

Trail Tales

January 1996

BIG BIG NOTICE

THE NIGHT OF OUR NEXT MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED. WE WILL MEET ON THE 19th WHICH IS THE 3rd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH NOT THE SECOND. The time is still 7 pm, but we will be in the mid-high room which is where our Christmas party was held.

CALENDAR

Jan. 13	Run to Alamogordo. Led by Mark Werkmeister
Jan. 19, 1996, 7 PM	February meeting at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Zahns hosting.
Jan. 20	Mystery run led by Tahoe Zahn. Call him for details
Jan. 27	Work party at Cuidando Los Ninos. Meet at 8:45 at the Union 76 Station, University and Menaul. Ask Sue what tools to bring
Feb. 22-25	Las Cruces Winter Meeting. Pre-register, as they are limiting the number of trucks this year, and it saves you 5 bucks.

OUR NEXT RUN

Alamogordo here we come. Meet January 13 at 10 AM at the Conoco Truck Stop on Highway 54. (This is about half-way between Tularosa and Alamogordo near marker 74)

On the 13th the club will do Coyote Canyon, and on the 14th the Desert Mountain 4 Wheel Drive Club will show us the sights. Get your own hotel if you plan to stay over or call Mark Werkmeister for camping information. There is KOA in Alamogordo (505-437-3003). This is a 4+ trip with lots of rock crawling.

OUR LAST MEETING

Our last meeting was the Christmas Party, and as usual we had a great groaning board and lots of good camaraderie. No minutes were read. The Pres. spoke on the closure possibilities on Mt. Blanca and urged all of us to write or sign the letter he had prepared. Fines were levied by the Sheriff for abuses on the Brady Canyon run. It was reported that Rachel Hix was heard screaming, but Wolfe didn't fine her as she is a new member and deserves a small break. Let Mark Wolf know if you were there for your point as no attendance was taken **WE JUST PARTIED.**

Future Hosts

January	Zahns
February	Meads
March	Bradys
April	C de Bacas
May	Wolfs

TID BITS

PAT BRADY IS ANOTHER YEAR OLDER AS OF JAN. 5. Wish him a happy-happy next time you see him.

Please welcome new members Tim and Rachel Hix, Guy Conway, and Derrin Owen and Bonnie Brannigan.

The Run That Wasn't

Scott Brunwasser

It was a typical start for a day that a run was planned, this Sunday November 26. Myself, wife Doris, kids Jennifer and Matthew, along with Tommy Sandoval, and Charlie and Joel Wilson waited for the Trail Boss to take us on a run on the Base. We waited till 9:20. No one showed up. We decided to go to the Museum to see if anybody was there. No one was there.

It was obvious to us that either the planned run was canceled or they forgot about us. We decided to do our own run. We chose the Four Hills area since it was close. I was elected the new Trail Boss.

This would be an excellent chance for me to see what a bone-stock Wrangler could do. The answer is: not much. I have come to the realization that this area is definitely for long wheel bases. I have only been to this area once before, in September. I looked for the same trail we took then because I was familiar with it and knew it wasn't that bad.

In Sept. I drove my Blazer and didn't have much trouble at all. Except for that rock that I won't mention. With the Jeep, on the other hand, I didn't find one obstacle the didn't give me problems. Tommy and the Wilsons didn't have much trouble at all. They walked right over the hills. I really appreciate their assistance in spotting me and their patience for waiting for me to claw my way up every hill.

We stopped for lunch right below the summit of the hill at the end of the trail that I don't know the name of. By this time, the wind was starting to howl and Albuquerque was disappearing before our eyes under the dust. After lunch, Tommy and the Wilsons drove to the summit and found out there isn't much room to turn around. When they came back down, we started to go back to the asphalt.

When we got to the creek, the Wilsons wanted to go explore some more. It was about 3 PM, and I was getting pretty tired from fighting my way up the trail. Tommy and I decided we had had enough and it was time to unlock the hubs, air-up, and go home,

The run was a success. No one got stuck and the "strap" was kept in the bag. As for that rock I wasn't going to mention, I drove around it this time. I was looking for it. That's one nice thing about a short wheelbase vehicle.

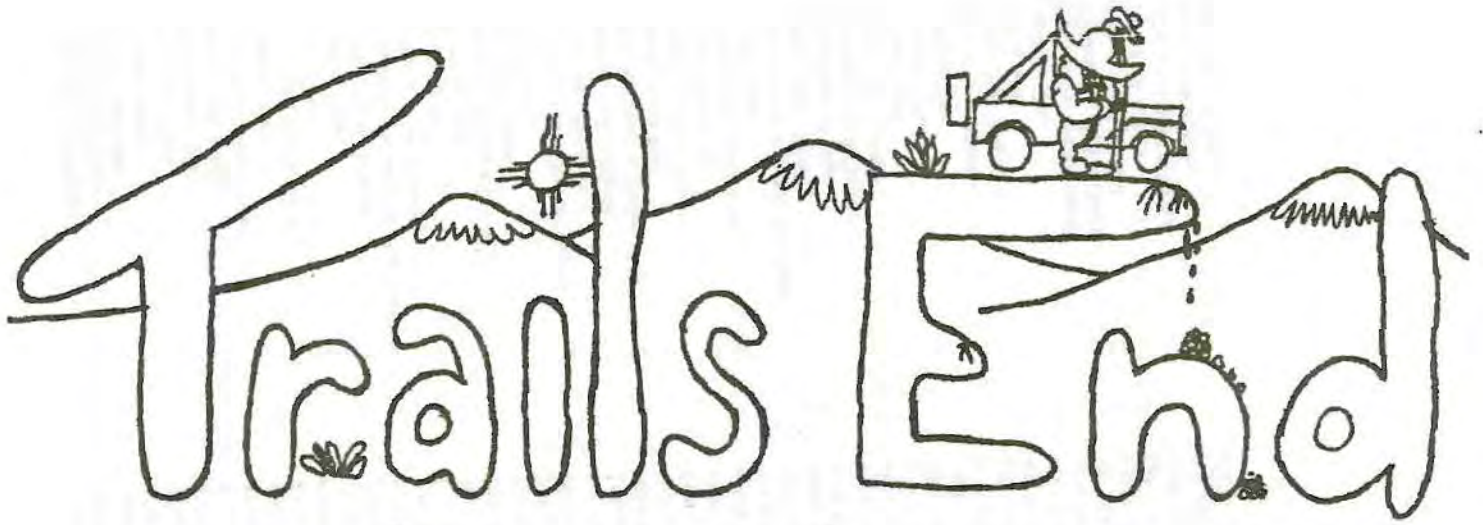
By the way, I ordered a pair of sway bar disconnects and they are on the way.

LOCK SOME HUBS !!!

FOR SALE

Pat Brady has a 5x 10 utility trailer for sale. It has 15 inch wheels and a 3,000 lb. capacity. Call him at 898-6449.

Ahlbrant, Rob & Kristi	5704 Foothills	Farmington	NM	87402	505-325-5453	A
Behl, Dan & Megan	2717 Dawn Dr.	Midland	MI	48642	517-837-1847	A
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Brown, Garry	3709 Camino De La Sierra	Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-298-1303	V
Brown, Michael	12801 Indian School Rd NE#713	Albuquerque	NM	87112	505 292 8408	V
Brunwasser, Scott	4305 Snowden Ct. SE	Rio Rancho	NM	87124	505-892-2767	V
Butler, Bill & Alma	P. O. Box 326	Peralta	NM	87042-0326	505-344-5742	H
C de Baca, Sam & Teresa	58 Paseo C de Baca	La Cienega	NM	87505	505-471-2180	V
Caleca, Paul	4301-B Elaine Dr	Los Lunas	NM	87031	505-865-4444	V
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Cox, Kevin	413 Tahoe Pl	Albuquerque	NM	87107	505-345-5337	V
Cushing, Joe	11221 Morris Pl NE	Albuquerque	NM	87112	505-271-2973	V
Cutter, Kevin & Susan	510 Yorkshire	Dear Park	TX	77536	xxx-479-8689	A
Fernandez, Fernando & Char Norfleet	1123 Elizabeth NE	Albuquerque	NM	87112	505-237-9448	V
Gilmore, Alan & Marty	P.O. Box 5	Capitan	NM	88316-0005		A
Gjetning, Arne	P.O. Box 1485	Corrales	NM	87048	505-898-3124	V
Harrison, Mark	4816 McMahon Blvd NW #L-94	Albuquerque	NM	87114	505-898-0408	V
Harrison, Vernon & Dorothy	1659 W. Belfast	Mesa	AZ	85201	602-969-4439	A
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Johanson, Buzz & Rachel Garcia	802 Tramway Lane NE	Albuquerque	NM	87122	505-856-6841	V
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Lobdell, Jack & Glinda	37 Homesteads Rd.	Placitas	NM	87043	505-867-6602	V
Martinez, Jason & Hiromi Hills	1024 Harrison Dr NE	Rio Rancho	NM	87124	505-892-9411	V
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Peake, Scott & Rana	P. O. Box 3868	Edgewood	NM	87015	505-281-0195	V
Serkland, Dick & Christine	1016 Farm 546	Princeton	TX	75407	214-734-0909	A
Sierra, Jack & Stella	4012 Torrey Pines	Rio Rancho	NM	87124	505-892-4301	V
Telepak, Bob	875 Calle de Bosque	Bosque Farms	NM	87068	505-869-8117	V
Thompson, Paul	3801 Camino de la Sierra NE	Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-293-8390	V
Trafford, Glyn	PO Box 1057	Duncan	BC	V9L 3612	604 746 8282	A
Trojczak, Jim & Nancy	P. O. Box 2499	Edgewood	NM	87015	505-281-3619	V
Vassar, Ssgt Gregory B	PSC 9 Box 3666	APO AE	AE	09123		A
Wallis, Bill	901 N Auburn #26	Farmington	NM	87401	505-334-3402	A
Walters, Chris	6167 Cottontail SE	Rio Rancho	NM	87124	505-250-2016	V
Werkmeister, Jim & Tammy	1620 Parsifal NE	Albuquerque	NM	87112	505-299-5771	V
Werkmeister, Mark & Debra	751 Chaps Road	Rio Rancho	NM	87124	505-891-0296	V
Wilson, Charlie & Joel	5 Dulce Rd.	Santa Fe	NM	87505	505-466-2183	V
Wolf, Mark & Joan	8617 Las Camas NE	Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-299-8212	V
Yokshus, Richard & Louise	3424 Pitt N.E.	Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-293-1968	V
Young, Dick & Maren	708 Calle del Resplandor	Santa Fe	NM	87501	505-984-0268	A
Zahn, Tahoe & Donna	952-B 12th Loop	Albuquerque	NM	87116	505-265-2522	V



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Jemez Run

On Feb. 11 Tom Hurt will lead a run to the Jemez area. Meet at the Union 76 truck stop (University and Menaul) at 8 AM or at the intersection of 528 and 44 at 8:20. Bring warm clothes and a lunch. Call Tom for details (268-2838)

Moab Run

On April 18-21 Bob Telepak will organize a trip to the Moab Utah area. Possible runs are Poison Spider Mesa, Moab Rim, and Golden Spike. Here is a good chance to see the Moab area without the crowds of the Jeep Safari.

Pecos Run

On May 19 Charlie and Joel Wilson will lead a run in the area of the village of Pecos in the Sangre De Christo Mountains. This will be a medium difficulty run.

Our Last Meeting

We had a great turn out. Members attending were: Tom Hurt, Kevin Cox, Mark Wolf, Charlie and Joel Wilson, Pat and Sue Brady, Scott Peake, Mark Harrison, Scott Brunwasser, Paul and Mary Thompson, Donna and Tahoe Zahn, Derren Owen and Bonnie Bannigan, Daniel Barela and Gretchen Kluge. Jason Martinez, Trae Mead, Carol Kennicott, and Mark, Deb and Jennifer Werkmeister. Guests were Alex and Cynthia Garcia and Ruben Martinez.

Sue Brady said that we have \$1,454.84 in the Treasury. The Sheriff asked that members check his points list for accuracy and give him any corrections.

Hosts

February	Mead
March	Brady
April	C de Baca
May	Cox
June	
July	Wolf

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ALUMINUM CANS

Our club saves and recycles aluminum cans. Bring your aluminum cans to each meeting, and Sue Brady will take them to the recycling center. Money from sale of the cans goes into our club treasury.

SCRAPBOOKS

Historian Trae Mead is in need of pictures taken on events sponsored or attended by the New Mexico 4-Wheelers. If you have some good pictures you can part with, please let Trae have them for our scrapbooks.

NOTE TO NON-MEMBERS: If you've been receiving the Trail Tales but have not attended a meeting or run, you may have noticed a number beside your name on the mailing label. We send the Trail Tales to prospective members for three months, and we number them. When you see a "3" by your name, that should alert you that you'll be dropped from our mailing list unless we hear from you. Visitors are always welcome at any New Mexico 4-wheelers event or outing. So check us out!

MEETINGS

Starting in October, meetings are held the second Friday at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy (East of Wyoming) at 7:00 PM. The church loans us the Senior High Room. We are reminded that this is a church and we must act accordingly (e.g., no smoking or drinking). We must remain in the Senior High Room and should not wander throughout the church. Children must stay with their parents at all times.

Articles and planned events should be submitted to Trail Tales, PO Box 633, Sandia Park, NM 87047, as far in advance as possible. This newsletter is mailed on the 1st day of each month. Information should be received by the 25th of the previous month to insure publication.

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Name: _____
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Mail to: Trail Tales, PO Box 633, Sandia Park, NM 87047, or call Carol Kennicott at 281-9581 & give her the change over the phone.

Mark Werkmeister discussed the various land closures that he was aware of and urged us to be pro-active and not let our sport be taken away. There is a plan by the forest service to obliterate over 6,000 miles of forest roads per year by the year 2,000. We must write and write some more. Write to: Director, Resources Program and Assessment (1910) Forest Service, US Department of Agriculture PO Box 6090 Washington, DC 20090-6090

The Prez also asked that members plan some more events. Now that our membership is so big we need a variety of activities each month. Local runs of various difficulties and some play days would be nice.

Cuidando Los Ninos Work Day
Sue Brady

Once again there was a good turn-out for our work day on January 26. Those "working" were Mark Harrison, Tahoe Zahn & friend Arlene Martin, Jason Martinez, Mark & Joan Wolf, Charlie & Joel Wilson, Jim Werkmeister, Mark Werkmeister, and Pat & Sue Brady. We were met by Joe. (He picks up the children in the morning and takes them home.)

Our tasks were washing some very dirty windows and sanding and painting certain panels on the three buildings so murals can be painted. Most of the guys got to sanding and painting; us women folk got to wash windows... Joan had the worst—getting finger paint off several large windows. The "hardest" part of the window washing was that the windex kept freezing before we could clean. But lots of elbow grease later, clean plexi-glass! We were done by 11:30 and went to clean our own homes!

THANKS GUYS -- GREAT JOB!

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members Guy Conway, Tim and Rachael Hix, Derren Owen and Bonnie Bannigan, and Daniel Barela and Gretchen Kluge.

WHERE IS THE BIG UGLY?

Our big ugly is missing. Do you know where it is? Have you looked under your vehicle lately?.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS, INC.

New Mexico 4-Wheelers is a non-profit club whose primary purpose is to provide social, educational, and recreational activities related to the sport of "Four Wheeling" for its members. Membership is \$30.00 per family per year, pro-rated for new members. Associate membership for our out-of-town members who cannot attend regularly is \$12.00 per year, also pro-rated.

I (WE) WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS:

TYPE MEMBERSHIP: REGULAR (VOTING) (\$30.00)
 ASSOCIATE (OUT-OF-TOWN) (NON-VOTING) (\$12.00)

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SPOUSE: _____ ANNIVERSARY DATE: _____

CHILDREN: NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

4X4 MAKE & MODEL: _____

THE SIGNATURE BELOW SIGNIFIES THAT I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE BY-LAWS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) OF THE NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS:

SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

Mail completed applications to the Secretary:

Carol Kennicott
P.O. Box 683
Sandia Park NM, 87047

ORDER FORM - PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

ITEM	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
NM4W JACKET PATCHES	\$3.50 each		
NM4W DECALS	\$5.00 each		
NM4W BUSINESS CARDS	\$1.00 for 25		
SWFWDA JACKET PATCHES	\$4.00 each		
SWFWDA DECALS	\$5.00 EACH		
SHIPPING & PACKAGING	\$0.50 each order		\$ 0.50
TOTAL			

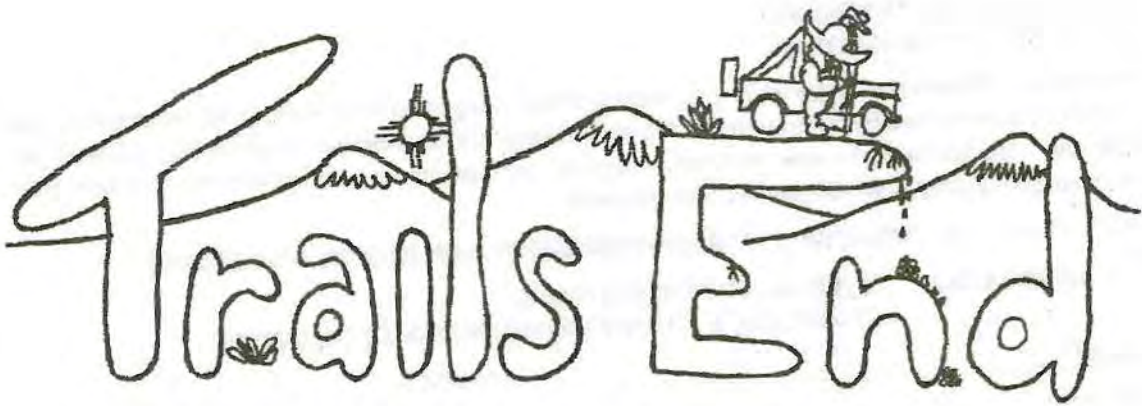
NAME: _____

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Paul Thompson, Scott, Donna, Jennifer and Matthew Brunwasser, Guy Conway, Bonnie Bannigan and Derren Owen, and Daniel Barela and Gretchen Kluge.. We had some guests: Ruben Martinez, Robert Pessetto, Rob Spearman, and Ron Simkulet.

Pat Brady gave the treasurer's report. The treasury amount is the same as the previous month-- \$1,454.84. Trip reports were given and people were urged to write in opposition to the proposed closure of the Mt. Blanca road above Lake Como. It is still possible to register your displeasure; see the item by Mark in this month's Trail Tales. The Sheriff reminded every one to *check with him to see if he has your points correctly listed.*

Glorietta Mesa Run

On April 14, Charlie and Joel Wilson will lead a trip to an area east of Santa Fe--Glorietta Mesa. Meet at exit 290 of I25 at 9 AM Exit 290 is east of Santa Fe at the junction with US 285 South to Clinca Corner.

Memorial Day

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Mt. Blanca Decision

Mark Werkmeister

Okay. Here it is. The complete document on Mt. Blanca from Mr. Wayne Bennett (aka The Flatlander). It includes:

- 1) The latest progress in the fight to keep the trail open all the way to the top.
- 2) A sample appeal (and a good one!).
- 3) Names and addresses of key contacts.
- 4) Remember, you can also add your comments to existing appeals as an "interested party" even if you did not comment on the initial EA.

Background on Blanca Peak Trail Closure to date:

*) Forest Service issued Environmental Assessment and asked for comments by December 27, 1995.

*) Forest Service issued Decision Notice on January 30, 1996 stating that the 4WD trail would be closed at Como Lake. This Decision was announced despite the fact that the trail has been in place for as long as 100 years and 99% of the comments received favored keeping it open. The closing at Como Lake eliminates Jaws IV, one of the four major obstacles on the trail. It also eliminates the alpine portion of the trail.

*) 45 day appeal period began on or just after January 30, 1996.

*) On February 13, 1996 the Alamosa County Administrator's office received nearly 100 calls encouraging Alamosa County to initiate RS 2477 action to keep Blanca open to the top.

*) On February 14, 1996 the Alamosa County Commissioners voted to direct their County Attorney to initiate RS 2477 action to keep the Blanca Peak 4WD trail open to the top. Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition attorneys will offer to assist the Alamosa County Attorney with that action.

Appeals are needed NOW! As many as we can get in.

This a form intended to make it more convenient to file an appeal on the Blanca Peak trail closure decision. Copy it into your word processor, fill in the blanks and your appeal will be ready to go. Your appeal must be at the Forest Service by March 15, 1996.

James B. Webb, Forest Supervisor
Rio Grande National Forest
1803 W. Highway 160
Monte Vista, Colorado 81144

RE: Appeal of Como Lake Area Decision Notice

Dear Mr. Webb:

I have organized this appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 215 and am using the paragraph numbering from 36 CFR 215.14.

(1) This document is an appeal filed pursuant to 36 CFR part 215.

(2) My name is _____.

My mailing address is

My Phone number(s) is (are) home
_____, work

(3) I am appealing the DECISION NOTICE AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, COMO LAKE AREA, USDA FOREST SERVICE, ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION, RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST, CONEJOS PEAK RANGER DISTRICT, ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO DATED 30 January 1996 and signed by Carlos Pinto, District Ranger.

(4) The portion of the decision I object to is the decision to adopt Alternate III "Road ends at Como Lake" for implementation. The specific change I seek is to adopt Alternate II "Road ends at Blue Lake" instead.

(5) The Responsible Official's decision fails to consider comments previously provided and/or the decision violates law, regulation, or policy as follows:

<add your material>

Sincerely,

Your Name

copies Senator Hank Brown
Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell
Representative Scott McInnis

Here are the addresses, phone numbers, etc. for the US Senators and Congressmen.

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That's it! Just fill in your name, address, phone and the reasons you feel Blanca should be kept open. The format meets all the requirements for the appeal. Don't worry too much about the legal validity of your reasons for keeping the trail open. COHVCO's appeal will cover all of that. Just put in the reasons YOU feel it should be left open.

Who Can Appeal?

Any person or non-Federal organization that commented or otherwise expressed interest to the Forest Service relative to the Blanca Peak trail prior to the close of the comment period December 27, 1995. If you received a copy of the Decision Notice, the Forest Service has your name on file and knows you have the right of appeal. If you did not receive the Decision Notice you need to add a paragraph to your letter stating when and in what manner you commented to the Forest Service relative to this matter.

Let's get all the appeals we can in on this one! Please pass this on to ANYONE you know of that has filed comments with the Forest Service on the Blanca Peak trail.

The Flatlander

Wildcat Run on KAFB, 13 Jan 96

Tahoe Zahn

The plan was to scout out the run for the 20th. It should have taken about an hour & a half. Not. Going out were: Tahoe Zahn-leading, Joe Cushing in his "brand new renovated" Jeep, Berry Harrison, and guest Woody Creech. At the bottom the first problem, Joe's new Mile Marker hubs weren't engaging. We ended up leaving his Jeep about halfway up. The next casualty was Berry. Near the top, his Scout decided to leave a trail, a smoke trail. His wiring harness under his dash caught fire and he could not put it in park or set his park brake. Tahoe covered the 100 feet in record time to disconnect his battery. With that the smoke cleared. The next job was to rewire/hot wire it so he could get down the mountain. We picked up Joe on the way down and headed back to base. It was night so we became Berry's lights. Good thing he lived on base. Hope the run on the 20th is a lot less eventful, if you know what I mean.

Tahoe's Mystery Run, Part 1 20 Jan 96

Tahoe Zahn

The day should have started off without a hitch because it was supposed to be a simple run. Not. My first indication of the coming day's challenges was a call from the Wyoming gate guard. He informed me that I, as trip leader and sponsor of all non-military guests, was to have submitted a letter with a list of coming guests. After assuring that this would never happen again, he allowed all those attending this day's run to proceed with the minimum amount of hassles that are required for all those visiting this base.

I arrived at the Atomic Energy Museum where we were to meet. I found many vehicles but not so many drivers. They had decided to visit the museum first. Oh well, who ever said that our club members lack culture and curiosity of something new. After collecting everyone and doing the sign-in routine, we headed out to the trail. Those attending were: Tahoe -- leader for part one, Mark Harrison, Scott Peake, Paul and Mary Thompson, Jack "the messiah" Lobdell, Joe Cushing -- leader for part two of this mystery run, Berrett Harrison, Bob "big-n-ugly-n-nasty"

Norton, Arne Gjerner & son, Tom "do it the hard way" Hurt, Joel & Charlie Wilson, and Kevin Cox, who showed up after we had gone about half way to the top. Non-members and guests along were Alex Garcia & wife, Charles Rushing in a brand new Cherokee, Alan "Zip" Duda, Steve Gandia, and our "mascot" Arlene Martin who rode with Mark Harrison.

We pulled out and went south from the museum with Tahoe in the lead and Joe on the tail. We left the paved road and pulled in, locked up, and aired down. Well, most of us did.

We started the climb at Joe's landing and continued up with very few difficulties. We had to spot the guests over the obstacles, since they were all open. Some of the members were also open and had to pick and choose their own track, right Joe? We got up to the half way point and we helped Steve air down because he was fighting the trail up.

After the second air down, we got to the first little obstacle. We all made short work of it except Tom, who decided that the rock pile on the side of the hill would be a little more of a challenge. Right! After getting hung up on top of the rocks in a very precarious and unsteady position, we steadied his Jeep while the rocks underneath were rearranged. We have pictures to prove it. He then continued on over with some good spotting advice from Joel.

From there we went on towards the second challenging spot. We were about halfway there when I got a call on the radio from Kevin who finally made it as far as the turn into the canyon. He did not know which road we took to get to where we were at so Berry and Tom hung back to talk Kevin to the trail-head, since we had a clear view of the canyon floor from our vantage point. While he was getting guidance to where we were, the rest of us arrived at the bottom of the last challenge. I think we should call it Berry's "hot spot".

I asked the 'messiah' to lead up the hill to be the winch point in case anyone had any difficulty with the snow-covered hill. I almost had to do without his divine assistance. Seems that his holiness could not find his 'mortal' winch control anywhere in his vehicle. It was finally found in the last place he looked. With that, he began his climb with me a close second to go on to the top. Everyone made it up without much

trouble. Alex, Steve & Zip had to work a little harder but with some past experience, Alex and Zip made short work of the climb. Steve was a little less experienced in our style of 4-wheeling but we were there to provide assistance. But Steve was a fast learner and he soon picked his way up with the rest of us.

The last surprise was the last 20 feet from the top of the hill. It was on the north side of the hill, it leaned ever so slightly to the downside and was snow-covered. It was wide enough for any of the vehicles that came that day, but every driver, bar none, seemed to want to put his high side wheels on the very edge of the road against the hill. I wonder why.

We managed to get all 15 vehicles on the top of the hill but it was very crowded. I don't think that we could have gotten many more on top. Once there, the view was spectacular. If not for the cold wind, it would have been a perfect lunch spot. As it was, we huddled on the lee side of the vehicles and admired the scenery and snacked while Berry pointed out some of the landmarks that were in view. Soon it was time to go down and everything was done in reverse order until we got down below Berry's hot spot. Some decided to follow Joe and try to follow the road that goes over the mountain and comes out on south 14. The rest followed me down the way we came up. (Joe will report on part 2 of this run.)

The first part of the run was planned to be more sight-seeing than climb, but, with the snow and the large turn-out, it proved to be a very pleasing and rewarding run. I'm glad that we had such a large showing. My thanks also to those guests who joined us, and I hope to see more of them on future runs with the club. They seemed to have lots of fun.

For Sale

Cherokee/Wrangler rims. Alum. alloy 5 spoke Jeep. 4 with tires. Rims in excellent condition. \$400.00. Arne 898-3124

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Cox, Kevin	413 Tahoe Pl
Cushing, Joe	11221 Morris Pl NE
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Gjerming, Arne	P.O. Box 1485
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Harrison, Mark	4816 McMahon Blvd NW #L-94
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Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-294-1875	V
Albuquerque	NM	87107	505-345-5337	V
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Albuquerque	NM	87122	505-856-6841	V
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Bosque Farms	NM	87068	505-869-8117	V
Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-293-8390	V
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Edgewood	NM	87015	505-281-3619	V
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Farmington	NM	87401	505-334-3402	A
Beavertown	OK	97005	503-526-2900	V
Albuquerque	NM	87112	505-299-5771	V
Rio Rancho	NM	87124	505-891-0296	V
Santa Fe	NM	87505	505-466-2183	V
Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-299-8212	V
Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-293-1968	V
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Albuquerque	NM	87116	505-265-2522	V

New Mexico 4-Wheelers is a non-profit club whose primary purpose is to provide social, educational, and recreational activities related to the sport of "Four Wheeling" for its members. Membership is \$30.00 per family per year, pro-rated for new members. Associate membership for our out-of-town members who cannot attend regularly is \$12.00 per year, also pro-rated. After you have attended five events and if you are interested in our club, return this application to Carol Kennicott.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS, INC.

I (WE) WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS:

TYPE MEMBERSHIP: REGULAR (VOTING) (\$30.00)
 ASSOCIATE (OUT-OF-TOWN) (NON-VOTING) (\$12.00)

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SPOUSE: _____ ANNIVERSARY DATE: _____

CHILDREN: NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

 NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

4X4 MAKE & MODEL: _____

THE SIGNATURE BELOW SIGNIFIES THAT I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE BY-LAWS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) OF THE NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS:

SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

Mail completed applications to the Secretary:

Carol Kennicott
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Trails End

Trail Tales
P. O. Box 633
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Trail Tales

April 1996
CALENDAR

April 12, 7 PM	Monthly meeting at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church.
April 14	Glorieta Mesa run. See item in this month's TT.
April 18-21	Moab run. Call Bob Telepak 869-8117
May 3-5	Run to Chokecherry Canyon. Call Mark Werkmeister 891-0296
May 19	Run to Pecos area
May 23-27	Run to Moab area. Call Bob Telepak 869-8117
May 25-27	Memorial Day run.
July 4	Possible run led by Bob Telepak
Aug. 31-Sept 2	Possible Labor Day run. Call Bob Telepak 869-8117

Our Last Meeting

Minutes courtesy of Mark Wolf

Members attending were Tahoe Zahn, Trac Mead, Charlie & Joel Wilson, Arne & Joshua Gjering, Bob Telepak, Mark & Joan Wolf, Tom Hurt, Jason Martinez, Berry & Deborah Harrison, Darren Owen & Bonnie Bannigan, Gary Brown, Mark, Debbie & Jennifer Werkmeister, Scott Brunwasser, Nick Coleman, Paul & Mary Thompson, Kevin Cox, Jim Werkmeister, Joe Cushing, Sam C de Baca, and Stella Sierra. Guests attending were: Ruben Martinez, Jeremy Martinez, Rob Spearman, Martin Plugge, Robert Pessetto, Scott O'Brien, Jason Patterson, and Michele Reed.

Sheriff, Mark Wolf, asked that members check their point standings on the latest printout.

Historian, Trac Mead stated he needs pictures to put into the albums. Please turn them into him.

President Mark Werkmeister called Jim Werkmeister to the front of the room in order to present Jim with a "Golden Valve Core Remover" to mark his entry into the "Big Tire Four Wheelers". He received a big round of applause.

Tom Hurt described his run on February 18th. He had 17 vehicles in all, including some guests. *The run was long, getting back on the pavement at 8:30 P.M. Sunday evening, but everyone had a good time. No mishaps occurred!*

Las Cruces SWFDA Meeting

Mark Werkmeister told everyone about the SWFWDA Winter Quarterly meeting in Las Cruces. He stated that approximately 180 vehicles were registered, and 15 members from our club attended. 306 people were served dinner Saturday evening. Everyone had a good time, and no major vehicle problems were encountered. Also, our club was rumored to have sold the most raffle tickets again this year out of the 6000 total sold. Congratulations! He also stated that *our club won some prizes.* Business at the meeting focused around the SWFWDA issuing laminated membership cards. A motion was carried to pursue issuance as the *cost would be funded by donations from various vendors of four-wheel parts.* They in turn would also offer discounts for card carrying members. The weather was excellent!

New Patches

Debbie Werkmeister completed her research on the patches from the recommendation by member Guy Conway. This contact allowed for a patch price each of \$2.40 and they would be produced with the latest artwork by Debbie (the same pattern provided on the new T shirts). This company would keep our artwork on file and we would only have to pay a setup fee of \$10 each time we needed to order more patches, T shirts or sweatshirts. This was well received. The club thanks both Debbie for her excellent artwork and Guy for his excellent recommendation. The patches will be in by the next meeting.

Glorietta Mesa Run

Charlie Wilson explained the run on April 14th to Glorietta Mesa, southeast of Santa Fe. This will be a moderately challenging run with lots of scenery and some Indian ruins. The tough spots have "drive arounds" so not to worry. He will meet everyone at the intersection of I-25 and US 285 (exit 290) at 9:00 A.M. He will elaborate a little more next meeting.

FUTURE HOSTS

April	C de Baca
May	Cox
June	Brunwasser
July	Wolf

SWFWDA Summer Meeting

Our club will again host the SWFWDA Summer Quarterly meeting on August 2, 3 & 4 in Breckenridge, CO. Breckenridge is about 250 miles from Albuquerque. We can almost be sure that the snow pack will be low enough to allow for most of the runs we would want to go on, although there is no guarantee.

Camping will be at the Peak '1' Campground in Dillon, CO. This campground has numerous spaces available with a 120 day limit for early reservations. The telephone number for reservations is (800) 280-267. Two vehicles are allowed at each site, but the additional vehicle will have to pay a nominal fee. This is moderately primitive camping with 44 sites available and overflow camping down the road

within easy access. Showers are available in the area around Dillon.

The plan is to have a restaurant cater the Saturday evening meal at what looks to be about \$15 per person. This is the safest way to ensure a roof over our heads in case of rain.

AND THEN THERE ARE THE HARD-CORES

Alan Gilmore

Marty & I recently had an opportunity to join Gabe & Lori Wallace, members of our FMCA 4-Wheelers Chapter, and their local four wheel drive club, the Victor valley 4 Wheelers, on a four-day camp-out at Johnson valley in southern California. Members of this club are serious about four wheeling, and they have modified their equipment accordingly. They have developed the After-shock, Sledgehammer, and Jackhammer trails at Johnson Valley, and are currently working on another, equally challenging, new trail. While, in most cases, four wheelers should limit their activities to existing roads, there are a few public off-road recreational areas such as Johnson Valley where it is permissible to make new roads. Ocotillo Wells, in the Southern California desert, where our FMCA 4-Wheelers, recently held a rally, is another such area.

Our Land Cruiser is too long, too under-powered for its weight, and geared too high to tackle any of these trails, so I rode with Gabe for three days in his Jeep Wrangler while Marty and Lori stayed back at camp visiting, playing table games, and baking. Our marriages survived, but it's not likely Gabe and I will be able to get by with such negligence again anytime in the near future.

After our Ocotillo Wells/Anza Borrego rally in March, several of our FMCA members went to Truckhaven Hills, just a few miles down the road, where there's some really interesting and challenging 4-wheeling. Yes, I'm still doing my own sheet metal work, but I'm getting a little behind.

After Truckhaven, John & Lora Murdock (NM4W members) headed for Johnson Valley with a few other crazies to tackle Sledgehammer, et. al. Marty and I didn't go with them, as we had just come from there, and don't know how they did. Maybe John will write and let you know.

I know Albuquerque is a long way from southern California, but if anyone wants to try the Johnson Valley or Truckhaven Hills trails, let me know, and I'll put you in touch with someone who will take you through them.

A group of us will be arriving in Moab on Easter Sunday. If any of you are there, we'll be meeting every morning beginning on Monday at City Market, and will be operating on the CB channel corresponding to the day of the month.

Manzano Mountains Run

Scott Peake

On 16 March, Rana, Jacob, and myself led a run in the southern half of the Manzano Mountains. We met at 9:00 in the parking lot of the Norwest Bank in Tijeras. Six vehicles made the run; Charlie and Joel Wilson, Tahoe Zahn and Arlene Martin, Bob Pessetto, Ron Simkulet, and Alex Garcia.

At 9:15 we headed for the mountains, one hour and two stops later we made it to the trail head. One of the stops was for Tahoe; he thought he had a fuel leak. No fuel leak, just a little problem reading the gauge.

After locking the hubs, we were off, but not for long. Three miles later, I found myself back on a gravel road. Somewhere I should have made a right instead of a left, but where? Most of the roads in the area aren't on the Forest Service map, which hasn't been updated since 1980. What makes matters worse, I pre-ran the trail and wrote out a trail log on where and when to turn. The problem came when I decided to go the opposite direction the day of the run. Oh well, after a short delay we made it back to the trail head to start things over again. This time we went in the same direction as the pre-run.

On the way to the lunch spot, Alex got high-centered on an erosion berm. Three of us got in the back of his pickup, for weight, and he backed off. After taking a little different angle, he made it over. Next, Joel found a rock to balance on for a good photo shot.

After lunch we decided to go back the way we came because of time and the trail going the other way wasn't as challenging as the way we just came.

At one spot, on the way out, my back, right tire wanted to slide down the side of the hill. Lets

just say Rana wasn't happy, and there was a little road building to get me out of my predicament.

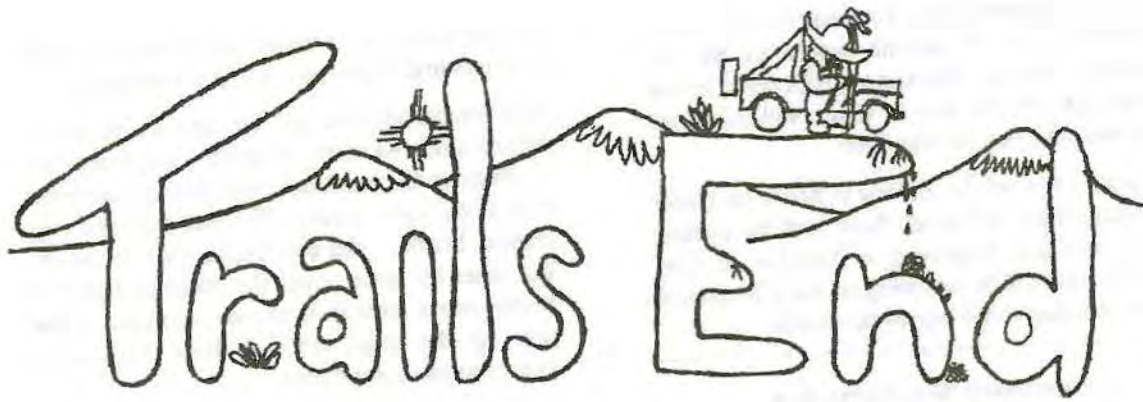
After everybody else got through a rock and a side of a hill, we were off again. But before we could get to the trail head, Alex got high-centered (not in the same place). The trail had five step erosion berms. Joel and Tahoe tried to out-do the other by going over the steepest part. It turned into a contest on whose skid plate could pick up the most dirt. I think Alex won. Everyone had a good time.

From Dick and Marin Young

Our departure from Santa Fe appeared to be rather sudden. Actual fact is that it wasn't. *Maren and I had been looking for some little time and contemplating our options.* Finally, we couldn't decide if Santa Fe or Tahoe was where we wanted to spend the rest of our time. We knew we wanted a place in San Diego, but didn't want to continue having that be our "main domicile." Finally, we decided the Tahoe area was "it." For various reasons there were advantages to conclude the move by year-end, and that was decided in November. So, it did appear like a fast move.

Tahoe has had just a ton of snow. No, make that a ton of snow just on our front walk. It's been a gorgeous winter so far.

Have attended a meeting of the Lake Tahoe Hi-Lo's, and we'll probably hook up with them for some 4-wheeling. However, we'd like to maintain our A membership in NM4W and will look forward to planning a few trail runs with you all.



Trail Tales
P. O. Box 633
Sandia Park, NM 87047



Trail Tales

May 1996

CALENDAR

May 3-5	Run to Chokecherry Canyon. See text.
May 11; 5 PM	May meeting. Pot luck at Kevin Cox's home
May 23-27	Run to Moab area. Call Bob Telepak 869-8117
May 25-27	Memorial Day run. See text.
Jun. 8	4WD Parts Sale. See text.
Jun. 15; 5:30 PM	Run to back of Sandia Crest. Call Tahoe Zahn
Jun. 15	June monthly meeting
Jun. 22	Run to Jemez. Call Scott Peake
July 4	Possible run led by Bob Telepak
Aug. 1-4	SWFWDA Summer mtg. Breckenridge CO
Aug. 31-Sept 2	Possible Labor Day run. Call Bob Telepak 869-8117

Our Next Meeting

It's spring! We go outdoors at Kevin Cox's. (See map.) Our meetings until September will be at members' homes. The hosts will supply soft drinks, condiments, and hospitality.

Participants bring a dish to share, silver, cups, grazing trays, and CHAIRS.

Hosts

May	Cox
June	Brunwasser
July	Wolf

Our Last Meeting

Courtesy Mark Wolf

Members attending were Tahoe Zahn, Charlie & Joel Wilson, Arne & Joshua Gjernerig, Bob Telepak, Bob Norton, Mark Wolf, Mark

Harrison, Garry Brown, Mark Werkmeister, Scott Brunwasser, Nick Coleman, Jim Werkmeister, Pat & Sue Brady, Vernon & Dorothy Harrison (Associates), Guy Conway, Scott, Rena & Jacob Peake, and Stella Sierra. Guests attending were: John Meade, Ken Harper, Gary DeWitt, Robert Pessetto, Scott & Christopher O'Brien, Bruce Williams, Chris Shaffer, Kevin Metavish, Ignacio Chavez, Ron Simkulet, Robert & Courtney Warnock, Charles Rushing, Zip Duda, Pat Slattery, and Tom Weingard.

Sue Brady stated there is \$1,155.84 in the Treasury after reimbursing Carol \$200 for postage.

Environmental Chair, Jim Werkmeister, stated that he called the Ranger at the San Juan National Forest concerning the BLANCA Peak road issue. He spoke very frankly about the club's dissatisfaction with choosing the alternate that best suited the Forest Service's needs and did not take into consideration any comments we had sent to them. Jim indicated they are reviewing the appeals and have yet to make a decision. Jim then asked Mark what updates he had from talking to them recently. Mark said they are in shock about the overwhelming number of responses they received. They have 15 days to respond to the appeals, but have not managed to issue an official reply as yet. When asked about this, they said that they are trying their best to deal with an exceptional number of responses with a limited staff. Mark further indicated that a compromise has been tossed out for review and the COHVCO has reviewed it. They are considering the acceptance of this compromise to prevent the issue from being reviewed nationwide as it may then spark a slew of letters from the "Greenie" bunch. COHVCO is not sure they could outlast or win if they were forced to battle out the issue nationally against these groups.

Last Meeting (cont.)

Scott Peake reviewed his run to the Mansion Mountains. He said it was a poor showing with only 6 cars, but all who arrived had a good time.

Mark Wolf reviewed the Moab run and stated that the weather was perfect and the 4 Wheeling was better. Several members and guests made it up there for the run: Guy Conway, Garry Brown, Jason, Jeremy and Ruben Martinez, Fernando Fernandez, Paul & Mary Thompson, and Bob Burns. All had a great time and a lot of fun was had by everyone. Guy Conway led the Hell's Revenge and Golden Spike trails on Monday and Tuesday as non-sanctioned runs. He led an official run, Top-of-the-World trail, on Wednesday.

Mark Werkmeister reviewed his run with his family, Pat & Sue Brady and L.P. Howe to the Hite and San Rafail Swell, Utah area. These are great areas with little to no traffic, so you never have to worry about too many people messing up your solitude.

Chokecherry Canyon Run

There will be a run to the Chokecherry Canyon area near Farmington on May 3, 4, & 5. About 20 vehicles are expected, so we may split into groups to keep numbers down. All levels of vehicles can be accommodated. Meet at 9 AM at the northwest corner of San Juan Community College. Some people are staying at Morn and Pops RV Park in Farmington. Call Mark Werkmeister for more details.

Glorieta Mesa Run

Joel & Charlie Wilson

On Sunday, April 14 at 9:00 a.m. a group of fifteen vehicles and twenty seven people met to take a drive on Glorieta Mesa. Those attending were Kevin McTavish; Pat and Sue Brady; John Smetana and Jerry LeDoux of Las Vegas; Scott, Doris, Jennifer, and Mathew Brunwasser; Tom Hurt; Sam and Teresa C de Baca; Mark, Vernon, and Dorothy Harrison; Mark, Debbie, and Jennifer Werkmeister; Mark Wolf; Jean, Josef, and Alex Jaureguiberry; L. P. How; Robert Pessetto; and Rob Spearman.

The first significant obstacle was the Fangio Mesa rock climb. An off camber dip in the rock,

dirt, and dusty six inch ledges gave most without lockers a little trouble, but everyone made it under their own power. However, going down the other side gave people more trouble, strangely enough. The Fangio Mesa dirt descent with dirt berms high centered Kevin McTavish in his stock S-10, then Scott Brunwasser in his stock Wrangler, followed by Rob Spearman in his \$300 Samauri. Kevin's rear wheels were off the ground, Scott single handedly pushed his Wrangler off with his wife driving, and the Samauri was basically lifted off.

The next obstacle was a power-line road that started with a ditch to conquer and was followed by a steep hill with rock outcroppings. As an optional challenge at the hill's base, we included a .1 mile loop, where we watched the braver element attempt some one foot ledges and boulders, along with an extra optional 2.5 foot ledge, with a one foot ledge for the lower left wheels. Only Pat Brady and Mark Wolf made this one, although a green Las Vegas FJ40 with a rear locker and 35 inch tires gave it a good try. After everyone was through, all the ledges were at least a few inches shorter and the 4x4s had lost a little rust. Next came lunch at a beautiful slickrock canyon with twenty-foot undercut cliffs.

After lunch, we took a quarter mile-long slickrock outcropping that can be driven on and is reminiscent of Moab. It has a few small stair steps and bumpy terrain. But the main challenge was a sharp knoll of slickrock with a steep approach that broke in quite a few transfer case skid plates. Only the short wheel base vehicles such as Broncos, Samauris, CJs and FJ40s made this one. Mark Wolf tried in his longer ledge-conquering Jeepster Commando, but even 35s weren't enough to crest this one. We heard a couple trees were demolished, accidentally of course, so there may be fines paid at the next meeting.

The next challenge was the descent. This is a three-stage hill starting with a series of six inch ledges, a ditch to straddle, a tight, off-camber turn, and a squeeze between boulders and a tree. It is possible to get high-centered at the turn, and this was demonstrated by Rob in his Samauri; it cost him a muffler. The second stage is made up of two consecutive steep clay hills that, when wet, are impossible to climb and wild to descend. Here Kevin got a second chance to high-center

his S-10; he succeeded with flying colors. The third stage is a short and simple rocky slope leading into a valley.

Then came some hills in the distance that some members of the group could not resist. So we all went and watched Pat make the first two with ease. Mark Werkmeister in his stock Cherokee had to struggle some. However, at the top of the second hill is a washed-out section of trail that we've never tried. When I didn't see Pat come back down the second hill, I ran up to look for him. To my surprise I found him stalled in the washed-out section at about a 45 degree lean down hill. His left front tire was three feet high, and the top was almost eye level with Mark Werkmeister. Pat and Sue were sitting very still, and a faint high-pitched voice could be heard saying "help, help" and "hold down the left front fender. Is the right rear in contact"? Many pictures were taken. Pat then fired it up, and easily drove out of his predicament. Coming back down, it seemed as though his left front tire was going to keep sliding down hill, but it eventually gripped with the help of Scott pushing on the left and some others standing on the right front fender. Deciding it looked like "fun," the green FJ40 tried the washout but at a somewhat dangerous speed. It didn't tip, but probably would have, had it hit a rock with the uphill tires. Now it was back to the three stage hill for an uphill challenge, or an alternative route with a more direct approach up a loose and rocky slope. About six vehicles tried it and all were successful, although we dinged the rocker panel on our CJ2A when a rock flipped up.

From there we returned to the road out of Glorieta Mesa. We said goodbye to all except Mark Wolf and Scott and his family, who joined us for one last 45 minute loop around Fangio Mesa.

All in all, the trip was a success, and we are looking forward to leading more trips around Santa Fe soon.

Trip Report

Guy Conway

On Friday, April 5, Guy Conway organized a club drive for those who were still at Moab for the annual Easter Jeep Safari. The drive was a wonderful example of the importance of having a guide with extensive knowledge of the locality.

Guy led the group to the Geminni Bridges, a double arch that is a popular photo site; the view of the vehicles driving across the bridges is breathtaking.

This trip to the Bridges was specially nice because Guy led us to easy-to-miss overlooks along the way from which the canyon and the bridges could be easily viewed. Next came a long drive into the desert past some large sandstone buttes called the Monitor and the Merrimac to a truly isolated spot called Secret Spire.

At lunch we were joined by a Big Horn Sheep that literally watched us from a distance of 50 yards or so for about 20 minutes. Then came a visit to a natural tunnel called Dellenbaugh Tunnel and a drive through Long Canyon in the late afternoon sunlight. It was a welcome easy drive at the end of a hard week which served to acquaint us with extraordinarily beautiful sights that often get overlooked in the activity of the Safari. Club members included Guy and Carol Conway, their son Michael Conway, Mary and Paul Thompson, and Garry and Anne Brown. Prospective member Pat Slattery also drove. The group was joined by a family organization that called itself the MIT Group from Southern California.

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Memorial Day Treasure Hunt

Mark Harrison has stated that the Memorial Day outing will involve golf, 4 wheeling, a cookout and lots of food. The event will start at 1:00 P.M. Saturday to allow the late-comers to participate. The cookout will be on Saturday evening. The

club is pursuing the donation of meat for the cookout; if they are awarded this gift, the price of the event will be reduced. At present it will cost \$15/vehicle before the May 15th deadline, and afterwards it will cost \$20. The club will furnish hot dogs and hamburgers, and club members and guests will bring salads, main dishes, or deserts

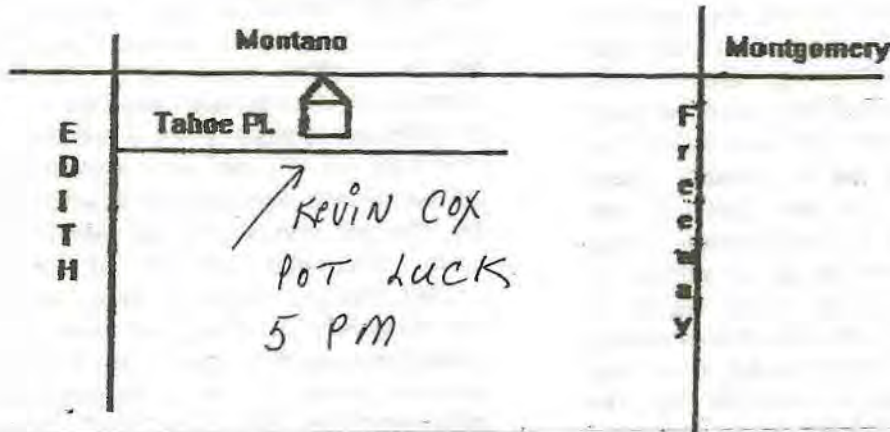
to fill in. You must also furnish your own table settings. Prizes will be awarded. It should be a blast! Be there!

Advertisement

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Map to Kevin Cox's House

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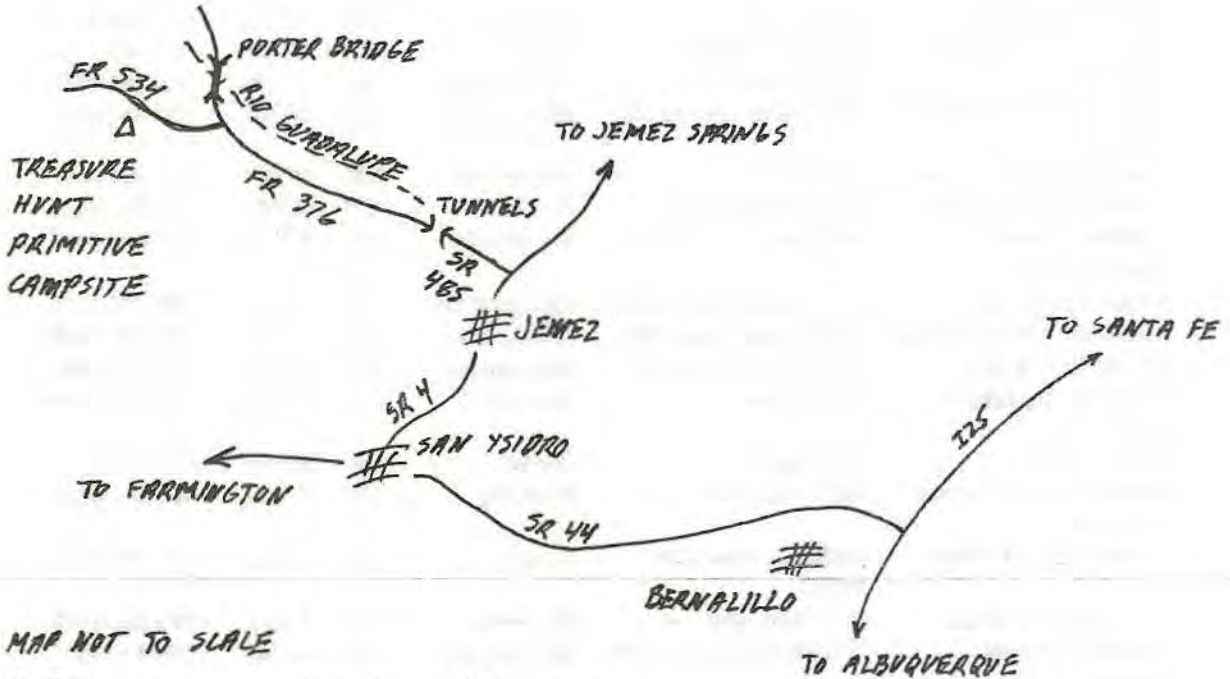
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NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS

1996 TREASURE HUNT

MAY 25, 26, 27



MAP NOT TO SCALE

* Please bring a desert or side dish.

Preliminary Schedule and Activities

Saturday May 25:

- 1 pm Jeep Golf
- 5 pm BarBQue Dinner *
- 8 pm Treasure Hunt Part 1 - Reflector Runs to Clues

Sunday May 26:

- 9 am Treasure Hunt Part 2 - Day Run to Treasure!
- 1pm Prize Drawings
- 3pm Trail Run (3 hours)

Monday May 27:

- 9 am Trail Run (4 hours)

HOLD HARMLESS

Your registration is not complete until you sign a hold harmless agreement at the event.

Registration Information

Preregistration Fee : \$15 per vehicle

Preregistration must be postmarked by May 10, 1996

After May 10: \$20 per vehicle

All four-wheelers welcome. Registration entitles you to participate in all scheduled activities. Tread Lightly. No alcohol consumption allowed on trails. Return registration form with check or money order payable to: Mark Harrison, 4816 McMahon Blvd NW Apt L-94, Albuquerque, NM 87114. For more information call Mark Harrison (505-898-0408) or Tom Hurt (505-268-2838).

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____
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 City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 Club Affiliation _____
 Insurance Carrier _____
 Policy Number _____

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS, INC.

New Mexico 4-Wheelers is a non-profit club whose primary purpose is to provide social, educational, and recreational activities related to the sport of "Four Wheeling" for its members. Membership is \$30.00 per family per year, pro-rated for new members. Associate membership for our out-of-town members who cannot attend regularly is \$12.00 per year, also pro-rated.

I (WE) WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS:

TYPE MEMBERSHIP: REGULAR (VOTING) (\$30.00)
 ASSOCIATE (OUT-OF-TOWN) (NON-VOTING) (\$12.00)

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ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SPOUSE: _____ ANNIVERSARY DATE: _____

CHILDREN: NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

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THE SIGNATURE BELOW SIGNIFIES THAT I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE BY-LAWS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) OF THE NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS:

SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

Mail completed applications to the Secretary:

Carol Kennicott
P.O. Box 633
Sandia Park NM, 87047

ORDER FORM - PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

ITEM	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
NM4W JACKET PATCHES	\$3.50 each		
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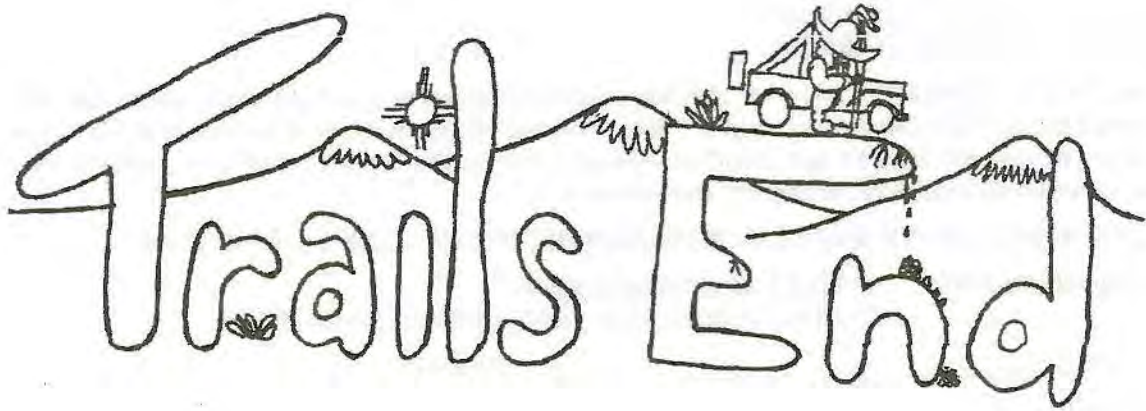
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CALENDAR

Jun. 1	Trail clearing in Jemez. Call Jim Werkmeister.
Jun. 8	4WD Parts Sale. See article.
Jun. 15	Run to back of Sandia Crest. Meet at Chevron Station (Tramway and Central) at 9:00 AM. For more information, call Tahoe Zahn (265-2522)
Jun. 15; 5:00 PM	June monthly meeting. See article.
Jun. 22	Run to Jemez. Call Scott Peake (281-0195)
July 4	Possible run led by Bob Telepak
July 4-7	Pre-run to Breckenridge. Call Mark Werkmeister
July 13-14	Pre-run to Breckenridge. Call Mark Werkmeister
Aug. 1-4	SWFWDA Summer mtg. Breckenridge CO
Aug. 31-Sept 2	Treasure Hunt

The May Meeting

The May meeting was held at Kevin Cox's. Present were Pat and Sue Brady; Scott Brunwasser; Kevin Cox; Arne and Joshua Gjering; Berrett and Deborah Harrison; Mark Harrison; Tom Hurt; Phil Kennicott; Trae and Shay Mead; John, Debbie, and JJ Monahan; Bob Norton; Jack and Stella Sierra; Paul Thompson; Jim and Tammy Werkmeister; Mark, Deb, and Jenifer Werkmeister; Charlie Wilson; Mark and

Joan Wolf; and Tahoe Zahn. Guests were Becky Armstrong, Ignacio Chavez, Mike Czerepah, Zip Duda, Rick Janicem, Arlene Martin, John Meade, Michele R. Reed, Charles Rushing, Chris Sheffer, Ron Simkulet, Rob Spearman, Bruce Williams, and Kevin McTavish

Mark Wolf, our Sheriff, reported that the run to Chokecherry Canyon was uneventful. In the conventional period for corrections or additions, Pat Brady pointed out that pictures exist showing a Jeep Commando sprawled over a tree. Tahoe Zahn moved that environmental damage of this magnitude deserved a \$1.00 fine. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Because of the dry conditions it was decided to transform the Memorial Day Treasure Hunt into a Labor Day Treasure Hunt (assuming we get rain by then).

Environmental Issues

In his Environmental Officer's report at the last meeting, Jim Werkmeister pointed out that June 1 is National Trail Day and proposed a trail cleaning in the Jemez. Charlie Wilson mentioned that he and Joel were working on a trail in the Jemez. Jim will lead a cleaning trip on the Wilson's trail.

Scott Brunwasser brought up the upcoming decision by Cibola National Forest on the DOD/DOE withdrawal area at the last meeting. The 4-wheeling community gets 2 miles on one road and 1/2 mile on another in the preferred alternative. Comments were due by May 15.

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ALUMINUM CANS

Our club saves and recycles aluminum cans. Bring your aluminum cans to each meeting, and Sue Brady will take them to the recycling center. Money from sale of the cans goes into our club treasury.

SCRAPBOOKS

Historian Trae Mead is in need of pictures taken on events sponsored or attended by the New Mexico 4-Wheelers. If you have some good pictures you can part with, please let Trae have them for our scrapbooks.

NOTE TO NON-MEMBERS: If you've been receiving the Trail Tales but have not attended a meeting or run, you may have noticed a number beside your name on the mailing label. We send the Trail Tales to prospective members for three months, and we number them. When you see a "3" by your name, that should alert you that you'll be dropped from our mailing list unless we hear from you. Visitors are always welcome at any New Mexico 4-wheelers event or outing. So check us out!

MEETINGS

Starting in October, meetings are held the second Friday at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy (East of Wyoming) at 7:00 PM. The church loans us the Senior High Room. We are reminded that this is a church and we must act accordingly (e.g., no smoking or drinking). We must remain in the Senior High Room and should not wander throughout the church. Children must stay with their parents at all times.

Articles and planned events should be submitted to Trail Tales, PO Box 633, Sandia Park, NM 87047, as far in advance as possible. This newsletter is mailed on the 1st day of each month. Information should be received by the 25th of the previous month to insure publication.

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New Members

Welcome to new members Kevin McTavish, Bruce Williams, and Ron Simkulet.

Blanca Battle Update

Mark Werkmeister

The fight is not over! The Forest Service has ruled that their decision was proper in spite of an unheard-of 43 appeals filed in protest. The next step is legal action. Legal action is expensive and the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition needs our financial support. Please consider the future of four wheeling and give what you can. This particular issue has the potential for setting a disastrous precedence for trail closures. The Forest Service has:

Completely ignored public input. During the initial comment period, the count was 650 to 3 in favor of keeping the road open. The Forest Service decided to close the final portion of the trail anyway!

Dismissed several 4WD club's offers to help mitigate resource concerns on the trail without even contacting the clubs. These offers came from clubs in Colorado and New Mexico.

Played fast and loose with the federal requirements governing the appeal process including not holding public meetings during the informal disposition process and not giving appellants adequate time to respond to the informal disposition process.

It is very obvious that the Forest Service has its own predetermined agenda and it is not favorable to motorized recreation! We have exhausted the decision appeal process and the next step is legal action. If the Forest Service is allowed to determine what trails stay open and which are closed without fear of any public scrutiny and action, how long do you suppose it will be before they close ALL the trails we know and love?

Help us draw the line here by contributing to the COHVCO Legal Defense Fund. Encourage COHVCO and the Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs to sue the Forest Service over this unwarranted closure. Write letters to the Alamosa Chamber of Commerce and County of Alamosa and tell them that there will adverse economic impact to the area because you, as a

four wheeler, won't be visiting Mt. Blanca if the road is closed at Como Lakes.

Addresses:

Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition Legal Defense Fund
PO Box 620523
Littleton, CO 80162

Cole Park
Alamosa County Administrator
Alamosa, CO 81101
719-589-3681

Chamber of Commerce
702 4th Street
Alamosa, CO 81101
719-589-4848

I have challenged all the rest of the SWFWDA Clubs to match or beat our club's \$200.00 contribution.

Get involved! Help save our trail and save our sport!

Colorado Trail Guides

The Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs puts out a series of trail guide books. There are three books, each with maps and descriptions for 30 trails. Most of the trails that we intend to run for the SWFWDA Summer Meeting are in Trail Book #2. The books are \$10 each and are available from:

CA4WDCI
PO Box 1413
Wheatridge, CO 80034

June Meeting

The June meeting will be at Scott Brunwasser's house, 4305 Snowden Ct. in Rio Rancho. Directions are as follows:

Take 528 through Rio Rancho
Make a left on Sundt Rd.
Make a right on Pumice Dr.
Make a left on 7th Ave.
Make a right on Snowden Ct.
Scott's is the second house on the left.

Scott says that he will be installing a suspension lift on his Jeep before the meeting starting at 12:00 noon. Anyone that would like to show up a little early and lend a hand (or give moral support) will be treated to lunch and drink. If

anyone has any special tools that would make the job easier, feel free to bring them.

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Tahoe's Alternate Run

Tahoe Zahn

April 20 started out like it would be a nice day for all those who attended. A bit breezy but clear. Only 5 vehicles showed up at the Chevron station, Tahoe Zahn - leader, Scott Peake & son, Jack Sierra, Phil & Carol Kennicott and Woody Creech & a friend.

We waited for Joe Cushing, who said he was up and ready (Woody said that he sounded like he was still asleep). The original five left on time. After we crossed the river, we heard Joe calling on the radio. After about 10 minutes of "wire guiding" Joe to the turnoff, he finally found his own way down to our location. A hot or cold game would have been a lot easier. He finally caught up and off we went.

We got to the start of the fence line when the first problems started. Phil followed me up when we found out he really had a 2/4WD -- his front hubs wouldn't stay locked in. After a few attempts, though, he made it up. Woody hadn't done too much of this style of 4wheeling, but was learning fast. The rest made it up without difficulty and we progressed.

Phil's front end was being difficult, so Phil had quite a challenge getting over a small wash with a sharp turn on top. We had to have him go down the wash and turn out of it about half way down. He missed his mark by only 6 inches and slid

sideways back into the wash without mishap, but he had a hell of a grip on the steering wheel & door.

We went on to the last big challenge where Woody was bound and determined to go where the big boys went. He was a fast learner and made it up and over the rocks in a few well coached attempts. The pass lay ahead, lunch and then the return trip. The only exiting part on the return was that Woody managed to drive on 2 wheels for a time, the front 2 he thought. He got control and we regrouped at the bottom and helped him regain control of his knees.

It was a nice day and a nice, uneventful trip. We were out by about 1:00 PM. this area is a good place to play and train. I'm sure we will.

Intimidating?

Mark Werkmeister

"Would you like to tackle a trail named 'The Intimidator'??!!??" That was the question posed to the membership of the New Mexico 4 Wheelers recently. Judging from the turnout, the answer was a resounding "YES!" Members and friends making the weekend trip to Farmington to run the new Intimidator and RJ's Trail were: Pat and Sue Brady (Bronco), Jim Werkmeister (CJ8), Charlie and Joel Wilson (CJ5), Mark Wolf (Commando), Mark and Debbie and Jennifer Werkmeister (CJ8), John and Debbie and JJ Monahan (CJ7), Guy and Mike Conway (YJ), Derren Owen and Rob Spearman (YJ), Bonnie Bannigan (YJ), Tom Hurt (CJ5), Bob Norton (XJ), LP How (CJ7), Barry Harrison (Scout), Ron Simkulet (YJ), Buzz and Rachel and Nicholas Johnson, (FJ40) and Dick and Christine Serkland (CJ7).

We met at 9:00 am in Farmington and sorted ourselves into two groups depending on equipment, experience, and brain capacity. One group was off to tackle the ominous-sounding Intimidator while the unlocked or more laid back took a look at Ballhanger. Our gracious leaders on the featured trail were Harold and Phylis Off in the Scrambler and Garrett Sisson in his Wrangler. The trail is less than a half mile long but, what a trail! In addition to the usual up and down ledges that Chokecherry Canyon's trails are famous for, much of the Intimidator is tacked onto the side of the canyon leading many

off camber antics and great misfortune to anyone who messes up.

The club made a great showing with minimal problems and only a bit of breakage. Broken bits included a couple of U-joints, a locking hub, and a balky starter motor. The only damage that kept a vehicle from going out the next day was Dick Serkland's twisted tube in his AMC 20 housing. All of the damage seemed to occur on one obstacle that the locals are calling Crap Shoot. This VERY steep uphill climb starts with a sharp 18" ledge and a pile of rocks at its base. A bit of momentum is needed to get over the rocks without spitting them out but a light foot is needed once the vehicle is past the ledge and on the climb. Several folks succumbed to the winch cable but most made it without a problem. The last climb of the day into the Graffiti Bowl was a bit of a trick. A tight off camber climb had several vehicles really pinned against the rock or reaching skyward with their front tires. Darren exhibited an amazing amount of trust in fellow club members before he finally crested the top!

The next morning, almost everyone was back for a second helping of wheeling on RJ's Trail. Several of us have run this trail before and while not quite as frightening as the Intimidator, this trail is a very technical trail with its own brand of difficulty. We ate lunch at the end of the trail and then everyone pointed their hoods back home. All in all, it was a great trip and I'm sure the club will want to head back to Chokecherry Canyon this fall.

Mt. Blanca Update Mark Werkmeister

As you have heard by now, the 89 (!) appeals filed with the Forest Service did not reverse the Forest Service's decision to close the upper portion of the Lake Como Road on Mt. Blanca. (As a side note, I have the list of the appellants from the FS. For those of you who made comments/filed appeals, thanks. For those that did not....) This was not surprising, since the appeal process is an internal process and the Forest Service rarely reverses the decision of one of its own although the numerous appeals made a serious impression on them.

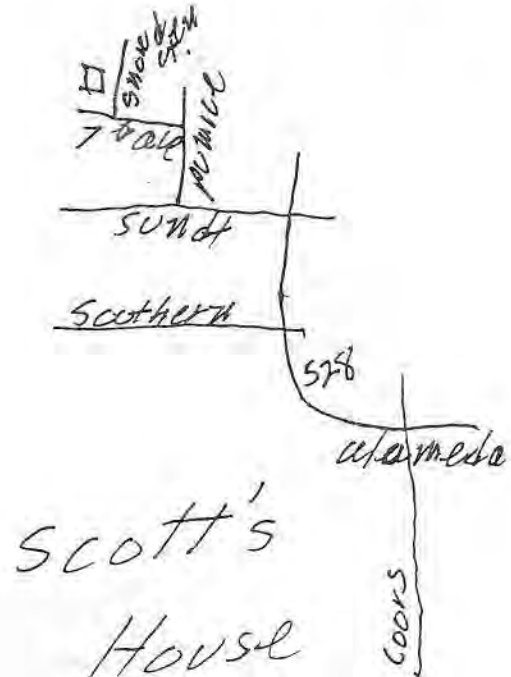
At our last meeting, the New Mexico 4 Wheelers voted to donate \$200 to the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition's (COHVCO) Legal

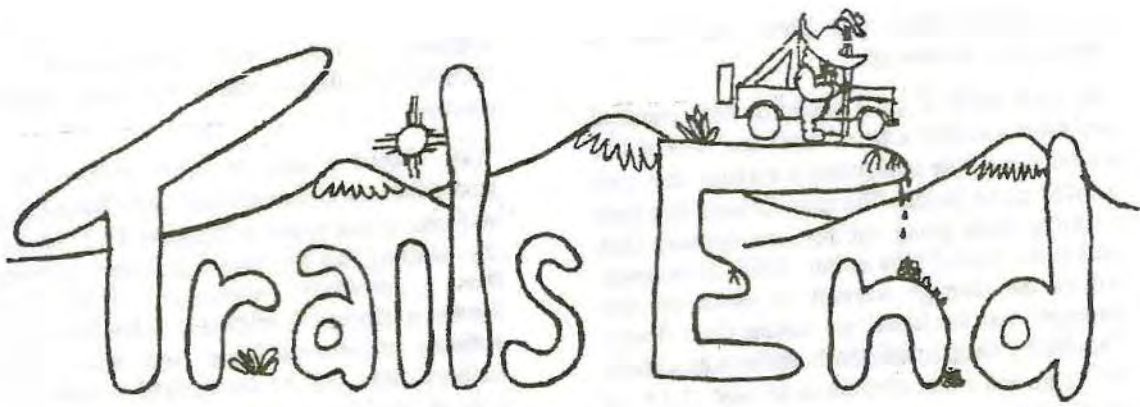
Defence Fund with encouragement to COHVCO to file suit against the Forest Service's decision.

Why should a club in New Mexico be so interested in a Colorado trail? Mt. Blanca is not only one of the premier challenge 4WD routes in the country but we believe it is very important from a precedent standpoint. If the Forest Service is allowed to arbitrarily close this road in defiance of overwhelming user input to the contrary, they will be encouraged to close other trails all over the area. This must not be allowed to happen. Please help make Mt. Blanca our line in the sand!

Please send your individual donations to:
Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition
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Thank you. The sport you save WILL be your own!





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July 1996
CALENDAR

July 4-7	Pre-run to Breckenridge. See article by Mark Werkmeister
July 13-14	Pre-run to Breckenridge. See article by Mark Werkmeister
July 20; 5 PM	July meeting at Mark and Joan Wolf's home. See article.
Aug. 1-4	SWFWDA Summer mtg. Breckenridge CO
Aug. 10	Run to Glorieta Mesa. See write-up.
Aug. 31-Sept 2	Treasure Hunt

Hosts

July	Mark and Joan Wolf
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The June Meeting

The June, 1996 meeting was held at Scott and Doris Brunwasser's home on June 15. Present were Scott, Doris, Jennifer, and Mathew Brunwasser, Kevin Cox, Berry and Deb Harrison, Mark Harrison, Tom Hurt, Phil and

Carol Kennicott, Keven McTavish, Bob Norton, Derren Owen and Bonnie Bannigan, Robert Passetto, Charles Rushing, Jack and Stella Sierra, Paul and Mary Thompson, Ron Simkulet, Jim Werkmeister, Mark, Debbie, and Jennifer Werkmeister, Charlie and Joel Wilson, Bruce Williams, Mark and Joan Wolf, Tahoe Zahn, and guests Scott Heronimus, Janice Marquez, Michele R. Reed, Richard Sierra, and Frank Whiston.

Participants claim the garage sale was a great success. The Wolf's neighbors came from miles around to see what was going on. The sale was a good opportunity to get new people interested in the club, and many flyers were passed out. A vote of thanks to the Wolfs for hosting the sale!

The club patches are now available. Until a new Program Chairman is elected, they will be sold by Sue Brady for \$5.00 each.

The new (courtesy of Pat Brady) Big Ugly is on someone's vehicle. Look for it!

Nominations for new officers are as follows:

- President: Mark Wolf
- Vice President: Tom Hurt
Jim Werkmeister
- Secretary: Scott Brunwasser
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- Environmental Chairman: Bob Telepak
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Breckenridge Pre-Run

Mark Werkmeister

First a disclaimer: I have not camped in this specific area before and am making assumptions based on my ability to read a map.

That being said, here is the plan. We will meet at the parking lot of City Market on the north side of Breckenridge at 3:00 PM on the 4th of July. From there, we will head to a primitive campsite nearby.

For those of you coming up later, here are the directions to where we plan on camping: About three miles north of Breckenridge, there is a major graveled road that takes off from the highway and follows the Swan River east into the mountains. We will be camping somewhere along the river, but there is a lot of private property for the first three or four miles of river. About four miles from the highway, the road crosses the river and becomes the boundary for the National Forest. We will probably be camped nearby. We will be monitoring Channel 4 so keep trying for us as you come toward camp, and we will direct you in. If you don't hook up with us, we will hit the City Market parking lot again at 8:00 a.m. on the 5th before heading out to the trails. Call me before we leave for Colorado so I know who we are trying to link up with!!!

We will run trails on the 5th, 6th, and 7th before heading home. To cover more ground, we will probably split up, and I will furnish maps of the area trails for everyone. See you there!

We will also return to the same area the following weekend (July 13/14) for more pre-running. Call me and I will give you directions to where we will be camped.

Environmental Issues

In his President's report at the last meeting, Mark Werkmeister updated the club on the progress of the Mt. Blanca road issue. The legal issues are complex, and the Colorado association needs to be careful with the order of the various actions which can be brought against the Forest Service. Mark also indicated that the Southern Utah Wilderness organization is seeking support from candidates in November's election for the withdrawal of 5.7 million acres to wilderness.

Welcome to New Members

New members accepted at the last meeting were Rob Spearman, Bob Passetto, and Charles Rushing. Welcome to the club!

Glorieta Mesa Run

Charlie and Joel Wilson will lead another run to to Glorieta Mesa on August 10. Meet at 9 a.m. at the intersection of I-25 and US 285 (exit 290) Bring a lunch and plenty of water. If time permits there will be two runs.

1. SQUEEZE PLAY. This run has narrow spots and is best for short-wheel-base-vehilces with lockers. Sightseers are welcome as there are drive-arounds for the bad spots.

2. MISSION IMPOSSIBLE This run is better for long base trucks, but you will still need lockers.

DUES ARE DUE

It is time to renew your membership. Please send \$30.00 to Sue Brady for voting membership (if you live within the Albuquerque area) or \$12 for non-voting associate membership if you want to join and live outside the local area.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is at Mark and Joan Wolf's home on July 20 at 5 P.M. As usual it is a pot-luck- dinner. We will be electing new officers for the coming year. Bring a dish to share--meat, salad or desert-- and bring your lawn chairs or blanket. On Wyoming go 2 blocks north of Montgomery to Las Camas. Go 1 1/2 blocks East to 8617

August 1 - 4, 1996

Breckenridge??????

That's right! Breckenridge, Colorado is the site selected for the 1996 Summer Quarterly Meeting. The New Mexico 4-Wheelers will once again be hosting the summer gathering and have decided that a change of pace (and place) would be in the best interest of the four wheelers in the Association.

The Place

For most of the Association clubs, Breckenridge is actually closer than the former site of Silverton even though it is deeper into the state of Colorado. Breckenridge offers the additional advantages of providing some "fresh" country for SWFWDA members to explore and having a wider variety of trails from which to choose (especially for those who want their trails more challenging than the San Juans).

The Plan

Here is the plan. The Association's activities will be centered around the Peak One Campground at Dillon Reservoir.

the Saturday evening dinner and Business Meeting (with elections) will be held in nearby Breckenridge. The Breckenridge/Dillon area offers a wide variety of accommodations.

The Meal/The Meeting

The Saturday evening Bar-B-Que dinner will be held at the Adams Street Grill in Breckenridge at 6:00 p.m. The Adams Street Grill is located about

Breckenridge, Colorado

halfway through Breckenridge on Main Street (Highway 9) at the corner of Main and Adams. It is a mauve building with purple accents (Sorry!). The SWFWDA business meeting will be held following the meal in the same location.

The Trails

The New Mexico 4-Wheelers will be running a variety of the area's numerous trails on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. SWFWDA members and guests are invited to tag along. The trails in the area include Webster Pass/Red Cone (Rated a 7 on CA4WDC's 1-10 rating system), Radical Hill/Deer Creek (5), Wheeler Lake (8), Mt. Cross/Mt. Lincoln (5), Glacier Ridge (8), North Fork of the Swan (7), Mosquito Pass (5), and numerous others. It is a four wheeling paradise! The trips will leave from the parking lot of City Market on the north edge of Breckenridge at 9:00 a.m. each morning.

Now July 15th!
The Registration Form
 We must have your pre-registration for the meal by July 1st if you want to participate in the Saturday evening dinner. Please preregister using the form on the next page. Preregister even if you aren't eating the Saturday evening meal with us (It won't cost you anything).

If you have any questions, please contact Mark or Debbie Werkmeister @ 1-505-891-0296 or Mark Wolf @ (505) 299-8212.

Accommodations

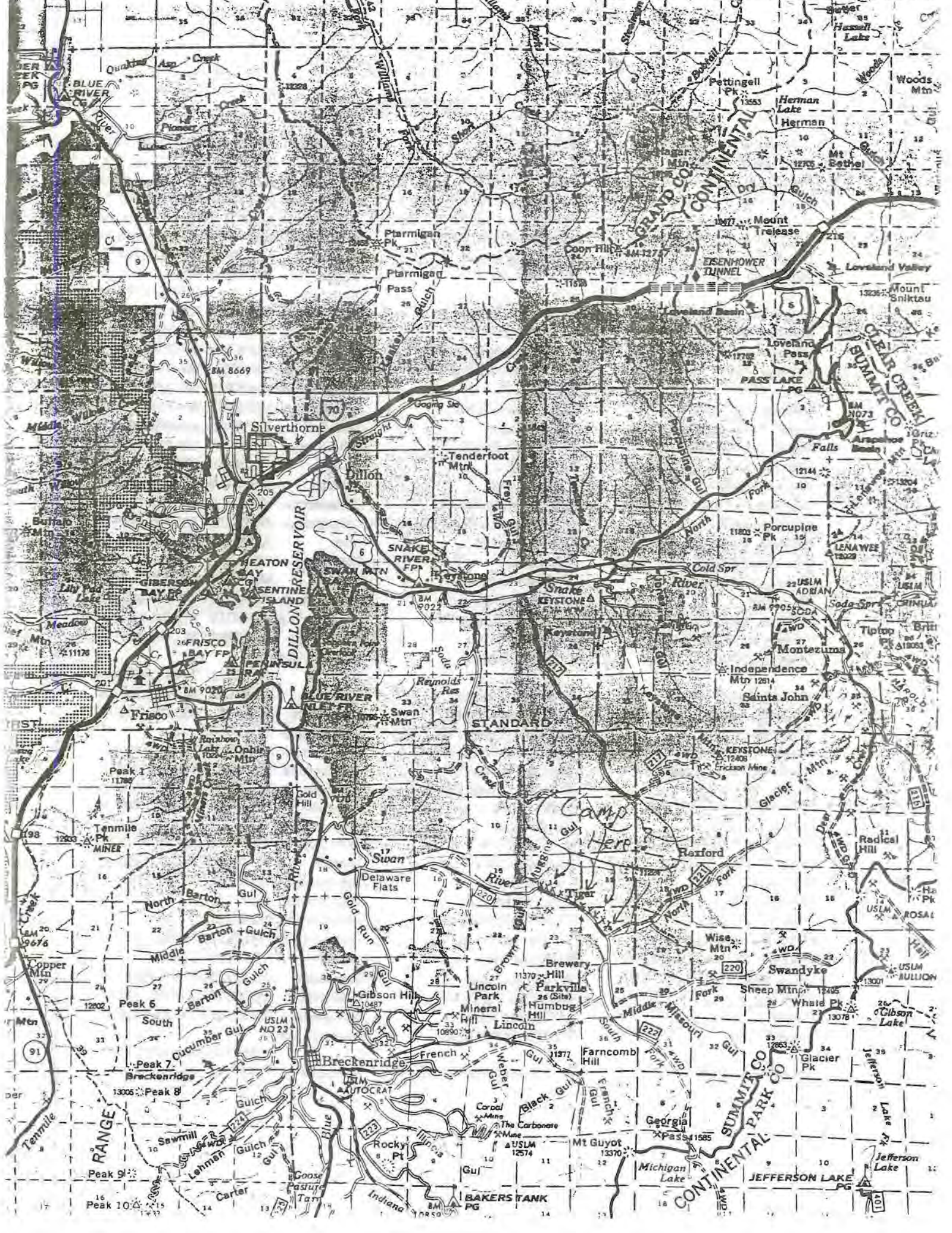
Camp sites for tents, trailers, and RVs are available at two campgrounds at Dillon Reservoir. These are Forest Service campgrounds and although they are part of a large complex, only a portion of the sites are by reservation. Reservations are taken for the Peak One Campground (\$11/night), Loop B (first choice) and Prospector Campground (\$10/night), Loops D and E (second choice). Second vehicles are \$4.25/night. Reservations are only taken 120 days in advance (April 3rd for reservations starting August 1) so reservations need to be made promptly to ensure that sites are available. Reservations are made through the National Reservations at 1-800-280-2267 (9-9 EST). Don't forget, sites may be limited during the summer rush season so call promptly 120 days before you begin your stay to make sure you get a site.

Peak One has flush toilets but no showers or hookups. Prospector has vault toilets, no showers or hook-ups. Showers are available in nearby Frisco. Unimproved camping in the surrounding National Forest is also available. Additional RV sites with full hookups are available at Tiger Run Resort at 1-970-453-9690 (\$27-33).

The Breckenridge, Frisco, Silverthorne, Dillon area, offers a wide variety of accommodations. Call the Summit County Chamber at 970-668-5800 or Breckenridge Chamber at 970-453-2913 for more information on hotels, condos, etc.

We hope to see you in Colorado this summer!

1996 Southwest Four Wheel Association Summer Quarterly Meeting Registration Form				
Name:				
Address:				
City:		State:		Zip:
Telephone:				
Club Affiliation:				
Insurance Carrier:			Policy No.:	
Vehicle Type:			# People	Total
			Adult Meals (\$15.00 each)	
			Children 6-12 (\$10.00)	
			Children under 6 (\$2.00 each)	
			Total Enclosed	
Check each day you would like to participate in group trail runs:				
	Thursday 8/1	Friday 8/2	Saturday 8/3	Sunday 8/4
Hard				
Medium				
Easy				
Make checks payable to:			No alcohol allowed on the trails.	
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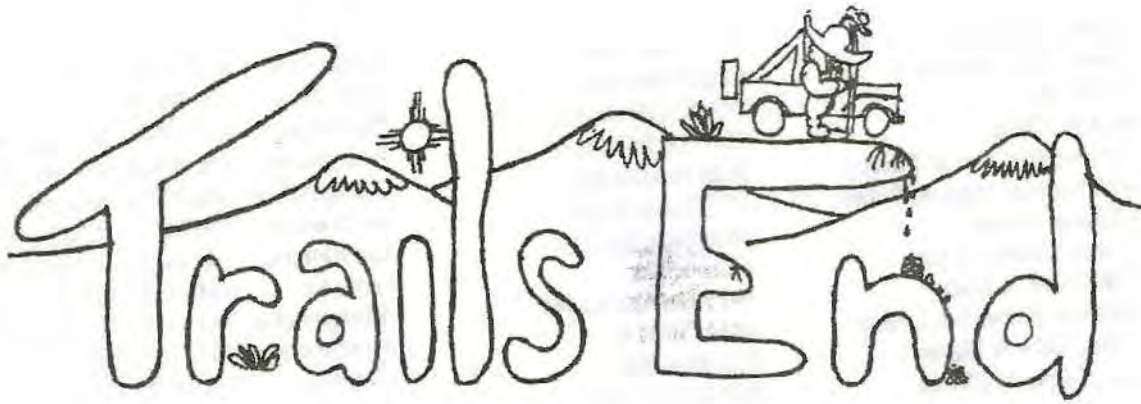
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Note

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Good Bye & Hello

Good bye, so long, etc. from Carol and Phil Kennicott who have done the job of Secretary and Publisher of Trail Tales for three years. Now say hello to Scott Brunwasser who will do the job come September. Do remember to send in your trip reports and other matters of interest so that he won't spend hours begging and pleading for your neatly penned, faxed, e-mailed, or disc-ed prose.

July Meeting Minutes

Courtesy of Tahoe Zahn

Those attending were: Mark & Joan Wolf - hosts, Jim & Tammy Werkmeister, Pat & Sue Brady, Ignacio & Felia Chavez, Mark Harrison, Bob Norton, Kevin Cox, Robert Pessetto, Arne Gjerning, Paul Caleca, Tom Hurt, Tahoe Zahn, Jim Trojcak, Michele Reed, and Jack Sierra. Sue gave treasure's report of \$1,404.24.

Pat gave the Breckenridge pre-run trip report, part 1. Still lots of snow but it was melting. Arne gave the pre-run trip report, part 2. He picked up a hitchhiker on the SOB trail. Scott Brunwasser gave the second week pre-run trip report. Still a lot of snow.

Bob Norton gave a trip report of his run to Silverton and Ouray. He went with his pickup with his camper on it. On a trail, his bed mounts broke, and his bed with camper started to fall off.

Sue read a note from Alan Gilmore. He will try to make it to the treasure hunt. Sue got a newsletter from Cuidondo Los Ninos. It looks like we will do a work day in January. She also reported on the Swap meet of car clubs on 5-6 Oct 96 at UNM Stadium parking lot. She also reported that the BLM was opening a new trail (foot) on the continental divide. We also need to sell all the old club stickers before we would start selling the new ones. Also, everyone agreed on giving a donation to the church for the use of their room for our winter meetings. The last thing she brought up was the last summer meeting would be at her house on 21 Sept 96.

New member voted in was Michele Reed. Welcome.

Jim Werkmeister said the date for the Aug meeting at his house was scheduled for 24 Aug 96 @ 5:00 PM.

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Minutes (cont.)

It was time for elections. There were only 2 more nominations to add to the ones from last month. Tahoe was added for Trip Chairman and Bonnie was added to the Historian. The votes were taken, and the results were as follows: President = Mark Wolf, Vice President = Tom Hurt, Secretary = Scott Brunwasser, Treasurer = Sue Brady, Environmental Chairman = Bob Telepak, Trip Chairman = Joel Wilson, Program Chairman = Mark Harrison, Historian = Bonnie Bannigan. The Association Delegate was Bob Norton. Congratulations to all who made it and for the rest, better luck next year.

The vote was held for 4Wheeler of the Year. Mark Werkmeister won again.

Mark Wolf will tally up the points each of us earned during the year, and the winner will be announced and awarded a \$50 gift certificate at the next meeting.

Mark Wolf suggested we do more for public relations. We can do volunteer time by doing cleanups, etc. Sue said some at the BLM liked what we do, but were afraid to vocally support us. Pat said we need to be more visual and let them know we are still out there. Mark Wolf brought up and it was discussed that we might start up a committee on relations & activities that involve us and them that was in a positive light. Call President Mark if you have any ideas.

Association news was that Mark Werkmeister was going out for President and Mark Wolf was trying for Events Chairman. The best of luck to both of them.

Glorieta Mesa Run

Charlie and Joel Wilson will lead another run to to Glorieta Mesa on August 10. Meet at 9 a.m. at the intersection of I-25 and US 285 (exit 290) Bring a lunch and plenty of water. If time permits there will be two runs.

1. SQUEEZE PLAY. This run has narrow spots and is best for short-wheel-base-vehilces with lockers. Sightseerers are welcome as there are drive-arounds for the bad spots.

2. MISSION IMPOSSIBLE This run is better for long base trucks, but you will still need lockers.

Pay up or Else!

Dues should be sent to Sue Brady ASAP. Come September, those who have not sent in their \$30.00 (or \$12.00 for out-of-town non-voting memberships) will find a ghostie has removed their names from the membership list. The following is the list of members who have paid:

Associate members:

Gilmore, Alan & Marty
Kincaid, Curtis & Connie
Payne, Tracy & Marcy

Voting Members:

Brady, Pat & Sue
Brunwasser, Scott & Doris
Caleca, Paul
Gjerming, Arne
Harrison, Mark
Hurt, Tom
Johnson, Buzz & Rachel Garcia
Kennicott, Phil & Carol
Martinez, Jason & Hiromi Hills
Norton, Bob
Pessetto, Robert
Reed, Michele
Simkulet, Ron
Trojcak, Jim & Nancy
Werkmeister, Jim & Tammy
Werkmeister, Mark & Debra
Zahn, Tahoe & Donna

Moab Labor Day Camp-Out

Red Rock 4-Wheelers, Inc. of Moab is planning their 23rd Labor Day Camp-Out for the weekend of August 31 -September 2. There will be four overnight trips with camping. In addition, there will be day-trips on each of the three days. In all cases they organize the event and provide the guides, but you bring all your other needs. They recommend early trail reservations; the number of vehicles allowed on each trip is limited, and spaces will be filled on a first-postmark-first-served priority system. For more information, call the club at (801)259-ROCK or call Scott Brunwasser, he has the brochure.

Sandia Surprise Run

Tahoe Zahn

15 June 96

It was a nice day for the run since it had rained the last 2 days. It looked so nice I took off my hard top and put on the bikini for to keep out the sun. I ended up taking it off because Heather and I were getting cold! I was amazed by the turnout for the planned days run. There were a total of 14 vehicles waiting for me at the Chevron station. Waiting were Fernando Fernandez, Tom Hurt, Pat & Brad Brady, Charles Rushing, Berry & Deborah Harrison, Bonnie Bannigan, Derrin Owen, Ron Simkulet, Nick "one can" Coleman. Non-members were Steve Gandia, Eric Stringer, Sam Wiseman and J.B. Milakovich. We got underway and headed up the backside of the Sandia to the trail head. I briefed all those who had a radio to be prepared for the sudden turnoff to the left side of the road for locking in and airing down. I went through a quick safety briefing on how we were going to exit the blacktop onto the trail. after all had aired down, we were ready. Charles & Joel finally showed up in there pickup with a camper on it. I got everyone going and it was no easy task getting on the trail.

The ground was just wet enough to make it interesting without getting destructive. It took me 3 tries to get off the highway. I finally made it and everyone followed one at a time with spotters watching the road for traffic. Most made it with little difficulty. A few made it look easy and some made an easy run look hard. Nick did a good job locking his hubs, but he would have made it up a lot easier if he had remembered to move the little lever into the 4WD position. After he did, he had no more problems. Charles Rushing was a different story. He would almost make it up onto the trail but not quite. I remembered that he told me at the Chevron that he had an Air Locker installed in the front axle. I then noticed that when he attempted to climb onto the trail, his front wheels weren't pulling. I stopped him from any more tries and notified him of his front axle problems. He calmly stated that he knew that because the "air wasn't hooked up yet". Um-Hmm. Charlie & Joel tried a couple times with their land yacht but they thought better of it and went around to wait for us at the rock pile. The rest of us went on. Those who weren't locked up on at least one axle

had to be pulled up the obstacles. The strap got a good workout that day. Some surprised us and made it up most without getting the dreaded strap. We decided to have lunch at the rock pile. We ate and played a little and then worked our way out. Some had to get back to get ready for the meeting that night. I think everyone had fun. I'm glad we got to do this run before they shut that part of the forest. I wouldn't mind leading another run back there again.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS, INC.

New Mexico 4-Wheelers is a non-profit club whose primary purpose is to provide social, educational, and recreational activities related to the sport of "Four Wheeling" for its members. Membership is \$30.00 per family per year, pro-rated for new members. Associate membership for our out-of-town members who cannot attend regularly is \$12.00 per year, also pro-rated.

I (WE) WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS:

TYPE MEMBERSHIP: REGULAR (VOTING) (\$30.00)
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ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

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CHILDREN: NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

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THE SIGNATURE BELOW SIGNIFIES THAT I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE BY-LAWS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) OF THE NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS:

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Scott Brunwasser
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ORDER FORM - PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

ITEM	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
NM4W JACKET PATCHES	\$3.50 each		
NM4W DECALS	\$5.00 each		
NM4W BUSINESS CARDS	\$1.00 for 25		
SWFWDA JACKET PATCHES	\$4.00 each		
SWFWDA DECALS	\$5.00 EACH		
SHIPPING & PACKAGING	\$0.50 each order		\$ 0.50
TOTAL			

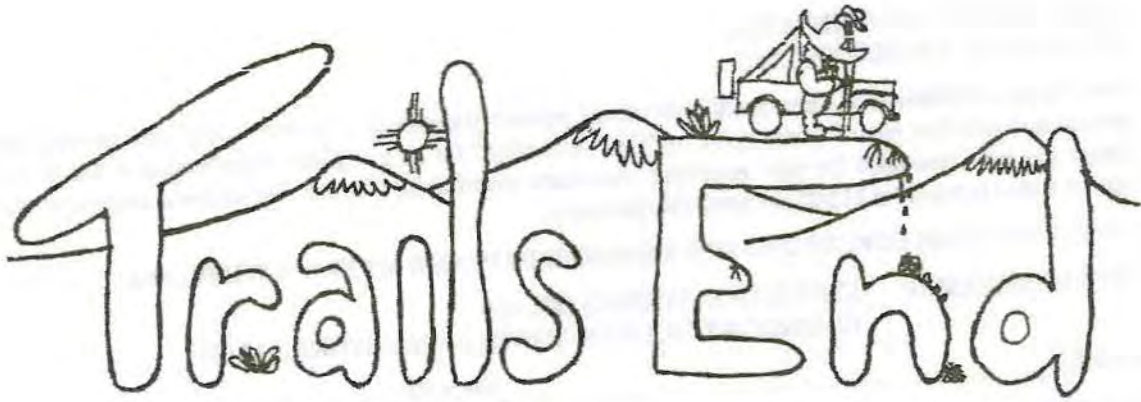
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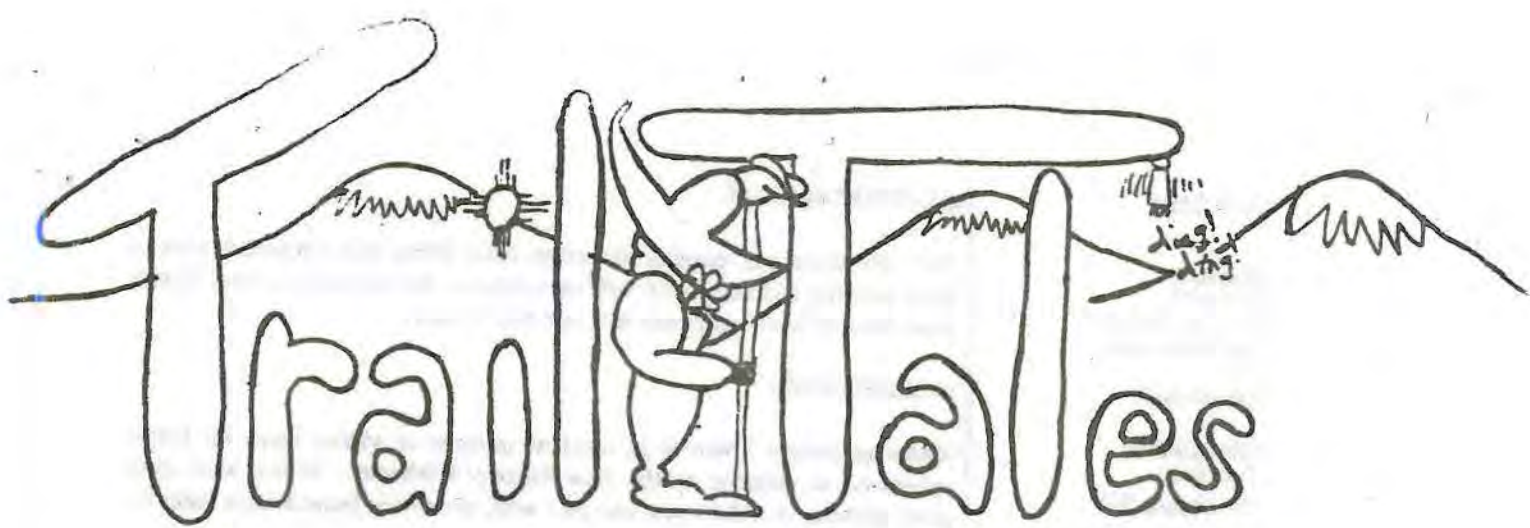
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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Sept. 21; 5PM	September meeting at Pat and Sue Brady's House.
Oct. 11; 7PM	October meeting at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church hosted by the Kennicots.
Nov. 8; 7PM	November meeting at the Height Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.
Dec. 13; 7PM	December meeting at the Height Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.
Jan. 10; 7PM	January meeting at the Height Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.
Feb. 14; 7PM	February meeting at the Height Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.
Mar. 14; 7PM	March meeting at the Height Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.
Apr. 11; 7PM	April meeting at the Height Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.

NOTE:

The summer meetings are pot lucks. Bring a dish to share with everybody, silverware, plates, and chairs. The hosts provide the drinks.

24 Aug 96 Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was held at Jim & Tammy Werkmeister's house.

There were no guests present at the meeting.

The following members were present at the meeting: Jim & Tammy Werkmeister; Debbie Werkmeister; Mark & Joan Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Scott & Doris Brunwasser; Derren & Bonnie Owen; Phil & Carol Kennicot; Joe Cushing; Arne Gjerning; Mark Harrison; Tom Hurt; Jack Lobbell; Kevin McTavish; Trae & Shay Mead; Michele Reed; Jack & Stella Sierra; Ron Simkulet; Charlie & Joel Wilson; Tahoe Zahn; Bob Norton; Bob Pessetto.

President's Report:

A word from your President

Hi!, folks. Yes, it's that time again. Time to pay your dues. The dues are officially due no later than August 31, 1996. Please pay if you haven't already. We are calling September 15th as the cut-off date. After that, any voting member will have to go through the five point qualification again. We are a large club and need to keep active members going and involved. Participation is the key to success! You can help! Please call or see our Trip Chairman, Joel Wilson, to volunteer to lead a run to somewhere we haven't been or somewhere we have been! You can also volunteer to Host the meetings at the church which start in October. Remember, the first meeting at the Presbyterian Church is Friday, October 11th at 7:00 P.M. The September meeting is at Sue & Pat Brady's. We'd sure like to see some of you again, Jim &

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ALUMINUM CANS

Our club saves and recycles aluminum cans. Bring your aluminum cans to each meeting and Sue Brady will take them to the recycling center. Money from the sale of the cans goes into our club treasury.

SCRAPBOOKS

Historian Bonnie Owen is in need of pictures or videos taken on events sponsored or attended by the New Mexico 4-Wheelers. If you have some good pictures or videos you can part with, please let Bonnie have them for our scrapbooks.

NOTE TO NON-MEMBERS: If you've been receiving the Trail Tales but have not attended a meeting or run, you may have noticed a number beside your name on the mailing label. We send the Trail Tales to prospective members for three months, and we number them. When you see a "3" by your name, that should alert you that you'll be dropped from our mailing list unless we hear from you. Visitors are always welcome at any New Mexico 4-Wheelers event or outing. So check us out!

MEETINGS

Starting in October, our meetings will be held the second Friday at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy (East of Wyoming) at 7:00 PM. The church loans us the Senior High Room. We are reminded that this is a church and we must act accordingly (e.g., no smoking or drinking). We must remain in the Senior High Room and should not wander throughout the church. Children must stay with their parents at all times.

Articles and planned events should be submitted to Trail Tales, 4305 Snowden Ct. SE, Rio Rancho, NM. 87124, as far in advance as possible. This newsletter is mailed on the 1st day of each month. Information should be received by the 25th of the previous month to insure publication.

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Nancy, Buz & Rachel, Jason & Romi, Garry, and Guy to name a few. We miss talking with you and hope your all doing well. Once again, I'd like to thank you all for voting me in as your President. If there is anything you'd like to discuss, please feel free to call me (before 9:00 P.M. cause we go to bed early!). I hope this is a great year!

Vice President's Report:

It was brought to the Club's attention that one amongst our ranks had defaced the Club's logo. Trae Mead was uncovered as the vandal who decided to put the Club's logo on the back of his Bronco. Only he "modified" it to only show the Bronco on the front of the logo, leaving all of the other vehicles off of it. The Sheriff fined him the sum of \$1.00.

Treasurer's Report:

It was reported that we have \$1028.52 in the bank.

Secretary's Report:

I need trip reports by the 25th of the month for me to get it in the next Trail Tales.

My address is: 4305 Snowden Ct. SE
Rio Rancho, NM. 87124

My phone # is: 505-896-4244

My e-mail address is:
scott_brunwasser@ccm.rr.intel.com

Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report:

It was reported that there are more trail closures coming about. The focus of these seem to be the Silverton area.

The trail above the Buffalo Boy Mine seemed to grow a Road Closed sign almost overnight. The same also occurred on the trail to the Cumberland Mine above Poughkeepsie Gulch. You can write to the following to voice your opinion:

San Juan County Commission
San Juan County Courthouse
Silverton, CO. 81433

Ouray County Commission
Ouray County Courthouse
Ouray, CO. 81727

Silverton Village Council
Silverton Town Hall
Silverton, CO. 81433

Montrose BLM District Office
2465 South Townsend
Montrose, CO. 81401

San Juan National Forest Headquarters
701 Camino del Rio, Room 301
Durango, CO. 81301

Also, we need to write the various places that are trying to close down the southern half of Utah.

Pat Brady informed us that 36 miles of the Ignacio Chavez area is going to be disked and closed. This is the area of our Adopt-A-Trail.

We need to tell the BLM that this is unacceptable.

Peggy Bogart, the SWFWDA's Dir. of Environmental Affairs, informed us at the Summer Quarterly Meeting that there is a National Heritage Areas Act in the House and the Senate. It is riding on The Livestock Grazing Bill, HR 1718. We need to contact the key players in this and tell them that we oppose both versions of the bill. If you need phone numbers for contacts, let me know.

Trip Reports:

Breckenridge, CO.

About 1/3 of the Club showed up for the SWFWDA Summer Quarterly Meeting in Breckenridge, CO. Approximately 6 different trails were run over the 4 days. As of yet, I have not received any trail reports. If you don't want to share what you did, that is up to you. It should be a requirement that if you lead a trail, you should submit a trip report.

As far as what I did, on Thursday, Berry led our run over Mosquito Pass. I was the Tail Gunner. A total of 8 vehicles were present. It was a pretty easy trail. After we crossed the pass, we took a detour onto the Bird's Eye Gulch trail.

We missed the turn off, so we just turned the vehicles around putting me in the lead. This trail was a little more exciting. Everything was going good until we came across a washed-out section of trail. The first 7 vehicles made it over the wash-out with little or no trouble. Then Berry tried to make it more interesting. He decided to go a different way and got stuck. Fortunately, we had another Scout with us who pulled him out. After the strap was put away, Berry took the well traveled path.

On Friday, Arne led a run up to Waldorf and Mt. McClellan. I was the Gunner on this one, too. Between us was Mark and Jim's mom and dad. The trail up to the top was easy and scenic. On the way up, we ran into a herd of Mountain Goats. Once near the top of Mt. McClellan, one of the Goats decided to come check us out. It came within 10 feet of us. Arne and The Werkmeister's went on up to Argentine Pass while I headed back to camp.

On Saturday, I led a run up to Mt. Bross and Mt. Lincoln. Both of these are 14ers. A total of four vehicles went up to Mt. Bross. The trip up was uneventful and made it to the top with no problems. Once at the top, we could see a storm coming in from the west. We decided to start going down. Just as the storm hit, I ran into a dead end. Then the fun really began. One of the vehicles with us had a blown the front driveshaft out a couple days before and was running in two-wheel drive. The ground became wet and made it difficult for the Grand Cherokee to make it up the hills. Thanks to Kevin McTavish for strapping him up the hills. We then made it down Mt. Bross and had lunch at the Bristlecone Pine Scenic Area. At this point, Kevin and I decided to go up Mt. Lincoln. The trip up was scenic and easy. Once near the top, we could see the remains of a Pathfinder that tried to make a direct shot from Bross to Lincoln. The trail is great, if you are of the two legged variety. It gets extremely narrow and off-camber. He definitely didn't know his or his vehicles limitations.

Glorietta Mesa: by Joel Wilson

Saturday morning, August 10, saw thirteen vehicles and eighteen avid 4-wheelers lined up at I-25 and US 285 ready and willing to tackle Glorietta Mesa's two toughest trails, Squeeze Play and Mission Impossible. Attending were: Charlie and Joel Wilson; Ruben O. Martinez;

Fernando Fernandez; Sam C de Baca; Jason and Hiromi Martinez; Pat and Sue Brady; David Fleming-Wood; Garry Brown; Chris Brown and Jessica Darby; Paul Thompson (with a new Wrangler!); L.P. How; Bob Norton; and Jean and Tina Jaureguiberry (Las Vegas).

The excitement started early when a maroon Chevy ZR1 pickup literally slid around the corner in front of us and blasted by, splashing a good bucketful of water into Chris's Jeep at the Galisteo River crossing. Jason left his truck at the railroad crossing and we were off to Squeeze Play, the easier of the two trails. But don't get me wrong, that's only in relativity. As it turned out, the mud made lockers a requirement and was so sticky it didn't really matter what kind of tires you had. Rock piling was the name of the game at the first ledge. Jean in his Samurai and I snaked around it on the right while Pat, L.P., and David took the tougher left route. Garry tried the middle, but soon became hung between his skidplate and spring hanger. A Hi-Lift jack, that didn't want to stay engaged, was whipped out, but the mud created more problems when the jack sunk six inches and counting. The rock used to support it broke, and the spare tire carrier some how got bent out of shape, but Garry was soon rolling and had no further problems. Next was a tight tree section where I brushed the top and David slipped off the boulders, becoming momentarily stuck. A pool of water followed by a mud-slicked rock and stump roots brought us to the squeeze rock. Because of the mud, rocks had to be piled and it wasn't a true squeeze, but the trees before it were. Bob unavoidably slid into one and marred his door, enough to dent it slightly. So a tow strap was attached to it for Fernando, and he went right through, only to get high centered at the squeeze rock. More rocks were piled and he was soon through. One last obstacle remained, a tight boulder-strewn turn around a tree. But good spotters and careful maneuvering resulted in little or no damage. Next was lunch.

We had lunch at the same sandstone overhang as the last trip, featuring tadpoles in two small ponds, while L.P. played on the nearby slickrock loop. Mission Impossible then began with two mudholes containing boulders to slide into. But the first true challenge was a tight, off-camber twist through more boulders. I stayed high at a thirty degree side hill then pivoted on a boulder to make it. Some did the same taking steeper

angles, while Pat pioneered a new line staying high and tippy throughout. David did the same but dragged a boulder two feet and used a push on the side to clear the rocks with the door, but not the bumper and a small part of the quarter panel. But oh well, next was the panel grinder where everyone but L.P. at least touched their rocker panel, and David bent a Rock Slider while Jean scratched the paint. Next a dusty six inch step followed by a tight notch brought most people to the end of the trail. But as most know, Pat Brady is not "most people." After pivoting around a boulder and tip-toeing over still more, he came to a normally dry pool of water followed by an extreme departure over a boulder to the right. Although wet and muddy, Pat made it through amazingly easily and since he was the first one through, we named it Brady's Bathtub. However, he then entered a muddy ditch with a very steep side hill, and Sue decided on the spot that it was time to walk their dog Mugs. Pat found that he couldn't exit the muddy rocks and couldn't back out, so he used his winch to turn around and escape. Meanwhile David tried the tub and got high centered. He tried to back out but his rear diff skidplate became the equivalent of a shovel against a submerged and immovable rock. L.P. came to tow him out but first David had to wade through the muddy fifteen inch water and attach the tow hook. Later it was discovered that the skidplate bent into the rear u-joint, thus breaking the joint, but Pat had the necessary spare parts. Coming out of the tub over the boulder, Pat bent the rear drive shaft, and used his winch once more for some rocks he slipped off of. Finally, Garry remarked over the idea that the trail goes on ("Trail, what trail?"). But it does, it just hasn't been driven on for many years.

Everyone had a good time and was thoroughly satisfied with the challenges presented. Sue suggested a weekend work party for Mission Impossible, which might just be a good idea, as there is a little cliff to deal with further on up the trail. There was also talk of getting a school bus stuck...

Colorado's San Juan Mountains by Arne Gjering

On August 15-17, Bob Telepak organized and lead a trip to the San Juan Mountains around Ouray and Silverton. On Friday the 16th, which turned out to be a long day, Bob, Ken Harper,

and I met at the start of the Engineer Mountain trail head with some passengers from the Radiology Departments of UNM and VA Hospitals.

The first trail found us playing on the rock climbs just below the famous Bog on Poughkeepsie Gulch along with 2 vehicles from Colorado Springs (one of the vehicles' owner was someone I had worked with in Tucson prior to leaving in 1984 for NM). I think we impressed about 15 people on one of many tours in this area.

A few of the play spots were successfully challenged as we made our way to Lake Como, then on to Hurricane Pass. We next continued to the Cumberland Mine for lunch and rock collecting. If you have not been to this mine, it is a must. PLEASE READ ON.

Next we headed for Silverton through Gladstone to Howardsville where we started up the Stony Pass trail and branched off to visit the Buffalo Boy Mine. **THE TRAIL ABOVE THIS POINT IS POSTED AS CLOSED.**

We returned to Silverton, then found the trail to Kendall Mountain. We parked at a small building and radio tower near the top and hiked a short distance for a better view of Silverton. The group ate dinner in Silverton and listened to a Brass Band concert (an annual event here) before returning to Ouray.

On Saturday the 17th, Bob Norton and Charles Rushing joined a growing group at the Black Bear Pass trail head, now we had 8 vehicles and 21 people. The trip to Telluride then to Ouray via the Imogene was relatively uneventful except for the "Hair Raising" experience at the peak on Imogene. Seems we were just below cloud level in a snow storm and the static electricity made most ever one's hair stand straight out. Medusa's hair style did appear on one of the passengers, so we did not stay very long. The rough area part way down Imogene has been "IMPROVED". Actually, it's been filled in and is now just a graded area.

On Sunday, most people left early for Albuquerque, but not to be denied, Bob Telepak, Bob Norton, Charles Rushing, and I decided to rerun Poughkeepsie again as Bob N. and Charles had not seen the Cumberland Mine. Bob Telepak suffered a broken left front upper shock support just past the fallen tree area and had to

turn back to prevent any further damage. Bob N., Charles, and I continued and enjoyed the trail and rock climbs on the way to Hurricane Pass.

HOWEVER, upon reaching the trail to the Cumberland Mine, we found FENCE POSTS DRIVEN INTO THE TRAIL, LOGS LAID ACROSS THE TRAIL, AND A BLM SIGN STATING THAT THE ROAD WAS CLOSED. This was NOT THE CASE ON FRIDAY. This seems to be another case of senseless road closings which we must fight. PLEASE CONTACT BOB TELEPAK OR BOB NORTON FOR LETTER WRITING INFORMATION.

Notwithstanding the road closure, the trips were very enjoyable for all who either drove or road.

Four Hills by Jack Lobdell

On the first weekend of August, Jack Lobdell led a run to the Four Hills area.

Up-coming Events

Sept. 6-8 - Mt. Blanca, meet at the Great Sand Dunes National Monument at 9am.

Sept. 21 - September meeting at Pat and Sue Brady's house.

Sept. 28 - Canadian River Sand Drags, sponsored by the West Texas Outlaws. I have all of the info if you are interested.

Sept. 29 - Manzano Mountains, Paul Caleca will lead this run from Mountainair to Tajiique. The trail is rated easy and mountain scenery is beautiful. Meet at 9am at the Diamond Shamrock station at the Las Lunas exit of I-25.

Oct. 5-6 - 19th Annual Auto Swap Meet, UNM Football Stadium in Albuquerque. If you want a vendor space, let me know. Maybe we can do this as a club. I'll bring it up at the next meeting.

Oct. 11 - October meeting at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 7PM. Hosted by the Kennicots.

Oct. 19-20 - Pecos Overnight Run, Joel and Charlie Wilson will lead a run in the mountains east of Pecos. The trail is easy to moderate. We will ford the Pecos river, and the fall colors should be spectacular in the high country. Bring

water and food for 2 days and equipment for Jeep-camping along the trail. Meet at 9am on Saturday at Exit 290 (US 285 South) on I-25 east of Santa Fe.

Old Business

- Tahoe Zahn earned the most points during the last year and won the \$50. Congratulations!

- Pay your dues for the club. If you are paid in full at the next meeting, I won't have to send you a newsletter and you will have to start over with the membership. The following people have paid:

Associate members:

Ahlbrandt, Rob & Kristi
Bell, John & Christy
C de Baca, Sam & Teresa
Cutler, Kevin & Susan
Fleming-Wood, David & Kai
Gilmore, Alan & Marty
Kincaid, Curtis & Connie
Macleod, Robert & Maureen Wilks
Payne, Tracy & Marcy
Young, Dick & Maren

Voting Members:

Brady, Pat & Sue
Brown, Garry
Brunwasser, Scott & Doris
Caleca, Paul
Coleman, Nick & Carol
Conway, Guy
Cushing, Joe
Garcia, Alex & Cynthia
Gjerning, Arne
Harrison, Berry & Deborah
Harrison, Mark
Hurt, Tom
Lobdell, Jack & Glinda
Martinez, Jason & Hiromi Hills
McTavish, Kevin
Mead, Trae & Shay
Moore, Wes & Cay
Norton, Bob
Owen, Derren & Bonnie
Pessetto, Robert
Reed, Michele
Rushing, Charles
Sierra, Jack & Stella

Simkulet, Ron
Telepak, Bob
Thompson, Paul & Mary
Trojcek, Jim & Nancy
Werkmeister, Jim & Tammy
Werkmeister, Mark & Debbie
Wilson, Charlie & Joel
Wolf, Mark & Joan
Yokshus, Richard & Louise
Zahn, Tahoe & Donna

Alan and Marty Gilmore

New Business

Bonnie is starting a video archive for the club. If you have any videos you would like the club to have, bring your tapes to the meetings or bring them to Derren at Toys for trucks.

Congratulations go out to Derren and Bonnie for their wedding at Lake Como in Colorado.

Correspondence

Every month I receive newsletters from various clubs in the Association. I have them if you would like to see them. I also mail one of our newsletters to all of the clubs in the Association. I have received newsletters from the following clubs:

Cliffhangers - Farmington, NM

The Oklahoma Trailchasers - Oklahoma City, OK

If you send the New Mexico 4-Wheelers a copy of your newsletter, please send them to me, Scott Brunwasser.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary

September's dates:

Maureen Wilks

Hiromi Hills

Mark and Debbie Werkmeister

For Sale/Wanted

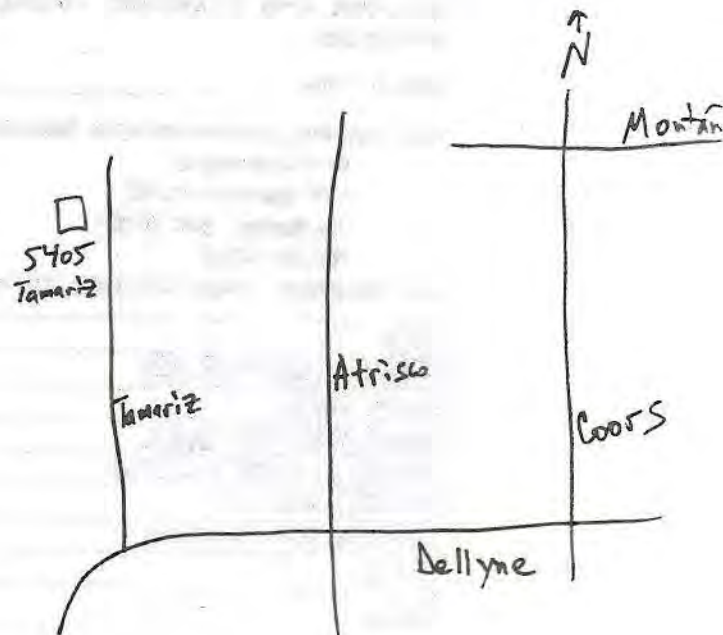
If you have anything for sale or are looking for that something special, let me know and I will put it in the newsletter.

4 American Racing Outlaw rims w/Goodyear Wrangler 235 tires - \$300.00. Call Scott - 896-4244

JKS Swaybar Disconnects for a stock Wrangler - \$50.00. Call Scott - 896-4244

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Pat and Sue Brady's house, 5405 Tamariz NW, on Saturday Sept. 21, at 5pm.



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS, INC.**

New Mexico 4-Wheelers is a non-profit club whose primary purpose is to provide social, educational, and recreational activities related to the sport of "Four Wheeling" for its members. Membership is \$30.00 per family per year, pro-rated for new members. Associate membership for our out-of-town members who cannot attend regularly is \$12.00 per year, also pro-rated.

I (WE) WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS:

TYPE MEMBERSHIP: REGULAR (VOTING) (\$30.00)
 ASSOCIATE (OUT-OF-TOWN) (NON-VOTING) (\$12.00)

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ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SPOUSE: _____ ANNIVERSARY DATE: _____

CHILDREN: NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

4X4 MAKE & MODEL: _____

THE SIGNATURE BELOW SIGNIFIES THAT I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE BY-LAWS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) OF THE NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS:

SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

Mail completed applications to the Secretary:

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ORDER FORM - PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

ITEM	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
NM4W JACKET PATCHES	\$3.50 each		
NM4W DECALS	\$5.00 each		
NM4W BUSINESS CARDS	\$1.00 for 25		
SWFWDA JACKET PATCHES	\$4.00 each		
SWFWDA DECALS	\$5.00 EACH		
SHIPPING & PACKAGING	\$0.50 each order		\$ 0.50
TOTAL			

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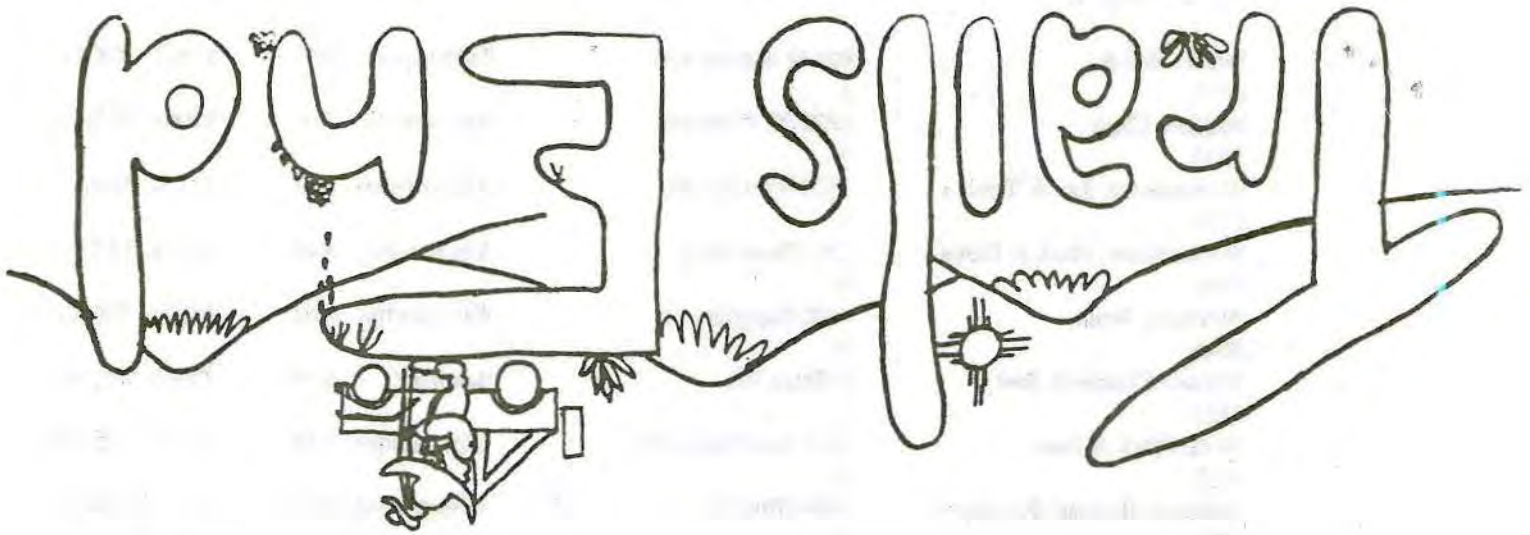
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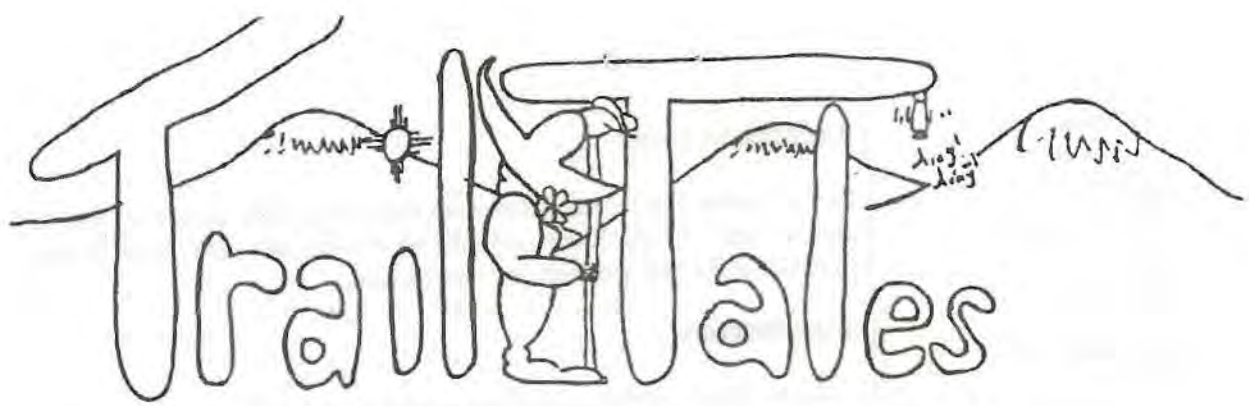
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Official Newsletter of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers
September 21, 1996 Meeting Minutes

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Nov. 8; 7PM	November meeting at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.
Dec. 13; 7PM	December meeting at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.
Jan. 10; 7PM	January meeting at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.
Feb. 14; 7PM	February meeting at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.
Mar. 14; 7PM	March meeting at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.
Apr. 11; 7PM	April meeting at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Need a host.

NOTE

The winter meetings are held at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Wyoming and Academy. The hosts provide the drinks and snacks.

21 Sep 96 Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was held at Pat & Sue Brady's house.

The following guests were present at the meeting: Mike Ferris & Teri Campbell; Pat Slattery; Jeffrey Lee.

The following members were present at the meeting: Debbie Werkmeister; Joan Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Scott, Doris, Jennifer, & Matthew Brunwasser; Phil & Carol Kennicot; Mark Harrison; Tom Hurt; Michele Reed; Jack & Stella Sierra; Charlie Wilson; Bob Norton; Paul & Mary Thompson; Garry Brown; Berrett Harrison; Rob Spearman & Diane Oliver & Zack.

President's Report:

The Prez was absent.

He wanted to pass on a couple of things. A Search and Rescue Team wants us to teach them how to drive off-road. This will be Oct. 13. They will be bringing 22 of their vehicles.

We will start signing Hold Harmless Agreements before club-sponsored runs.

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ALUMINUM CANS

Our club saves and recycles aluminum cans. Bring your aluminum cans to each meeting, and Sue Brady will take them to the recycling center. Money from sale of the cans goes into our club treasury.

SCRAPBOOKS

Historian Bonnie Owen is in need of pictures or videos taken on events sponsored or attended by the New Mexico 4-Wheelers. If you have some good pictures or videos you can part with, please let Bonnie have them for our scrapbooks.

NOTE TO NON-MEMBERS: If you've been receiving the Trail Tales but have not attended a meeting or run, you may have noticed a number beside your name on the mailing label. We send the Trail Tales to prospective members for three months, and we number them. When you see a "3" by your name, that should alert you that you'll be dropped from our mailing list unless we hear from you. Visitors are always welcome at any New Mexico 4-Wheelers event or outing. So check us out!

MEETINGS

Starting in October, meetings are held the second Friday at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy (East of Wyoming) at 7:00 PM. The church loans us the Senior High Room. We are reminded that this is a church and we must act accordingly (e.g., no smoking or drinking). We must remain in the Senior High Room and should not wander throughout the church. Children must stay with their parents at all times.

Articles and planned events should be submitted to Trail Tales, 4305 Snowden Ct. Rio Rancho, NM. 87124 as far in advance as possible. This newsletter is mailed on the 1st day of each month. Information should be received by the 25th of the previous month to insure publication.

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Mail to: Trail Tales, 4305 Snowden Ct. Rio Rancho, NM 87124, or call Scott Brunwasser at 896-4244 and give him the change over the phone.

Vice President's Report:

Tom led the meeting in Mark's absence.

The Sheriff doled out the following fines for the Mt. Blanca trip:

Trae - \$0.50 for not having tow hooks and a VERY loose starter.

Michele - \$0.50 for no tow hooks and losing her antenna.

Mark Werkmeister - \$0.25 for saying the P word.

Mark Wolf - \$0.25 for a broken clutch rod.

Program Chairman's Report:

We still have some of the old patches. We need to sell them.

The raffle was held. Paul Thompson won \$11.00.

Mark went over the details for the Treasure Hunt.

Trip Chairman's Report:

There were three trips the previous month. Mark Harrison talked about the Treasure Hunt, Pat talked about Mt. Blanca, and Rob talked about the 4 Hills run.

Charlie and Joel are working on an Adopt-a-Trail somewhere on Glorietta Mesa.

It was put out that trail leaders are needed for the Winter Meeting in Las Cruces. If anyone has a burning desire to lead a trail, stand up and be counted. Remember, the scenery never changes unless you are the leader.

Trip Reports:

Mt. Blanca: by Mark Werkmeister

Up the Mountain - 4th Annual Mt. Blanca Run

On the 7th and 8th of September, the New Mexico 4-Wheelers made their 4th annual

pilgrimage to that four wheeling shrine outside of Alamosa, Mt. Blanca! This year's ascent was the largest ever with fifteen vehicles from the club and friends. Members present were Mark and Jennifer Werkmeister in the Scrambler, Jim Werkmeister in his CJ8, Mark Wolf and friend Dan Colwell in the Commando, Pat Brady and Kevin McTavish in the Bronco, Joel and Charlie Wilson in their CJ5, Michele Reed and her mother in her Wrangler, Jack and Stella Sierra in their CJ5, Trae, Shay, and Bear Mead in the hoodless Bronco, LP How in his CJ7, Tom Hurt in his CJ5, and Bob Norton in the Cherokee. Joining the club on the outing was Dave Farmer from Denver in his CJ5, Pat Gremillion from Carbondale, CO in his Bronco, and three members of the Creeper Jeepers Gang in a flatfender and CJ7.

A cold front moved through Friday evening and Saturday morning brought clearing skies for a rare, sunny run at the peak. Most of us left the trail head at 9:00 a.m. with all the stragglers catching up with us by the time we reached Jaws 1. There were NO rocks piled in the obstacle's holes and we all enjoyed the chance to run the obstacle in a "clean" manner. Several folks needed several attempts but everyone made it over unassisted and up we went.

Jaws II has been "modified" by the Forest Service since we went up last year but it probably isn't appreciably easier. Quite a few people needed some rock stacking and several fell victim to the strap before we were all assembled on the upper side. Jaws 2.5 was passed without incident although Tom did his best to make it look hard to the folks following him. Jaws III provided the day's major entertainment as just about every vehicle tried a different fine with varying degrees of success. Some of the more aggressive and innovative attempts resulted in some off camber antics but everyone stayed out of the sheet metal.

By 3:00, everyone was pitching tents at Lake Como and climbing back into their vehicles for the rest of the trail. The dry summer and trail stabilization efforts eliminated the bog (Bog? What bog?) and left the tires uncharacteristically dry for Jaws 4. Without the usual mud and water, Jaws 4 proved to be very manageable and everyone was soon enjoying the views at the Blue Lakes. Will this prove to be the final trip

past Lake Como? Encouraging news and a lack of trail closures signs (yet) give us hope that the club will continue to be able to enjoy this ENTIRE trail in future years.

We enjoyed a long evening around the campfire (except for some clutch linkage engineers gathered around a certain Commando) and the trip down the next morning was accomplished smoothly under blue skies.

The weather, the people, and the trail combined to make this one of the more pleasurable trips that I have ever led and I am already looking forward to leading the trip again (weekend after Labor Day!) next year.

4 Hills: by Paul Thompson

This event started with Perry Lussetto and myself planning to go out and see how my rebuilt carburetor would perform offroad. We thought it would be a good idea to invite our friends to join us so we spread the word. I expected to have a small group and a nice quiet afternoon playing on the rocks. I was surprised, though pleased, to see 12 vehicles show up at the Chevron station and two more join us on the trail. We had Scott, Doris, Jennifer & Matthew Brunwasser; Rob Spearman & Diane Oliver & Zack; Trae & Shay Mead; Bob Norton; Pat Slattery; Michael Conway; Jeffrey Lee & Mary Cangle; Tom Hurt; Al Monsees; Perry Lussetto; Garry Brown; Michele Reed & Albert Candelaria; Jack Sierra; and myself.

We took the usual route across the arroyo and up the gully, then east towards the famed mogul field. As expected, the moguls caused some problems for those of us with open diffs, but everyone made the climb without too much trouble. Everyone except Perry, that is. He took (on some bad advice) a path to the far left and promptly lost traction in the loose dirt. Every attempt at backing up to improve his position simply got him farther into the gully. It took two Jeeps to pull the mired behemoth (sometimes referred as a Suburban) out of the pit.

For the rest of the ascent drivers took a variety of trail options depending on their equipment, mood, machismo, or whatever. Only a couple of

incidents are worthy of note: Scott Brunwasser had to call for a rescue operation to pull him from a precarious position just short of the top of the steep hill above the wash. And Michelle's Jeep sustained a broken bolt that required it to undergo an emergency trackbectomy performed by Dr. Perry.

It was after we broke up and some of the group started to head home that the real trouble started. It seems that as Tom Hurt was driving down the sandy wash towards the arroyo he encountered a very large 4x4 (not a truck, a piece of lumber) in his path. As he swerved to avoid the obstacle he collided with a rock instead. (In retrospect, he decided it was not a good trade.) The rock bent the left front rim, punctured the left rear tire, cut his front brake line, crushed his exhaust pipe, and broke the front spring mount. The rear view mirror on the right side of the Jeep was also broken off but it remains a mystery how that happened. With the help of a hose clamp, a tie-down strap, a cable, and a vise grip, the spring mount was eventually secured well enough for Tom to drive most of the way out. With a few feet of winching he was back to the parking lot. And that would be the end of the story if it were not for the matter of assessing penalties for environmental damage and any number of other possible violations. Since the driver involved in this sordid incident was none other than our esteemed Sheriff, I find it necessary to take extreme action. I have used my authority as Trail Leader to appoint Garry Brown to serve as a Special Prosecutor in this case. He will bring his report to the next meeting.

It was a great afternoon. And Perry finally did get to check out my carburetor and make some adjustments. ...Then he hauled Tom's Jeep to the shop. (We need to bring this guy on all our runs.)

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Up-coming Events

Oct. 5-6 - 19th Annual Auto Swap Meet, UNM Football Stadium Lot in Albuquerque.

Oct. 5 or 6 - possible run to Glorietta Mesa. Charlie and Joel will let you know.

Oct. 11 - October meeting at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 7PM. Hosted by the Kennicots.

Oct. 12 or 13 - possible run to Glorietta Mesa. Charlie and Joel will let you know.

Oct. 16-20 - Hole in the Rock/Hotel Rock. This will be led by Bob Telepak. Call him for details.

Oct. 19-20 - Pecos Overnight Run, Joel and Charlie Wilson will lead a run in the mountains east of Pecos. The trail is easy to moderate. We will ford the Pecos river, and the fall colors should be spectacular in the high country. Bring water and food for 2 days and equipment for Jeep-camping along the trail. Meet at 9am on Saturday at Exit 290 (US 285 South) on I-25 east of Santa Fe.

Nov. 16 - Trail clearing in the Jemez. Charlie and Joel are leading this. Meet at 44 & 528 at 8:30am. Bring cutting tools.

Nov. 28 - Dec. 1 - Box Canyon/Woodpecker Run in Arizona. This run will be led by Rob. More details to follow.

Feb. 20-23, 1997 - SWFWDA Winter Meeting in Las Cruces. Details in next Drive Lines.

Secretary's Report:

I need trip reports by the 25th of the month for me to get it in the next Trail Tales.

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The following people are no longer club members. They have to start over and earn the necessary points:

Dan & Megan Behl

Mike Brown

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If any of these people ask you why they are not getting the Trail Tales, tell them they are no longer members of the club. Have them call me or Sue Brady for details.

Treasurer's Report:

It was reported that we have \$1682.82 in the bank.

Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report:

The big thing going on right now is the Utah Land Grab. The Escalante Canyons National Monument is going to become a reality. This is where President Clinton takes 1.7 million acres of Southern Utah away from us. We need to have our voices heard in D.C. Bob Telepak has some good information he had passed out at the last meeting on how to call the people that are supposed to work for us. Use this! If you need info or help, call Bob or myself.

Historian's Report:

No report.

New Business

Cuidando Los Ninos only gets donations through United Way.

The Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church lets us use the room for meetings at no charge. Maybe the club should make a donation to the church.

Correspondence

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Cliffhangers - Farmington, NM

The Oklahoma Trailchasers - Oklahoma City, OK

San Antonio Jeep Exclusive - San Antonio, TX

Cavern City Four Wheelers - Carlsbad, NM

West Texas Outlaws - Amarillo, TX

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Happy Birthday/Anniversary

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Rob Ahlbrandt

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Trail Tales

Official Newsletter of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers
October 11, 1996 Meeting Minutes

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Nov. 2-3 - Glorieta Mesa. This run is CANCELLED due to the weather.

Nov. 8 - Meeting. Zahns hosting.

Nov. 16 - Trail clearing in the Jemez. Charlie and Joel are leading this. Meet at 44 & 528 at 8:30am. Bring cutting tools.

Nov. 23 - Sledgehammer/Jackhammer. Pat Brady and Mark Werkmeister will be leading this run. For more info, contact them.

Nov. 28 - Dec. 1 - Box Canyon/Woodpecker Run in Arizona. This run has been POSTPONED.

Dec. ??? - Christmas Tree Run. Need a trip leader. Carol will be getting the permits.

Dec. 13 - Meeting. Christmas Party and potluck.

Jan. 10 - Meeting. Kevin McTavish hosting.

Feb. 14 - Meeting. Guy Conway hosting.

Feb. 20-23 - SWFWDA Winter Meeting in Las Cruces. Details in next Drive Lines.

Mar. 14 - Bob Pessetto hosting.

Apr. 11 - Werkmeisters hosting.

NOTE

The winter meetings are held at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Wyoming and Academy. The hosts provide the drinks and snacks.

11 Oct 96 Meeting Minutes:

The following guests were present at the meeting: Scott Peake; Paul O'Brien; Pat Slattery.

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark Werkmeister; Mark & Joan Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Scott, Doris, Jennifer, & Matthew Brunwasser; Carol Kennicot; Tom Hurt; Michele Reed; Charlie Wilson; Paul & Mary Thompson; Garry Brown; Rob Spearman & Diane Oliver; Kevin McTavish; Robert Pessetto; Arne Gjerner; Bob Telepak; Jason & Hiromi Martinez; Fernando Fernandez; Joe Cushing; Tahoe Zahn; Guy Conway.

The following people were voted in as new members: Scott O'Brien; Jeremy Martinez.

President's Report:

Well folks, I just got back from a great meeting in Cloudcroft, NM! It was about a "Rails-to-Trails" group that is in the process of re-establishing a railroad bed as a trail for all to use and enjoy! Granted they are strictly using the trail as a hiking trail, but many realize the need for parts of these railbeds to be opened to motorized use. I was really impressed with the work they had done and the spectacular views this railbed offered. I was lucky enough to get a map showing all the abandoned railbeds around the state. This was given out by a fellow named Fred Freidman of the State Transportation Department. Fred is interested in capturing these historic routes and utilizing them as motorized and non-motorized routes. When he learned of my affiliation, he asked me if our form of recreational users would be interested in working to capture one of these routes. I told him "yes" without even thinking about it!

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ALUMINUM CANS

Our club saves and recycles aluminum cans. Bring your aluminum cans to each meeting, and Sue Brady will take them to the recycling center. Money from sale of the cans goes into our club treasury.

SCRAPBOOKS

Historian Bonnie Owen is in need of pictures or videos taken on events sponsored or attended by the New Mexico 4-Wheelers. If you have some good pictures or videos you can part with, please let Bonnie have them for our scrapbooks.

NOTE TO NON-MEMBERS: If you've been receiving the Trail Tales but have not attended a meeting or run, you may have noticed a number beside your name on the mailing label. We send the Trail Tales to prospective members for three months, and we number them. When you see a "3" by your name, that should alert you that you'll be dropped from our mailing list unless we hear from you. Visitors are always welcome at any New Mexico 4-Wheelers event or outing. So check us out!

MEETINGS

Starting in October, meetings are held the second Friday at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy (East of Wyoming) at 7:00 PM. The church loans us the Senior High Room. We are reminded that this is a church and we must act accordingly (e.g., no smoking or drinking). We must remain in the Senior High Room and should not wander throughout the church. Children must stay with their parents at all times.

Articles and planned events should be submitted to Trail Tales, 4305 Snowden Ct. Rio Rancho, NM. 87124 as far in advance as possible. This newsletter is mailed on the 1st day of each month. Information should be received by the 25th of the previous month to insure publication.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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New address: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

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There was also talk about a statewide coalition forming to work towards mapping, detailing, maintaining, and working with the Governor's Appointed Board of trail commissioners. These commissioners are charged with distributing Federal funds for trails through the National Recreation Trails Fund Act (Symms Act). The group voted unanimously to meet in about six months to write a charter and figure out what needs to be done next. You will be hearing more from me on this and you can count on me asking for volunteers to support this group.

Which reminds of something I heard the other day from one of our members. The member told me that they had been talking to a friend in another part of the state and mentioned that they were joining our group. The friend said ... "You're hanging around with the New Mexico 4 Wheelers? Wow! Those guys are a bunch of hard cores!" That got me to thinking. What does that reputation mean and how does it affect our current members? We all know how lucky we are to have a couple of truly dedicated and fanatical 4 wheelers. They have done much to bring exposure to our group and our state. But, I believe every member needs to be known as an enthusiastic and dedicated 4 wheeler with multiple interest in trails! I love rock crawling, but I love the great outdoors in all types of terrain!

If you missed out on the Wilson's run to the Pecos, you missed the kind of 4 wheeling this club needs more of! It was easy for us jaded types, but it was fun and scenic. The more experienced drivers help and teach those in less equipped vehicles how to be easier on their vehicle. Which in turn means "Treading lightly"! Those with less experience usually apply more gas instead of more finesse, because that's how they do it on television! The more experienced drivers help them out by showing them how to 'do it' easier without the gas pedal.

Where are all those who don't have the kind of equipment it takes to do serious rock crawling? Why aren't you planning and leading trips for the rest of the group to enjoy? I'm here to tell you that all of us rock crawlers like to take these less damage prone trips to check out some new modification and/or to just go outdoors in the back country and have some fun around the

campfire! Call Joel and Charlie Wilson with your ideas. Just remember that their job is to organize these runs into a calendar, NOT TO DO ALL THE PRE-RUNNING AND LEADING! They need your help and we are running out of time to enjoy the countryside we have left! (End of soapbox clamoring!)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jason and Romi, married (ever so quietly) in May. If you weren't invited, don't feel bad--nobody was! It was a small family wedding at the Martinez residence. They honeymooned in Hawaii where they got in some snorkeling, sightseeing, and probably *other* activities. Best wishes to Jason and Romi.

To Scott and Rana Peake, on the birth of Hayden Richard, born September 12, 1996. Hayden was a healthy 8 lb. 3 oz. Jacob likes his new little brother. Now Scott and Rana will have a Jeepful of four-wheelers. Will a 1997 Expedition be next?

Vice President's Report:

The Sheriff didn't have much to say.

Garry Brown led the prosecution in fining our beloved Sheriff for his "escapades" at Four Hills.

Program Chairman's Report:

We still have some of the old patches. We need to sell them.

Trip Chairman's Report:

Charlie and Joel are working on an Adopt-a-Trail somewhere on Glorietta Mesa.

Charlie is also working on a Adopt-a-Highway between Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

It was put out that trail leaders are needed for the Winter Meeting in Las Cruces. If anyone has a burning desire to lead a trail, stand up and be counted. Remember, the scenery never changes unless you are the leader.

Trip Reports:

The run to Manzano led by Paul Caleca had 8 vehicles.

The Cibola Search and Rescue four wheel drive training session had a good turn out.

Hole-in-the-Rock: by Bob Telepak

This trip took place October 17-20, 1996. On the trip were Bob Telepak (leader), Bob Norton, Paul Thompson, Charles Rushing, and his father Charlie Rushing, Sr.

We met in Blanding, UT the morning of Oct. 17th. Unfortunately, Paul's Wrangler had been broken into the night before and several items stolen from his center console lockbox as well as his CB radio. He was able to buy a new radio.

We drove to Comb Wash and ran the Hotel Rock trail. All 4 vehicles had lockers front and rear so had no troubles. Explored Hotel Rock and had lunch there. We then visited a mine site a few miles south of Fry Canyon off Hwy. 95. This site has some very fine malachite and azurite ore samples, some of which we collected.

We then proceeded down Hwy. 276 and camped at the abandoned halftrack SE of the airport on the Nokai Dome road. Charles cooked a truly wonderful beef roast with vegetables in a Dutch oven. We all got obscenely full and retired for the night.

Friday Oct 18th we started out down the historic Hole-in-the-Rock trail, made by the Mormon pioneers in 1869-70. It was about 32 miles from our campsite to the end of the trail. This trail is generally considered to be the most remote trail in the 48 states. There is no help or services for many, many miles.

There are several challenging descents and ascents. These are mostly over rather large rocky areas, but there is also some soft sand. The trip was without problem except for when Bob Telepak got his narrow-track '81 CJ-5 rather tippy because he did not stop and scout out a slickrock ascent that had a rather deep hole not visible as you drove up it. Some members of a motorcycle group we had met earlier helped hold down the "up" side as he winched and drove himself toward Paul's Wrangler in a safer position.

We got to the end of the trail just after sunset and found 7 empty vehicles of a Mormon party that had hiked down to Lake Powell and were spending the night on 2 houseboats. BBQed steaks and got obscenely full (again) before retiring for the night.

Morning brought the sun, and the Mormons, who had hiked back up from the lake. They took off in their 7 rather stock vehicles. It seems they may "like" to do this trail in rather marginal vehicles. The difficulty they have with it reminds them of their pioneer relatives who had such a hard time for 6 months back in 1869-70.

We hiked down the "little" Hole-in-the-Rock and saw some of the dugways they had constructed and saw some of the rope and cable deep grooves they had caused while using pulleys and winches to pull themselves up.

On the way back we stopped to view the "big bend" of the San Juan River, quite impressive. We also met a group of 4-wheelers with very set-up vehicles coming in. In that group was a TJ with the Mepco coil spring lift and 4:1 Np-231 conversion. Also in the group was Patrick Fagen, the designer of the 4:1 system and his Cherokee with a 6 inch lift, 33" tires, and the 4:1. He can sell that system (he says) several hundred \$ LESS than Mepco AND is about to come out with a 4:1 conversion for the Dana 300 transfer case! If you are interested, call him at 801-641-1421, or e-mail at apfagen@sisna.com on the Internet.

Everything went smoothly - until - Charles broke off the lower front control arm mount from the front axle on his '96 Cherokee. We were able to "field-fix" it with a choker chain from his front Tomken bumper to the axle to keep it from moving backward while braking and going forward. He made it back to Albuquerque with this fix without problem.

Bob Telepak & Bob Norton went on to Moab that night and ran into a really bad snowstorm (read "blizzard") at about 7000 ft near Monticello, UT. They tried to run the Strike Ravine trail the next day but were stopped by snow and ice, so gave up and returned to Albuquerque.

Secretary's Report:

I need trip reports by the 25th of the month for me to get it in the next Trail Tales.

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My phone # is: 505-896-4244

My e-mail address is:
scott_brunwasser@ccm.rr.intel.com

Treasurer's Report:

It was reported that we have \$1721.43 in the bank.

A donation of \$100.00 was given to the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

SWFWDA was paid our dues.

Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report:

At the last meeting, I reported that the State of Utah was suing the Federal Government. While on the Hole-in-the-Rock trail trip, reported elsewhere in this newsletter, I learned more about this situation.

Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt (definitely NOT a friend of 4-wheelers) had instructed the BLM to carry out a re-survey of Utah for consideration of additional lands to declare as Wilderness. This is the direct result of the Utah Wilderness Association (sponsor of HR-1500 that would make 5.7 MILLION acres Wilderness, in addition to what is already Wilderness), the Southern Utah Wilderness Association (SUWA), and the Sierra Club's desires that not enough of Utah has been closed to ALL traffic.

The Utah Counties Association and the State of Utah lead by Gov. Mike Leavitt is suing the Federal Government to stop this. In addition, Secretary Babbitt has instructed the BLM that any 2-track roads in the areas under re-survey, would NOT be considered "roads" for Wilderness purposes.

The Utah counties, especially San Juan County in the extreme Southeastern corner of the state

have taken exception to this. San Juan County is attempting with their very limited budget to post many of these roads with county signs and to "blade" them with a grader, to make them into better than "2-track" roads and hence protect them. There have been some confrontations reminiscent of the "Monkey Wrench Gang" and "Hayduke Lives" books by the author Edward Abbey (all of you really should read these books, they are great!). Some 'greens' have tried to block the grader crews and been hauled off by the local sheriff.

This is truly a sad state of affairs. The 'greens' claim they are trying to 'save' these areas for everyone. Actually, if successful, NO one will be able to visit and enjoy them except hikers, and even thier accessibility is threatened.

As environmental officer of the NM 4-Wheelers, I urge you to take a few minutes to write or FAX or e-mail your support to the Utah governor and congressmen to fight Bruce Babbitt and the BLM re-survey of Utah lands. Here is who to contact. Remember, short, 1 paragraph letters or e-mail are what is best. Write to:

Governor Mike Leavitt

210 State Capitol

Salt Lake City, UT 84114

FAX 801-538-1500

e-mail: governor@email.state.ut.us

Senator Robert Bennett

phone: 202-224-5444

FAX: (in UT) 801-524-5730

e-mail: senator@bennett.senate.gov

Senator Orrin Hatch

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Representative James Hansen

phone: 202-225-0453

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e-mail: none

Representative William Orton

phone: 202-225-7751

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e-mail ortonut3@hr.house.gov

Let them know you support their efforts to block Bruce Babbitt's re-survey by the BLM and denial of 2-track road existence!

Bob Telepak

Environmental Affairs Officer

Historian's Report:

No report.

New Business:

The Christmas Tree Run is coming up. Carol is going to get the permits for the trees. We need a volunteer to lead this run.

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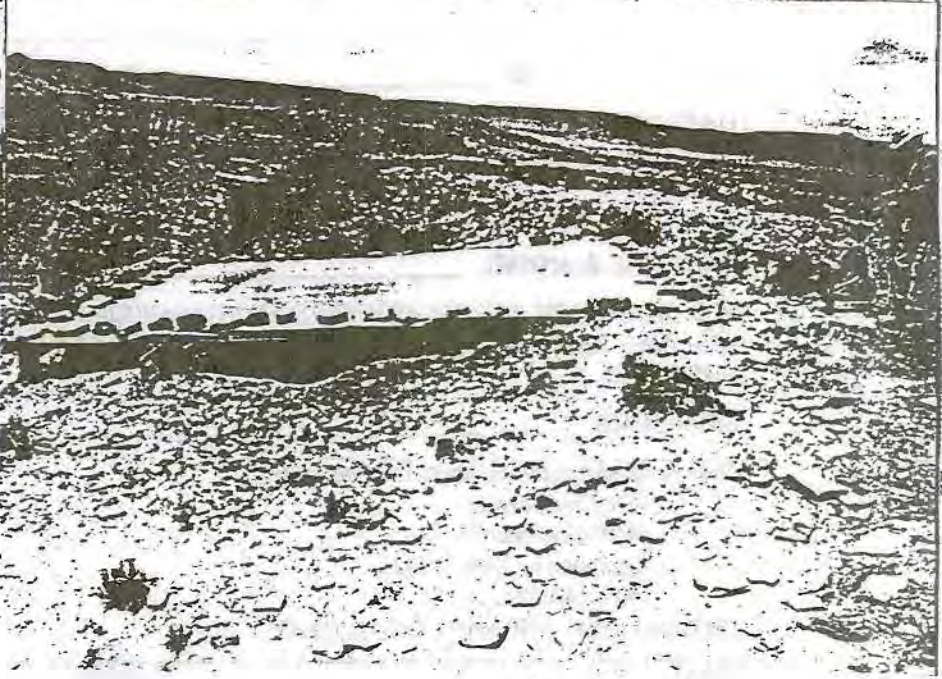
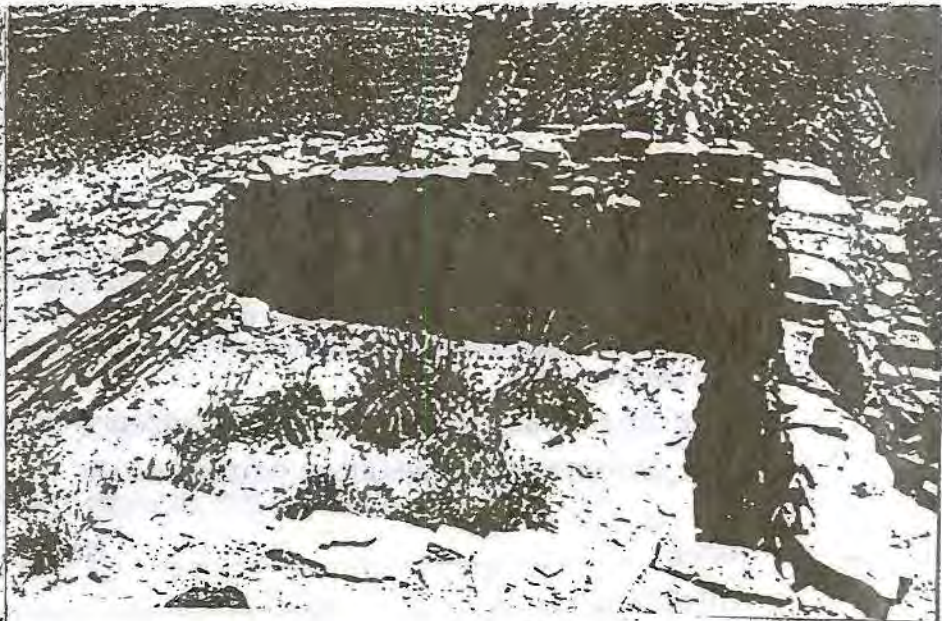
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Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak up because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Catholics and I was a Protestant so I didn't speak up.

Then they came for ME... by that time there was no one to speak up for anyone."

Signed by Pastor Niemoller at the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany, Oct 1945.

Declaration of Guilt for the 1990's

"In California, the Extreme Environmentalist first took small pieces of land and I did not speak up because I didn't use them.

Then they took the Beaches and again I did not speak up because I never went to the Beach.

Then they came for the Desert and I did not speak up because I didn't use the Desert.

Then they came for the Forest and I did not speak up because I'm not a logger.

Then they came for the rest of the Sierra's, and by this time no one was left to speak up, all of my friends had sold their vehicles, the only ones left were more Environmentalists".

By Don Klusman Nov 1994

MORAL OF THE STORY, GET INVOLVED AND SPEAK UP!



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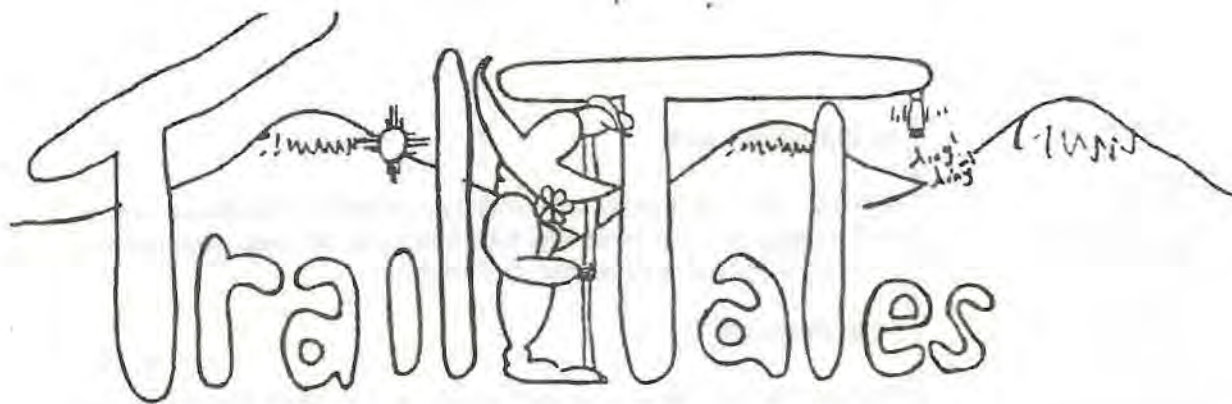
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November 8, 1996 Meeting Minutes

President's Report:

Did I get anybody thinking last month with my editorial on involvement? I think not! We had 6 members show up for the trail clearing. That's worse than disappointing. What gives here? Are we all resolved to just showing up at meetings and talking the talk rather than walking the walk? It's pretty frustrating! We need commitment from each member. That's what I was talking about. There are only a few that seem to do all the work! It's time to get involved and show your commitment! There is a lot of fun to be had!

Charlie is working hard to get attention from the Forest Service and BLM. When he gets the attention (and he's getting close!) we are going to need volunteers to help map, prepare proposals for maintenance, and work these trails. We are NOT going to set something up and then forget about it! We do not want to be called quitters. We need to get the attention of these agencies and maintaining that attention will be the hard part. It's going to take a committee to work each trail and/or agency to ensure we get our fair share of access. PLEASE talk to Charlie and ask questions about what we're getting into. We really need to do this type of activity to help out our cause. Your involvement is critical! For all of you members who work weekends, there are chances to go out during the week. Charlie will be going out sometime in December to look at a trail. Please think about going with him to see what is in store for us. You will get an education and exposure to what we're trying to do.

The raffle tickets for the Winter Quarterly meeting will be out the first part of December. NM4W WILL be the top seller again! RIGHT?!!

I have faith in all of you. I have gotten quite a few commitments for great prizes and more are on the way. I believe SUPERWINCH will donate an \$9000 winch and Warn will donate some great prizes as well. There will also be some great tire prizes. I will have manufacturers there to display their goods also. You don't want to miss out this year. It promises to be a great year!

Christmas Party and December meeting
12/13/96:

The December meeting is our traditional Christmas party at the Heights Presbyterian Church on Academy and Moon, NE. Everyone bring a dish to share with all. We have some silverware and plates, so you shouldn't have to bring a lot of that stuff. Mostly bring a serving spoon for your dish and something substantial to eat from if you like to get serious. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A GIFT EXCHANGE. This is a gift for a man or woman, not to exceed \$10. We bring all the gifts and put them together and then exchange them. Those who bring something will participate. This is voluntary and if you don't want, you don't have to participate. Please come along to wish your fellow club members well at this special time of the season. If you can't make it, I and all the club members wish you a great Christmas and New Year! We hope to see some of you we haven't seen in a while real soon.

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ALUMINUM CANS

Our club saves and recycles aluminum cans. Bring your aluminum cans to each meeting, and Sue Brady will take them to the recycling center. Money from sale of the cans goes into our club treasury.

SCRAPBOOKS

Historian Bonnie Owen is in need of pictures or videos taken on events sponsored or attended by the New Mexico 4-Wheelers. If you have some good pictures or videos you can part with, please let Bonnie have them for our scrapbooks.

NOTE TO NON-MEMBERS: If you've been receiving the Trail Tales but have not attended a meeting or run, you may have noticed a number beside your name on the mailing label. We send the Trail Tales to prospective members for three months, and we number them. When you see a "3" by your name, that should alert you that you'll be dropped from our mailing list unless we hear from you. Visitors are always welcome at any New Mexico 4-Wheelers event or outing. So check us out!

MEETINGS

Starting in October, meetings are held the second Friday at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy (East of Wyoming) at 7:00 PM. The church loans us the Senior High Room. We are reminded that this is a church and we must act accordingly (e.g., no smoking or drinking). We must remain in the Senior High Room and should not wander throughout the church. Children must stay with their parents at all times.

Articles and planned events should be submitted to Trail Tales, 4305 Snowden Ct. Rio Rancho, NM. 87124 as far in advance as possible. This newsletter is mailed on the 1st day of each month. Information should be received by the 25th of the previous month to insure publication.

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Mail to: Trail Tales, 4305 Snowden Ct. Rio Rancho, NM 87124, or call Scott Brunwasser at 896-4244 and give him the change over the phone.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Dec. 7 - Christmas Tree Run (Easy). Mark Werkmeister will be the leader. Meet at Union 76 at 8:30am or at 44 & 528 at 9:00am. The areas of preference are 2B, 2D, and 2A.

Dec. 13 - Meeting. Christmas Party. Members please bring finger food. The club will provide the drinks. There will be a gift exchange: men bring gifts for men; women bring gifts for women; kids will exchange gifts with other kids.

Dec. 14 - Snow Run to the Pecos area (Moderate to hard, depending on the amount of snow). The Wilsons will be leading this run. More details at the Dec. meeting.

Dec. 28-29 - Pre-run to Las Cruces. Need volunteers to lead the following runs: Broad Canyon (M), San Diego Mtns.(M), Doña Ana Mtns.(E,M,H), Box Canyon(M), Wolf's Run - Guardian (Spectator Runs). Contact Mark Werkmeister for more details.

Jan. 10 - Meeting. Kevin McTavish hosting.

Jan. 25 - Volunteer work at Los Niños. Contact Sue Brady for details.

Feb. 14 - Meeting. Guy Conway hosting.

Feb. 20-23 - SWFWDA Winter Meeting in Las Cruces. Details in next Drive Lines.

Mar. 8 - Run to the Guadalupe Ruins. This will be led by the Bradys.

Mar. 14 - Bob Pessetto hosting.

Apr. 11 - Werkmeisters hosting.

Aug. ??? - SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Farmington. Look for details in the Drive Lines.

NOTE

The winter meetings are held at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Wyoming and Academy. The hosts provide the drinks and snacks.

The following guests were present at the meeting: Eric Plummer; Loren Coy; Doug Phillips; Sean MacLeod; Jeffrey Lee; Michele Bove & Scott Thornton.

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark, Debra, & Jennifer Werkmeister; Mark & Joan Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Scott & Doris Brunwasser; Michele Reed; Charlie & Joel Wilson; Paul Thompson; Rob Spearman & Diane Oliver; Kevin McTavish; Robert Pessetto; Arne Gjerner; Bob Telepak; Jason Martinez; Fernando Fernandez; Tahoe Zahn; Alan & Marty Gilmore; Kevin Cox; Robert Dodseresht; Scott O'Brien; Stella Sierra.

The following person was voted in a new member: Ruben Martinez.

Vice President's Report:

No report.

Program Chairman's Report:

We still have some of the old patches. We need to sell them.

Trip Chairman's Report:

Pecos Camp-Out, by Joel Wilson

On Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20, seven vehicles met at I-25 and US-285 for a camping trip in the Pecos area of the Santa Fe National Forest. Attending were Charlie and Joel Wilson, Trae and Shay Mead, Mark and Joan Wolf, Robert Pessetto, Pat and Sue Brady, David Flemingwood (Sandia), and Robert Dodseresht.

At 9:15 we left on I-25 east for San Jose. There we fueled up, aired down, and locked in. The first point of interest was the Pecos River ford. The 50 foot wide river was about a foot and a half deep this time, but it can be three. Next was a bumpy road to an optional hillclimb. The climb was a short set of small ledges that everyone tried and made, though not without some trouble. Mark's hubs weren't engaging at first but quickly locked in on their own. Then it

was Robert's turn. His tires weren't aired down and his Wrangler's swaybar was connected. Not wanting to unbolt it, one person went to each tire and proceeded to air it down. With some spotting and rock placing, he was up in no time.

The rest of the road to camp was easy but rough, although a few eroded spots provided small ledges, chances to straddle ruts, and some sidehills. The trees were extra green from the excessive rain we've been having, but we missed the best of the fall colors.

The first possible campsite was decidedly pretty but too windy. The second site was better protected so we stayed there in the trees at the outskirts of a meadow. The only problem with it was that the road down was narrow and brushy, so Mark with tears in his eyes had to break in his new paint job, and everyone received a healthy dose of NM pinstriping. At this point, David left for a Sandia club run on Sunday, while everyone else setup camp. It was only 2:30, so we all took a 3 hour excursion down the east side of the mountains to some Hispanic pueblo ruins. I found a small arrowhead and on the way back Sue found an old hammer (lucky, lucky). The final point of interest was a steep climb on the way back to the ridge, and everyone made it under his own power. That night there was some lightening and light rain along with strong winds. It felt cold but it didn't freeze.

The following morning we left at 9:30. Some of the aspens we passed were still slightly yellow, and one little canyon we drove through was particularly green. A few dirt berms and eroded ditches later we were at the lunch spot, an old stone house ruin. A few more bumps and washed out ruts and we were back to the river ford and San Jose.

Everyone enjoyed the trip and some commented on having a snow run in Pecos which is a good idea. As of the following Monday about a foot of snow had fallen in the mountains, so there may be a snow run sooner than I thought.

Secretary's Report:

I need trip reports by the 25th of the month for me to get it in the next Trail Tales.

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Treasurer's Report:

It was reported that we have \$1764.28 in the bank.

Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report:

ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE UPDATE

by Bob Telepak

In the last newsletter and at the meeting I told you about the lawsuit the State of Utah and the Utah Counties Association had pending against Bruce Babbitt and the BLM to halt Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt's re-survey of Utah lands for inclusion as Wilderness. The Utah Wilderness Association (UWA) and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) had influenced Babbitt to disregard a previous BLM survey and re-survey Utah to get all of the 5.7 MILLION acres listed in House Resolution HR-1500 for complete wilderness status (no roads, no vehicles of any type not even bicycles, only hiking).

Finally, the GOOD GUYS WON, BIG TIME!!!! On Friday November 15th Federal District judge Benson in Salt Lake City issued an injunction against Babbitt and the BLM to stop all re-inventory work until after the case is finally decided on merits. This will be sometime in 1997.

The lawyers for Utah and the Utah Counties won on ALL of the important points: 1) Babbitt lacks the authority to conduct the wilderness re-survey because his authority expired under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act

September 1996

Dear *New Mexico Four Wheelers*,

Thought I would include a letter with my dues. How is everyone doing? We are all doing fine here in Germany! We only have another eight months left here and are looking forward to getting back to the states. We have put Mt. Home AFB, Idaho as our first choice. Kirtland AFB is our second choice. We should know where we will be going in January, so we will keep you informed. No matter where we go we look forward to seeing you in 1997. We won't be there til June so we will miss Moab Easter Jeep Safari 1997, but are looking forward to being at 1998's Safari.

I doesn't seem like we have been gone for four years! The kids have really grown though. JoAnna will be 12 in March, Deidra just turned 9, and Bryan will be 7 in Febuary. Trying to get them all in the Land Cruiser is going to be a lot harder. Bryan is really into four wheeling even though I dought that he remebers to much about it. He was only 3 when we left. He gets a kick out of the video's and says he remebers, but I dought it.

Well soon long for now! Happy Four Wheeling! Tell Tahoe to write.

Keep All Four Up,

Greg
Greg, Tina, JoAnna, Deidra, and Bryan

(FLPMA); 2) even if Babbitt had the authority (which he didn't), he failed to follow the parts of the law that require notice and comment by the public prior to carrying out the re-survey; 3) the plaintiffs (the State of Utah, the Association of Counties, and School Lands Trust) have suffered irreparable harm because of the advantage that Babbitt has in making decisions about wilderness characteristics prior to allowing the plaintiffs the opportunity to be involved.

Several days before this court decision the Sierra Club announced that a negative decision was very likely, but that they would "fight on". The government now has 60 days to decide whether they should appeal this preliminary injunction or just go to the permanent injunction hearing in 1997.

This was a very significant victory for those of us who are pro-environment, yet anti-closure of existing roads. The Federal Government is DIS-inclined to make judgments against itself! You have to have a very strong case to win in such a court battle. That is exactly what happened. Bruce Babbitt has been operating outside of the government's own laws. This is also a states' rights issue that the government can't push a state around any way they want. All of the other states where land use issues are involved are very interested in the outcome of this case.

In coming newsletters I will try to give you some guidelines for how to appropriately challenge authority, especially with regard to closure of roads that have been arbitrarily closed by the BLM or Forest Service.

Historian's Report:

No report.

SWFWDA Delegate's Report:

Mark Werkmeister and Bob Norton attended the SWFWDA's Fall Meeting in Clayton, OK.

Sam Purl was elected as the United Delegate.

The Summer Meeting was approved to be held in Farmington.

Several SWFWDA By-Law amendments were discussed.

United has an insurance deal for all of the associations and clubs. It will be about \$2.50 per United member.

New Business:

Paul Thompson informed us that a guy who makes a 4:1 gearset for the 231 is willing to give us a deal. Contact Paul if you are interested.

The Bradys are planning a run to the Guadalupe Ruins on Mar. 8.

We were told that roads are disappearing off of Forest Service maps. This is a convenient way for roads to be taken from us. If you have any old maps, keep them. We might need them to fight to keep our roads.

There will be a pre-run to Las Cruces on Dec. 28-29. Volunteers are needed to lead runs during the Winter Meeting. The trails are: Broad Canyon (M), San Diego Mtns.(M), Doña Ana Mtns.(E,M,H), Box Canyon(M), Wolf's Run - Guardian (Spectator Runs). Contact Mark Werkmeister for more details.

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Old Business:

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Tahoe has volunteered to be our liaison for the Adopt-a-Highway.

Charlie and Joe are working on an Adopt-a-Trail in the Española Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest.

Up in Taos, the BLM wants to start establishing trails. This is good news for us.

Correspondence:

Every month I receive newsletters from various clubs in the Association. I have them if you would like to see them. I also mail one of our newsletters to all of the clubs in the Association. I have received newsletters from the following clubs this month:

Frontier Four Wheelers, Oklahoma

If you send the New Mexico 4-Wheelers a copy of your newsletter, please send them to me, Scott Brunwasser, 4305 Snowden Ct., Rio Rancho, NM 87124

For Sale/Wanted:

If you have anything for sale or are looking for that something special, let me know and I will put it in the newsletter.

JKS Swaybar Disconnects for a stock Wrangler - \$50.00. Call Scott - 896-4244

Willys parts for sale - if you have a Willys, I have the part you need. I have parts for an M38

and a CJ3A. I have enough parts to just about build the M38. Call Scott 896-4244

Jeep parts for sale: Electromotive EFI for 258. CARB approved; '79 258 CID engine, runs; Stock front drive shaft for '79 CJ-7; Tomkin front shackles for YJ; Misc spares for '79 258. Priced to sell. Make me an offer. Garry Brown 298-1303.

'74 CJ5 - Totally rebuilt from frame up during '94-'95. New stainless steel dash w/new gauges, air lockers, dual batteries, winch, etc...\$10,000 firm. Dick Yokshus 293-1968

2 - 4.88 Toyota ring and pinions for Toyota 4 cyl. 8.0" diffs, less than 6,000 miles old w/pinion bearings and shims. \$200.00. Call Jason at 892-9411

Jeep Cherokee XJ parts - 4.5" lift coils, HD upper control arms, HD angled lower control arms, urethane bushings, rear add-a-leafs, 1" lift block and 1" lift shackles, extended braided steel brake lines (front & rear), all for \$300.00. Roll bar kit for 76-86 CJ5/7. Air compressor kit and gauges for RS-9000's. Call Jason at 892-9411.

Bronco Hard Top - for an early Bronco. \$500.00. Call Rob Spearman.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS, INC.

New Mexico 4-Wheelers is a non-profit club whose primary purpose is to provide social, educational, and recreational activities related to the sport of "Four Wheeling" for its members. To be eligible for membership, you must accumulate 5 points. Membership is \$30.00 per family per year, pro-rated for new members. Associate membership for our out-of-town members who cannot attend regularly is \$12.00 per year, also pro-rated.

I (WE) WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS:

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SWFWDA JACKET PATCHES	\$4.00 each		
SWFWDA DECALS	\$5.00 EACH		
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TOTAL			

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