

Dusty Tales

Hello Cavalcaders,

The Dusty Tales is back!

I have missed creating and publishing the newsletter for our club. I want to thank all who have contributed content in the past and those who have contributed content for this issue specifically Jon Curtis and Jeff Goorsky. I sincerely want to encourage ALL of you to contribute content again as publishing our newsletter can be a daunting and time-intensive labor of love without club members' support. It is for this reason that the Dusty Tales has been on hiatus. So, please send your ideas, recipes, stories, jokes, trip write ups and photos. All are desperately needed and welcomed. I need your contributions.

It is time for the Dusty Tales to have a new beginning and a new look. I hope you like it, and I encourage your feedback.

Enjoy this issue.

Sincerely,

Susan Rhine,

Your Humble Editor



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Special points of interest

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Upcoming Runs

Mark your calendar. The club has some amazing runs coming up with fun for all ages and vehicles.

Please email me, Susan Rhine, with upcoming runs you would like to see added to this schedule. For the next newsletter.



Gecko Run **October 21-23 2022.** Location in Anza Borrego desert — details to be announced soon. Club runs, raffle, potluck, music

Contact : John McCracken

Parker Desert Splash, AZ. **Nov. 4-6** . Location La Paz County Park

Contact : Parker 4– Wheelers for registration info and details

Panamint/ Death Valley **Feb. 17-19 , 2023**

Camping at Ballart Ghost town. Dry camping; no reservations required about \$10 a night. Trails include Defense Mine, Pleasant Canyon, South Park Canyon, Ishim Canyon , and others TBA

Contact: Chris Rhine

Calico Run **April 21-23, 2023** Camping at Calico Ghost Town with full hook ups. Make reservations at SBCountryparks.com ASAP at for the “O” Loop and post your site number on the Facebook page so everyone will know where you are.

Contact: Anyone in the club can assist with details

South Dakota Run **June—Aug 2023** Specific dates TBA —Explore the Black Hills and back roads of South Dakota.

Contact :Emil Worm

High Sierra Run **July 30– Aug. 4, 2023** Camping at Wishon Village RV Park doing day runs to Brewer Lake, Mirror Lake, Spanish Trail and others. Make reservations at wishonvillage.com

Contact: Chris Rhine

“We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.”

— Jawaharlal Nehru Former Prime Minister of India

Jeep Ducking is Sweeping the Country

Have you ever heard of jeep ducking?

Well, this is a trend that started in Ontario, Canada during the pandemic in 2020 and has been making its way across the country since.

So, what is jeep ducking you ask? Jeep ducking is a way to bring positivity to people across the state. You simply leave a rubber duck on the hood of a parked jeep. The idea is to make someone feel special, brighten their day, and just bring a smile to their face. Look for parked jeeps in hospital parking lots, one with a veteran's license plate, a handicapped plate, or any jeep that catches your eye. Leave your duck and know you have brightened someone's day. Perhaps one day you, too, will find a duck on your jeep.

For more information, look up the organization on Facebook. The national Facebook group "Duck Duck Jeep" has nearly 80,000 members as of June 2022.



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Editor's Note: This article was paraphrased from the source below. Check out the original article for more information.

By Allegra Zamore Published: Jun. 22, 2022
'Jeep Ducking' spreads positivity to Maine Jeep owners (wabi.tv)

Zucchini Nut Loaf

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup finely shredded unpeeled zucchini
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup cooking oil
- 1/4 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

lemon peel; mix well. Stir flour mixture into zucchini mixture. Gently fold in chopped nuts. Turn batter into a greased 8x4x2 loaf pan. Bake in 350 degree oven for 55 to 60 minutes until wooded pick inserted near center comes our clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool thoroughly on a rack. Wrap and store loaf overnight before slicing.



Directions:

In a mixing bowl stir together flour, cinnamon, baking soda, salt, nutmeg, and baking powder; set aside. In a mixing bowl beat together sugar, shredded zucchini, and egg. Add oil and

Editor's Note: This is my favorite go to recipe to take on camping trips. Tasty for breakfast . Source: *Better Homes and Gardens*

Cavalcaders,
The holidays are coming.
Do you have a recipe that you make for the holidays that you would like to share with the club? If so, please send it my way. I plan to publish several different holiday recipes in the next issue.



Jeep Jokes and Riddles

There was a bad accident at the Air Force base.

A jeep ran over a bag of popcorn and killed two kernels.

I just bought the personalized license plate BAA BAA...

For my black jeep

What brand of car would the Roadrunner be?

Jeep Jeep

What do Jeep owners call themselves?

TJ: Wrangler 1997 – 2006. YJ: Wrangler 1987 – 1995. CJ: Civilian Jeep 1955 – 1986. Cherokee 2014 – present.



Who Would Have Thought?

How handy is an empty Pringles can?

1. Makeover Pringles cans with chalkboard paint or any paint or decorative paper add tags, stickers, use markers to create kitchen storage containers.



2. Use them for gifting cookies. **Simply cover them in pretty wrapping paper using double sided tape, add some ribbon embellishments, and a gift tag.** ?You can use wax paper on the



inside to keep the cookies from touching the can

3. Store paint rollers overnight to avoid washing them out daily for a multiple day project. They will be moist and ready for the next day.



4. Secure several cans together to make your own gift wrap stand. You don't want those tubes to get crushed in your closet, do you?



5. In your RV, store other foods inside such as a sleeve of crackers, spaghetti, dried beans, flour, sugar, etc. The sturdy cardboard will protect the food, and you won't have punctured bags or spilled products inside the RV.

6. Store tools. For example: a channel lock, screwdrivers, pliers, and the like. An easy way to keep these few, but necessary, tools together and within reach is to store the tools inside a Pringles can. The can stays in the RV basement where the tools are always available. .

7. Make a vase. A small bag of stones and some



modge podge are needed.

So, there you have it. There are many more ideas of what you can do with a pringles can. Be creative and have fun! If you have other topic ideas for the "who would have thought" article, PLEASE send them my way.

Miracles on John Bull and Gold Mountain



In June, Cavalcaders experienced a few miracles on both of these trails prompting me to call it the “run of miracles”. Because this article is written in chronological order, there is no evaluation placed on what I call the miracles. I am just writing about them in the order in which they occurred.

The day began with the run on Gold Mountain. All went smoothly until Tracy’s hydraulic line for the steering ram broke. Yikes, what were we to do? Fortunately Larry Maddox had a spare hose and the repair was made. This was the first miracle of the day as now Tracy could continue the run.

The group continued to travel Gold Mountain, opting to take the extra credit route. This is where our second and third miracles occurred.

John Johnson’s jeep developed a short in the ignition harness causing his jeep to continue to blow a fuse and not start. Try and try again, but nothing worked. Jeff and Cyndi Goorsky towed John, Jenny and grandchildren Canaan and Sydney down the trail. Jeff’s vehicle began to overheat, and after pausing to allow it to cool down, they were all able to exit the trail. Giving it still one more try resulted in a miracle as John’s jeep was able to start and he, Jenny, and their grandchildren were able to safely make it back home. Jeff’s vehicle cooled down, and he and Cyndi were able to meet up with the group for a late lunch before beginning the John Bull trail.



It was on this trail where our 4th and 5th miracles occurred. The trail presented the usual challenges of the trail which required spotting and patience and everyone was able to make it up the toughest sections. However, in one spot, Larry stepped out of his jeep leaving it in gear, and turning off the ignition which caused the jeep to roll backwards. As he attempted to stop it, he slipped and slid under the jeep as it rolled over him. The jeep kept rolling and came to a stop off the trail not hitting any other rocks or vehicles. Miracle. Larry was okay. He did not have any broken bones, but he did have some skin abrasions that Dr. Jim was able to dress and bandage for him. Larry drove his vehicle the rest of the way. It is a miracle that he wasn’t more seriously hurt. The rest of the trail went smoothly without any major issues. Except that Tracy was losing brake effectiveness. They were not working well, but she did well driving the trail and managing to effectively take her vehicle “home” another miracle, as it might have been difficult to address this issue on the trail.

Everyone made it off the trail and safely home. I am happy to report that Larry is doing well. Chris, Conrad, and I spent the night on the trail (by choice). We did some jeep / tent camping in the most amazing spot. It was beautiful and a lot of fun. We would like to do this run again, and we invite you all to join us for a night under the stars.

Must Have Jeep Camping Gear

According to Jeep Kingdom at [Must Have Jeep Camping Gear - Jeep Kingdom](#) the following items are must have for jeep camping.

What do you think Cavalcaders? Do you agree? What would you add or subtract?

1. Light-weight Compact Camp Chair
2. Roll Top Table
3. Drop Down Tailgate Table
4. Spare tire carrier trash bag
5. Sleeping mattress
6. Camp shower
7. Wolfpack storage box
8. Tent
9. Roof rack
10. Portable fridge/cooler



Jeep Tip of the Month

Never attach a tow line to a hitch ball.

Eastern Sierra Run

By Jon Curtis

On June 25, 2022, we headed out (10 jeeps strong) for what we hoped was going to be an epic overlanding jeep trip to the Eastern Sierras. We were planning to live out of the back of our jeeps for the next seven days! We began day one driving 289 miles to Bishop where we refueled our jeeps and our bodies then began up the trail to Coyote Flats. We reached our campsite for the next few days, set up camp at an amazing old growth pine



grove around a now dry lake.

On June 26 we awoke to the smell of pine and began adjusting to the lack of O2 at the elevations, most of which were at or above the 9500 foot level. We ventured south to our first stop at Funnel Lake (10,364') and were not disappointed. The lake was amazing and we spent an hour taking pictures, fishing, and enjoying the beauty. We then continued south to Coyote Flat Airstrip which was more of a rocky plateau with a dilapidated barbed wire fence than an airstrip. Continuing south we drove through an epic valley surrounded by majestic mountains, through Sanger Meadow, then had lunch next to a flowing creek. After exploring the south end of Coyote Flat, we headed back to camp. We had great meals and shared it with great friends.

On June 27, we ventured west were disappointed to find Coyote Lake was dry. We continued east and crested a pass at over 11,400 feet to possibly the most amazing view I have ever seen. There was a 270 degree view of valleys, numerous lakes, backed by snowcapped rugged and picturesque peaks! We continued toward Green Lake and saw several deer trotting alongside the trail. Green Lake and Brown Lake were amazing and we stopped for lunch there. After lunch we headed to an overlook where South Lake was visible in the distance. It is difficult to explain how the views from these mountains look and pictures don't do them justice. We posed for a group photo before heading back to camp.

On June 28, we decided to modify the itinerary and head out of Coyote Flats a day early as gas was running low. We diverted from our plan and decided to run Buttermilk Trail. We took several side routes and found more amazing views. Jim Hartman was towing a military M-416 trailer which ended up upside down after the driver side wheel dropped into a rut and the passenger side tire hopped on a rock. The team made short work of winching the trailer back on its wheels. Hartman can pack a trailer as the only items which came

out were a table and a 12 pack of Sprites. Even his brand new roof top tent was fixed and worked flawlessly the rest of the trip. The road to our planned campsite was closed so we made camp at a meadow next to a flowing creek.

On June 29, we awoke after a great night sleep with flowing river white noise. Breakfast next to the flowing river was amazing. We headed back to Highway 168 then took Highway 395 to Bridgeport. We refueled the vehicles and our bellies then headed for Chemung Mine. Chemung Mine was amazing with several large structures and intact mining equipment. Emil Worm began picking up rusty nails one at a time using his boot, luckily the nail did not penetrate his foot. Jerry Osterloh led us to another great campsite where we had good story telling over excellent food with great friends.



On June 30, we headed through rolling hills toward Bodie Ghost Town. We stopped at Masonic Peak (9217') and were treated to a 360 degree view of the surrounding area. We rolled into Bodie Ghost Town and spent a few hours exploring this mining town which has been frozen in time. We left Bodie and headed to Kavanaugh Ridge. We took a side route and found three cabins tucked back in a canyon with a flowing stream and a few pieces of mining equipment. After eating lunch we continued to our camp spot at an unnamed lake. Prior to getting there we encountered a snow drift which covered the trail. After some failed attempts Emil Work plowed through the snow and made tracks for the rest of us. A few needed a tug but we all got through. We made camp at the unnamed lake (10,340'). While the views were spectacular, the wind was howling and it was an early night for most of us.

On July 1, we voted to head back a day early and we all made our way back to Hemet. Overall it was an amazing trip with great friends. Many memories were made and we hope to see you again next year!!!!



Cavalcaders on Funnel Lake



Cavaladers on the Eastern Sierra Run

Santa Rosa Run

By Jeff Goorsky

On August 13, Emil Worm led 11 jeeps on the Santa Rosa Run with Jeff Goorsky as tail gunner.

The day began with breakfast in Hemet; then the group headed off to the Bautista Canyon trail. There was a small delay in the departure as one jeep had an electric fan blow a fuse, that had to be replaced. Then the group continued the run.

We went on a side trail to Thomas Mountain trail and then jumped on the highway to Santa Rosa Peak. We ate lunch on the peak while thunder rumbled in the background and the smell of rain was in the air. Thankfully, the rain held until everyone was just finishing lunch.

Going downhill in the rain was nice as there was no dust; however, it did make for muddy jeeps that needed cleaning.

Everyone had a good time, and there were no major mechanical issues. Thank you to everyone who came out, the rain for waiting until after lunch to start, and to the leaders who organized and led a fun run.



Santa Rosa Peak

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HEMET SAN JACONTO CAVALCADERS

The HSJC is a non profit off- road club based in Hemet CA. The club's purpose is to have fun exploring the trails safely and experience the history of the different areas and contributing to organizations that support keeping trails open. HSJC welcomes all types of vehicles. All club members are encouraged and welcome to plan, lead, and organize club runs, volunteer to assist at club social events, run for offices and/or become board members. Club members participate in at least two meeting and two runs per year and pay a yearly membership .

The Dusty Tales newsletter is published 3-4 times a year. All members are welcome, invited, and encouraged to submit content.
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