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A view of Means wet lake, yep over an 18 hour period it rained 4 inches, October 2018.

Editors Message:

I have combined 3 months into one newsletter. It is hard to do but I did it.

This issue of the Dirt Devils Digest is in memory of Mel Nix. Mel left us on Thursday January 24th.

Mel was US Army vet and a retired law enforcement officer. He is survived by his wife Barbara a son Brian and 2 daughters Julie and Dana. Mel will be joining his daughter Debbie in heaven. Debbie passed away last year.

For 2019 Amanda May suggested a holiday run & "kids for tots" fund raiser. Amanda volunteered to lead this event. Interested? Amanda will need 6 months to organize this event further discussion will be needed.

After the January meeting we had a member only meeting to discuss by law changes. All bylaw changes were finalized at the March meeting.

At the May & June meeting please see Cheryl and pay your dues.

There are many forces trying to close the trails down that we enjoy. The Dirt Devils strongly encourage you to be a dues paying member of CORVA and cal4wheel. Emi and I are life time members of both CORVA and CAL4wheel.

See the run calendar for upcoming runs and DirtDevil.org for more up to date info.

High Desert Roundup is coming up,HDR deserves all the support we can give it. <https://cal4wheel.org/hdr-reg>

See you on the trail.

Ron Webber Editor



Mel Nix January 2019 Holcomb snow run

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New members

Jay VanWormer 4th visit JKU
Richard Van Duyn 3rd visit 2018 Wrangler
Mike Goulart 2017 JK unlimited

Guest

April 2019

Steve Cave 2005 LJ
Shiree & Carlos Magana 2013 JKR
John and Kristine Clark '97 TJ
Tim Thomas 2001 Tacoma
Mike & Teresa Parrott '09 JK
Robert Gabrielson '12 JKUR
Katy Nachbaur 2004 TJ
Tony and Crystal Mei 2019 JKU Rubicon

March 2019

Tim Thomas 2001 Tacoma
Shiree & Carlos Magana 2013 JKR
Steve Cave 2005 LJ
John and Kristine Clark '97 TJ
Robert Gardner '06 Tundra
Mike & Teresa Parrott '09 JK
Robert Gabrielson '12 JKUR
Charles Emig '07 JK

February 2019

Tim Thomas 2001 Tacoma
Alan Cleveland 2017 Ram truck
Robert Gabrielson 2012 JKU Rubicon

January 2019

Casey Silva 2008 JK 2nd visit
Steve Oudin 2nd visit 2018 JLUR
Steve Cave 2005 LJ
Omar Lucatero 1993 4 runner
Gary and Diane Karp 1999 XJ
Doug Francisco 2015 JK
Jason Chrupcala 1993 ZJ
Matt Borgen
Ken and Katie Stover 2012 JK
Scott Hamilton 2017 Tacoma
Andrew Bottoms 2017 JK
Lisa Cox 2017 Tacoma
Tim Thomas 2001 Tacoma

Trail politics

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

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

[SAC / sierra access coalition](#)

<https://sharetrails.org>



Extremist are on a mission to close public lands.

Amy Granat, CORVA Managing Director wrote in the most recent CORVA magazine

I have been advocating for CORVA for about 15 years, working to keep OHV/OSV recreation and motorized access for activities like hunting and rockhounding, alive and well on public land.

I had naively thought I had heard all the possible complaints that could be lodged against motorized access during those years. There was a predictable manner in which the complaints were introduced, starting with issues with the vehicle itself, continuing onto problems with internal combustion engines. Then it would progress to quasi-environmental complaints and move forward to climate change. Because we knew what was coming, we appropriately prepared our counter attack.

But the Eldorado National Forest threw a monkey wrench into our predictable scenario. For the first time that I recall, the Eldorado added another component into the so-called list of significant impacts used to criticize motorized vehicle use. In the plan released to manage over-snow recreation in the forest, the Forest Service added the “threat of personal safety” as a significant impact for non-motorized recreation enthusiasts.

These seemingly innocuous words, “threat of personal safety”, hold a chilling definition. What Eldorado stated (in writing) is that nonmotorized cross-country skiers have a very real reason to fear interaction with motorized enthusiasts because snowmobilers are dangerous and pose a threat to their safety while recreating in the forest. This concept, that motorized

recreation enthusiasts are poised to attack others recreating in the forest is preposterous! The Forest Service equated motorized recreationists to the equivalent to roving street gangs, painting snowmobilers as the bad guys, and cross-country skiers as the innocent victims. The whole idea of labeling a community in this manner was simply astounding, and when challenged, no one in the forest could say how this idea first occurred to them and made it into the documents. One thing is clear we cannot accept this sort of labeling.

Win A Jeep Raffle <https://cal4wheel.com/win-a-jeep>

CORVA dues is \$40.00 a year or \$400.00 life time membership

Don't miss out, be informed, there is so much to learn from reading:

CORVA's magazine <https://www.corva.org/latest-news-magazine>

CAL4WD's magazine

<https://cal4wheel.com/latest-news/in-gear-magazine>

Run reports

Adopt-A-Trail

Travel time to/from AAT events is no longer counted towards AAT hours. Only time from the start of the event to the end of the event is eligible.

The OHV program is now permanent – The forest service is requesting pictures of work that is completed before and after each trail run. Pictures help the forest service to get grant money. No inappropriate pictures make sure all in attendance are wearing proper gear, ie work boots, long pants, long sleeves, hard hats, eye protection.

Stoddard Valley OHV Area an Easy Day run and Moderate Night run

Run Dates: Saturday – March 9 2019

Trail Leader: Ray Kleinhuizen

Members in attendance:

Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen

Danny & Linda Ward

Bill Schopper

Roy Flansburg

Roger Mauer

Jay & Shawna VanWormer

Rick VanDuyn

My Akevalo

Arron Woolbert

Rochel Woolbert

Guests:

Austin Vierthaw

Saturday day run:

Karen and I arrived the day before the run and quickly noticed some sections of our trail were crossing a marked race course. We soon found out Huntington Beach Motorcycle Club (HBMC) had races scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. We had to do some rerouting around the Devils Loop trail gatekeeper section. The HBMC race officials gave us a map of there three courses and kept in contact with us on the HAM radio all day.

On Saturday we had 12 Jeeps. Eleven club member Jeeps and one guest. The morning was sunny with temperature in the low 50's with 10 to 15 mpg winds. We started the run with an easy hill climb to a view spot of the Lenwood area. The cold wind made this a quick stop.



After a short way in the Lenwood wash we did some play time on some steep small hills to warm up the four-wheel low gears. A little more time in the wash to Stoddard Wells Rd. We then proceeded south east through the hills north of Watkins Peak. We had two optional sections that had very steep hill descents. Everyone did the optional sections without issues.

We had to skip our plan to go through the Devils Loop gatekeeper. HBMC was using that section on one of their race courses. We were safe using a spotter to get past the race course. We did a small section of the Devils Loop with an optional moderate rocky section. I think we had one or two skip the rocky part.

We had lunch in the same spot the club uses during HDR. Right after lunch we had an optional difficult 5-foot rock waterfall to climb. All that tried the waterfall made it. Some required more than one attempt. Everyone gets more focused when the possibility of earning a cowbell is more likely!



After a fun ride through the hills north of the sidewinder hills. We crossed Stoddard Wells road again and entered a small wash. There was a short optional rocky section and a optional steep hill climb that's part of the Achy Breaky trail. A few more hills, back in the wash and we soon were back at the meet spot.

Night run:

We had 6 Jeeps on the moderate night run. The night route took the Lenwood wash to Stoddard Wells rd., then south to the back door to the Devils Loop. This route takes us up a small waterfall and through a rocky canyon. We then proceeded through a squeeze and several more rocky canyons.

We finished up the run with a hill top route north out of the hills, then east through some small hills and canyons to Stoddard Wells Rd, and back down the wash to the meet spot.

Overall a fun run with a great group of folks. Thanks to all who attended.

Oriflamme Canyon and Apple Pie Run Report Moderate

Run Run Dates: March 23, 2019

Trail Leader: Rick Walter and Brigitte Moore Eight guests and 19 members attending 16 off road vehicles counting one Lexus Everyone found the Vons Center off Indian Truck Trail and by 9-ish we were off. The drive down went South on I-15 so everyone got to view the ‘Super Bloom’ and we were through before the Interstate turned into a parking lot. The drive through Temecula to the Pinyon Mountain area was a nice pretty traffic free drive. We drove past the Stagecoach RV camp area, the Pinyon Mountain trail to ‘the squeeze’ and the Blair Valley camping area.



At the Oriflamme Canyon trail head, we aired down and allowed a group of 16 VW Meyers Max buggies by thinking we’d never see them again....so you can imagine about 3 miles up the canyon all 16 were stopped on the trail with no bypass available. Seems one of the cuter yellow buggies had broken down which by the way they talked was par for the course. They pulled off the trail and asked for a tow to the next wide spot at the Rodriguez Canyon turnoff. We got regrouped and we continued up Oriflamme Canyon Trail thinking that should be the last we see any more of those little modified buggies. Wrong again, at one of the narrower two track (most all the trail was two track) we met another 25 or so more of those little annoying buggies which turned the rating from a moderate to moderate plus in trying to pass on the narrow two track. Interesting.



Well, wouldn’t you know, we ran into more of those damn buggies, seems the little turds were having some sort of bug orgy convention, they were everywhere!!! The trail did have a little mud puddle that Madison tried to get stuck in but our president was not liking the thought of a cow bell and got her through, too bad, maybe next time Madison.



Top of the mountain, regrouped and off to Julian for lunch by about 2 and everyone enjoyed lunch with pies – main mission accomplished!! Did a little shopping and brought a few pies to take home.....

Run Calendar

Adopt a Trail meeting place

8:30am at Rocky’s Roadhouse
32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382
next to the 76 gas station

The forest service does require an Adventure pass
<https://www.fs.fed.us/portaldata/r5/ap/r5-ap-vendors.php>

April

12th – 14th Ocotillo Wells/ Truckhaven

We will be staying at Stage Coach RV Resort once again, it is only a 30 to 40-minute drive over there to Truckhaven from the Campground with full hookups and only 30 minutes from Julian for those that want to stay in a hotel up there.

So call ahead and reserve a spot at the resort, please tell them that you're with Dirt Devils when making the reservations, this way we are all grouped together. Time permitting we can even run Sandstone Canyon one day since we did not have time and weather canceled the last visit to this trail.

Please RSVP

Required: yes Rrien07@gmail.com 949-351-9309

Vehicle Limit 15 I am limiting this run to 15 vehicles to save time on the trails and getting around the desert

Radio: HAM only on this run for distance, ask me about what HAM Radio to get if you

do not have one for this run.

HAM: 146.580 (DD1) (Symplex) Ramona Repeater

Download: 445.76 Upload: 440.7600 Upload Tone:88.5

Permits Required: no It's always a good idea to have an Adventure Pass

Members: Bring your Club Membership Card to expedite Club Liability Waiver requirements.

Guest: Please Sign BOTH SIDES of the Participant Agreement and bring with you.

(LINK) [DD Participant Agreement](#)

BEWARE of RATTLESNAKES, Bring lunch and extra water, chairs, basic tools, Flashlight, shovel,

camera, extra weather appropriate clothing, etc. The weather changes quickly please be prepared.

Cautions: Extreme heat and cold weather, Rattlesnakes.

Trail Rating: 1=Easy, to 5=Most Difficult and everything in between.

Meeting location: We will be staying at the Stage Coach RV Resort.

Meeting Time: We are camping so meeting time will determine what time everyone is up and ready to go as a group. Prep. Rigs the day before please.

Non Members please be prepared to fill out the [Participation Agreement](#) , All Need to Sign the Run

Roster.

Trailhead Coordinates: Open, we will be running trails in the NE section of Truckhaven, as well as Ocotillo Wells OHV area.

Special Equipment: Recovery gear, tie straps, tools, Spare Tire is required.

Trail Description

There is no real set trail for this run, we do have tracks from last year, so we will follow them again

and take them to some of the more fun locations from last year. But for the most part we will be

traveling around the desert and we will leave it will be up to the group if they would like to change it

up or not. Truckhaven offers a lot to see and do as far as trails as I am sure most of you know

already, but a lot of folks do not travel this far back into the park and so it is not as crowded. The

Coral Canyon is beautiful and a lot of fun to climb so we will definitely be going there. But we are

looking to have a lot of fun and hanging out with a good group of new and old friends. I know of one

trail that we would like to take is an old mining road for the optics used in the bombers back in

WWII, you can still see some of this clear calcite in the area.

It's a dead-end trail but kind of kool

history of the area.

14th – 21st Easter Jeep Safari Week / Moab UT

19th 21st El Mirage, Old Fearless Jeep Trail /

Leader: Jim Leamon / fastreach@aol.com

<http://www.roughwheelers.com/el-mirage-fearlessfolly/>



El Mirage is large flat dry lake bed. Surrounded by hills perfectly designed for offroading.

1. Hwy 395 Rancho Road left
2. Koala Rd Right
3. El Mirage Rd left
4. Mountain View Rd right
5. at Visitors Center TELL THE RANGER YOU ARE A GUEST OF THE Rough Wheelers (otherwise pay \$15.)

6. take Mountain Rd pass out house #9 turn right at the rock pile and blue ribbons.
7. Rough Riders camp site is on the left

27th AAT Adopta Trail

Run leader: Roger

27th CORVA annual Board meeting

Best Western, 10386 California City Blvd, California City

<https://corva.org/events>

May

2nd – 4th Big Bear Jeep Jamboree / jeepjamboreeusa.com

7th club meeting at Zito's pizza Tustin Street Orange

11th AAT

17th - 19th Overland Expo AZ

18th High Desert Roundup HDR Pre Run

Leaders: Ray & Danny

25th – 26th High Desert Roundup HDR

Dirt Devils volunteer are needed for this big event.

Slash X near Barstow | cal4wheel.org

<https://cal4wheel.org/hdr-reg>

the

Dirt Devils have volunteered to help with runs and adult games, cancel all your other plans and show up.

June

1st Holcomb Creek / Leaders: Nick & James

Nick: njkov01@gmail.com

james: ettingerjames@aat.net

4th club meeting at Zito's pizza Tustin Street Orange

14th – 16th Big Bear Forest Fest / ie4w.com

22nd Clark's Grade / Leader: MikeW

29th – 30th – Grizzlycon 2.0 Big Bear / Leader: Brandon

July

2nd club meeting at Zito's pizza Tustin Street Orange

13th John Bull night run / Leader: Brandon & Josh S

20th Gold Mtn, LJB, Clarks Grade night run / Leader: Mike W

25-28th Jeeper's Jamboree

www.jeepersjamboree.com

26-28 Jeeper's Jamboree

www.jeepersjamboree.com

27th – 28th Shaver Lake Swamp Lake / Leaders: Aaron, Corri & Suhag

27th AAT

August

2-4th Jeep Jamboree

www.jeepersjamboree.com

6th club meeting at Zito's pizza Tustin Street Orange

8th – 11th Jeep Jamboree USA

10th AAT

12th – 16th Rubicon / Leader: Mike W

31st – Sep 2nd Sherman Pass / Leaders: Danny W & Brandon

September

3rd club meeting at Zito's pizza Tustin Street Orange

7th AAT

14th Off Road Clinic Big Bear / Leader: Mike W

21st – 22nd Kids on Public Land / Volunteers needed

27th – 29th Bishop to Bridgeport / Leader: Brandon

27th – 29th Off Road Expo

October

2nd club meeting at Zito's pizza Tustin Street Orange

5th Run Planning for 2020

12th Anza Borrego Mud Caves / Leader: Rob & Karen

19th Big Bear / Leader: Josh S

26th Berdoo Canyon Lady Drivers / (Joshua Tree) / Leaders: Judi & Brigitte

November

2nd White Mtn / Aaron & Corri

5th club meeting at Zito's pizza Tustin Street Orange

9th – 11th Panamint Valley Days PVD / cal4wheel.com

16th Matino Wash & Rattlesnake Cyn / Leader: Brandon

December

3rd club meeting at Zito's pizza Tustin Street Orange

14th Calico / Leader: Ron W

21st Christmas lights /

Club info

The Dirt Devils are a 501(c)(7) corporation

Meeting Place

First Tuesday each month, 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza,
2036 Tustin Street, Orange, CA 92865
(714) 974-6191

Corner of Tustin Street and Meats Street (drive west on Meats and plenty of parking in the rear of the restaurant with DIRECT ACCESS to the Meeting Room)

www.zitospizza.com

Club officers

President: Mike Wallace prez@dirdevils.org

Immediate past president:

Ray Kleinhuizen kkfusedglass@roadrunner.com

Vice President: Rob Rien vprez@dirdevils.org

Secretary: Karen Rien secretary@dirdevils.org

Web Master: Chris Slaughter:
webmaster@dirdevils.org

Adopt a trail chairmans:

Rick Walter, adoptatrail@dirdevils.org

Newsletter: Ron Webber: ronjp@outlook.com

Membership: Cheryl May secretary@dirdevils.org

Accessories and Hospitality: Karen Kleinhuizen

Safety: Rick Walter

Run Coordinator: Brandon Errickson
rundude@dirdevils.org

Emergency response team coordinator:

Rick Walter rundude@dirdevils.org

the emergency response team makes themselves available to help with our adopt a trail, Dish Pan.

CAL4 wheel reps: Jesse May and Keith Graham

CORVA rep: Vinnie Barbarino / 80hiluxcrawler@gmail.com

Tips and Tricks Robert Rien RRien07@gmail.com

Dirt Devil Emails:

If it is necessary to make a general announcement to fellow dirt devils send an email to members@dirdevils.org and the web master will forward.

Post office box:

Dirt Devils of So Cal
960 N Tustin #120
Orange, CA 92867

Club membership

Membership dues:

Dirt Devil annual club dues\$36.00

Spouse\$12.00

CORVA\$30.00

CAL4WD annual dues.....\$45.00

CAL4WD permanent member\$675.00

CAL4WD permanent member 12 installments of ...\$56.25

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

Web site news

Chris webmaster reporting

last month we had 2,410 unique visitors

Chris posted 256 kmz trail files on the web site

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

First aid kit tracking**AED / Defibrillator**

Ron W Calico

FA #1

Jim L Old Fearless

RonW calico

Ray K Black Mountain

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

Roger AAT

Rick W Sherman Pass

Ray K HDR

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

Rick W

Mike W offroad clinic

Ray & Karen North rim

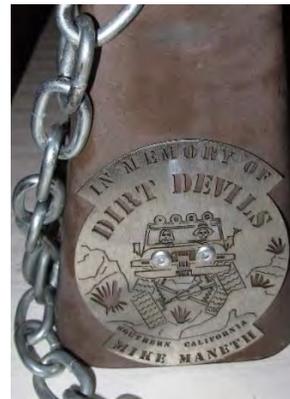
FA #4 (Orange canvas bag) out of service

Mike W & RobR Cleghorn & Ocotillo

Josh B & James E Motino Wash

Mike Wallace Forest Fes

15. Rob Wallace	KK6UZA
16. Rick Walter	KJ6NME
17. Ron Webber	KM6ANT
18. Mel Nix	KK6SMI
19. Rob Rien	KM6GOT
20. Karen Rien	KM6GOS
21. Julie Hart	N2RLY
22. Mark Gay	KM6IBP
23. Nick Kovacevich	KM6PIN



The Mike Maneth memorial bell.

Mike was a Dirt Devil legend. Loved by all, always ready to jump in and help others. He drove a modified Bronco. He did all his own design and fabricating. It didn't hurt that he was a welder by trade. He rolled on to his side a few times and we would all pitch in and get him upright and on his way.

DD HAM's

Dirt Devil's primary frequency aka DDprime, 146.510 simplex

Mike and John have the RT systems programmer for the following radios: Kewood 710; Yeasu 2 & 60 (handheld), 400, 8900; Baofeng handhelds BF F8, UV 5R; UV 82HP

1. Scott Beggins KJ6KBG
2. Paul Coursey KJ6NNG
3. Tim DeBolt KK6TRM
4. James Ettinger KK6UYU
5. Roy Flansburg KJ6EVM
6. Keith Graham KF6LZA
7. Sandy Graham KF6SBF
8. Steve Hendry KK6UYW
9. Chris Johnson KK6SAJ
10. Pete Johnson KM6ARI
11. Cheryl May KF6WNG
12. Al Ramsden KF6BCJ
13. Chris Slaughter KK6TMR
14. Mike Wallace KK6SBC

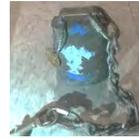


From left to right cowbell 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5



#1 Mike Maneth memorial bell

Vinnie Barbarino 4/6/2018
calico gatekeeper
John Johnson
Joe Cowie 2/24/18 Pinyon Mtn



#4 Little Blue bell

Brian Powell 8/18/18 John bull
Nick Kovaceich 4/6/2018 Kane Creek
Rob Rien 3/4/18 Snow run Holcomb



#2 Brown bell

Brandon Errickson 12/08/2018 Calico
Danny Ward 4/6/2018 Kane Creek
Rob Rien 2/24/18 Pinyon Mtn,
Brian Powell Sledge Hammer 4 pulls
Rob Rein Holcomb Valley Feb 11 2017



#5 Big Bertha

Dave Behlings 6/9/18 Grizzlycon
Dave Behlings 4/6/2018 Kane Creek



#3 New Brown

Josh/ Brayden Schiller 8/18/18 John Bull
Rob Wallace 4/6/2018 Kane Creek
Rob Rien 3/4/18 Snow run Holcomb
Rick Walters 7/17 Dishpan



The cow bell rules are: Cow bells are awarded from air down to air up. 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 Dirt Devils then you have earned the privilege of hanging the 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 help attach the cow bell to their bumper.

Dirt Devil Accessories

Dirt Devils accessories

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

Item	Price	Qty order	Extended price
Round Stickers	15.00		
Whip flags 8" x 12"	25.00		
Large flags 3' x 5'	70.00		
Caps	20.00		
Caps camo	22.00		
T shirt short sleeve	20.00		
T shirt short sleeve camo	28.00		
*Sweatshirt	35.00		
**T shirt long sleeve	24.00		
Total			

Limited edition embroidered patches \$3. and \$4. See Karen at the meeting.

checks payable to Dirt Devils

* Out of stock / ** Limited inventory

File: DD accessories order form.docx

