



# The Dirt Devils Digest

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## President's Message

Rick Walters has volunteered to be the run coordinator.

Emi is still collecting 2013 dues. Bring your check books.

Check the calendar for future events.

What a pleasure to have Linda Wucherpfennig visit our meeting to tell us what great things CORVA is up to.

Of course Amanda is back from India, ask her to say a few words in Hindi.

See you on the trail.

Jesse May



Working hard to keep Dish Pan Springs open.

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## Run reports

### Amanda May India



I went to India and back. First I want to thank you again for helping me get a chance to go. I met so many people both young and old. I took over 5000 photos. The team got to feed people. I was able to tell my testimony 3 times. We gave away 100 bikes to the pastors of Harvest India. It rained on us a little but it was nice for it took away the crazy heat. Also, we got to dedicate 4 wells and a church. Here are some pics of the trip.



### Lockwood/Miller Trail Report

On Saturday, August 14, six jeeps met at the Flying J at Frazier Park to run the Lockwood-Miller Jeep Trail. Present were Pete Johnson, trail leader, Danny and Linda Ward, tailgunners, Ray and Karen Kleinhuizen, Mike Wallace, and guests Roger Satorra and friend Beth, and Roy Chance. The group left the Flying J at 9 am and arrived at the trial head and aired down at about 9:30. At the creek we found a group of four jeeps ahead of us who were waiting for a Dodge SUV to back down the first hill on the trail. Apparently he had gone up the trail further and decided to give it up. Shortly, however, he backed off the trail and got high centered on the outside berm. Pete and a jeep from the other club went up and extracted the SUV by putting a winch line on both ends, then guiding him down to a wide spot where he could turn around. The driver "thanked us for coming along." The other club then proceeded up the trail, followed by the Dirt Devils.

The run up Lockwood was uneventful, with Mike really enjoying the new lockers and gearing in his CJ. We took it nice and slow for the newcomers. Underbrush in the burn area continues to grow, but no new tree growth was seen. Dry and dusty, but at least it's a little greener. We lunched at Piru Creek in the shade, during which the guests expressed enthusiasm about the trail. They hadn't seen Miller yet.

After lunch we headed up into the rocks on Miller Jeep Trail. The trail was dry and not a lot of erosion damage over last winter. Some obstacles were a little more eaten out, but not a lot more difficult. These were more of a challenge to the newcomers, but they reacted enthusiastically and came through with flying colors. Roger got to see what a mostly stock JK 4 door Rubi will do and Roy's '05 Ruby also had no problems. Mike's CJ also did fine until he shut it down on a steep section while waiting for those ahead to climb through an obstacle. Then the I6 carb did its thing, and the jeep wouldn't restart. Danny and Mike cajoled it back to life after some priming, however, and the CJ ran the rest of the trail with no problem (Mike didn't shut it down again).

We reached the top of Mount Alamo about 4 pm, and enjoyed the cool breeze while rehashing the run before cruising back down the forest service road to Hungry Valley and I-5. There were no cowbells, no damage, no injuries (except Mike got stung by a bee on his back), and everyone had a good time. This is what jeeps were made for.

Pete Johnson

**Holcomb Valley Trail 3N93**

August 10, 2013

Trail master: Rick Walter Tail gunner: Castulo Olivas

Meeting location Crab Flats Campground,

Weather; low 80'S No clouds mild wind perfect

Starting location: 34 16'30.89" N 117 03'02.45" W

Ending location: 34 18'01.30" N 116 58'57.18" W

Ray &amp; Karen Kleinhuizen, Greg Rhoads, Joshua Bleijenberg, Castulo Olivas, Ron Webber, Rick Walter

Guests - Jason Murphy, Chip German

Trail was clean, dry and clear. We started at the bottom and went up. The gatekeeper was in good shape and all passed through without exception, even though Castulo tried his best to be the next cowbell holder. Sorry Ray, a bit longer.... The trail provided a wonderful afternoon run through the area that burned in 2007 (I think). It is good to see the area coming back and looking green again. The main feature of the trail is the rock garden at 34 16'37.59" N 117 00'30.62" was dry and easily navigated by all. We'll be going down Holcomb Valley Trail sometime next spring for a real challenge in this rock garden that raises the bar on this black diamond trail. We had the trail to ourselves the entire run. Upon coming out of the forest there at FawnSkin, we found ourselves in the middle of the Big Bear – Fun Run 2013, needless to say it took us some extra time to get down the hill.

**Dish Pan aka Crab Flats Trail**

August 10, 2013

Trail master: Roger Mauer; Tail gunner: Castulo Olivas

Meeting location: Rocky's Roadhouse Café @ 32150 Hilltop Blvd, Running Springs

Weather: low 80'S No clouds mild wind perfect

Starting location: 34 16'06.29" N 117 07'45.83" W

Ending location: 34 15'42.79" N 117 06'02.23" W

Members: Roger Mauer, Ray &amp; Karen Kleinhuizen, Greg Rhoads, Joshua Bleijenberg, Paul Coursey, Castulo Olivas, Ron Webber, Rick Walter Guests –Jason Murphy, Chip German

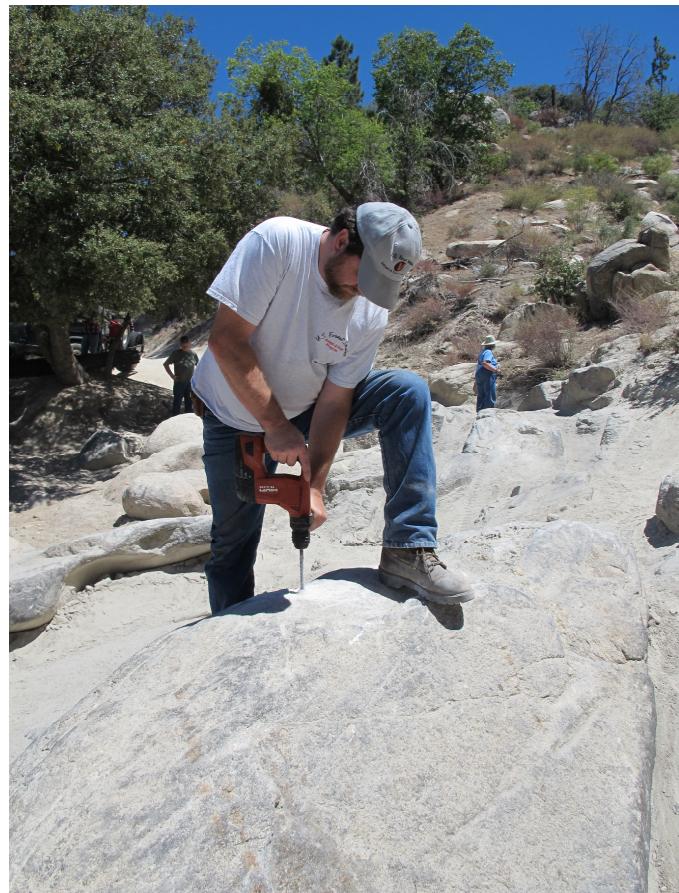
Number of rigs: Eight

Trail comments – use back to continue

Trail was clean and clear with the exception three or four smaller trees on the uphill side of the trail which were moved to the lower side of the trail. A log was rolled off the trail. One HUGE fallen tree located at 34 15'54.67" N 117 07'03.26" W which is near the bottom of the featured

waterfall. The tree was estimated 60 plus feet in length and 3 feet in diameter. It required help from all hands and three winches to move it off the trail. Two ¾ inch test holes for future winch anchors were successfully drilled into solid rock near the top of the water fall. The AAT club coordinator (Roger) will be contacting park officials for details regarding anchor specifics and the installation of winch points.

Several other rigs were on the trail; one full sized 4wheeler requiring winching and was performing some rather questionable winching technics.



Roger drilled a hole into a rock at the top of the Dish Pan Waterfall. On the next trip out to Dish Pan Roger will install a tie off point for worried about getting stuck or worst yet rolling over.

Rick &amp; Marilyn Russell - Administrative 877-628-7227

## Run calendar

### Adopt a Trail meeting place

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

### September

#### 7- Adopt-a-Trail

Mike/Roger

#### 14th Sherman Pass & Monache Meadow

**Trail Leader:** Danny Ward (Cell 714-651-9717)  
[d4lward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d4lward@sbcglobal.net)

**Meeting Location:** Troy Meadow Campground Entry

**Meeting Time:** 7:45 am – Leaving at 8:00 am.

**Directions to Pearsonville, Ca.:** Starting at CA-91 east bound toward the I-15, take I-15 north toward Barstow 43.3 miles. Take exit **141** to merge onto **US-395 north** toward Bishop/Adelanto 98.3 miles. Take the ramp onto **US- 395 north** 7.3 miles to Pearsonville, Ca.

**Special Note:** Pearsonville, CA. is the last chance for **Gas**. Pearsonville elevation is 2513 and going to Troy Meadow elevation of 7800 is a little bit of a climb.

**Directions to Troy Meadow Campground:** From Pearsonville take US Rt. 395 north 2.6 miles to Kennedy Meadow sign. Turn left at sign onto Nine-mile Canyon Road and go 24.6 miles to a “Y” intersection. Bear left onto Sherman Pass Road and go 10.3 miles to campground sign. Turn right at sign into campground.

**Special Equipment Required:** Minimum 31" tires but could have trouble. High ground clearance vehicle required and rear lockers.

**Trails Description:** Sherman Pass 4 wheel drive road is narrow, rocky, and steep. Road is difficult terrain, expert 4WD techniques required. Not suitable for long wheel base vehicles. (6.8 miles)

**Permits:** "Forest Adventure Pass" is needed to park along this trail.

**Reminder to Bring:** Camera, Warm Clothing, Chair, Lunches, etc.

**Weekend Plan:** I'm leaving Friday the 13th after work and tent camping Friday and Saturday nights at Troy Meadow Campground.

Would anyone be interested in caravanning on Friday? Donna and I plan to leave at 10:00am Friday..

Randy Huddleston

[hudd1@pacbell.net](mailto:hudd1@pacbell.net) / 714-448-8641

#### 21- 22- Kids on Public Lands for more info:

<http://www.sidekickoffroad.com/kopl.htm>

### 28<sup>th</sup> Adopt-a-Trail BBQ

You and your family are invited

The Discovery Center in Big Bear

Noon to 4 p.m. Lunch at 1 p.m.

Celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Adopta Trail Program

Lunch will be provided, courtesy of Inland Empire 4 Wheelers and SBNF Friends.

Awards will be given, individuals will be acknowledged, we will have a raffle, and fun will be had!

Bring your own drinks.

Bring your own camp chair and an easy-up if you have one.

The competition this year will be BBQ RIBS

The theme for the photo contest is Children in the Forest. Get the best photo of your kid(s) in the SBNF printed out

(at least 8X10 on poster board if you can) and bring it with you. Ribbons will be given out.

You can do beef or pork ribs. Bring your own gas grill and wow the judges with your mouth-watering bbq!

We will be leading morning runs for motorcycles, 4X4's, ATV's and ROV's. All runs leave the Discovery Center at 0900. All runs are expected to be back at the Discovery Center by lunchtime.

Additional info may be found on the website  
<http://sbnf-adopt-a-trail.com/>

Ryan Primosch,  
 Adopt-A-Trail Liaison

#### 28- Gold Mountain, John Bull

Mike Ortega

### October

#### 12<sup>th</sup> - Adopt-a-Trail Mike/ Roger

#### 12<sup>th</sup> The Hemet Jeep Club is hosting the October 2013 So. Dist Meeting CAL4WD.

At the Anchor Restaurant 2524 E. Florida Ave. Hemet 951 925-0591 restaurant. Lunch will be available. ....  
 Mike Hardy

## Operation Desert Fun



### **October 18-19,**

come out and support the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Cal-Diego Chapter as well as Cal 4 Wheel. Bring your 4X4, ATV, UTV, or Motorcycle and explore the Ocotillo Wells SVRA. You can also test your rig's limits on the very popular 4X4 Training Facility.

We will have a Geocache, and we will also have a Best Equipped game for anyone who wants to participate. Only one vehicle needed per entry. Prizes will be awarded along with bragging rights to the winners! And of course we will have our awesome raffle for kids and adults.

[Register Online](#) | [Like ODF on Facebook](#)

### **25- 27 TruckHaven Brian McGrath**

### **November**

#### **9- 10<sup>th</sup> Panamint Valley Days**

Near Trona, CA

Runs for all levels, meals, and drawing

<http://cal4wheel.com/panamint-valley-days.html> for info

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Desert Splash**

Jeff Jernigan

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Adopt-a-Trail**

Mike/ Roger

#### **28<sup>th</sup> Red Rock Canyon and Last Chance Pete/Jesse**

### **December**

#### **07<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 then switch to 5 and so on.
12. HAMM channel 146.440
13. Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees. Access for motor homes? Very little ground clearance? Deep soft sand?
14. Expected Weather Conditions.
15. Contact Information (Run Leader Phone Number & email address)
16. 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. Stop at all turns to confirm vehicle behind sees turn
9. Stop occasionally to close up ranks
10. Announce Lunch Stop and Length of Stop
11. 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



Linda Wucherpfennig is the association secretary for CORVA. CORVA represents all off-road vehicles, not just 4-wheelers. She passed out information about what Corva is involved with in the state. CORVA is supporting the state of California which wants to keep Ocotillo Wells open. Cal-4-Wheel is also involved and has an online letter writing program that is available to everyone. This program brought down the mail server, which shows a lot of participation. Please write letters, it does work. The website is [www.corva.org](http://www.corva.org). For Johnson Valley, the bill has gone through the House, but not yet the Senate. The Marines are campaigning against it. CORVA has sample letters on their web site. Corva provides classes on the comments process. Need to be careful with the letters as if it's a form letter, it may be counted as only 1 regardless of how many are received. Corva has a Southern Jamboree in October.



Tim Heller puts around in a '98 TJ sport with a few mods. August meeting



Greg Rhoads puts around in a 2009 JK unlimited Rubicon with a few mods. August meeting



Robert Nuzum 1<sup>st</sup> aid expert July meeting



Mike Eade July meeting



Bob egger July meeting, Bob puts around in an '85CJ with a few nice mods.



Robert Nuzum June, July 2013 drives '77 Cherokee chief (totally re-built); '89 wrangler; '99 grand Cherokee (his wife's daily driver)



Ken Williams and Tanya Black June 2013 1994 jeep, Ken is looking to remodel his '94

## New members



Larry Keller voted in at the July meeting

## CB radios

The Solder Joint is now located in Signal Hills go to [www.thesolderjoint.com](http://www.thesolderjoint.com) for directions.

Mark Kennedy operates [www.highdesertcb.com](http://www.highdesertcb.com) [mdkennedy1@verizon.net](mailto:mdkennedy1@verizon.net) / 760 949 9917

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

## Club info

### Cowbells

**Ray Kleinhuizen** Coyote Flat July 2013

**Mike Ortega** Big Bear Holcomb Creek high centered and yes that is the winch controller in his hand.  
June 2013

**Pete Johnson:** Corral Canyon May 2013

**Pete Johnson** HDR (rolled) May 2013

**Ray Kleinhuizen** Moab UT broke shock and track bar mount and rear differential supports. April 2013

**Don Young** Moab UT broke a ring and pinion on his new dana 60 but he did limp out April 2013

**Dan Delp** 3. Can you say Calico.

**Cow bells 1, 2 and 3**

Dan, hang them with pride.

**Cowbell 3** Randy Huddleston 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 Hungry 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 Huddleston June 2012

Jeff Jernigan June 2012

Terry Pucket March 2012

Eddie Cesena March 2012

Randy Huddleston March 2012

New brown Jesse May

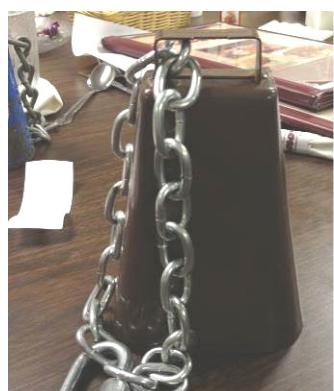
Old Blue Mike Maneth Calico February 2012



1 Old green cow bell.



2 old blue cow bell aka  
The Mike Maneth memorial 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 2012  
for Adopt a trail runs

### FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Brian McGrath July 2013  
Pete Johnson February 2012

John Strege October 2012

Danny Ward August 2012

Randy Huddleston June 2012

Sheldon Neal Jan 2012

### FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Ron Webber Apr 2013 Moab, UT  
Roger Mauer

Danny Ward June 2012

Ray Kleinhuizen Apr 2012 for Steel Pass run.

## 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 1/4 page ad, for 3 issues

\$50 for a 1/2 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

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Run Coordinator: Rick Walter [rick03tj@gmail.com](mailto:rick03tj@gmail.com)

## Meeting Place

First Tuesday of each month,

6:30pm for Dinner & 7:30pm for the meeting at just east of Imperial Hwy and north of the 91 Fwy.

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