



The Dirt Devils Digest
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President's message

Wow, can you believe it is already May. The wet winter is behind us. Such a wet winter should make the Mohave Trail trip spectacular. May is also election month see page 4 of this newsletter with voter information.

A special thank you goes out to Mary Jo Delp aka Koolmom for her many years of service to the Dirt Devils.

The Riccardi family has left us and has headed east to Western Wisconsin. Hopefully, we will get regular reports about camping and offroading in the Midwest.

Dues are also due now, Mary Jo has been sending out reminder emails. See page 5 for dues news.

The consensus is to continue meeting at: Keno's Restaurant 5750 E. La Palma Anaheim just east of Imperial Blvd and north of the 91 Fwy.

See you on the trail



President Sheldon Neal and First Lady Nancy Neal

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Guest

Roy and Leslie Flansburg puts around in his 2009 4 door JK 37" tires, there rig is well set up and ready to try about anything.



Kevin Hull 2007 jeep wrangler 4 door, 35" tires, 3" black Diamond lift 5.13 gears.

Cow Bells

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



Jeff Jernigan John Bull July 09

Bill Smith has handed his cow bell over to John Powell.

Calendar**May****8th Big Bear Pioneer Town Ralph****14th – 16th Mohave Trail**

Trail Boss: Ron Webber webbermail@cox.net

Home 714 649 9836 / Cell 714 715 5692

RSVP to: Ron Webber

Distance: The Mojave Trail is 135 miles of fabulous dirt. Not counting side trips.

Start: May 14th 8:30am

Trail head: Needles Highway

0.7 miles north of CA – NV state line. GPS coordinates N35°03.08' W114°40.57'

End of trail: May 16th in the afternoon

Trail jump off point: Manix Wash near Yermo (Barstow)

Guide: Mojave Road Guide by: Dennis G Casebier

Difficulty: level 2 most of the trail will be run in 2 wheel drive. There is a sometimes dry lake that we either have to cross or go around.

Much is written about the Mojave Trail, try doing a Google search or buy one of the many books written about it. The Mojave Trail was originally used by the Mojave Indians as a trading route with other Indians living along the California coast. The same route was used later by covered wagons traveling between Prescott, Arizona and Los Angeles. This historic Mojave trail is mostly an easy SUV trail with just a few soft spots where 4-wheel drive might be necessary. There is one large dry lakebed that is usually easy to cross but perhaps with all the rain this winter it will be necessary to go around. The Trail starts about 16 miles North of Needles just north of the Avi Indian casino, ending at Manix wash near Barstow.

The trail starts at about 500' elevation along the Colorado to over 5,000' in the Providence Mountains. The trail winds through the vast Joshua tree forest centered in Lanfair Valley.

Bring enough fuel for 150 miles of mostly 4-wheel drive, driving.

CB radios are a must.

There will be 2 nights of tent camping. Bring fuel, food, water, and 2 pieces of firewood for 2-nights of tent camping.

I intend to drive out the day before. There are rooms available in Needles at the first exit Broadway or at the Avi Casino <http://www.avicasino.com>. Take I-40 to River Road Cutoff, going over I40 and in 100 yards turn left on to needles highway; head North 13 miles to Aha Macav Pkwy. Look for the AVI sign. Turn right and continue 2 miles to the AVI casino by the Colorado River. (702)535-5555 - 1-800-430-0721 Reservations only: 1-800-AVI-2WIN - e-mail: info@avicasino.com

Friday night: most likely we will camp near mile marker 56 (Mojave Road Guide).

1. From I 15 take Cima Road south about 18 miles to
2. Kelso Cima Rd right about 4 miles to
3. Cedar Canyon Road, east on Cedar Canyon Road about 6 miles to
4. Black Canyon Road turn right about 1½ miles look for a huge pile of rocks on the right and a large wooden structure (old wind mill) on the left turn right and look for the dirt devils camp.

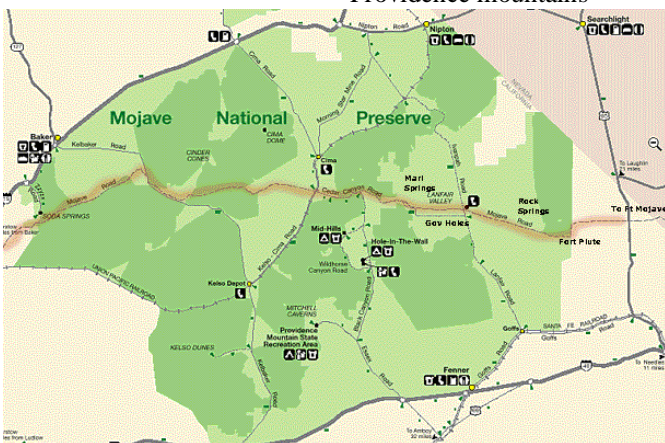
Kelso– Cima Road parallels the RR tracks for about 4 miles look for a paved road on the left that should be Cedar Canyon Road head east. Cedar canyon road is paved for about a mile then turns into a well graded dirt road. Black Canyon Road is a small dirt road that takes you to the Mitchell Caverns. In the “DeLorme CA atlas and Detailed Topo Maps” the camp site is on page 71 grid C- 6.

Saturday night: It is my plan to camp near the lava beds.

Cross the great Soda Lake on Sunday.

Highlights include:

Wildflowers	Piute, Soda (aka Zzyzx),
Fort Piute	Marl and Rock Springs.
Fort Mohave	(yep, there is water)
Old lava flows, cinder	The Mojave River east of
cones & lava caves	Afton Canyon
Prehistoric Petroglyphs and	Afton Canyon
Pictographs	Soda lake (sometimes dry)
	Providence mountains



22nd pre run the dirt devils trail.

29th - 30th HDR High Desert Roundup this is a big CAL 4WD event. The Jesse May will be leading the Blue Moon Run. We need someone else to lead Devils Loop.

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 be 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

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.

New members



Welcome Dustin Bennett to the Dirt Devils. Dustin drives a YJ.

Adopt a Trail update

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

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 water diversion.

Diane Feinstein

Diane (your representative in Washington DC), is pushing to close our adopt a trail.

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.

Elections

If you can't make the May meeting, please email your choices to Pete Johnson at: geepete@verizon.net.

From the list of candidates below, vote for one in each office. We will vote at the May meeting with the results to be announced at the June meeting. July, the new regime will take

over. Candidates are:

President

Jesse May
 Sheldon Neal

Vice President

Roger Mauer
 Joel Card
 Dustin Bennett

Secretary

Nancy Neal (However, Nancy has done this for five years. So, if anyone is willing to take on the task, she will gladly step down)

Treasurer

Emi Webber.

Club officers



President: Sheldon Neal



Vice President: Bill Smith



Treasurer: MaryJo Delp



Secretary: Nancy Neal

Web Master: Mike Ortega
 Run Coordinator: Dan Hyatt
 Newsletter: Ron Webber webbermail@cox.net
 Hospitality: Emi Webber emiwebber@hotmail.com
 Treasurer: Mary Jo Delp rkoolmom@aol.com 310-542-2436
 Safety Committee: need coordinator

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 Mary Jo Delp, 3428 W. 187th Street, Torrance, CA 90504 310-324-4909 – rkoolmom@aol.com

California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc.

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

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