



The Dirt Devils Digest

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Editors Message:

I know the newsletter is late this month. At least it is before the July meeting. Emi and I spent 5 days with Ray cruising around the North Rim and a day in St George, UT. All I can say is the North rim is incredible.

Thank you Ray for 2 great years as president of the Dirt Devils. The Dirt Devils is better for your contribution. The club info section of this newsletter list the new officer's names and other club info, check it out.

I want to recommend that everyone belong to AAA (auto club). If you break down and need assistance getting your rig home they will do it. It is worth every penny.

<http://www.calif.aaa.com/home/membership.html>

Congratulations Mel Nix KK6SMI for getting his ham radio license.

We all love camp fires, check out the world's tallest bon fire 131' tall.

<http://twistedifter.com/2013/01/worlds-biggest-bonfire-alesund-norway-slinningsbalet-midsummer/>



Fourth of July:

In 2016, Thomas Jefferson still speaks to Americans

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

See you on the trail.

Ron Webber



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Run Reports

Heart Break Ridge

12 vehicles. Suhag had some problems with his front differential. Instead of hitting a rock with his passenger tire, he hit it with his diff. he disconnected the drive shaft and loosened the hubs and was able to drive it home. There is a waterfall that is difficult that now has a bypass. Dave's wife, Linda, drove some.

High Desert Roundup

The event was held behind SlashX near Barstow. over 200 paid registrations.

HDR Pre-run Saturday, May 21, 2016

Club members

- Ray and Karen Kleinhuizen
- Danny and Linda Ward.
- Tim De Bolt
- Pete Johnson.
- Mike and Nancy Zeller.
- Suhag Petal
- And 2 Guests

We met at the Valero/Pizza Hut at the 15 fwy and Barstow Rd. Weather for the day was cool, high 60's low 70's, and windy. We headed down Barstow Rd. to the Slash X where headquarters for HDR will be the following week. We then back tracked to the power line road and our air down spot. The gate keeper only needed a little bit of work. Danny Ward got to use his new winch to move a few rocks. Mike Z. and his 33" tires agreed to test the gate keeper. Mike made it through with the right amount of challenge, just what we wanted.



The rest of the day we continued on the trail marking turns with ribbons. We stopped for lunch in a small canyon to escape the wind. We were finished with the main trail early and decided to check out some extra sections. Mike was close to a cow bell a few times but careful rock placement got him through without assistance. We finished up the day taking Stoddard Wells

Rd. to the 15 fwy. We aired up under the freeway bridge out of the sun and wind.



HDR, May 27-29

HDR was held in the Stoddard Valley OHV area. The main HDR headquarters was behind the Slash X on Barstow Rd.

- Dirt Devils in attendance:
- Ray and Karen K
- Ron W
- Roger M & Birdie
- Pete J
- Danny and Linda W
- Danny D. and Kim
- Eddie C.
- Steve H.
- James E.
- Bill and Katie S.
- Jessie and Amanda M.
- 1. Keith and Sandy G.

Several Dirt Devils had setup camp behind the Slash X by Friday afternoon. A few of us did a short pre-run. I wanted to see if my night run trails connected as I expected. I didn't want to try the trail for the first time at night.

Weather for the weekend was good for the desert. Temperatures were in the high 70's low 80's during the day. At night temps were down in the 60's but still pleasant. Wind was not an issue.

Saturday May 27 HDR day run:

We setup early at the lineup location. We had 31 vehicles as we left for the trail.



Several vehicles had trouble at the gate keeper but we only sent one back to camp for the Blue Moon run. We had a few fuel line issues with the carbureted vehicles in the hilly sections. Thanks to the trail helpers that setup as spotters along the trail. We were able to keep the larger group moving and finished the trail early. With the extra time we took the group through an optional section with a ledge to climb in between some large rocks and a rock garden. Some needed help but all made it through. After we finished the extra section a small group took a side trail that had some big rocks to get through. One of our guests in a Cherokee got hung up bad on a big rock. The front had both tires in the air and the rear was right against a big rock. We used a HI lift jack and a winch to get him off and the rock moved.

Saturday May 27 HDR night run:

We had 16 vehicles on the night run. The first challenge was finding the powerline road turn in the dark. Good thing I setup a GPS way point at the turn. I took a bad line at the gate keeper and needed lockers to get through. A few guests left a lot of rubber on the rocks but all made it through. We slowly worked our way to the hill climb where we would turn back. Several of the vehicles were getting hung up on the rocks. Some backing and a different line was getting them through the ever present rocks. Right near the end of the trail we had a flat tire. Four plugs and he was ready to air up. An older Jeep with on board air moved up to air up the flat tire. We all hear a loud snapping sound that turned out to be the older Jeeps front U joint breaking. I think he forgot to release the Emergency brake but he drove it back to camp. Overall a good night run. Everyone seemed to enjoy the run.



Sunday May 28:

13 Vehicles, no major problems but Pete broke on the way back to camp and earned a cowbell.

Cal4Wheel

Just had the board meeting. There is a gas tax that is due to expire. If it is allowed to expire then there will be less money for OHV.

Currently that money is given to OHV for maintenance and enforcement of off-roading. It could be taken away and given to Parks which would close the trails as there would not be enough money. Keep an eye out for this.

This is in the legislature and they are trying to make this a permanent thing as its up in 2018. Jesse doesn't think it has an SB number yet

Holcomb creek trail winter closure

please jot down any heartfelt comments to keep 3N16 open during the winter and copy me on that email? If you have already sent your email, would you forward a copy of that email to me or forward your copy to Loren Campbell of IE4W at lcampbell@redlandsautoplaaza.com?

Loren from IE4W will be collecting as many emails as he can to deliver to Congressman Cook in an effort to keep 3N16 Holcomb Valley Trail open during the winter.

Again I urge you to take a moment of your time and email Jody and Scott from the Forestry Service and appeal to them to keep 3N16 open during the winter for the public to enjoy. Please send your email as quickly as possible to Jody and Scott at the USFS. Time is working against us. jnoiron@fs.fed.us and seliason@fs.fed.us

The way these trails continue to close is through apathy. The only way to keep these trails open is through constant activism. So your efforts do make a difference for current and future generations to enjoy these public lands.

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

July

- 5 Monthly club meeting
- 16 John Bull (D) - Josh
- 23 Adopt A Trail – Ray

August

- 2 Monthly club meeting
- 13 & 14 Off road Clinic

It's time again for our Annual Dirt Devil Training Clinic. Don Alexander from Big Bear 4X4 School will once again be our resident expert. Last year we had a huge turnout which really cut into our teachable moments so we have decided to conduct 2 classes over the August 13th weekend. Saturday's class will end with enough time to join the Night run on Little John Bull that is being led by Jack and Zoe.

Trail Leader: Mike Wallace (proudpop80@gmail) (714) 504-8514

CB Chanel 4 (REQUIRED) HAM Simplex 2 146.550

Pack a Trail Lunch, Water and always be prepared for Weather

Space Limited to 12, RSVP required via Dirt Devil Facebook Event (preferred) or directly with trail leader.

DONATION TO THE ADOPT-a-TRAIL program will be collected \$20.00 (Members) \$40.00 (Guest and Prospected Members)

Day 1: Saturday August 13th

Meet Time: 8:30 / Depart 9:00am

Meeting Location:

Subway Restaurant
42124 Big Bear Blvd Big Bear Lake, 92315

Day 1 recommended Special Equipment: Short Wheel Base, High ground clearance, rear lockers recommended, rock rails recommended, skid plates Recommended and 33 inch tires or larger recommended. Body Damage is Possible with or without the recommended Special Equipment items.

Difficulty: (1=Easy, 5=Most Difficult) Rated #4, the trail is moderate with a couple of Difficult obstacles, (optional) rock garden, sharp rocks, steep shelves/grades and rutted roads.

Trail: Gold Mountain Trail (3N69) 12.8 Miles this trail is officially rated most difficult and has some challenges. We have used this trail as our training trail for the past two years and all who have attended have completed the trail with no issues. The trail affords us the opportunity to practice our terrain management skills from both a driver as well as a spotter's perspective. The trail starts off the mail highway and heads up thru some switch backs until you reach the first of two waterfall style obstacles. To some this climb may look unpassable but with the expert guidance of our resident expert Don Alexander you will be feeling as confident as a professional. The second of the two obstacles immediately follows the first and once again you will make short work of it. (Don't be surprised if we turn around and do this obstacle in reverse)

Feeling confident we will crawl this scenic trail passing thru an optional Rock Garden to the top of gold mountain where we will stop for lunch and talk about the day's adventures. We will then pack up and head down the other side and experiencing some moderate shell descents to the main trail that will take us home in time to grab a bite to eat and meet up with Jack and Zoe for the Little John Bull Night Run if your so inclined.

Please only sign up for one of the DAYS Space is limited to 12 vehicles. If not filled by 8/6 feel free to sign up for a second DAY.

Day 2: Sunday August 14th

Meeting Time: 8:30 Depart: 9:00am

Meeting Location:

Rocky's Roadhouse
32150 Hill Top Blvd Running Springs, 92382

Day 2 recommended/ required Special Equipment: Short Wheel Base, High ground clearance, rear lockers required, front locker Recommended, rock rails recommended, skid plates Recommended and 33 inch tires or larger recommended. Body Damage is Possible with or without the recommended Special Equipment items.

Difficulty: (1=Easy, 5=Most Difficult) Rated #5, the trail is Difficult with a couple of Most Difficult obstacles with optional by passes, some tippy sections, sharp rocks, steep shelves/grades and rutted roads.

Trail: Dishpan Springs (3N34) approx. 3.0 Miles, touted as one of the most challenging trails in the Big Bear Mountain Area, this trail is our clubs Adopted trail. This trail spans from the Green Valley to the Lake Arrow Head area and serves as the only remote road between the two communities. As our Adopted trail we are tasked with

maintaining the accessibility. This trail has steep ascents and descents, granite boulder faces and large rutted portions. The 2 waterfall sections are the most challenging but with the expert spotting by Don Alexander from Big Bear 4x4 School you will make quick work of the challenges. Dishpan is a tippy no BS Trail and you will feel a sense of success after you conquered this beast. But be cautious this beast bites.

Please only sign up for one of the DAYS Space is limited to 12 vehicles. If not filled by 8/6 feel free to sign up for a second DAY.

13 Little John Bull NIGHT RUN,

Big Bear

Run Date: Saturday August 13th

Trail Organizer: Jack & Zoe

RSVP: YES, call or text 909-213-6787

Equipment Required: High ground clearance, off-road tires, low range and off-road lights required. Rock lights are recommended.

Difficulty: (1=Very Easy, 5=Extreme) Trail rated 3 moderate, due to small boulders, tippy terrain and sharp rock on sections of the trail (note most of the trail is easy). This run is to test your off-road lights with some spectacular views of the city lights and night sky.

Meeting Time: 6:30 *PM*. Go over rig readiness and trail plan, leave at 7:00 PM. Night run only.

Meeting Location: We will meet at Rocky's Roadhouse (32150 Hilltop Blvd, Running Springs, CA 92382) i.e. usual spot next to the 76 gas station. From there, we will drive to Polique Canyon (2N09) trail head. Then up to Holcomb Valley and John Bull Flat (3N10) and then down to 3N16/Lake Baldwin.

Trail Description: Total aprx. ~10 miles off road (allow 4 to 5 hours). You can expect to encounter small boulders, tippy terrain, and sharp rock on sections of the trail. The US Forest Service rates this trail as Black Diamond Most Difficult trail and it is not recommended for stock SUVs. Body damage and breakage are possible. Elevation ranges from 6,700' to over 8,000'. Note: if you are scheduled to run the Off-road Clinic #1 that same day, that trail lead will join this group after that trail is completed (no need to drive back down - location TBD).

Permits Required: Yes, Adventure Pass. \$30/yr or \$5/day, available at most local grocery/gas/ranger stations.

Communications: CB Channel 4 and/or HAM channel 146.550 MHz (club simplex #2)

Reminder to Bring: Bring lunch, snacks and extra water, chairs, tools, shovel, camera, extra weather appropriate clothing, etc.

Weather: If heavy wind or rain the trip will be canceled.

Trail Head Coordinates:

Meeting location:

Lat/Lon (degrees/minutes/seconds) 34° 12' 17.42" N
117° 6' 6.5" W

Lat/Lon (decimal degrees) 34.204838 -117.101806

Trail Head Polique Canyon (2N09)

Lat/Lon (degrees/minutes/seconds) 34° 15' 54.13" N
116°55' 15.75" W

Lat/Lon (decimal degrees) 34.265036 -116.921041

Departure: We will exit at Lake Baldwin and Highway 18.

20 Adopt A Trail - Josh

11 –14 Jeep Jamboree Rubicon Trail - non club event

September

6 Monthly club meeting

9 –11 Sherman Pass (M) - Danny

17 **Holcomb Creek & Larga Flat, Big Bear**

Run Date: Saturday September 17th

Trail Organizer: Jack & Zoe

RSVP: YES, call or text 909-213-6787

Equipment Required: High ground clearance, off-road tires and low range required. Rear locker, skid plates and 33 inch tires or larger recommended. We have seen stock SUVs make it but with damage.

Difficulty: (1=Very Easy, 5=Extreme) Trail rated 3.5 moderate, due to boulder fields with no bypass (note most of the trail is easy).

Meeting Time: 8:30am. Go over rig readiness and trail plan, leave at 9:00am. Day trip only.

Meeting Location: We will meet at Rocky's Roadhouse (32150 Hilltop Blvd, Running Springs, CA 92382) i.e. usual spot next to the 76 gas station. From there, we will drive to 3N16 past Crab Flats to Larga Flat (2N06X) trail head. Then up to Holcomb Creek (3N93) and back down to 3N16.

Trail Description: Total aprx. ~6 miles off road (allow 4 to 5 hours). You can expect to encounter large boulders, tippy terrain, puddles and moguls on sections of the trail. The US Forest Service rates this trail as Black Diamond Most Difficult trail and it is not recommended for stock SUVs. Body damage and breakage are possible. Elevation ranges from 5600' to over 6500'. Wet tires add to the difficulty as the trail crosses Holcomb Creek in a few areas.

Permits Required: Yes, Adventure Pass. \$30/yr or \$5/day, available at most local grocery/gas/ranger stations.

Communications: CB Channel 4 and/or HAM channel 146.550 MHz (club simplex #2)

Reminder to Bring: Bring lunch, snacks and extra water, chairs, tools, shovel, camera, extra weather appropriate clothing, etc.

Weather: If heavy wind or rain the trip will be canceled.

Trail Head Coordinates:

Meeting location

Lat/Lon (degrees/minutes/seconds) 34° 12' 17.42" N
117° 6' 6.5" W

Lat/Lon (decimal degrees) 34.204838 -117.101806

Larga Flat 2N06X

Lat/Lon (degrees/minutes/seconds) 34° 17' 21.67" N
117° 2' 10.28" W

Lat/Lon (decimal degrees) 34.289354 -117.036190

Departure: We will leave on 3N16 near Crab Flats and head up towards Green Valley/Running Springs and exit out on Highway 18.

24 AAT BBQ

October

4 Monthly club meeting

7, 8 Miller jeep trail / lockwood creek

14 - 16 Death Valley (E) - Rick

El mirage date not set

November

1 Monthly club meeting / run planning 2017

4 - 6 Afton Canyon (M) - Chris

11 - 13 Panamint Valley PVD - Cal 4 Wheel event

December

6 Monthly club meeting

10 Calico (D) and Calico (E) - Ron/ Mike

Classified

Four Tires and Rims For Sale.
and one spare Wrangler MTR



will fit YJ/TJ, Cherokee, Liberty.

BFGoodrich Rugged Terrain TA, 245/75-16

the 4 tires have 600 miles and the spare is never used.

Rims have some dings

\$600 obo

Also 18 inch Chevy truck/ Avalanch/ Tahoe rims and tires and 18 inch Jeep JK stock rims for sale and one spare

Trying to clean up the yard and simplify my life.

Manuel strikeeagle@cox.net

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

CAL4 wheel reps: Jesse May and Keith Graham

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

Guests & new members

Guest at the June meeting

1. Julie Hart and Mark Gay
2016 JK unlimited Rubicon
2. Brian and Rosemary Powell 2016 JK Rubicon
3. Chris Raymond
4. Howard Buswell
5. Jeff Cook
6. Ron Hadden
7. Travis Hadden

New members voted in at the June meeting

1. Joe Cowie

Club info

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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: Mike Wallace proudpop80@gmail.com

Immediate past president:

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johnsonsfamily@verizon.net

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webmaster@dirtdevils.org

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Run Coordinator: Rick Walter rick03tj@gmail.com

Emergency response team 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 of...\$56.25

CORVA\$30.00

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

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

DD HAM's

- | | |
|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Scott Beggins | KJ6KBG |
| 2. Paul Coursey | KJ6NNG |
| 3. Tim DeBolt | KK6TRM |
| 4. James Ettinger | KK6UYU |
| 5. Roy Flansurg | KJ6SVM |
| 6. Keith Graham | KF6LZA |
| 7. Sandy Graham | KF6SBF |
| 8. Steve Hendry | KK6UYW |
| 9. Chris Johnson | KK6SAJ |

- 10. Pete Johnson KM6ARI
- 11. Dave Jones KK6SAH
- 12. Linda Jones KK6SAI
- 13. Cheryl May KF6WNG
- 14. Al Ramsden KF6BCJ
- 15. Chris Slaughter KK6TMR
- 16. Mike Wallace KK6SBC
- 17. Rob Wallace KK6UZA
- 18. Rick Walter KJ6NME
- 19. Ron Webber KM6ANT
- 20. Mel Nix KK6SMI

First aid kit tracking

FA #1 (red, blue backpack)

- Ray Kleinhuizen
- Josh B
- Danny Ward
- Ray Kleinhuizen
- Mike Wallace
- Josh Bleijenberg

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

- Roger
- Danny Ward
- Dave Jones
- Ray K
- Gilbert
- Mike Wallace
- Josh Bleijenberg
- Pete Johnson

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

- Mike
- Rick Walter
- Bill S
- Ron Webber Calico
- Jack & Zoe
- Roger Mauer
- Danny Ward
- Ron Webber March 2015 Calico

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.

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

Pete Johnson HDR May 2016
 Mike Zeller Holcomb Creek Feb 2016
 Frank Gilliland Claw Hammer
 Frank Gilliland Holcomb Creek 9/26/15
 Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 4/10/15
 Josh Bleijenberg Dusy Ersham Sept 2014



Brown bell

Jack Sobelman rolled Moab Mar 2016
 Rob Holcomb Valley / Gold Fever
 Suhag Claw Hammer
 Frank Gilliland Claw Hammer
 Bill Smith HDR May25 2015
 Tim Debolt Rattlesnake Feb 2015

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



Little Blue bell

Rick Walter Moab March 2016
 Dave
 Kurt Claw hammer
 Frank Gilliland Holcomb Creek 9/26/15
 Bill Smith HDR May25 2015 winched Bronco on to trailer
 Gilbert at Corral Canyon 4/10/15
 Chris Slaughter Grizzly
 Rick Walter
 Mike Wallace



Mike Maneth memorial bell

Danny Ward at El Mirage apr 2016
 Ray Kleinhuizen rolled, Motino Wash Mar 2016
 James Ettinger Holcomb Creek
 Frank Gilliland John Bull 6/27/2015
 Mike Wallace Corral Canyon 4/10/15
 James Ettinger Claw Hammer 1/10/15.
 Castulo Olivas

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			

emiwebber@hotmail.com / checks payable to Dirt Devils

* Out of stock / ** Limited inventory

File: DD accessories order form.docx