



The Dirt Devils Digest

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A monthly publication of the Dirt Devils

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

Presidents Message:

Happy holidays to everyone. I'm looking forward to an exciting 2015. The club has a full run calendar for 2015 with many fun runs planned.

I want to encourage everyone to attend the Jan. 6 club meeting. Chris has put together a power point briefing to help everyone understand changes to the Dirt Devils web site.

Mike Wallace is looking for members that are interested in developing ideas for fund raising events for 2015 and beyond. Members interested in being involved see Mike.

Keep our trails open

Ray Kleinhuizen

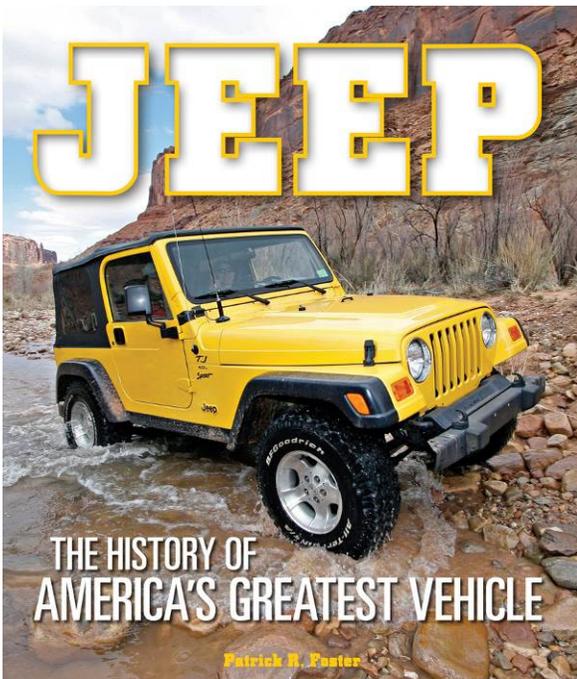


Now I ask you, is the Cherokee with electric windows and AC a Jeep?

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Jeep, America's greatest vehicle



January raffle includes a chance to **win** a great book about: The history of America's Greatest Vehicle

By Patrick Foster list price \$36.00

Available at www.motorbooks.com; of www.amazon.com

“Jeep enthusiasts revere them for their iconic looks and legendary performance.” What I like about jeeps is their efficiency. No fancy stuff, roll up windows, stick shift, I doubt that Eisenhower was driven around in Air Conditioning.

If you are interested in the history of the Jeep then you will enjoy this read. Where did the word “Jeep” come from, this book has the answer. 1941 Ford lost the contract to Willy's, do you know why? Are you interested in all the different models? What is a Jeepney? A pink Jeep, yep it was known as the Jeep Gala (Who's idea was that?). The various manufacturers included Wills, Kaiser, American Motors, Chrysler and Daimler. Which company dropped the ball and caused Jeep to lose it's way?

There have been many designs and uses for the Jeep. It is fun to read about the many uses for this great American vehicle.

Equipment topics

D ring Shackles

Roger reports that Crosby is the only D ring Shackle still manufactured in the good old USA (Tulsa OK).

<http://www.thecrosbygroup.com/html/default.htm#/en-US/shac>

Vehicle Alarms

Unfortunately several JustRuns Members have had their Jeeps stolen recently. Living close to the border, the Jeeps can be in Mexico before you even know they are gone. Some of the Jeeps stolen had sophisticated alarm systems which didn't seem to deter the thieves. There is no “Fool Proof” anti-theft system however several of our Members have installed the Ravelco system and so far none of those has been stolen. There have been attempted thefts but none were successful. A couple of members have had their Jeeps broken into and had the ignitions damaged but the Ravelco kept the vehicle from being started.

One thing that makes Ravelco successful is that it is easy to use. There is a plug that you remove when you park and the vehicle cannot be started without that plug. Since it is easy to use, one is more likely to use it every time you park your Jeep. Each system is uniquely wired so a thief would have to spend a lot of time to figure out which wire goes where. All wires are Black so there is no clue to how they are wired.

If you are considering having a Ravelco system installed in your Jeep, be sure to tell them you are a JustRuns Member. They give JustRuns Members a 10% discount.

See the Ravelco website at:

<http://nohotwire.com/?gclid=CJO89t-E9b8CFQMMaQod2XsAUw>

Author Roger Mullins Just runs.com

Political news

Feinstein proposal “Mohave Desert national monument”

<http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/environment/2014/11/06/sand-snow-monument/18626935/>

The Dirt Devils donated \$300. to CAL4WD Panamint Valley Days

Safety

Bill Smith recommends shaking your fire extinguisher monthly to keep the powder from settling on the bottom rendering the extinguisher in effective.

CAL4WD Panamint Valley Days is looking for a chairman, are you interested?

Using a Tow Strap

Probably the most common use of Tow Straps by us is to assist a vehicle up a steep hill with loose dirt or sand and poor traction. I normally prefer to use a tow strap, sometimes several tow straps, to pull the stuck vehicle up the hill rather than using a winch. The reason is, it usually much quicker and easier rig and most times not a

lot of pulling assistance is needed to get the vehicle up the hill.

One very important thing to remember is that the vehicle doing the towing should be pulling while going forward. The pulling vehicle should not be facing the towed vehicle. If the pulling vehicle is pulling in reverse, there is a high risk of breaking a front axle U-Joint. When pulling vehicle backs up to pull, most of the force goes onto the front axle which is the weaker axle because it has U-Joints and is normally a lighter axle than the rear axle. When pulling properly, it is best to have someone watching the process and directing the drivers. The vehicle being pulled up the hill should be under power but be careful to not run over the tow strap while being pulled.

See: <http://www.justruns.com/files/disabledtips.htm>

Top 10 reasons to be a Dirt Devils trail leader:

- 10 – You pick the trail (hopefully someone will want to run it with you)
- 9 – You pick the run start time and meet spot
- 8 - You write the run announcement
- 7 - You pick the CB channel (duh 4)
- 6 - You conduct the drivers meeting (best if done before you start the trail)
- 5 – You carry the Dirt Devils club first aid kit (hopefully you know how to use it)
- 4 – You pick the bathroom stops (more stops keep you out trouble)
- 3 – You are the spotter when someone needs help (you'll get a lot of exercise)
- 2 – You will get unwavering support from all drivers even when you are hopelessly lost and confused.
- 1 – You get to ride in front of everyone out of the dust (this the only good reason to be a trail lead)

Run reports

Cleghorn ridge run

Dec 13, 2014

Trail Leader: Ray Kleinhuizen/Joel Card MIA had a dead battery and missed the run.

Members:

1. Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen
2. Roy & Laura Chance
3. Mike & Rob Wallace
4. Eddy Cesena

5. Danny & Linda Ward
6. Pete Johnson
7. James Ettington
8. Chris Slaughter
9. Dave & Linda Jones

Guests: Robert, Bob & son, Chris & wife, Mathew & son

There was another big group of mostly Jeep;s at the meet spot. They were a Redlands club doing a toys for tots run. They were planning to run the trail the opposite direction of our start. We aired down under the 15 Fwy on Cleghorn Rd and hit the trail.

The weather was cool, in the high 40's. It got a little warmer later in the afternoon. Rain the day before produced a very clear day and no dust. Overall it was a spectacular day with great views everywhere you looked.

We stopped at the play area to loosen up the 4 wheel low gears. We continued through a few of the first rocky sections. It was quickly apparent the mud was going to provide an extra level of challenge on the trail. The mud was not real deep but very slick.

We now enter the V notch section which starts with a moderate rocky section then into the V notch. However now the V looks like a U with a water runoff ditch down the middle, and everything is muddy. I slip slide my way through when on the CB is a not surprising call for help. The only way back now on foot is on the trail, well I only fell twice maybe that was lucky.



Everyone was moving through the rocky section without any trouble, but when Danny Ward hit the muddy section he spins a tire and pops his rear right tire bead. After backing the Jeep to level up and getting on a jack. Two straps around the tire and a power tank were used to pop it back in place. While Danny is busy fixing his tire a herd of motorcycles ran by us. It took them a while to get by and we never saw them again.

After lunch we were down to 10 rigs, some folks had afternoon commitments. Everyone made it through the rest of the trail without problems. Some of the steep downhill sections were very muddy and slick. There were times when you had to slide the Jeep down a muddy

groove a few feet before you could find traction. Pucker factor was high in those sections. We saw only a few Jeeps coming the other way don't know what happen to the group coming the other way.

Overall a great day with a good group of wheelers. Joel we missed you.

Dusy Ershim, Mid September

Spur of the moment trip Josh, Gilbert, Cort and Casey ran the Dusy Ershim, 33 miles. Started on Thursday and planned on getting out on Saturday. It was cold, the tents tents iced overnight, when the sun came out, the ice melted and it started raining in the tents. It took a while to make it up Thomson Hill where Cort broke. Worked on the truck from about 3:00 to 9:00 PM and used electrical tape for the repair. After the truck was taped back together, it started to snow. Another eight miles, Cort broke again, same bearing and they knew the electrical tape repair wouldn't work again. It was still snowing. They left Cort's rig and got off the trail at 11:30 on Saturday. Gilbert broke the upper control arm. Casey ripped a brake line which they fixed on the trail. Got into a hotel about 2:00 AM. Gilbert and Casey left them (had to get to work). On the way back up the hill, came across a single car accident with a young girl and stopped to help her. After getting back on the trail they had to winch themselves up the first couple miles of the trail as the snow was deep. It took three hours to fix the truck with the new parts. On the way out, the snow had turned to ice making it very slippery.

They made it about eight more miles and the other side of Cort's truck breaks. They had to leave his toyota truck again. Some people at a campground were able to help with parts – one person even offered parts off his own Toyota truck. But they left the Toyota truck and headed out. two miles from the end, Josh broke, the weld on his track bar. Cort went home and returned a few days later on Thursday with more help and fixed his rig and was able to get it out and home.

Grizzlycon Run – 10-18-2014

Met at the Mac Donalds restaurant, I-15 and CA-138 at 8am. had a 4 Jeeps and 4 people – Roger Mauer, Chris Slaughter, Roy Chance and run leader Rick Walter



Winching



broken U joint

Run calendar

Adopt a Trail meeting place

8:30am at Rock Road House
32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382
next to the 76 gas station

2015

January

6th club meeting

10th Ocotillo Wells SVRA
<http://www.corva.org/events>

10th Cougar Butte Johnson Valley
run leader Josh Bleijenberg

16– 18th SD 4 Wheeler's Superstition mountain run
Superstition Mt. OHV Area near El Centro, CA.
They offer a variety of trails at all difficulty levels.
<http://www.sd4wheel.com/>

24th holiday party

Food provided by: Dickey's BBQ

Run Leaders: Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen

No charge for club members

Guests: \$14.00 each

January 24,

4pm to ('until Ray kicks you out')

BYOB and Chairs

The party will be in the back yard, dress for the weather. We will have a Raffle and White Elephant gift exchange (To participate each person should bring a wrapped gift \$20 or less)

RSVP by Jan 6th to: raykleinhuizen@yahoo.com or call 714-300-9656

February**3rd club meeting**

1st – 6th King of the Hammers

3, 4 & 7th Hamm Radio Technician Class Newport Beach
http://www.gordonwestradioschool.com/main/page_event_schedule.html

10th Truckhaven CORVA event

21st Matino Wash

run leader Josh Bleijenberg

28th - 1st Terra Del Sol (TDS) - non club event

March

3rd club meeting

14th – 15th Calico Run Leaders Ron & Emi Webber.
see last page of this newsletter for details.

28th Adopt A Trail (D) – Rick Walters

28 - 4/5 Easter Jeep Safari Moab - non club event

April

7th club meeting

10th - 4/12Coral Canyon (D) – Danny Ward

25th Adopt A Trail – Ray

May

5th club meeting

16th HDR Prerun - Danny W.

23rd - 25 Devils Loop trail (M) HDR Cal 4 Wheel event - Danny W.

22th = - 24th Hi Desert Round up CAL4WD event.
Slash X Barstow CA
the? Dirt Devils will be leading Devils Loop Trail

30th - 5/3Mojave Trail (E) - Pete

30th - 6th North Rim run

Run leader: Ray Kleinhuizen

June

2nd club meeting

13th Adopt A Trail - Lead TBD

21st Forest Fest Big Bear Fathers day weekend

<http://ie4w.com/page10/index.php>

27th John Bull (D) - Josh

July

7th club meeting

10th - 13 Bishop Ca. trails - Ray

24th - 26th Adopta Trail overnight camp at tent peg campground Big Bear
run Leader Roger

23rd - 26th Jeepers Jamboree

31st – 2nd Jeep Jamboree

<http://www.jeepersjamboree.com/> Dave Jones will represent the Dirt Devils on the 31st

August

4st club meeting

6th - 9th Sierra Trek near Truckee CAL4WD event.
<http://www.cal4wheel.com/sierra-trek>



15th 4x4 Clinic in Big Bear (E/M) - Mike

22th Adopt A Trail - Roy

September

1st club meeting

4th - 7th High Sierra Poker Run CAL4WD event.
near Shaver Lake

11th - 13 Sherman Pass (M) - Danny W.

19th Adopt A Trail - Josh

Last Saturday Adopt a Trail BBQ in Big Bear

October

6th club meeting

3th & 4th Off Road Expo Pomona

17th Miller Jeep Trail (M) - Pete

24th Adopt A Trail - Lead TBD

November

3rd Monthly club meeting and run planning for 2016

6th - 8th Panamint Valley Days (PVD), Cal 4 Wheel event

14th - Black Canyon (E) - Ray

December

1st Monthly club meeting

5th Cleghorn (M) – Joel Card

Guests



Carrol and Rod Abbott Recently purchased a red 2001 TJ Nov, Dec 2014



Michele and Steve Leathers drives around town in an lifted '05 TJ with 33's. Nov 2014



Rick Schaffer



Jolene and Robert Durbin proud to drive a modified 2011 Rubicon. Enjoys East Salton Sea area near the Dirt Devils Thanksgiving outing, Dec 2014.



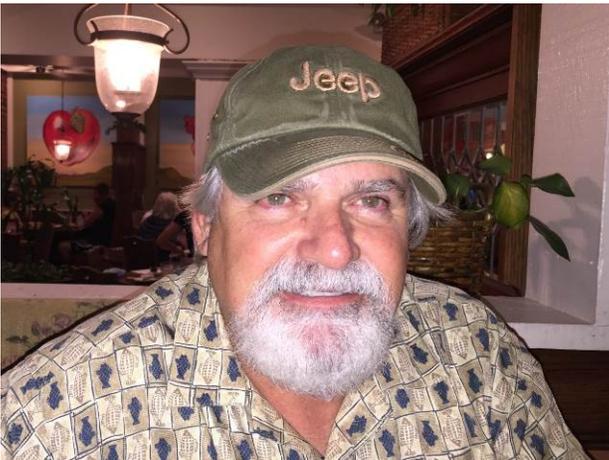
Gary Lawler putts around town in a lifted 2004 TJ with lockers, flat fenders and more. Dec 2014



Mike and Al Ramsden Mike putts around in a '01 wrangler with 35" tires and a few other mods sept, Oct, Nov 2014.



Matt & Steve Hendry putt around in a 2001 Wrangler with a few mods. Sept, Oct, Nov 2014



Chris Willoghby is the proud owner of a 2008 2 door Rubicon October 2014

Kirk & Jeanne Smith ran Sherman pass trail with the club picture not available April, Sept, Oct, Nov 2014

Club info

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.
Marie Callenders. 5711 East La Palma Ave., Anaheim,
CA 92807, 714-779-0600

Club officers

President: Ray Kleinhuizen

kkfusedglass@roadrunner.com

Immediate past president:

Jesse May: jemay.xj@gmail.com

Vice President: Mike Wallace proudpop80@gmail.com

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

Treasurer: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Web Master: Mike Ortega:

mike@topwebsiteplacement.com

Adopt a trail chairman:

Roy Chance: rchange@aol.com

Roger Mauer: rogermauer@gmail.com

Newsletter: Ron Webber: webbermail@cox.net

Hospitality: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Safety Committee: Randy Huddleston:

hudd1@pacbell.net

Run Coordinator: Rick Walter rick03tj@gmail.com

Club membership

Membership dues:

Dirt Devil annual club dues\$36.00

Spouse.....\$12.00

CAL4WD annual dues.....\$45.00

CAL4WD permanent member\$675.00

CAL4WD permanent member 12 installments\$56.25

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

Accessories

Available at the regular meetings, see Emi Webber.

Dirt Devil Stickers: \$15.00.

Short sleeve shirts: \$15.00

Long sleeve shirts: \$18.00

Sweatshirts: \$30.00

Hats: \$20.00

DD logo magnets available in various

sizes for: \$4.50 to \$13.50

Awards



CAL 4 Wheel Drive, new member award

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.

First aid kit tracking

FA #1 (red, blue backpack)

Josh Bleijenberg

Ron Webber November 2014

Ray Kleinhuizen July 2014

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Ray Kleinhuizen

Danny Ward

Josh Bleijenberg April 2014

Roger Mauer Feb 2014

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Rick Walters July 2014

Pete Johnson April 2014

Ron Webber March 2014 Calico

Run report template:

Run name:
 Run leader:
 Date:
 Number of rigs:
 Participants:
 Members:
 Guest:
 The story:
 Weather:
 Cow bells earned:

Run announcement 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.

Date/Time and Place for the Run

Description of Run

Difficulty Rating

Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run

Directions to Meeting Place.

EXACT Departure Time from Meeting Place

Required Equipment. Open dif ? Lockers?

Is RSVP Required?

CB Channel channel 4, if to much traffic then switch to 5 and so on.

HAMM channel 146.440

Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees.
 Access for motor homes?

Contact Information (Run Leader
 Phone Number & email address)

Day 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 Tail Gunner Vehicle

After returning home forward to the newsletter editor a Run Report and a few photos. subject line write "Run Report"

DD Trail Ratings

Trail ratings are subjective and weather conditions over the years can change a trail. An easy trail can become more difficult after or during rain. The trail leader needs to be the final judge of trail conditions the day of the run. If any part of a trail is difficult the trail is rated difficult. If difficult sections have bypasses the trail may be suitable for less capable rigs or less experienced drivers.

E - Easy (Black Canyon, Mohave Trail)

M - Moderate (Devils Loop, Miller Jeep Trail)

D - Difficult (John Bull, Calico)

(E) Easy trails could include these conditions:

- Any dirt, sand or gravel road.
- Gentle to mildly steeper hill climbs, mild rocky sections and/or soft sandy sections.
- Four wheel drive may not be necessary all the time.
- Pot holes or ruts that require high ground clearance.
- Water crossings are up to 15 inches deep.
- Suitable for full size vehicles.
- Low gears may be required on hill climbs.
- Recommend 4 wheel drive vehicle
- Suitable for most tire sizes

(M) Moderate trails could include these conditions::

- Steep rutted and rocky hill climbs that require careful tire placement.
- Two to three foot ledges to climb and/or steep down hill drop offs.
- Rocky sections that can cause body or rim damage.
- Water crossings might have rocks and could be deeper then 12 inches.
- Brush or cactus may touch vehicle.
- These trails will require low range gears, high ground clearance and 4WD.
- Skid plates and body protection are recommended.
- Minimum 33 inch or bigger tires.
- Recommend at least one axle locker.

(D) Difficult trails could include these conditions:

- Rocks as big as your tire to as big as your vehicle.
- Hill climbs are steep and may require extended wheel travel.
- These trails can have long sections of large rocks that require careful tire placement. .
- Three + foot ledges to climb and steep drop offs.
- Body damage is possible and brush may scratch vehicle.
- These trails will require vehicle modifications such as suspension lifts, body protection and skid plates.
- Minimum 35 inch or bigger tires.
- Recommend front and rear axle lockers.

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 West entrance:
2N26Y is N34° 16.198 W117° 08.258.

The T6 Bridge:
N34° 16.106 W117° 07.745.

The East entrance:
3N16 is N34° 15.663 W117° 05.116.

Meeting place
8:30am at Rock Road House
32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382 next to the 76 gas station

Total Hours: 76

Cowbells

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. This starts at the beginning and the end of the trail.

Old logo green
Josh Bleijenberg TDS 2/28/2014

Brown
Rick Walter adopt a trail 6/27/2014
Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 5/4/2014

Little Blue
Chris Slaughter Grizzly
Rick Walter
Mike Wallace

Mike Maneth memorial
Castulo Olivas



Old Logo Green



Brown

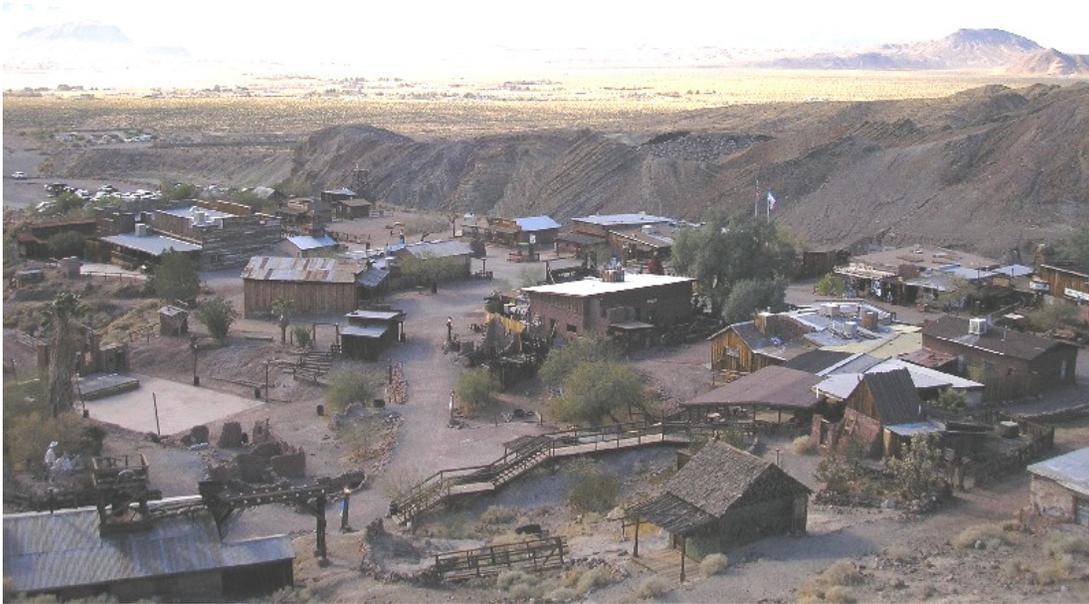


little blue



Mike Maneth bell

Dirt Devils Calico Run



Calico Ghost Town

Where camp: Calico campground
(I will be camping in the overflow campground)
no RV hookups, on the left as you drive in the main entrance.

Waypoint: N34 56.556 W116 52.012

When: March 14th - 15th 2015

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: M, rear lockers required

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.



Calico Campground



Location and Reservations:

36600 Ghost Town Road
 Yermo, CA 92398
 Telephone: 1-800-TO CALICO or
 1-800-268 25426 press 0
 1-760-254 2122
 E-mail: calico@mscomm.com
 Waypoint: N34 56.556 W116 52.012
<http://cms.sbcounty.gov/parks/Parks/CalicoGhostTown.aspx>

Camping:

265 Sites: 56 full hookups; 58 partial hookups; 2 dump stations
 Tent and off-road vehicles are welcome
 Admission to Ghost Town included with camp fees, except during Special Events

Facilities:

Hot showers; Restrooms; Grills; Fire rings; Restaurants; Shops;
 Picnic tables; Attractions: Closest tow truck is in Barstow;
 Maggie Mine; Calico/Odessa Railroad; Mystery Shack;
 Museum; Gold Panning; vehicle testing

Camping fees:

Fee includes admission into Calico townsite (excludes special events).
 \$2.00 non refundable reservation fee
 No hookups \$30.00/unit/day
 Partial hookups \$34.00
 Full hookups \$35.00/unit/day

Cabin Rentals

Equipped sleeps 4, A/C & heat, porch w/ bench & service counter.
 \$45.00 Per night (4 persons)

Activities:

Offroad activities; Jeeping in the surrounding area; Living History characters; Gunfights; Self Guided Town Tours; hiking Trails; The Calico Cemetery; Festival Medicine Man Show; fixing broken equipment on the trail

KOA campground next to freeway

Barstow KOA

35250 Outer Highway 15 North
Yermo, CA 92398

Information: (760) 254-2311

Fax: (760) 254-2247

Reserve: (800) 562-0059

RV Campsite: \$28.00 - 30.00

Tent: \$21.00 - 22.00



Hotels in nearby Yermo:

Oak Tree Inn Yermo

35450 Yermo Road
Yermo, CA 92398

(760) 254-1148

Nightly Rates (59.55 - 77.22) 2 Star



Of course Barstow has motels, too.

