

Dusty Tales

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Next Membership Meeting :

Tuesday Dec. 1 (first
Tuesday of every
month) @ Megabites
Pizza. 1153 S. State
Street Hemet CA.

Dinner 5:30 PM

Meeting 6:30 PM

Board Meeting 7:30 PM

President's Message

Hello Cavalcaders,

I can't believe that 2015 is coming to a close. So that means that it is time for our yearly Christmas party meeting. I want to remind everyone that the club will be buying pizza for everyone. Please don't forget to bring your favorite dessert. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift that is \$25.00 in value. You will receive a ticket to enter in all of the fun. I can't wait to see you all there.

—Steve Loomis

Dennis and Hannah Scott —Jeepers of the year!



Dennis and Hannah Scott were chosen as this year's Jeepers of the Year!! Chris Rhine presented them with a plaque at our November meeting. Dennis and Hannah were selected for their adventurous spirits, their willingness to support and help others on the trail, and for modeling and instilling the love of the outdoors and the sport of off-roading to the next generation.

Dennis and Hannah make a great team. It is fun to watch their vehicle come down or up a trail with Dennis behind the wheel, and Hannah sitting patiently in her seat enjoying the ride. She takes in all the scenery, is happy to explore, and enjoys the trails whether they are smooth or rocky. She always has a smile for everyone. Both father and daughter are supportive of one another on the trail. With dad as her teacher, perhaps one day, Hannah herself will be driving with Dennis as her co pilot.

Congratulations, Dennis and Hannah!!!

Jim Stout Memorial Run October 9-11 2015

"It is going to be a warm one this weekend", I was saying to my bride, and it was; however, it was NOT unbearable. What a group we have! I really mean this folks. I think you are all great people to be out and having fun with. You seem to be having fun, and seem to want to get along well with all of the rest of us as much as we want to get along with you. Hope that makes sense. You should really pat yourselves on the back for making the weekend a total blast!

So Thursday afternoon we put up all the lights up under the very detailed supervision of our VP Mike Record, of course our President was on the ladder tying off the cords and making sure the connections were secure. Kay Sandi, and Sarah were handing light bulbs to us to put in and after a couple of hours our lights were up and looking good. What about dinner? We decided go to town and have some food, so about 15 or so of us off we went to the Mexican place in town for dinner, good food, and conversation plus an adult beverage for some before returning to the ranch. Oh, by the way, again, many thanks to Larry and Sandi for all the preparation of the property for our rigs and venue. It is no small thing to grade and water the place



Cavalcaders lining up for the run



Climbing out of the wash

and said she thought she ? her pants...For all you non English speaking people that is to say. "Ted, wait till we get home. I cannot believe you had me drive down that". Just kidding folks. Rather than eat in 104 degree canyons, we decided that we would come back to the ranch to have lunch. We went by by the old palm trees to get some pics and everyone in the group knew I had class bringing them to the Sunrise Social club area. When we got to the highway to head back, the tranny in the orange jeep was acting funny. Then without notice, I was coasting to a stop but NOT to fear as Larry beeline up to me very quickly, so he could be the one putting the hook on and pulling me back to camp. But after a minute of being in neutral, all was working okay again and worked the rest of the weekend. I am sure glad Larry had concern for me and my vehicle OR was it an attempt for some extra comradery? Kinda like the time Larry took the rev limiter chip out of my sand car and put one in with a limit of 3600 RPM's and then because I'm not much of a

where we park to keep our coaches from getting stuck in the sand, and the roof over our heads and cement to dance on is very much appreciated. I know that we really appreciate you Sandi; yes, of course Larry, too.

Friday was our first little run, and I think we had 12 vehicles. Sunny Ryan, Ted and Chy's daughter, was driving off road for the first time in her own little jeep that she helped her father put together piece by piece. And Mommy was driving the family jeep for the first time also. Talk about pressure. I was instructed by not only our president but a concerned Daddy as well as Mr. Minor that this trail ride BETTER be easy enough for those two gals but difficult enough not to be boring.....So, the challenge was on. Sunny and Mommy did a great job of keeping the vehicles tire side down and kept them spinning when needed. I know that Sunny was smiling a lot and yet nervous on a spot or two. And, Mommy was sideways on a little downhill



Cavalcaders exploring an RV Park in the Truckhaven area

Jim Stout Memorial Run (cont'd)



The downhill run!

not mention your name, it is only because I did not get the names before writing this. Thank you! And if you did, please let me or a board member know so we can pay due tribute to you.

Saturday morning and we set off with 23 vehicles in a row on a mission to have fun of course, but we were also going to try to find the RV Park out in the Truck Haven Hills area. Right away we had a fuel line issue with Rod Tolliver's newly painted bright Orange CJ. It sure is good looking. Okay, so a little time goes by and we are off. Now on Friday we were just practicing knowing how to use 4 wheel drive, and today we were trying to get all the way across the Truck Haven Hills area which could be a 5 foot mud hill to 300 foot hill climb and/or could have very steep drop offs with a good amount of suspension twisting little canyons. Then

mechanic blamed the driver for not winning the race up the hill. That is what I was trying to get at earlier we do have fun loving people in our midst.

That afternoon was a relaxed time just made for a nap!!!!!! Friday, we finished setting the area up and enjoyed sitting under the lights anticipating Saturday's arrival not only a trail run but food and more food and did I mention food and adult beverages. Also, we had Tom Wilson's raffle and what a raffle it turned out to be I know Tom and the rest of the board were pleasantly surprised by all of your spending. All items were paid for with some seed money left to start next years. Thanks TOM for all you hard work. I must also say thank you to all of you who donated your hard earned money into raffle prizes for us to win. People like the Goorsky's, the Minor's, and whoever else contributed to the success of the raffle. Now please if you did donate something, and I did



Wheels off the ground!!

we found some little old mud cracks to play in and even the experienced drivers, who have only practiced longer, had fun playing in them. I sure hope somebody sends us pics. I left with group with Chris Rhine, our famous DJ, to see if we can find the elusive RV park, and sure enough, we do find it! I returned for all the members to follow me to the spot. I know everyone had some photo op moments as well as group pics at the location. What a nice run! It was time to head on back to camp, and some had to stop at the fuel station others drove right back.

Back at the ranch, we got ready for dinner. Chris had the music going, Rod Tolliver and Tom Wilson got the food going, and all the rest of us needed was to bring the rest of the food out. We had soooooo much food and folks it was delicioso extraordinaire! That's Italian for good, great, filling and more of it. Dinner over dishes done. Let's get ready to RAFFLE. I do not understand if everyone who purchased tickets was there, then how was it that we burned some three tickets because they weren't claimed? . Next



The Ryan Family enjoying some R and R on the trail

Jim Stout Memorial Run (cont'd)



Beautiful day for a run in the desert

question how was it that the middle table won sooo many of the prizes? No, I'm not complaining just wondering? Seriously, what a great raffle. Everyone enjoyed it except Shawn Gleason and I as we did not win anything. I think I should have been in line ahead of a guest, Larry Maddox along with his wife, Shirley. They won some of my prizes, but then again, he got our president to spend more money.

Next, we danced to a little collection of music that Chris has. I have to say, it is always fun to dance with my wife as I'm sure you know by the fact you danced with your spouses also. Then the Ryan's daughter, Morgan, got up and started dancing with her daddy. It does one's heart good to see families doing things together.

Again, many thanks to all of you for doing whatever you did to help make your club event happen.

—The Blue Cruiser

There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect.

—Ronald Reagan

Editor's Note:

This year's Jim Stout Memorial Gecko Run was a lot of fun. It gave us all a chance to share the trails, stories, good food, experiences, and celebrate the anniversary of our club with one another. Jim Stout embodied and valued friendships, people, and all the outdoors had to offer. His spirit and love of the club,

what it stands for, and the members in it, will always live on. We hope everyone will be able to make it out again next year as we celebrate, share, build, and honor what makes the Cavalcaders so special.



A fun time at the Jim Stout Memorial Gecko Run 2015!



Jim Stout Memorial Run (cont'd)

Fun Times at the Potluck and Raffle!!



Devin and Steve



Don't interfere with the masters of the grill as they cook up delicious Carne asada and Pollo asada !



Bob and Yolie



Larry, Doug, Tim, Sarah, and John



Mitch, Wanda, Marty, and Josh buying raffle tickets.

Devin and Michelle



Jim Stout Memorial Run (cont'd)



DJ Chris Rhine and Sarah



Ted and Nathan



Mitch launching potatoes



Doug and Kaye



The Portlock Family



The feast!

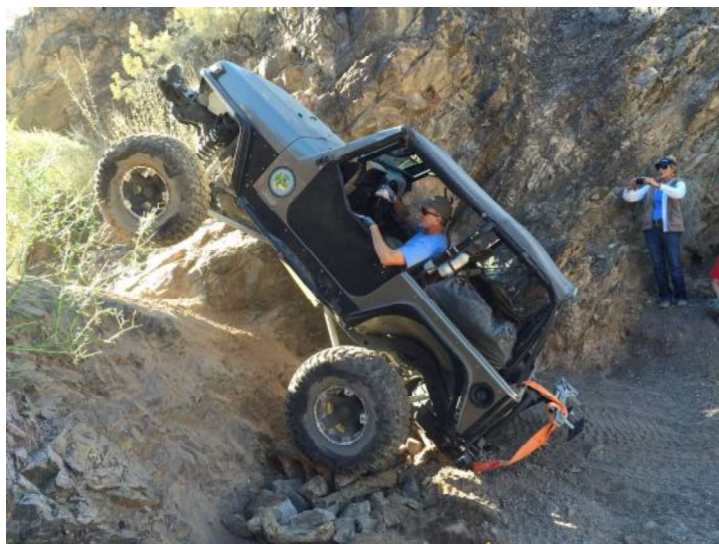
Parker Desert Splash 2015



Cavalcaders crawling their way on Deliverance Trail

Friday morning we lined up and got our first driver's meeting instructions, and then off we go to 3 slabs, a spot where there are these slabs of cement to air down before proceeding to the trail head. I'm not sure why the slabs are there, maybe we will find out sometime. After airing down, we started down the trail. Jeff and Co-Pilot Emil Worm do not get very far onto the trail when we hear on the radio he is unable to move due to electrical issues. Apparently, Jeff changed mufflers and the muffler burned an electrical wire and was down for some time. We proceeded on with the rest of the group, Jeff was at the trail end and the rest of us near the front. He did catch up!!! Did not want you to think he was done for the day

Should have been there! Where? At the Parker 4 Wheelers' Desert Splash! This year was the 20 year anniversary of this event. It was great, or as Donald Trump would say, it was a tremendously successful even. We had won every one of our terrain obstacles with no problem. Seriously! What a run we had with our club: Jeff and Cyndi Goorky, Burt and Reina Heck, Emil and Tony Worm, Jeff and Theresa Oldfield, The Ingersoll's, Steve and Lynn, Chris and Susan Rhine, The Millers, Steve and Ginny, Pete and Terry Byrk with Marty Schlosser and Wanda as our trail bosses and last, but not least, The Bindels. First let all of us who attended thank the following people. Lynn and Steve for getting all of the nice parking for the weekend and for the nice campfires, thanks to Marty and Wanda for donating their time, being members of the Parker 4 Wheelers, and for taking care of us on the trail, so we could all play together, and Jeff Oldfield for being Mr. Mechanic on the trail. We signed up to run True Grit, then over to The Duke on Friday and Saturday we were scheduled to run Deliverance.



Chris crawling up the waterfall on Deliverance. Got a little air under the tires!



Now this True Grit trail was not scary as there were no big ledges just a lot of technical very narrow rocks and canyons. About half way through our fearless leader, Marty, blows out a front u-joint on the passenger side, I believe, so he is a three wheeler at that point, but we did not have a long way to get out. The trail was really cool in that it worked your suspension and used your tires to get you through the rocks and had to be negotiated carefully so as not to slice them. The rocks were big enough to stretch or compress the suspension; our group got through though!

Steve making the narrow, vertical, climb

Parker Desert Splash 2015 (cont'd)

Oh! We met a couple named John and Jenny from Riverside who became fast friends and hopefully will show up at our next club meeting. They also were in white JK; they were fun to be with and had a great attitude about wheeling. Our Mr. Ingersol leaned into a rock and put a small hole in the soft top on the passenger side, Lynn must not have been watching????? Couldn't have been the driver's fault!!

So, after Marty broke, we came to the exit waterfall from when his front passenger side radius bar just dropped to the ground, a poor weld that did not hold. So we sat and had lunch and killed a little time waiting for a welder to show up. The trail boss decided the tail end, Charlie and Glen, would lead us to into The Duke . He was driving a very heavily modified old Toyota pick-up with lots of everything you would want on your vehicle.



Pete climbing up, and up, and up



We got this, Pete. Hold on...

Okay, everyone ready? GO! Thank God the little Toyota was light, our plan worked. Oh s___ I'm next. Yes, the pucker factor was in play. I probably put new pleats on my seats. As I moved into the position I wanted, Shad Kennedy, a friend and local business man the owner of Crawler Concepts, started spotting for me. Crawler Concepts make real cool fenders, sliders, tire racks etc. for jeeps. Ok enough of the commercial, he is a good spotter I trust him. I started up and the feeling is like you're trying to climb out of corner-- one wall to your left and one sorta underneath and in front of you at the same time. I hope you can understand.

First attempt had me at the point of almost over backwards, a quick reverse and we are fine. The next attempt over to the right 2 or 3 inches, and all I could hear was just crawl it up; the tires stayed on the rock, and we are up! I was amazed. Next, Steve Ingersol, in a long wheelbase JK, took a couple of moves to get the jeep in the right spot but it came up. Wheelbase sure makes it feel easier even if it is not.



Bob making the climb up a 12 foot waterfall

Parker Desert Splash 2015 (Cont'd)



Jeff Gorsky meeting the challenge of the extra credit side canyon on the Deliverance trail, and earing high marks!

. Chris Rhine was up next with a clutch, that is tricky on that steep of an angle, and after a couple of almosts, we decided to use a strap. Then, came the the Bryks. Terry decided it was easier to ride than to try and climb the step rock on foot. They also needed a strap. So for the next 2 plus hours, we pulled every short wheelbase vehicle up even a modified LJ and some JK's also needed pulling up.

Last two guys were our Jeff Goorsky, and that monster buggy walked up easily. Jeff Oldfield, however, needed a pull. What an obstacle, and the rest of the trail continued to be very interesting .

So, now I'm leading because of Glenn's broken vehicle. It is always a challenge to lead on a trail you have never been on before. Why? Well, when I see an obstacle, I have my vehicle size, etc. in my head, so I attack based on my little knowledge of my vehicle's ability, but sometimes that does not work so well for someone following. That is why I say learn your vehicle so you can drive it without looking at your gear selector or anything else drive a lot by feel so to do that, learn your equipment; you will enjoy your experience more.

After we finished the trail, some of us went to Foxes' floating bar for an adult beverage. We ended up dancing, pole dancing, and riding a pig; I was wondering maybe someone had toooooo much of an adult beverage; thankfully we only had a quarter mile drive back to camp. I do know that the other patrons of the bar were boring and the Cavaliers livened up the place. There is a big sign saying that if you are involved in a fight you would be 86'ed from the premises. I didn't see anyone big enough to throw Steve out, so I asked, "Does that include fighting with our spouses?" The bar tender girl, nurse Kari was her name, only said as long as she does the fighting its cool. So ladies, I know where you can take your men and beat the tar out them and still get drunk at the same time....

Saturday morning we met at 8:30 A.M. The trail, Deliverance, was a little longer, and we need to be back for the dinner and raffle. One question I asked the day before was how about the JK's? Answer-- there are by-passes on all the tough spots except the gate keeper, it is a squeeze as well as a hard hard left turn with a ledge to climb, and all the Jk's have gotten some body, roof, or window damage, so our group was led around the first and second water fall. They could have made the second, but there was no way to it from the by-pass. The obstacles were tight and awkward , and wheel placement put your vehicle either in the air or on its side depending on how you drove it. The waterfalls were 6-9 foot straight up with a good amount of traction. The trick was when all four tires were on the rocks pointing up, you had to give a little more throttle and you were up. Our guys all made it, but most others took a strap, and yes, safety first. I know we had a lot of pictures of the trail hope they came out.

Well, I hear on the radio we were about done-- one last bonus section for us. After Marty made it up, everyone else needed winching, pulling, etc. So, it was decided to close the spot to short wheelbase, but I wanted to do it. There was a jeep ahead of me really wedged in after a total of 3 winches trying to pull him up and out. I was told to winch him out and backwards. I said ok. At that angle, I was pretty worried I would pull him over on his lid or at least his side. This guy knew he had rear end issues before he got to the spot, yet without regard for anyone else he still wanted to do it. Well, it cost him his front end also. Mr. Goorsky and I were sitting behind, and I said, "Jeff, I still want to try it. I think go far right and straddle the crevasse and then gas". If I high center at that point, oh well, at least I was up. So, I pulled the jeep guy down and he almost went sideways at one moment but a little gas beside the winch and he was ok. So, then I drive in and line up the way I thought, and sure enough, I'm up without spinning a tire, and Jeff followed me and he was up. I must say the Cavaliers on this adventure are really pretty good drivers, and they also helped all the people around us that needed help one way or another. The raffle prizes were awesome. We, however, did not win much. I think Steve and Ginny Miller won some stuff, and so did Emil, but not much else. The HSJ Cavaliers donated some prizes to the raffle, and the president acknowledged our participation and said if we get an event of our own, they will be there for us. That was cool. Next year, we should try to show up with a bunch more. You pick what difficulty you want on the trails. It is all about the fun.

I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas Happy New Year!

____The Blue Cruiser

What's Happening

Jeff Gorsky Wins Best Of Show at the Parker Desert Splash



Jeff Gorsky won Best of Show at this year's Parker Desert Splash! !! The Parker 4-Wheelers hosted a car show on Friday Night of their week end event, and Jeff entered the vehicle he built. At Saturday's dinner and raffle, the Parker 4-wheeler's president announced the winners in each of the categories for the show, and presented hand-made trophies. Jeff Gorsky won BEST OF SHOW!!! Congratulations, Jeff! This is quite an honor, and we are proud of you and proud one of our own is able to take home a win!!!

Schedule of Runs for 2015

CALICO RUN: Thanksgiving in Calico. Nov 25-29, Section F for camping. Contact Bob Bindels bobbbindels@hotmail.com

RED CLOUD RUN: Devin Boggs and Shawn Gleason will host a run Thanksgiving Weekend. Dennis Scott will also have a group in the same area. Dmboggs4@gmail.com, cj6dennis@gmail.com

YEAR'S RUN: Shawn Gleason will be hosting a run in Truckhaven Hills. Contact Shawn Gleason rooferamerican40@gmail.com

DEATH VALLEY: Ted Ryan will lead this run in the spring of 2016.

DUSY ERSIM/SWAMP LAKE: Chris Rhine will host this week long adventure in the Sierras in 2016

If you are planning to go on the Calico Run, here is some information about the many activities going on in the town that week end. Thanks, Yolie, for sharing this info with everyone.

CALICO RAMPING UP FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAY FEST

Families have the opportunity to take a break from the heavy shopping crowds and visit Calico Ghost Town during its annual Holiday Fest. The event will take place on **Saturday, November 28**, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be plenty of family friendly activities including kid's crafts, games, and more. This year we are excited to add the first ever, Calico Ugly Sweater contest on Main Street Stage at 5:15 p.m.

Additional entertainment will include live music by the *High D Boys*, *Goode Time Carolers*, and a special appearance by Santa Claus himself. Native American dancers will be performing on November 27th and 28th and the Calico Gunfighters will be providing gun fighting reenactments and deputizing all children as "holiday helpers", to assist Santa and his elves will the evening tree lighting ceremony that kicks off the Christmas season.

Admission is \$8 per person, \$5 for youth 6-15, and children 5 and under are FREE. The Calico Town shops and restaurants will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Calico Ghost Town is located at 36600 Ghost Town Road, Yermo, CA 92398.

For more information and a schedule of events please visit <http://www.calicotown.com> or call 1-800-86-CALICO.

How Well Do You Know Your Christmas Carols?

How well do you know these caroling tunes? Take the quiz and find out.

1) Grandma got run over by a reindeer:

- A. Walking home from our house Christmas Eve
- B. Opening gifts in front of the tree
- C. Drinking beer and playing cards with cousin Mel

2) What's on the list for *All I Want for Christmas*?

- A. "My baby singing 'I hear those sleigh bells ringing'"
- B. "My baby holding me oh so tight"
- C. "My baby standing right outside my door"

3) Deck the halls with:

- A. Boughs of folly
- B. Boughs of holly
- C. Boughs of jolly

4) What made Frosty the snowman come alive?

- A. Magic in an old silk hat
- B. Silk in an old magic hat
- C. Magic in an old felt hat

5) In *Jingle Bells*, how many horses are leading the open sleigh?

- A. 4
- B. 2
- C. 1

6) Name the other reindeer that laughed at Rudolph.

- A. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Siren, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen
- B. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen
- C. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzer

7) Where did Mommy kiss Santa Claus?

- A. Underneath the mistletoe
- B. Underneath the Christmas tree
- C. Underneath the Christmas wreath

8) How many verses of joy are in *Joy to the World*?

- A. 5
- B. 4
- C. 3

9) What made it a *Silent Night*?

- A. Holy infant crying so tender and mild
- B. Shepherds praising Him at the sight
- C. Heavenly hosts singing Hallelujah

10) On the 12th day of Christmas, how many presents did the true love give?

- A. 65
- B. 79
- C. 78



ANSWERS:

1) A 2) C 3) B 4) A 5) C 6) B 7) A 8) B 9) C 10) C

How did you do?

0-3 wrong: You're ready for your close-up. You reign in holiday songs and deserve the spotlight.

4-7 wrong: There may be hope for you yet, but you may want to stay away from solos and stick to the crowd for now.

8-10 wrong: You've been sentenced to a lifetime of caroling in the shower.

Source: USA Today December 2013

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/life/music/2013/12/05/holiday-songs-quiz/3508821/>

The History of the Poinsettia

The plant we know today as the poinsettia has long and interesting history. Native to Central America, the plant flourished in an area of Southern Mexico known as Taxco del Alarcón. The Aztecs used the plant for decorative purposes but also put the plant to practical use. They extracted a purplish dye for use in textiles and cosmetics from the plant's bracts. The milky white sap, today called latex, was made into a preparation to treat fevers.



The poinsettia may have remained a regional plant for many years to come had it not been for the efforts of Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851). The son of a French physician, Poinsett was appointed as the first United States Ambassador to Mexico (1825-1829) by President Madison. Poinsett had attended medical school himself, but his real love in the scientific field was botany. (Mr. Poinsett later founded the institution which we know today as the Smithsonian Institution).

Poinsett maintained his own hothouses on his Greenville, South Carolina plantations, and while visiting the Taxco area in 1828, he became enchanted by the brilliant red blooms he saw there. He immediately sent some of the plants back to South Carolina, where he began propagating the plants and sending them to friends and botanical gardens.

Among the recipients of Poinsett's work was John Bartram of Philadelphia, who in turn gave the plant over to another friend, Robert Buist, a Pennsylvania nurseryman. Mr. Buist is thought to be the first person to have sold the plant under its botanical name, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*. It is thought to have become known by its more popular name of poinsettia around 1836, the origin of the name recognizing the man who first brought the plant to the United States.

Congress honored Joel Poinsett by declaring December 12th as National Poinsettia Day which commemorates the date of his death in 1851. The day was meant to honor Poinsett and encourage people to enjoy the beauty of the popular holiday plant.

Source: <http://www.phoenixflowershops.com/pages/poinsettiahistory.htm>

Christmas is a tonic for our souls. It moves us to think of others rather than of ourselves. It directs our thoughts to giving.

B. C. Forbes — founder of Forbes Magazine

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.

Dale Evans



Cavalcaders Fun Page

Cavalcaders Cook

Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup Lasagna

Ingredients

8oz Cool Whip
1 pk Instant Dark chocolate pudding (3.4oz)
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ C Milk
1 pkg (8oz) Cream cheese
 $\frac{3}{4}$ C Creamy peanut butter
2 tbsp Heavy whipping cream
1 tsp Vanilla extract
2 boxes Chocolate Graham Crackers
15-18 Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
Hot Fudge Sauce (2-3 tbsp)
2 tbsp Creamy Peanut Butter

Instructions

Allow Cool Whip to thaw to room temperature.

In a medium sized bowl, combine chocolate pudding and milk, whisking until pudding mix is dissolved. Refrigerate 5-10 minutes until pudding is firm.

Allow cream cheese to soften to room temperature or microwave for 15 seconds. Don't forget to remove the wrapper! Beat cream cheese on medium-high speed until light and fluffy. Scrap down the sides of the bowl.

Add peanut butter and beat into cream cheese.

Lastly, add heavy whipping cream and vanilla extract to cream cheese mixture. Start at a low speed until the heavy cream is incorporated and then increase speed to medium high. Whip for 2-3 minutes until smooth.

Chop Reese's Peanut Butter Cups into small pieces.

To build the lasagna, lay a piece of parchment paper on the bottom or wrap the pan in tin foil. Lay out the chocolate graham crackers to cover the bottom of the pan. For one edge, you will need to break the graham crackers apart.

Use an offset spatula and spread a layer of the peanut butter mixture over the graham crackers. You will need to use your fingers to hold the crackers together until you get this layer down.

Finish the layer by spreading half the chocolate pudding on top. Spread evenly. Sprinkle with peanut butter cups and gently press into the pudding layer.

Continue to build the next layer with graham crackers. Spread another layer of peanut butter sauce followed by remaining chocolate pudding. Sprinkle with Reese's peanut butter cups pieces and gently press into the pudding mix.

Finish it off with the top layer of chocolate graham crackers. Spread Cool Whip on top of the graham crackers.

Sprinkle the top with remaining Reese's Peanut Butter Cup pieces. Now time for the Drizzle. Heat a jar of hot fudge sauce for 30-60 seconds into the microwave until smooth. Drizzle sauce over the top of the Cool Whip.

For the peanut butter, put in a microwave-safe dish. Microwave for 30-45 seconds. Drizzle over the Cool Whip.

Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving. Cake must stay refrigerated and can be prepared a day in advance.

Notes

One thing that can be helpful to drizzle the hot fudge and peanut butter sauce is to pour it in a piping bag or Ziploc bag, and just cut the tip off.

Suggestion is to refrigerate this recipe for at least 2 hours before serving to allow the ingredients to set and flavors to merge together.



Recipe Submitted by Laura Hoover