



The Dirt Devils Digest

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

President's Message

Danny Ward, thank you for running the July meeting.

The newly elected officers for 2013- 14 are:

Jesse May President

Ray Kleinhuizen Vice president

Cheryl May Secretary

Emi Webber Treasure

Emi has ordered new T Shirts, as of August 2 they were not done, they promised her she will have them in time for the Tuesday meeting.

Ralph Schorbach is not available to lead Miller Jeep trail. I need a new volunteer.

We are need a run coordinator, if anyone is available please let me know.

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

See you on the trail.

Jesse May

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Emi Webber's grandson driving his '46 Willy's on July 4th.



Joel this is hunting,
 if you could just mount this rifle on a Toyota.

Run report

Coyote Flat, Bishop CA

Run Leader: Brian McGrath 7.26.13

Friday July 26. After traveling all week, Chicago Monday & Tuesday, Phoenix Wednesday, Seattle Thursday, I flew out of Seattle at 3 PM expecting to arrive at 7 PM, instead, due to weather, I arrived home late 10 PM. With tremendous love and gratitude, I arrived to find everything packed and ready in our camper, including cold beer. All I had to do was hook up the jeep and head out. I was so excited, I woke at 4:30 excited to go. We headed out about 8 PM and arrived in Bishop at 2 PM. As we pulled into Browns Town Campground, I noticed a jeep with Dirt Devil stickers on it that I didn't recognize. It was Dan Delp and his girlfriend Kim. As I was finishing setting up camp, Dan and his 3 dogs walked by and introduced himself, another new Dirt Devil friend. About 5 PM Pete Johnson pulled in and camped next to us. That night we dined with Dan, Kim and Pete in our campground, after dinner, Ray showed up, and we talked until 10 having a great time getting to know more about each other and telling stories and lies. The perfect end to the day.

Saturday July 27. Again I woke early excited to lead my first run and introduce Coyote Flats to the group. 8 AM and everyone but Danny and Linda Ward are at the drivers meeting raring to go. A call to Danny reveals they are eating breakfast and need to gas up. In good spirited fun we talked about how fun it would be to hide our jeeps so when Dan and Linda pulled in they'd think we'd left. It's fun to at least think about the fun pranks you used to do to your friends at another time in your life.

8:30 Danny & Linda arrive, we have our drivers meeting and we're rolling. A short run out of town we hit dirt and aired down. Off we head across the desert with the Sierras in our view. We began climbing entering Inyo National Forest and a Pinyon Pine forest with lots of famous Sierra granite boulders and fantastic views. This Pinyon Pine forest is large, approximately 9 miles by trail at about 6 - 7 thousand feet elevation. We then came out into high desert and a stream lined with trees. At one point as we are climbing, we ford the stream on our way up to Coyote Flat. As we travel along the stream we see the remains of an old mill site and a few remains. There are lots of known and unknown mines in this area. As part of my drivers run I make sure to let everyone know not to approach a mine if they see signs of life. Miners are a very protective and secretive breed of people. Another 15 miles and we see the beginning of Coyote Flat, it is flat out gorgeous. As we travel west we are awe struck by a group of mountains, The Palisades, which are over 14,000 feet. Within the Palisades is a land locked glacier (yes, a glacier IN California) which is visible today. It's spectacular and quite unique as it's completely surrounded by granite mountains. As we continue through the valley, we're seeing hundreds of cattle up here summer grazing, but I'm not recognizing any

landmarks because when I was up here 2 years ago it was covered with 4 feet of snow. We cross a brand new wooden bridge and drive through a fence opening. Off in the distance I spot a beautiful area for lunch. There are large pine trees, few boulders, and equal amounts of sun and shade. The weather is fantastic, about 68 degrees. Our view is looking down into a large lush valley with huge mountains on both sides. After a refreshing lunch we decide to continue on the trail to see Baker creek, Sugarloaf mountain, and a high sierra meadow primitive campground. We pass a large club of jeeps up from the Shaver lake area all driving \$70 K plus new JK's. Quite impressive. They'd spent the night up here at Funnel Lake catching golden trout, note to myself, there is another trip up here in my future to Funnel Lake fishing for Golden Trout. We continue on until we arrive at a beautiful primitive campground with about 15 jeeps of various builds camped throughout the area. Up here is where Baker creek begins as it runs into the Owens River through Big Pine which is the way we want to go down and back to Bishop.

We turn around and head back just after passing our lunch spot, Terry Pucket rolls a rock and slices his passenger front tire. Not having the same tire on his spare, Dan and Pete try plugging it but with no luck, so they put the odd size spare on. As they are doing that Ray and I head off scouting for the trail down to Big Pine which we find. As they are changing Terry's tire, Pete notices something in his rear drivers tire. It's a fence staple and it's gone all the way through his brand new Goodyear kevlar. Danny being the tire pro, gets it plugged and they head off to gather back up with me and Ray.

We're on our last leg of the trip, heading to Big Pine, with a planned stop to Keough's Hot Spring, and then out to dinner. We've gone just few miles, when we encounter the only difficult section of the trail, about five sections of challenging rocks. I start over the first section only to high center. Luckily I'd engaged my lockers and was able to back off, find a new line and climb over, next Ray makes it look easy. Then Terry in his Grand. Without lockers and a smaller spare tire on the front we realize Terry isn't going to make so we quickly decide to turn around as it's about 3:30 and we're getting tired. Ray and I had crawled two sets of rocks to have enough room for everyone else. We decide where we'll turn around, I'll spot Ray then he will spot me. I line Ray up, he's not quite able to get over, just missed the line and is on his drivers front long arm. As I back him up his rear starts to slip and he gets nervous. There's about 10 feet of good ground for him to work with but he's too nervous to try and asks for me to winch him, so with Dan and Pete watching the front, I winch him off the rock. Dan and Pete pile a few rocks and Ray get over and out. Looks like there's another cow bell to match the one already on his front bumper. Next me, and I make it over no problem.

We drive back to Bishop the way we came in with the sun setting and loads of billowy storm clouds coming up the valleys, including a few sprinkles. It's a spectacular view to the end of a long day and we are looking forward to a good meal of mexican food at Amigo's in Bishop washed down

with a cold beer. The meals were great, the beer icy cold, friendship is warm and fun and we are wonderfully tired and gratified. At dinner, we talk about finding this new area for us to return to explore as there are many opportunities and lots of campsites. With new friends made and old friendships deepened, it's was a great run.

Sunday 7.28 Pam and I left Bishop about 11:30 happy to be heading home. As we're driving we see storm clouds in the distance, then it starts sprinkling, then raining and lighting with some serious winds. We get about an hour south of Lone Pine and see a line of cars stopped on Hwy 395. We stop thinking it's an accident, quickly realizing that's not right. I turn off the truck, get out to talk to people and find out 395 has been washed out. A Cal Trans worker tells us that about 2 miles further down, there is 18 inches of water on 395 for 11 miles and it won't be open until midnight. We're fortunate, where we stopped is a turn around so we do and head back north thinking we'll cross through Death Valley. Radio weather reports and Cal Trans highway info is very sketchy, no mention of 395 being closed or anything about Hwy190. We get to Panamint Springs and the roads are getting worse, lots of run off with heavy rocks and mud and it starting to rain again. We stop in Panamint Springs and find out that Hwy 190 is closed due to flash floods for the second time this week. So we spend the night in Panamint Springs Resort Campground. Panamint Springs has a population of 15. It's not a town, it's a settlement. In order to live here you have to apply and be approved by the two brothers that run this place. It's so small there is no land line power, everything runs off 1 generator which is kept up by two techs 24/7. The people are friendly but quite unique. It's fortunate we fueled up outside of Independence as the only gas station is out of diesel and only has 1.5 out of 4 tanks of gas left. They are sold out at the motel, and are running low on food. Can you say primitive. The campground is great with fantastic views, we had a great time feeling like we turned lemons into lemonade.

Brian McGrath

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

August

10- - Adopt-a-Trail –

Mike & Roger

24th - Miller and Lockwood trails Ralph Schorbach (not available)

CA4WDC

Board of Directors Meeting
Sat, 17th and 18th

8120 36th Ave., Sacramento, CA
All active CA4WDC members and delegates are encouraged to attend.

September

7- Adopt-a-Trail

Mike/Roger

13- 15- Sherman Pass/Kennedy Meadows Danny Ward

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

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

Rick & Marilyn Russell - Administrative 877-628-7227

28 Forest Service BBQ for Adopt a Trail help. Big Bear Discovery Center more details to follow, (Mike Ortega).

28- Gold Mountain, John Bull

Mike Ortega

October

5- Tentative - ODF

12- Adopt-a-Trail

Mike/Roger

25- 27 TruckHaven Brian McGrath

November

9- 10th Panamint Valley Days

Near Trona, CA

Runs for all levels, meals, and drawing

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

9- Desert Splash

Jeff Jernigan

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.

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. 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"



Mike Eade July meeting



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

Guests



Robert Nuzum 1st aid expert July meeting



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



Eric & Wanda Bardy June 2013

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 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.

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 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 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 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.



Proudly displaying the 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.

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 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: Ray Kleinhuizen
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Newsletter: Ron Webber: webbermail@cox.net

Hospitality: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Safety Committee: Randy Huddleston: hudd1@pacbell.net

Run Coordinator: **Needed**

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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