



The Dirt Devils Digest
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Presidents Message

Ron and I are busy finishing this month's newsletter before heading off to July fourth festivities. Last month we had 2 well attended runs. The new officers have been voted in and are now in charge. We voted in one new member, Chuck Chapman. Several guest's recently attended. Remember to make guest's and new member feel welcome.

Roger Maurer has asked for help at the July 17th Adopt A Trail work/ run. At the July meeting Roger will provide more info.

Should we accept paid advertising? Please, let me know your opinions.

See you on the trail



President Sheldon Neal and First Lady Nancy Neal



2-wheelin' on the Dusy Ershim

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Run Reports

Big Bear Gold Mtn-White Mtn

6/27/10 Mike Ortega was trail leader. In Attendance were Dustin Bennett and girl friend Cori, Joel Card, Chuck Chapman, Ron Webber and nephew Matt, Andy Lamar and family and Tim Nichols.

Dustin was not able to make it over the first ledge. Joel Card yanked him up. Lockers do help. I can hear the bell. The rest of the run went well. The weather was perfect, just a nice day to wheel in Big Bear.

We finished up the day at Tent Peg Campground and Lane Parker's burned out cabin site. For those of you that have not been to Lane's cabin, it was burned down a couple years ago. Lane has chosen to not rebuild. The site is still special. I could not resist taking a picture of the creek that flows by the cabin.



The cabin site. The old stone BBQ on the left and a burned out tree.

Hungary Valley Lockwood-Miller

6/12/10



The Dirt Devils ran the Lockwood-Miller Jeep Trail on June 12, 2010. In attendance were Pete Johnson leading, Ray Kleinuizen and his wife Karen, Roy Flansburg, Danny Ward with passenger Rick Tarulli, and John Morgan with John Strege riding shotgun.

The run went smoothly, with no breakdowns or damage. Two other groups on the trail made for some hopskotching, as various groups encountered slowdowns. Our group created one slowdown as John Morgan attempted an innovative line over an obstacle. Word has it that a cowbell has been awarded for his efforts.

The trail was in good shape, slightly more difficult due to winter erosion on the uphill switchbacks. Lockers were helpful in negotiating these. The squeeze point between switchbacks coming down to the picnic spot at Piru Creek has been eliminated, making it easier for JK's (and a certain driver named Pete who is randomly overcome by a compulsion to drive over the edge of a cliff) to negotiate. Weather was cool, with temps in the 70's and 80's.

After the run, the group spent some time down below in the Hungry Valley OHVA watching John Morgan try the man-made rock garden. The rock garden was victorious, but John managed to extract himself without a strap.

An email from the Point Mugu 4X4 Club invites us to join them for their run the weekend of July 2. They will be camping at Hungry Valley. They have done a good job of maintaining the trail, and I hope they have a good run.

Calendar

July

17th Adopt a Trail **trail leader Roger Maurer**

We received an email regarding our trail not being maintained well. Roger has also received comments from Greg Hoffman that our trail needs maintenance. What Roger has seen that mainly needs to be done is repairing water erosion.

22th - Jeeper Jamboree - Rubicon Trail

31st John Bull & dishpan Mike Ortega will have a fliers at the July meeting. Meet at Discovery Center 9am.

August

7th – 15th high sierra trip
 Run Leader Ron Webber
 The current plan is to again go to the Shaver Lake area. We will run the Dusy Trail but also run Swamp Lake Trail as well.

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, 10th off road expo, Ontario
 9th Shredder Canyon run Leader Scott Beggins near Adelanto
 23rd Calico run needs a run leader. The KOA campground is nearby in Yermo. The owner Jean Dornon jeandornon@roadrunner.com welcomes off roaders.

November

12th – 14th Panamint Valley Days
 Thanksgiving Truckhaven

December

7th run planning meeting

Club News

Trail dangers



Two Southern California men died Friday evening when they were ejected from a Jeep that was traveling on the Freeway Ridge 4WD Trail, about two miles east of Borel Rd. just off westbound Hwy 178.

Sunday June 13th I attended Bence Kadar’s funeral. Bence was a former neighbor and friend in Irvine. He was with friends on the “Freeway Ridge 4WD Trail” near Lake Isabella. I was not there but it was reported to me that he ran off the trail and rolled 200 feet or more down a steep hill. Bence and another friend Tom Johnson fell out of the Jeep and suffered fatal injuries. The Jeep continued rolling over and over till it reached the bottom. If you look closely at the picture, the roll cage and seating area appears to be in pretty good shape.

I am told the trail is not difficult. They were heading down a rather steep section of the trail crawling over a few large rocks. It is not clear to me or others that were there, just what happened but he just flipped and rolled off the edge. They were not wearing seatbelts. It begs the question if he was buckled in with a 5 point harness would he have survived? Since neither were wearing seat belts I am assuming they did not see the risk in what they were doing. Perhaps they were just being lax. At times, when I don’t feel in danger, I have not worn my seat belt either, only putting it on when I felt that what I was about to do was dangerous.

Bence was fine man and will be missed.

Ron Webber

<http://m.kvsun.com/articles/2010/06/05/news/update/doc4c09c6004e226372309877.prt>

Pete Johnson



Our own Pete Johnson an oil drilling expert and inspector with the State of California was recently interviewed by the OC Register. Read all about it.

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/oil-255563-johnson-gulf.html>

Cowbells

Dustin Bennett got yanked by Joel Card at Gold Mountain June 27th, 2010.

Dustin Bennett got high centered at HDR John Powell helped pull off.



John Morgan at Miller Jeep Trail June 12th documented by Pete Johnson



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

Safety Report

Safety administrator Danny Ward

Basic safety equipment should include: first aid kit, fire extinguisher, CB radio, tow strap, extra food and water, basic tool kit, some spare parts, safety glasses, gloves, full size spare, working emergency brake.

New members



June meeting: Chuck Chapman's wife Jean has allowed him to modify her Jeep (Jean said he can do whatever he wants as long as the dash mounted flower vase remains). At HDR Chuck won a new Warn Winch.

Guests



Dick Winn's daily driver is a 2006 wrangler. (May, June)



Manuel Goncalves met some of us at HDR, and was coaxed into visiting. Manuel has 2 Jeeps a Liberty and a 2 door JK. Manuel also belongs to the lost Jeeps club formerly known as lost KJ'S.



Roy and Brent Flansburg. Roy putts around in his 2009 Rubicon with 37" tires, curry lift and a few other gadgets. Roy last visited us with his wife Leslie Flansburg.



Ron and Cathy Hodgson with their two sons. They are the proud owners of a lifted '08 Rubicon, sitting on 35" tires. They are ready to go.



Terry Pucket visited us again. Terry Pucket is busy restoring a '94 grand Cherokee. Terry does not want hard core just something nice to putt around in the desert with. 31" all terrain tires, bumpers, winch and he will pretty well be done.

First aid kit tracking

Jesse May.
 Danny Ward.
 Pete Johnson.

Banner

John Strege has it.

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: Roger Maurer



Treasurer: Emi Webber



Secretary: Nancy Neal

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- Run Coordinator: Needed

Meeting Place

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

Keno's Restaurant

5750 E. La Palma
 Anaheim just east of Imperial Hwy and north of the 91 Fwy.

Shirt sales

A few T's are still available.
 Contact Emi Webber emiwebber@hotmail.com
 Short Sleeve is \$11.00
 Long Sleeve is \$13.50

Shirt Sign Up 2010



Name:

Short Sleeve	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	Totals
Price:	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	13.50	13.50	13.50	
Qty:								
Price:								
Long Sleeve	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	
Price:	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	
Qty:								
Price:								
Sweat Shirts	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL	XXXL	4XL	
Price:	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	
Qty:								
Price:								
Ladies Short Sleeve	Small	Med	Large	XL	XXL			
Price:	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	13.50			
Qty:								
Price:								

July 2010 these are preliminary price estimates, we need a total of 75 or more to get this pricing.

Dirt Devils Membership Form

June 1, 2010 through May 30, 2011

Membership: New * _____ **Renewal** _____

Member Name: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Year: _____

Handle: _____

Home address: _____ City & Zip: _____

Cell phone # _____ Home phone # _____

E-mail address: _____

Associate Name: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Year: _____

Handle: _____

Home address: _____ City & Zip: _____

Cell phone # _____ Home phone # _____

E-mail address: _____

Annual Membership Dues:

\$36.00 (Member) **\$12.00 (Associate)**

Please make check payable to **Dirt Devils of SoCal**. Send check & this form to
Emi Webber 17092 Olive Grove Lane, Silverado, CA 92676 emiwebber@hotmail.com

California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc.

\$45.00 yearly renewal of membership dues Member ID # _____

Note: The Federal Tax Reform Act requires that we advise members that contributions or gifts to CA4WDC or Dirt Devils Club are not deductible as charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes.