp
Saturday October 27. I am looking forward to a fun filled action packed trip. Expect a full day of fun. Bring all the necessary equipment: vehicle, persons, sun screen and a sense of adventure.
Ralph schorbach
schorbach@fairplex.com

27th CA4WD South District meeting,
Templar's Hall, Old Poway Park, 4134 Midland Rd., Poway, CA, 9AM

November

9– 11th PVD Panamint Valley Days

22– 25th Thanksgiving at Truckhaven?

December

8th Cleghorn San Bernardino Forest

Trail leader: Johnny Cottontail Strege
Location: Cajon pass @ Cleghorn Rd
Time: Depart 9am
Meet: McDonalds (buy the run leader an egg McMuffin) at the 15 fwy and the 138 (this is the only place to top off your gas tank)
Equipment: Minimum 31" tires, One Locker
Trail Description: This trail has a lot of rocks thus a lot of articulation. The difficult obstacles have bypasses.
Weather: Possible blizzard and/or white out conditions (wear mittens).



one of the difficult sections of Cleghorn

February 2013

15 17th 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.

In addition, this year's Convention will include an election for the association president and treasurer

April 2013

Moab, Utah



Typical Moab Utah

April 6 to April 14 2013 is the week for the Dirt Devils Moab Utah run. 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.

Moab has several hotel/motels and campgrounds. Most of the town 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.



A view of the might Colorado



One of the White Rim Rd views

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".

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"

Guests

Chris Johnson (no picture) owner of Road Tech Off Road in La Habra



Jim Barnes Putts around in a somewhat modified CJ7.



Tamara and Nathan Bolte They putt around in a 2000TJ. Nathan has added a 4" lift, lockers, winch and a few scratches.



Michelle & Paul Maxon putt around in a '97 Grand Cherokee with a 4" lift. Back in June our very own Jesse saved them out on the. Way to go Jesse.



David Hawkinsons 2000TJ with a 4" lift, Detroit lockers, 4:1 T case and a few dents and dings.



Larry and Kari Keller



Rick Schaffer



Joe Cappiello



Tim and son Chris DeBolt(Chris is not in picture) Drives a 2009 JK with a 3" lift and 35" tires. He has a few scratches but is looking for more.



Ron Burdett



Randy Hardt



Mike Wallace

Classified

Dirt Devil special

LAZER STAR Dominator HID lights



These lights have internal Ballast are 35 W HID and come in either Spot or Flood Beam.

Powerful, affordable HID technology in a lightweight ABS housing features internal ballast.

Available in 4" or 7" diameter.

4 Inch: 120.00 7 Inch: 130.00 Per Light

www.edgeoffroad.com contact Mike Wallace at (714)504-8514 Sales@edgeoffroad.com

New members



Brain McGrath August meeting

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 for directions.

Another option is Mark Kennedy he operates

www.highdesertcb.com

mdkennedy1@verizon.net / 760 949 9917

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

Club info

Cowbells

No change

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



2 old blue cow bell



3 new brown bell



1 Old green cow 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.

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)

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)

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

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Web Master: Mike Ortega: mike@topwebsiteplacement.com

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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.