



The Dirt Devils Digest
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President's message

Thank you Bill Smith for covering last month, sometimes work has to come first. Thanks to Jesse May for making up the run calendar, which has been forwarded via email. Some events still need run leaders. Look over the run calendar and consider which event you want to lead.

Also, take a look at the new website. Mike has done a lot of work on it and is looking for feedback. Most recently he posted the 2010 event calendar. Every active member needs to get pictures of your ride(s) to him, too.

The big news is the Lakeview Café is closing. For the February meeting I have arranged for us to meet at **Don Jose's restaurant**
5665 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim Hills
92807 (714) 974-2291 <http://donjose.net/>
We can discuss our long term plans at the meeting.

Thank you Pete Johnson for submitting a run report.

Check the calendar section for some of the other worthwhile events that are not official Dirt Devil events.

We have scheduled Johnson Valley on February 27th. A few people have told me Johnson Valley has gotten to difficult and would rather not go there, let me know what you think, at the February meeting.

See you on the trail



President Sheldon Neal and First Lady Nancy Neal

Picture of the month



Sledge Hammer, Johnson Valley

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Guest

John & Debbie Pezina – 3 Jeeps were guest at the January meeting (2 TJs and a YJ)



Jeff Jernigan John Bull July 09



Charlie Mares drives a 4cyl '85 extra cab Toyota, it's not stock. 38's eco cage and an interior roll cage. 1st gear is 2241. was a guest at the December meeting.



Bill Smith Calico Oct 09 and in November he broke an axle while wheelin' in Truckhaven.



Chuck Chapman drives a Jeep grand Cherokee with 31's. Chuck joined us at PVD. was a guest at the December meeting.

Trail reports

Superstition Jan 25, 2010



Cow Bells



Castulo Olivas at Gold Mountain July 09 (the little cow bell)



Dan Ward and Pete Johnson hit the trail the weekend of January 15th to participate in the San Diego Four Wheeler's 12th Superstition Mountain run. The run is located at Superstition Mountain, which rises 759 feet from 100 foot elevation desert in an OHVA 20 miles southwest of Westmorland at the south end of the Salton Sea. The OHVA provides a good mix of nine trails rated from easy to hardcore. Moderate trails have more difficult loops that a driver can skip or attempt as elected. Many of these sections can be viewed by those that choose to defer. The trails vary from sand dam playgrounds on the south side of the mountain to rocky canyon twisties and rock gardens on the north. For diversion, the Blue Angels also practice close formation flying in the area, which can be viewed from below or above, depending on location on the mountain.

Dan and Pete chose the Black Cat trail this year, which has been recognized as a BFG National Trail and is rated 4 out of 5. One locker required, two best. This was a popular choice, as 29 jeeps made the run. The run was enjoyable and challenging, and took about five hours to complete. No wreckage or breakage during the run, except for a Patrol that squeezed a front brake line and lost brakes during a steep, narrow descent, hit a berm at the bottom, became airborne, and nearly rolled. Good driver reaction prevented a rollover, and good observer reaction prevented multiple runovers at the bottom of the cut. The line was clamped, a tire that whose bead came off the rim was reseated, and the run continued. After a few more hours twisting, turning, climbing, and descending, the run ended with playtime in the sand.

The San Diego 4 Wheelers put a lot of effort into this event, and the result was a lot of fun for everyone. The SD4Wheelers trail bosses and trail hands did an excellent job in keeping the run safe, interesting, and enjoyable. Rita's Cowboy Grill put on a great feast Saturday night, and breakfast burritos were available Saturday and Sunday morning. A large raffle was held Saturday night, with a couple sets of tires, welders, hi-lift

jacks, bumpers, racks, and many other prizes. Unfortunately Dan and Pete left their raffle luck at home, but the mild weather, lack of wind or rain, good trails, and good jeeps and trails made for a great weekend nonetheless.



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Calendar

February

12th King of the Hammers: The future of four wheel off-road endurance racing. The toughest one day off-road race on the planet, King of the Hammers
 13th ultra marathon looking for volunteers
 ask Sheldon for more info.
 20th CAL 4WD convention

Johnson Valley 27th



Run Leader is Ron Webber webbermail@cox.net 714 715 5692 cell

Johnson Valley is a varied landscape for the off-highway vehicle driver. It is punctuated by steep red rocky mountains, rolling hills, open valleys, dry lake beds and sandy washes. Elevations range from 4,600 feet at Hartwell Hills to 2,300 feet at Melville Dry Lake. Vegetation consists of creosote scrub, annual grasses, wild flowers and Joshua Trees. This area has some of the most difficult trails and some of the easiest. There is something for everyone. The hammer trails are well known for being very difficult. To run the hammers you must have lockers, 35" tires, a winch, tow strap and not afraid to scratch your beautiful paint job.

Means dry lake N34 24.821 W116 30.746
 After shock N34 25.389 W116 26.122
 Sledgehammer N34 25.221 W116 27.551



9. Turn **right** to stay on **Boone Rd** 1.3 mi
 Drive across the dry lake we will camp at base of hill on the left.

March

6th Tierra Del Sol

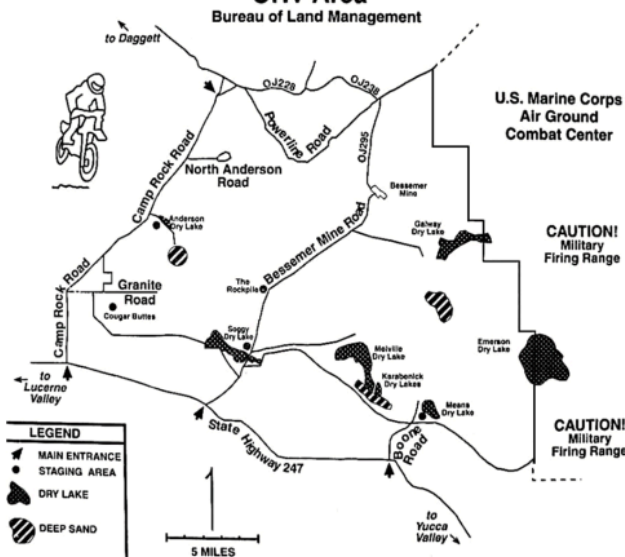
13th Anza Borrego Sheldon Neil leader

27th need someone to lead, possibly Corral Canyon.

27th - 4th Easter Jeep Safari UT

Easter Jeep Safari consists of trail rides, mostly day long trips, departing from Moab throughout this week long event. This event is hosted by the Red Rock 4-Wheelers Inc. the local four wheel drive club of Moab. Participants provide their own four wheel drive vehicle, take care of their own food and beverages for the day. The club officially runs approximately 9 different trails every day, with "Big Saturday" culminating in the largest ever single trail ride departure happening - around 30 groups line up in down town Moab to head off in every direction for 30 different trails! Pre-registration for this event is recommended, although limited registration at the event may be possible. Visit the club's website for information www.rr4w.com This week-long event is one of the largest events of the year for Moab. Please make your camping/lodging reservations as early as possible!

Johnson Valley OHV Area



Directions: 100 miles

1. Head **northwest** on **I-15 N**
2. Take exit **147** for **Bear Valley Rd** toward **Apple Valley**
3. Turn **right** at **Bear Valley Rd/Bear Valley Cutoff** (signs for **Mariposa Rd/Lucerne Valley**) 12.4 mi
4. Continue to follow **Bear Valley Rd**
5. Turn **right** at **CA-18** 0.5 mi
6. Slight **right** at **US-18** 4.3 mi
7. Continue on **CA-18** 5.8 mi
8. Continue straight onto **CA-247/ Old Woman Springs Rd** 24.6 mi
9. Turn **left** at **Boone Rd**
10. Watch closely for the graded dirt road 2.6 mi
 N34 22.168 W116 33.492

April

3rd Cleghorn Rob Riccardi

16th - 19th Logan Dale, NV one hour past Las Vegas Joel Card

24th adopt a trail

May

8th Big Bear Pioneer town Ralph

14th - 16th Mohave Trail this trail takes 3 days and 2 nights to run. Starting near Needles and ending near Barstow.

22nd pre run the dirt devils trail.

29th - 30th HDR high desert roundup this is a big CAL 4WD event.

June

Adopt a Trail date to be determined need a leader.

12th Miller Jeep trail Pete Johnson

26th Gold Mountain, White Mountain Mike Ortega this is an easy run no lockers needed.

July

17th Adopt a Trail need a leader.

22th - 25th Jeeper jamboree

31st John Bull & dishpan Mike Ortega

August

7th – 15th high sierra trip
 12th – 15th jeep Jamboree
 14th Adopt a Trail need a leader.
 19th – 21st Cal 4WD convention
 28th Rattlesnake Canyon Joel Card

September

18th KOPL Kids On Public Lands, this date has not been verified.
 25th Last Chance Cyn John Bell this is an easy run near Randsburg off 395.

October

9th Shredder Canyon run Leader Scott Beggins near Adelanto
 23rd Calico run leader Rob Riccardi

November

12th – 14th Panamint Valley Days
 Thanksgiving Truckhaven

December

7th run planning meeting

Club News

Volunteering

Twin Peaks Ultra Marathon:

<http://www.twinpeaks5050.com/>

This event takes place in Orange County, in the Santa Ana Mountains on February 13, 2010. They are looking for help from 4x4 groups to help transport runners and patrol the trails. Let Sheldon know if you're interested.

Adopta Trail update

Roger distributed a map of the new proposed trail system from the last Adopt-a-Trail meeting.

Roger attended the annual BBQ and awards ceremony. Roger received an award for 500 hours of service which was a Presidential award for a one year free pass to the National Park system. The Dirt Devils were awarded a plaque for our participation in the Adopt-a-Trail program.

The next Adopt-a-Trail run is April 24. We will leave at 9:00 a.m. from Running Springs (next to the Union 76 station).

Roger cannot lead; Mike Ortega volunteered. The only maintenance that needs to be done is the watershed.

First aid kit tracking

Jesse May has one.
 Danny Ward has one.
 Sheldon Neal has one.

Banner

John Strege has it.

Shirts

T's are still available only one sweat shirt left. Bring cash or check to the next meeting.

Short Sleeve is	\$11.00
Long Sleeve is	\$13.50
Sweats are	\$21.50

Stickers

Dirt Devil Stickers are now available for purchase at the regular monthly meetings or contact Mary Jo Delp. Magnets are also available for the stickers at \$5 each.

Club officers



President: Sheldon Neal



Vice President: Bill Smith



Treasurer: MaryJo Delp



Secretary: Nancy Neal

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Safety Committee: need coordinator

Meeting Place

We meet the first Tuesday of each month. 6:30pm for Dinner & 7:30pm for the meeting at

Don Jose's restaurant Anaheim Hills, CA

5665 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, CA 92807

(714) 974-2291 <http://donjose.net/>

Finance

Balance	\$1,468.57
Cal4WD & Dirt Devils	<u>due June 2nd</u>
Dirt Devil dues:	\$36.
Associate:	12.
Cal4WD Club Dues:	45.
TOTAL:	93.