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### **CB Channel 1**

## **Lady Bug Run** *By: Randy Schortzmann*

We started out on Friday morning, April 19, 0800 at the Richmond Park & Ride. Our lineup had four vehicles which included Myself, Karen & Chase Schortzmann, Jim & Donna Kenney, Dan & Mary Kus and Mike & Lynne Cofield. As usual we stopped in Trona for the last pit stop then traveled to Ballarat to air down. Going out to Goler was uneventful until we got up to the first steps. With a little water wetting the rocks it was a little slippery for Jim and Dan so I gave them a little tug up and over. We then made a straight beeline to the first cabin and had lunch. Leaving the cabin we made a short stop at Warm Springs to sight see then continued down to the pavement in Death Valley. We made the long haul through the valley then out to Beatty. It was a pretty long day as we pulled in around 7 PM. We had dinner at Denny's and for most of us it was an early night. We also met up with some friends of the Cofields, Dan & Cindy Roberts.

### **DAY TWO**

Hit the road at 8: AM and ran down the highway to Amargosa Valley then to Ash Meadows. Ash Meadows is a small portion of Death Valley National Park that is located in Nevada. They have a really nice Visitors Center and have many areas to hike and view. It is also the home of the Devils Hole with its endangered PUP Fish.

We then decided to deviate from our original route and traveled back to the Carrara Marble Quarry site. Once again we happened



*Photos by:  
Donna Kenney*



**First waterfall in Goler Wash.  
Randy made it.  
Dan & Mary (right) got a little  
help from their friend, Randy.  
Rumor has it, Jim took 8 tries,  
then also succumbed to the rope.**

upon a big truck parked sideways in the trail but luck would shine on us as he was just parked, borrowing some rocks. He moved out of our way and we expected smooth sailing. Surprise, Surprise, the last half mile or so was completely washed out. We had to pick a trail as it was extremely rocky and we had numerous bangs, clanks and scrapes the rest of the way. We did see a carcass of a Big Horn sheep down in the quarry with the horns still there. Leaving the quarry we continued on to the Fluorspar mine and the Telluride mine where we stopped and viewed the sites. Passing through Secret Pass we circled the Bare Mountains and came out on the highway again. During the last stretch we encountered quite a rain squall, which is kind of unusual. Back to Beatty for Dinner at Denny's and an early night.

**DAY THREE**

Started out at 9 AM headed north to Pioneer Point where we viewed numerous mine sites. From there we worked our way around to Rhyolite had lunch and took lots of pictures. At this point we decided to declare the run officially over and everyone departed in their own directions. It was a fun run enjoyed by all.

**FREE SOFT TOP**

With all the brackets and framework for a 2-door 2010 JK Jeep. Color: Grey  
Call Byron Self at 760-375-2011.

Beautiful photo of Striped Butte in Warm Springs Valley



Photos by: Donna Kenney



L-R: Kenney's; Cofield's; Robert's; Schortzmann's; & Kus' parked at Rhyolite.

L to R: Guests Mike & Lynn Cofield & Dan & Cindy Roberts.



Chase on some kind of critter in Ash Meadows.



Photos by: Karen Schortzman

**DUES ARE DUE!**

Please pay your dues directly to the Gear Grinders, collected by Randy Schortzmann. \$50 for C4WDC and the club dues for \$20 for a total of \$70. Bring a check or cash to the meeting or call to make other arrangements.



**Show & Shine and Pizza Night**

Meet at the Pizza Factory,  
on **1<sup>st</sup> non-flex Friday**, June 7, at 6:00pm  
Why cook tonight?  
Instead order your favorite dinner or pizza!  
Trade stories, tech info, etc.





# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bear Bash

**When:** May 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Where:** Big Bear, CA

**Trail Runs:**

Friday: J

Saturday:

Sunday:

Monday:

**Group M**

**Bring:** 47

**Fees:** No

**Trail Bos**

**Direction**

## Trail Legend

**DUE TO INCLIMATE WEATHER ....**

## BIG BEAR BASH

**has been **MOVED** ....**

**And is now the**

## OLD DALE RUN

**WHEN:** May 24<sup>th</sup> – 27, 2019

**WHERE:** Old Dale Mining District, approximately 20 miles east of 29 Palms.

**TRAIL RUNS:** will be decided on site.

**TRAIL BOSS:** Terry Grimsley – **RSVP via email to [tgrimsley@socal.rr.com](mailto:tgrimsley@socal.rr.com)** for camp site GPS coordinates. Consult a map for location of 29 Palms and how to get there from your location.



Note: Camp could be moved. Without an RSVP, I don't know to get you directions.

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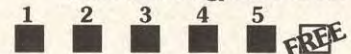
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**CLUB CALENDAR at a GLANCE**

- May 22 Club meeting, 6:00 PM dinner, 7:00 PM meeting at Casey's Steaks & BBQ, 1337 N. China Lake Blvd., Ridgecrest.
- May 23 Public Lands Round Table meeting. 6:00pm at the BLM office, 300 S. Richmond Road
- May 24-27 ~~Big Bear Bash~~ **OLD DALE MINING DISTRICT**
- Jun 7 Pizza night (see above)
- Jun 26 Club meeting, 6:00 PM dinner, 7:00 PM meeting at Casey's Steaks & BBQ, 1337 N. China Lake Blvd., Ridgecrest.
- Aug 1 New date .... Red Rock Canyon State Park  
**COMMENTS DUE**

**2019 TRAIL BOSSES NEEDED**

- May 25-27** Big Bear has been changed **25-27 to Old Dale Mining District**
- Jun**
- Jul**
- Aug**
- Sep**
- Oct** TBD Razor Road – Grimsley's
- Nov** PVD
- Dec 7** Christmas Party

**DON'T FORGET TO CONTACT**

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[www.geargrinders4wdclub.org/](http://www.geargrinders4wdclub.org/)

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