



The Dirt Devils Digest

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A monthly publication of the Dirt Devils

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

Presidents Message:

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.

Thank you Linda Wucherpfennig and Vinnie Barbarino we enjoyed your CORVA presentation. Along with CAL4WD CORVA sole purpose is to keep trails open for us.

If you haven't been to the Dirt Devils website recently you need to check it out Chris Slaughter is doing a great job.

Keep our trails open

Ray Kleinhuizen

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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

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

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 leader Ron Webber ron@questbuilding.com

28th - Adopt A Trail (D) – Rick Walters

3/28 - 4/5 Easter Jeep Safari Moab - non club event

April

7th - club meeting

10th - 4/12 Coral Canyon (D) - Danny W.

25th - Adopt A Trail – Ray

May

5th - club meeting

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

16th - HDR Prerun - Danny W.

23rd - 25th Devils Loop trail (M)
HDR Cal4Wheel event - Danny W.

22th - - 24th **Hi Desert Round up** CAL4WD event.
Slash X Barstow CA

Dirt Devils will be leading Devils Loop Trail

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>

6/27 John Bull (D) - Josh

July

7th club meeting

10th – 13th 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 Big Bear Clinic (E/M) - Mike

22th Adopt A Trail - Roy

September

1st club meeting

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

Last Saturday of September Adopt a Trail BBQ

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

19th Adopt A Trail - Josh

October

6th club meeting

3th & 4th Off Road Expo Pomona

6th Monthly club meeting

17th Miller Jeep Trail (M) - Pete

24th Adopt A Trail - Lead TBD

November

3rd Monthly club meeting / run planning 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

Guests

Zoe & Jack Pacela (picture not available) putt around in a modified Jeep with a few scratches, dings and dents



Oleg Garanda



Brad & Judy Spears



Janet Johansen



Mel & Barbara Nix



Chris & Alison Johnson



Kirk & Jeanne Smith ran Sherman pass trail with the club
April, Sept, Oct, Nov 2014 Jan 2015



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

New members



Chris & Allison Johnson



Rob Wallace (left) with his brother Mike.



Matt & Steve Hendry putt around in a 2001 Wrangler with a few mods.

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

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)

Mike Wallace
 Josh Bleijenberg
 Ron Webber November 2014
 Ray Kleinhuizen July 2014

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Josh Bleijenberg
 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 than 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

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, not on the highway.

Old logo green bell
Josh Bleijenberg TDS 2/28/2014



Old Logo Green



Brown



little blue



Mike Maneth bell

Brown bell

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

Little Blue bell

Rick Walter
Chris Slaughter Grizzly
Rick Walter
Mike Wallace

Mike Maneth memorial bell

Castulo Olivas

