



# The Dirt Devils Digest

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

## President's Message

Check the run announcements Danny Wards Sherman pass run is this weekend.

After a brief episode with appendicitis I am up and running on all 6 cylinders (straight 6 that is). Thanks to everyone for there kind thoughts while I was in the hospital. I'm home now and feeling better everyday.

Thanks, Mike Wallace for stepping in to run the September meeting.

Thanks should also go out to Rick Walter for stepping up to be POC for the emergency response team. We now need to work out a few more details on how this is going to work.

High Desert Roundup held on Memorial Day weekend is a big event for CAL4WD. I would like my fellow Dirt Devils to consider helping Jessie out there is lots to do.

Yes, we are going to do our 2015 run planning at the November meeting. Everyone should bring your ideas' for runs to the November meeting.

Keep our trails open!

Ray Kleinhuizen

## Accessories

Emi Webber has camo shirts, beanies, hats, long sleeved shirts, stickers and magnetized stickers

## Adopt-a-Trail – Roger and Roy

Current hours – 577. Hours

All run leaders keep Roger and Roy current so the hours can be reported to the Forest Service.



King of the Hammers City

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## Run reports

### Adopt A Trail Camping Trip

Big Bear, Tent Peg Campground

Fri, Sat, Sun 8/22, 23, 24

#### Club Members:

- Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen
- Pete Johnson
- Roy Chance
- Chris Slaughter
- Roger Mauer and Birdy
- Ron Weber & Chuck Chapman
- Josh Bleijenberg
- Gilbert Vasquez
- Cort Philips
- Visitor: Chris

#### On Saturday:

- Danny & Linda Ward
- Larry Keller
- James Ettinger
- Roy Flansburg
- And two other guests

**Friday 8/22:** Karen, I and Roy drove up together on Friday Morning We arrived near noon and ate lunch. Chris arrived while were eating lunch. After setting up camp Chris, Roy, Karen and I took a ride down to the Holcomb trail gate keeper. Chris and I crawled through the first rocky section turned around and came back. This is a fun area to play in. When we got back to camp Pete Johnson was there, and Ron, Chuck and Cort arrived a while later. Overall we had about 10 vehicles and 14 or so people in camp. Ron lit up the Tent Peg campsite with his generator and LED lights, but it was still hard to find Tent Peg Campground for the people who arrived after dark.



Chris Slaughters broken axle on the overnight adopt a trail run. Chris needed help getting home.

**Saturday 8/23:** in the morning, Danny Ward and five others arrived for the day. In all we had 16 vehicles for the run. The plan was to start down Dishpan doing our normal maintenance. At the bottom of the waterfall the group heading home continued to the bottom, and everyone else went back to Tent Peg for lunch. On the way down the back group stopped to move a tree off the trail. It was a good sized tree that had to be pulled up the hill to avoid a small tree. After about an hour and 3 winches we had it off the trail without damaging the small tree. There was not a lot of trash to pick up, we did pick up and move a lot of brush off the trail.

**After lunch,** we headed over to the Larga Flats trail off Crab Flats Rd. The Larga Flats trail intersects the Holcomb trail in the middle. At this point we headed in the direction of camp. The little loop has three difficult rocky sections and more moderate sections in between. Somewhere early on this trail Chris Slaughter suffered a broken rear axle and lost his rear brakes. Chris was able to drive it back to camp but needed to be on a trailer for the ride home.

Gilbert high centered on a rock, he attempted to get off the rock about 10x's but to no avail. Cort and Josh saved Gilbert by rocking and pushing back and forth. Did he earn a cowbell? I don't know.

Josh, Cort, Ron, Chuck and Roy went for a night run back to Holcomb. They went in past the 2 first rocky sections, then turned around arriving back in camp about 12:30pm. Without any breakdowns.

**Sunday 8/24:** We broke camp early and headed home. Thanks to Ron and Chuck for getting Chris and Jeep and broken axle home.

Camping at Tent Peg was a lot of fun as well as being close to our Adopt A Trail, I would recommend making this an annual event. Judging by the 16 vehicles that showed up on Saturday many will agree.

## Grand Canyon North Rim Trail rating: 2 to 4

Trailmaster: Rick  
Walter Tail  
gunner: Vic  
Walter

Ray and Karen  
Kleinhuizen F150  
Pete Johnson TJ  
Chris Slaughter  
XJ

Terry Pucket WJ  
Rick Walter TJ  
Guests: Victor  
Walter and  
Debbie Trever TJ

Meeting location:  
Rick's hobby  
shop in Riverside,  
CA Time 0900

Starting location:  
St. George, Utah Time

Weather was beautiful in the mid 80's during the daytime and low 60's at night

Trail comments: Pete, Terry and myself caravanned from Riverside and met Ray and Karen in Barstow. Chris, Vic and Debbie met us in St. George, UT.

Pete was having high water temperature problems and a noisy clutch throw out bearing so after reaching Las Vegas and doing much discussion, Pete opt'd to return to Huntington Beach.....Sad to see him go.

Well to make a long story short so not to bore you to tears.....I used Google Earth to make up the trail route because there was no way I could pre-run any of the trails.

The 1st day to Kelly Point went pretty much as planned, 80 miles of gravel roads then 30 miles of rocks and over grown brush but clearly on the map. We stopped to help

a local rancher change a tire. Arriving by midafternoon, Camping at Kelly Point was breath taking and very isolated. Lotsa eating, camp fire and enjoying friends was done into the evening darkness. One note was that cellular service work because it was a clear shot across the Grand Canyon to cellular carriers.

2nd day after breaking camp and heading back over the 30 miles of rocks, we lost a tire due to the rocks. Ray and Karen's big Fork pickup was truly a handful missing the rocks and brush but alas a rock got Ray's tire. They opt'd to return to St. George and then back to Placentia. It was clear we were going to be short on gas so a 25 mile side trip to Twin Point was scratched. Navigation by lat/long went ready well to Grand Gultch Mine. The mine was extensive with equipment and tailings. We didn't do any exploring inside the mine.

Still navigating by lat/ long and following a Google earth pictures /maps the path went downhill which was hard to understand how bad by looking at the maps, you had to be there to really get the feeling for the trail at this point.

Dropping into Pigeon Canyon was a fast downhill for about a mile, down a very steep road that was mostly boulders. Comments were made that about not knowing what was ahead but we charged on anyways. I do believe we could have gone back up but it would have been a bit of work involving winching and road building especially for those pulling trailers....When we arrived at the Savanic Mine road (trail) turned into a shelf road that

looked more like a ATV trail with major drop offs that went on for little more than 2 miles. Again the brush indicated not many full sized vehicles traveled this trail for quite few years. Sure seemed a lot longer maybe because of the uncertainty of what might be ahead. I could see some part of the trail get wiped out by a rock slide and we would have to back up to a wide area to turn around and I was pulling a trailer! But lucky the trail held and we got through. Views of the canyons were breath taking, see Chris' and Vic's photo links below.

Once we were down in the main wash, all we had to do was follow the wash west to Tassi Ranch. This is where NFS threw us a curve. The trail I was planning to use got closed by the NFS so we had to around about 20 miles further than I expected. Good thing we scratched that 25 mile side trip. We were in the middle of nowhere and the



second day was closing first, so we just stopped on the trail and camped for the night.

The 3rd day we opt'd out of going down to the Colorado basin but the rest went as planned to go to Tassi Ranch, Devil's Throat and Whitney Pockets then on to Mesquite. Sightseeing was great; there was no end to the views.

Gas was in short supply. Out of the estimated total of 160 gallons of gas for the four vehicles, we used all but about 10 gallons. Everyone had enough gas for their rig so 'good job' for being prepared. We saw only a couple vehicles for the entire trip. I called this trip an adventure and it sure was. I'd do it again in a minute. If the club members would do it again, Vic and I would. The country was breath taking. The cabins and buildings honored the pioneers that eked out a life. Saw turkeys, wild burros, grand vistas, and lotsa rocks. We lost one tire and no other breakdowns. All drivers did a great job missing as many of the obstacles and brush as possible. They kept their cool while driving on a shelf road that only had a couple extra feet of width for miles. The weather was beautiful; temps were in the 80's. Roads were dusty. Not many people can say they been to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and fewer still can say they been to Kelly Point the Southernmost place on the North side of the Grand Canyon.

You are invited to view Chris's photo album:  
Grand Canyon North Rim

#### Message from Chris:

Grand Canyon North Rim Jun 2, 2014 by Chris

View Album Play slideshow Contribute photos to this album

Trip with Dirt Devils club to North Rim of Grand Canyon--Kelly Point, Grand Gulch Mine, Tassi Ranch, Devil's Throat, Whitney Pocket. 280 miles in 3 days plus 380 miles there and back. Hit 108.8 degrees in the car going up Baker Grade at 3PM. No A/C. (got to get that fixed). Got a baseball-sized dent to the driver fender between the tire and the rock rail to remember the trip by. First day at elevation was pleasant, 2nd and 3rd days were lower elevations and warmer. Exquisite scenery. Road from Savanic mine seemed harder than the videos depict. Must have been not knowing how hard it would get made for increased excitement.



BTW-Anyone can add to this album, Vic Walter's photos – enjoy

<https://picasaweb.google.com/105885321496866160092/KellyPoint?authkey=Gv1sRgCOCxlpWg6ajpew>

Cowbells: none

Damage: One tire puncture

Injuries: None

Recommended Equipment minimal off road requirements to include extra gas and water

DD - TRF August 2013

## 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

## September

### 13 - 14 Sherman Pass

**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 Troy Meadow elevation is 7800 it is 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 will 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 12th and tent camping Friday and Saturday nights at Troy Meadow Campground.

### 20- 21 Kids on Public Lands

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

This is your opportunity to give back, check it out. The Dirt Devils voted to donate \$100 to this event

### 27 - Adopt-a-Trail BBQ

Big Bear Discovery Center

there will be morning runs out of Discovery Center and a BBQ at noon. Roy Chance has details

<http://sbnf-adopt-a-trail.com/>

The Dirt Devils voted to donate \$150. To this event

## October

### 4 - 5 Off-Road Expo

[www.offroadexpo.com](http://www.offroadexpo.com)

### 11<sup>th</sup> CAL4WD south district meeting

Oceanside police dept offices

### 17 - 19 Operation Desert Fun (Cal-4-Wheel)

18 - Last Chance Canyon possibly make this an overnigher. Rick Walter is run leader

### 25 - Adopt-a-Trail

## November

### 7 - 9 PVD (Cal-4-Wheel)

### 27 - 30 (Thanksgiving)

Niland- North Glamis  
run leader Ron Webber

## December

### 13<sup>th</sup> Cleghorn Joel Card

## 2015

## January

San Diego 4 Wheeler's Superstition event is held in January, at the Superstition Mt. OHV Area near El Centro, CA. They offer a variety of trails at all difficulty levels.

## March

17 thru 22<sup>nd</sup>

Lake Havasu sidewinder's

The Sidewinders put on a really well organized event with trails ranging from "Easy" to "Very Challenging".

## May

22- 24<sup>th</sup> **Hi Desert Round up** CAL4WD event.

Slash X Barstow CA

Date? **North Rim run**

Run leader: our president Ray Kleinhuizen

## August

Sierra Trek near Truckee CAL4WD event.

## September

4- 7<sup>th</sup> High Sierra Poker Run CAL4WD event.  
near Shaver Lake

## New members



Chris Slaughter can be seen in a '94 Cherokee and a ¾ ton GMC 35's and a 6" lift. Voted in at the July meeting.

**Dave Jones** (no photo available)

**Guests**



Rory Todd met Eddie on the freeway, Rory was pulled over and Eddie being the good samaritan that he is stopped to offer his services to a fellow Jeoper and handed him one of our Dirt Devil cards. Rory drives a '94 YJ.



Eric Lichtbach currently cruising around in his '07 Wrangler. Eric and his brother David own Olympic 4x4 products in Commerce.



Mike and Al Ramsden Mike putts around in a '01 wrangler with 35" tires and a few other mods.



Kirk & Jeanne Smith

**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

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

## 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)

Ray Kleinhuizen July 2014

### FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

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:

## Extra info

If camping describe camp site and would you camp there again or would you recommend a better camp site?

Meeting place:

Departure time:

Was there an objective?:

Describe the trail:

Lessons learned?

Events:

Vehicle carnage:

Juicy tidbits:

Trail difficulty: on a scale of 1 to 5

Ending place:

Finish time:

A few pictures:

If possible use GPS coordinates for future reference.

If necessary write directions to the trail head.

These run reports will be saved for future reference.

## 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.

Date/Time and Place for the Run

Description of Run

Difficulty Rating scale 1 to 5

Run Type: Base Camp, Day Run

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 then switch to 5 and so on.

HAMM channel 146.440

Camping Location/ Directions/ Details/ Facilities/ Fees.  
Access for motor homes? Very little ground clearance?  
Deep soft sand?

Expected Weather Conditions.

Contact Information (Run 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 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

Stop at all turns to confirm vehicle behind sees turn

Stop occasionally to close up ranks

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"

## 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.

Meeting place

8:30am at Rock Road House

32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382  
next to the 76 gas station

**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**

Rick Walter

Mike Wallace

**Mike Maneth memorial**

Castulo Olivas



Old Logo Green



Brown



little blue



Mike Maneth bell