



# Trail Tales



Official Newsletter of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers  
December 13, 1996 Meeting Minutes

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**Jan. 10 - Meeting. Adult Wing Rm.407.** Kevin McTavish hosting.

**Jan. 12 - Jaws of Death** - This trail has not yet been rated. Berry Harrison will be leading. Meet at Union 76 @ 8 am.

**Jan. 18 & 19 - Las Cruces Pre-Run.** Level of difficulty depends on which trail you do. Contact Mark Werkmeister for details.

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

**Feb. 7 - Meeting. Adult Wing Rm.403.** Guy Conway hosting.

**Feb. 15 & 16 - Chokecherry Canyon. (Hard)** Mark Werkmeister will be leading a trip to Chokecherry Canyon the weekend before the Winter Meeting, February 15 & 16. We will meet in the north parking lot of the San Juan Community College at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Plans are to do the Waterfall, Beaver Falls, and The Intimidator trails.

**Feb. 20-23 - SWFWDA Winter Meeting in Las Cruces.** Level of difficulty depends on which trail you do. Details in next Drive Lines.

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

**Mar. 14 - Meeting. Adult Wing Rm.403.** Bob Pessetto hosting.

**Apr. 11 - Meeting. Adult Wing Rm.407.** 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: Jeffrey Lee; Miche Bové & Scott Thornton; Alex Garcia; Mark & Liz Ardisana; Mary Langley; Vince Ramer.

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark & Joan Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Scott & Doris Brunwasser; Michele Reed; Charlie & Joel Wilson; Paul & Mary Thompson; Rob Spearman & Diane Oliver; Kevin McTavish; Arne Gjerner; Bob Telepak; Tahoe Zahn; Jack & Stella Sierra; Trae Mead; Phil & Carol Kennicot; Tom Hurt; Guy Conway; Bob Norton; Charles Rushing; Mark Harrison; Sam & Teresa C de Baca; Derren & Bonnie Owen; Berrett & Deborah Harrison.

## President's Report:

Hi, Folks! I hope all had a marvelous holiday and that Santa brought all those off-road goodies you wished for. I should soon be finished with my 4.3 engine conversion and that is my present. I got what I wanted! I decided I would not write any "Scathing editorials" this month as most now know how I feel about participation! I believe I was very clear!

If you will remember at the last meeting we decided to give out a little monetary prize to who wrote the most letters in a three month period

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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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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.

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based upon Bob Telepak's suggestion. I believe we decided to give 1/2 the entire raffle take for the appropriate meeting to whoever the winner was. The rules were that you had to bring some sort of proof that you wrote the letters. Well, well!! An anonymous donor has upped the ante! We now have \$100 to give out over the year for the winner! We can split it up 4 ways to represent each three month period. Letter writing is very serious and immediately necessary, especially with people like Bruce Babbitt in a powerful position. Everyone has now been challenged to write letters expressing your opinions about land closures, vehicle modifications, Clunker Bills or whatever related the Four Wheel Drive Sport! Let's make this a fun and yet serious attempt to get in gear!

Are we all ready for Las Cruces? I have the raffle tickets for everyone. I will be sending out tickets to those I did not see at the December meeting. I have a slew of great prizes and the top prize is an \$9000 Superwinch. More prizes are in the works. I have made a list that Derren has at his shop. I will try to reconstruct the list and send out copies to those who didn't pick up tickets yet. If you want a copy, E-mail here at work or telephone me. Mark did not get a lot of participation at the first pre-run to Las Cruces. No one called him and he did not know who was going. Please contact him for the second run to confirm your presence. He needs to coordinate who will be running what with the Las Cruces bunch. Your cooperation is critical. Thanks to those who went on the first run.

We need more trip leaders for the remainder of the year. Please contact Joel or Charlie and tell them what and when. There's a whole lot of 1997 that isn't filled yet. Oh! Don't forget!!! The February meeting is to be held at the Church on the FIRST Friday of the month. That's February 7th, but IN A DIFFERENT ROOM! See you there!

**Found** at the December 13 meeting: a men's grey tweed jacket. Call Mark Wolf to claim. 299-8212.

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## Vice President's Report:

Scott was fined \$1.00 for an alleged event that might have taken place.

Tom was fined \$0.50 for his escapades at 4 hills.

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## Program Chairman's Report:

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

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## Trip Chairman's Report:

### Getting Hammered, by Mark Werkmeister

Well, we finally did it. After being invited two years ago and trying without success to schedule the trip for the intervening two years, we finally were able to subject ourselves and our vehicles to THE HAMMERS. Yes, I am talking about the trails in the Johnson Valley OHV area in California that are discussed in hushed and reverent tones: Sledgehammer, Jackhammer, and the brand new Hell's Gate/Sunbonnet Pass trails.

Pat Brady, LP How, and myself left Albuquerque the Saturday morning before Thanksgiving for the long highway haul to the high desert above Palm Springs. We made a easy two days of it, going as far as Kingman, AZ on Saturday night and arriving in Yucca Valley, CA around noon on Sunday. We set up camp at the Black Rock Campground in nearby Joshua Tree National Park and unloaded the vehicles. That evening, our guide stopped by to make final arrangements. Our guide is a four wheeler of some note, none other than *4 Wheel Drive & Sport Utility* magazine editor, Phil Howell. We also met our other trail companions for the next three days. Shawn and Danni Gregory, owners of Tuffy Security Products, and Greg, the owner of a Land Rover accessories company, would be joining us on the trails. Shawn and Danni were driving a well-equipped Wrangler and Greg was driving a Defender 90 on 35" tires!

After packing away a hearty breakfast the next morning, we left for the trails. The trails are about twenty miles north and 2000 feet down from Yucca Valley. After airing down and psyching ourselves up, we headed up Sledgehammer Canyon. Much press has been

### **Getting Hammered,** (continued)

given to Sledgehammer, the first of the trails created by the Victor Valley 4-Wheelers in the Johnson Valley OHV area. Believe me, the pictures don't do it justice! Picture a rocky canyon, rockier than The Wolf's Run or the Guardian, on a grade that approaches 40 degrees in some sections. It just climbs, and climbs, and climbs! Bottom line: Great fun! We reached the halfway point on the trail without incident (except for a cut sidewall which we plugged) and headed into the second half of the trail. This section wasn't as steep but it contained some really tight turns and steep climbs. We finally ended up high on the ridge line with the rocky sections behind us! No damage! Not for long.....

On the way back, we took a route called the Fissure Mountain Trail (the Landers earthquake a few years ago was centered nearby) that was mostly easy climbs and ridge running. However, on the descent we hit a steep rocky off camber section. Too Long dropped off of a ledge and added a beauty mark courtesy of some nearby rocks. LP was jealous so he dropped off the same ledge and added a similar mark to his fresh, pristine paint! Oh well, we knew we were facing some of the most challenging rocks in the nation on this trip. The Defender had fared well but the driver had not. A previously injured back didn't like the rocks and he called it quits and headed home.

The next day, we were joined by Glenn Wakefield in his Samurai and we ran the brand new trail called Sunbonnet Pass. This is actually two linked trails that were first run by the public during the Fun in the Desert event in October. The first canyon was called Hell's Gate and it wasn't as steep as Sledgehammer the day before. It was, however, really tight and technical and wheel placement was the key to success. After topping out on a ridge, we faced the Devil's Slide. This is the STEEPEST, ROCKIEST, descent that we have even seen. If you don't like falling off a cliff, the pucker factor was really high. After reaching the bottom, we headed up the next canyon to Sunbonnet Pass. The Samurai had broken a rear spring and although Pat welded it back together, it didn't last long on the rocks before separating again and giving Glenn no end of trouble. One squeeze rock/climb in particular was difficult in dimensionally challenged

vehicles like a Scrambler or a Bronco. The yellow beast made it through unscathed but the Bronco received a rocker panel beating as it bounced its way through.

The third day was the big finale. We had requested to run them in order of difficulty and Phil had saved Jackhammer for last. This trail has changed from the original. There was a new descent down a difficult canyon instead of the old intersection with the Sledgehammer trail. Jackhammer is a wild one! Steep like Sledgehammer, tight and constricted like Sunbonnet, it tested us to the highest level yet. We reached the top relatively unscathed except for catching a front fender on the Scrambler. After lunch, we dropped (and the operative word here is "dropped") into the new descent. The trail is basically a canyon that has just enough rocks levered down into it to make it feasible (note that I did not say intelligent) to drive your vehicle down across the rubble field. This one was a beast!!! The Bronco started accumulating battle scars and near the bottom, took a hard hit to the door and door frame. LP, not to be outdone, smacked one of his half doors hard on the same rock that ravaged the Bronco. By the time we reached the bottom, we were happy to see the end of the rocks for the day.

We took it easy on Thanksgiving Day, sleeping in, sending the Tuffy crowd on their way. We spent time soaking in a hot spring before taking in a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant. The wind that had been plaguing the campsite the whole week was at it again Thursday evening, rocking the RV and rattling anything left outside.

Friday, we decided to take it a little easier and joined Phil and a friend on a trail through the Dale mining district. Very scenic and interesting old ruins for the mining history buffs among us. The wind howled all day (I rode with LP since he had a top along) and we were glad we were not in the canyons. LP left for Santa Fe when we got back Friday evening and Pat and I left early Saturday morning for home. We ended up driving the route home straight through since the weather was good and the traffic was still relatively light.

We went, we wheeled, we got hammered! I think this trip was the most fun that I have ever had on the trails and we will certainly return in a couple

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of years. The Johnson Valley OHV area has many more canyons and the Victor Valley folks are already hard at work on some new trails. Maybe next time, we can find a few more members who are aren't afraid of a little hammering!

### **Christmas Tree Cutting Run.** by Mark Werkmeister

On December 7th, the New Mexico 4-Wheelers went on their annual Christmas Tree cutting run. For those of you unfamiliar with the history of the club, this is without a doubt the longest running tradition in the club. There is evidence that the club has been making the annual run since 1958!

Back to the present. We had 13 vehicles on the run. If I have goofed up the spelling of any of these new names, bear with me. I took them straight off the sign-in sheet and some of the handwriting was a bit nebulous. Present were Mark Werkmeister, Pat & Sue Brady, Mark Harrison, Tom Hurt & Mark Wolf, Scott Thornton & Miche Bove', Ron Simkulet & Melissa Gaddis, Vince Ramer, Bob Norton, Barrett & Deborah Harrison, Matt & Laura & Andrea Davoli, Joe Cushing & Bev P., Tahoe Zahn, and Steve Gandia & Shaun McMahon.

We met at both the Highway 44/528 intersection and the Union 76 truck stop and after combining the groups, headed off to San Ysidro where we reassembled and sorted everyone out into their respective cutting areas. Everyone decided to visit Cutting Area B just off of FS 289 which happened to be the exact same area we cut in last year. The roads were snowy once we got off the pavement but not the snow was not very deep or overly slick.

We headed down to the dead-end of FS 288, parked the trucks, and headed up the slopes to find the perfect trees. Oh yeah, it should be mentioned that Bob Norton managed to slide off into the ditch and get himself pinned against a barbed wire fence. Rather than sacrificing his paint and the fence, he wisely succumbed to the dreaded strap. He we quickly free but did manage to relieve Barry of his long-held club cowbell for the incident.

Everyone that sought trees found a suitable specimen with Ron and Melissa narrowly beating out Mark Wolf for the "diminutive tree" award. After eating a lunch on the sunny, south facing slope amid much good nature banter, we all loaded up and headed back to town.

Is a 150 mile round trip worth it to get a "cheap" \$5.00 tree? It is when you enjoy the companionship and camaraderie of the best four wheeling club in the state!

### **Jemez Trail Clearing,** by Joel Wilson

On Saturday, November 16, seven 4x4s met at 8:30 AM at the intersection of NM 528 and NM 44 for a day of trail clearing in the snow. Attending were Charlie and Joel Wilson, Pat and Sue Brady, Berry and Kyle Harrison, Mark Wolf, Mark Werkmeister, Bert Allen, Pete Capper, Vince Ramer, and Tom Hurt.

We left around 9:00 AM for the treasure hunt area and found that it had in fact snowed a couple inches. We took the tunnel road with all the dirt berms up to the Peggy Mesa road, which we in turn followed to the trail to be cleared. No one had any troubles until the top of the tunnel road where there are some boulders one can optionally navigate. The first few vehicles made it fine, but by the time Vince, Berry, and Tom got there, it was "slicker than snot." People don't seem to learn from other's mistakes. Vince's Wrangler slid off the line and needed a push backward to get off. The big Scout proceeded to do the same thing, and being so heavy, was towed off. Then Tom came along in his five and got into the worst predicament of all when he slid off the rocks and became stuck on his front U-joint. But with proper rock placement and some all-out grunt from the men he was lifted and pushed off.

An hour later after driving through snow and fog so thick you couldn't see the vehicle in front of you, we arrived at the trail and commenced to clear it. It must have been near freezing and at lunch a few people lit up their stoves for a hot lunch. Nonetheless, a lot of work got done and the first mile or so of the trail is now clear. Because of the snow, getting back proved to be quite interesting. Wolfie decided he could back his Commando over a big berm for an easy turn-around. The only problem was that he took the

### **Jemez Trail Clearing, (continued)**

berm at an angle going forward but because of the snow slid perpendicular to it going back. But Berry towed him off in a second. Soon after the Land Rover Discovery became high centered on a berm and was pushed back off, but with more momentum the second time it was no problem. What was a problem for the Disco was a log farther up the trail. The log was perpendicular to the trail and when he slid off it the lower plastic part of the rocker panel was slightly damaged. So the log was moved and there were no more problems, even on a relatively steep section, until the group split up.

Berry, Bert, and Pete went home while the rest of us took off for more adventure. Mark Wolf took the lead and led us into progressively deeper snow. Then the road deteriorated and we had to cross an eroded ditch in multiple places. Everyone made the first crossing but the second was a problem. Here the ditch was 8 ft wide and 4 ft deep. Wolfie got the front of his Commando through but not the rear, then slid 10 ft sideways into a worse position yet where he couldn't back up. Fifteen feet away was a huge tree to winch on, but Mark still had not installed the winch he bought months ago. (Editor's note: Doesn't that deserve a fine!) Then Pat tried to cross the ditch to winch Mark forward, but he also got stuck when his front tires hit a snow-covered log. This was turning out to be a great day to get stuck! At this point I counted seven! Pat used his winch to get himself and Mark out, everyone else turned around (though not without trouble), and we all headed back. The day ended at 5:30 back at the pavement, and I think that everyone had a good time.

### **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 \$1160.20 in the bank.

### **Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report:**

There is a sub-group of the off-road list run by Del Albright that specifically addresses land use/road closures/etc. If you want to get on it, send the message "subscribe landuse" to majordomo@off-road.com.

Bob discussed the article in 4 Wheel Drive and Sport Utility about the UN and our National Parks.

### **Historian's Report:**

Bonnie is missing the Chokecherry video. Please return it.

If you have any pictures or videos, Bonnie is collecting them for the club scrapbook.

### **SWFWDA Delegate's Report:** by Mark Werkmeister

1. The Las Cruces Four Wheel Drive Club has accepted our offer to help with the trails for the Winter Meeting. Here is the tentative list of trail assignments for the club:

Thursday-

Wolf's Run - Mark Werkmeister, Pat Brady, LP How, Mark Wolf, Jim Werkmeister, Kevin Cutler.

Friday-

The Guardian - Mark Werkmeister, Pat Brady, LP How, Mark Wolf, Jim Werkmeister, Kevin Cutler.

Saturday-

Broad Canyon (Hard) - Mark Werkmeister, Pat Brady, LP How, Kevin Cutler.

Broad Canyon (Medium) - Jim Werkmeister.

Broad Canyon (Easy) - Jack Sierra, Michele Reed.

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Doña Ana Mountains (Medium) - Trae Mead.

San Diego Mountains - Mark Wolf, Kevin McTavish.

Box Canyon - Berry Harrison, Phil Kennicot.

This list may change a bit as they figure out how many trails they will need to keep everyone happy, but this should be pretty close.

The second NM4W pre-run for the Winter Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 18 & 19. You must make one of the pre-runs if you have volunteered to lead a trail. We will leave the Leasburg State Park campground at 9:00 a.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this is the campground up on the hill east of the river, not the Boy Scout camp where we camp for the Winter Meeting.

We could still use more trail help. Call Mark Werkmeister and let him know if you can help.

Also please call Mark and let him know if you are going on the pre-run so we can look for you in Las Cruces.

2. The Las Cruces Four Wheel Drive Club has asked the New Mexico 4-Wheelers to organize and staff the technical inspections (since they were our idea) for the Winter Meeting. These inspections will determine if vehicles have the minimum equipment necessary to successfully traverse the various trails. These minimum requirements are being spelled out in the issue of 4WDrive Lines that is coming out soon. We will need to figure out where, how, and by whom these inspections will take place. Remember, we are talking about roughly 200 vehicles that will need to be inspected. We need volunteers and lots of them!!!!

3. Mark Werkmeister will be leading a trip to Chokeycherry Canyon the weekend before the Winter Meeting, February 15 & 16. We will meet in the north parking lot of the San Juan Community College at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Plans are to do the Waterfall, Beaver Falls, and The Intimidator trails.

4. I suggest that the club take some of our "spare" money and consider donating it Blue Ribbon Coalition's new Legal Fund.

5. I suggest that the club take orders for "club Hats." These hats would have the same type of logo that is on our new patch. These will probably cost less than \$10.00.

## BLITZ '97: A Nationwide Multiple-Use Campaign

The time has come for the multiple-use community (4x4, ATV, mountain bikers, snowmobilers, motorcyclists, equestrians and anyone who enjoys our public lands and natural resources) to make a difference! January 1997 marks the beginning of "Blitz '97", a nationwide campaign designed to help us become a strong, unified and focused effort in the next few years. It will be one of the most significant impacts on public officials since the birth of the environmental movement (if you help).

I am the facilitator for this effort and would like to let you know what it means and how you can help. We have nearly 100 local, state, regional and national organizations already participating in the design and implementation of Blitz '97. We are an informal affiliation of people who are mostly tired of seeing our lands and activities managed through the voices of a vocal few. Blitz '97 is going to change all that.

We chose the slogan "Blitz '97" for specific reasons. Yes, it's possible for people who oppose our ideas to take shots at our slogan; but that doesn't concern us. In the dictionary, the word blitz means "a concentrated effort; an intensive campaign." In football, it means a sudden charge by a defensive backfield player through a gap in the opposing line. And yes, there are connotations to warfare for you history buffs. In war, it is associated with a sudden, large-scale and overwhelming offensive. On the offensive (or better said, on the proactive) is exactly where we plan to be. Starting now.

We have taken this effort to the Internet group known as the Land Use Network, sponsored by Off-Road.com. I am the moderator for the Network and welcome you to join us for interactive discussions about land use issues and

## **SWFWDA Delegate's Report:**

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Blitz '97. Come see us at [www.off-road.com](http://www.off-road.com), and follow the link through the Land Use Issues page. You can subscribe to the Network by sending an email to [majordomo@off-road.com](mailto:majordomo@off-road.com); and in your message merely type "subscribe landuse" or "subscribe landuse-digest." No signature blocks or any other text, please.

Before you ask, I thought I'd spend just a second and give you my credentials for spearheading and facilitating this effort. First, I have a B.S. in Forestry, with a M.A. in Environmental Planning. I have been a back country driver (via 4x4, bikes and dune buggies) for over 30 years. I am a professional facilitator (meetings, conferences, etc) with 15 years experience for over 3000 people. I also believe in Blitz '97 and what it means.

With many new congressional members (as well as the normal turnover in state and local officials), 1997 is a prime time to establish a new image of folks who enjoy using and having access to public lands. We plan to spend this next year in a concentrated effort to reach out to our public officials/congressional representatives and let them know who we responsible users are; what we do; and why they need to support us.

Some state, regional and national organizations will be joining us in our efforts as well as conducting their own major campaigns. It is my hope that we can pull these together into a coordinated effort with similar and overlapping messages. That is what Blitz 97 is about. It will help provide that common message that we can all refer to. It will provide focus points from which we can build a variety of themes. And it will kick off a media/congressional letter-writing and educational campaign the likes of which has not been seen for some time.

In the next series of discussions on the Land Use Network, we will address the purpose, common themes and focus points, issues/concerns/opportunities, and implementation details of Blitz 97. Feel free to contribute to the further development of our efforts.....we look forward to your help.

Here is the Purpose Statement of Blitz 97:

Muster support in congress.

Use letters, email, fax, and personal contacts.

Look for opportunities to advocate your sport.

Team up with other advocates/users in your area to magnify your position.

Improve our image.

Provide a contact point for elected officials and their staff.

Leap ahead of anti multiple-use efforts.

Expose elected officials to our sports and ideas.

Understand the issues, both local and national.

Sort out our political friends and supporters.

Educate the public, our peers, and the politicians.

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### **New Business:**

The club now has raffle tickets for the Association's Winter meeting in Las Cruces. Buy them and/or sell as many as you can. Mark Wolf is lining up some awesome prizes. Don't be left out. You don't have to be present to win. Give your stubs to someone who is going and they will bring it back for you (maybe).

The February club meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup>, NOT the 14<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a run to the Jaws of Death with Berry Harrison leading. This trail has not yet been rated.

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### **Old Business:**

Paul Thompson has worked out a deal for the 4:1 gear set for the NP231. Contact him for details.

Adopt-a-Highway looks like it's a go. It is on I-25 north of Albuquerque, mile marker 244 - 246. The 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of March we will walk it.

Charlie and Joel are still hard at work on the Adopt-a-Trail. Stay tuned for more details.

Cuidando Los Niños Update: January 25<sup>th</sup> is our workday at Cuidando. They would like us to build a small shed to store bicycles and tricycles so they won't get stolen. What Sue needs is someone familiar with "construction" to meet with Natala to let her know what and how much materials will be needed. Please call Sue at 898-6449 so she can get back to Natala. We may also be painting buildings and fixing playground stuff. Let's start 1997 out right with a large turnout!!!

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## 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:

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, 4305 Snowden Ct., Rio Rancho, NM 87124

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## 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; Tomken 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.

**Jeep Parts** - Early Model Jeep Dana 30, Jeep T-18/w Dana 20 transfer case and bellhousing for 258. Make offer. Call Kevin McTavish @890-4486.

**K&N Air filter** for a stock Wrangler. Less than 1 year old. \$20.00. Call Scott 896-4244.

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# Trail Tales

Official Newsletter of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers  
February 7, 1997 Meeting Minutes  
March Issue



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## NOTE:

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

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The following guests were present at the meeting: David Prax; Ed & Chris McLain; Lloyd Swartz; Miche Bové & Scott Thornton; John Koutrouba; Gary Danson; Jim Frailey; Mr. & Mrs. Bryant Stock; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Whitlock; Jeremy Martinez; Paul Tolzmann.

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Scott Brunwasser; Michele Reed; Charlie & Joel Wilson; Paul Thompson; Kevin McTavish & Amie Cullins; Bob Telepak; Tahoe Zahn; Tom Hurt; Guy & Michael Conway; Bob Norton; Charles Rushing; Derren & Bonnie Owen; Berrett Harrison; Garry Brown; Mark, Debbie, & Jennifer Werkmeister; Jim Werkmeister; Bob Pessetto; Stella Sierra; Trae Mead; Jason & Romi Martinez; Pat Slattery; Jeffrey Lee & Mary Langley; Ruben Martinez; Jim & Nancy Trojak.

The following were voted in as new members: Miche Bové & Scott Thornton.

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## President's Report:

Las Cruces was a lot of fun! It's amazing to see 225+ vehicles all in one location. The new campground we used this year was even better than Pat & Sue Brady had relayed. I had a great time, even though my pretty (?) Jeepster got bit on the Wolf's run. Ahh, but that new TBI Chevrolet engine was even better than I had hoped and thanks to Barrett for getting me that Scout Dana 300 transfer case. All the parts worked great! I think everyone else I talked to had a great time as well, except maybe Trae. He had a bad time all around. He's home assessing

his wounds to see how deep they really are. Hopefully, they're not too bad. I don't think anyone else suffered any other problems. Michelle was awesome! I think she and Scott had more fun than anyone! Scott made a waterfall on the Guardian that no one else from our club had made and Michelle is really starting to learn her vehicle and how to use all those expensive parts she's been putting on that Wrangler. I'm glad they had a great time. I hope the rest of you did too. We need trail leaders for an overnight camping trip every month for June, July, and August. Ones where we can have potluck dinners and talk trash around the campfire. I think all who enjoyed the campground in Las Cruces enjoyed the camaraderie around the campfire more than anything else. The Jemez, Pecos, and any other place would be a great place to hold these events. Call Joel and Charlie to schedule it. Don't worry how difficult the trails are, no one cares when it comes to eating good food!

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## Vice President's Report:

Scott was \$0.50 for getting stuck in Broad Canyon on the same rock twice and being pulled out by a Pathfinder.

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## Program Chairman's Report:

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

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## Trip Chairman's Report:

### Past Runs/Events:

Jan. 12 - Run to Jaws of Death canceled.

Jan. 18 & 19 - Pre-Run to Las Cruces. Broad Canyon was run twice. There was a trip to the trailhead of The Guardian.

Feb. 8 - Highway Cleanup Training.

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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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Trail Tales, 4305 Snowden Ct. Rio Rancho, NM 87124, or call Scott Brunwasser at 505-896-4244 and give him the change over the phone.

## **Trip Chairman's Report:**

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Feb. 15 & 16 - Chokecherry Canyon.

Feb. 20 - 23 - SWFWDA Winter Quarterly Meeting in Las Cruces.

### **Cuidando Los Niños, by Sue Brady**

Our Cuidando Los Niños workday was both satisfying and disappointing. Of all the hands raised at the last meeting (Dec 96), only 10 club members, one aspiring member and one guest showed up. Natala gave a short talk about Cuidando Los Niños function and work started. She had quite a list for us since I thought there would be more help but we prioritized and went to work. Mark Wolf, Jim Werkmeister, Scott Brunwasser and John Koutrouba (aspiring member) worked on the tricycle shed. Alex Garcia, Joan Wolf, Bob Norton, and Bob Telepak worked inside putting on baseboards. Tom Hurt, Debbie Werkmeister, myself and guest Arlene Martin recaulked most of the outside windows. Natala fed us very well and off we went again. We started cleaning up around 3 pm. The windows were finished but there were still some baseboards left to be done. Tom, Mark and John stayed quite a while longer to finish the shed. I'm very happy with all our group accomplished! Nice job troops!!!!!! However, the rest of you had better do some explaining at the next meeting..... It is almost impossible to promote a positive picture of our club without member support in all things. Once again, thanks to all of you that showed up and whacked fingers!

### **RIO GRANDE/BLOWHOLE RUN, by**

Joel Wilson

On Sunday, February 2, nineteen people and twelve vehicles met at the Santa Fe Outlet Center for a romp in the mud and snow on Caja del Rio Plateau. Attending were Charlie and Joel Wilson, Tom Hurt, Jason Martinez, Fernando Fernandez, Bobby Thomas, Barry and Deborah Harrison, Pat and Sue Brady, Ruben Martinez, Jeremy Martinez, Pat Mellady, Bob Pessetto, Paul Thompson, and Garry Brown.

We started out on a fun road that follows the power lines through the Buckman Wash area below the plateau, and cuts straight across

country. That meant steep hill climbs and descents. Luckily the uphill side was the sunny and dry side, and the downhill side was not too snow covered to be dangerous. A couple of hours later we drove through a neat little canyon that is about twenty feet wide with thirty foot vertical rock and dirt walls. We then drove down to the Rio Grande, where a narrow road that was a challenge for the larger vehicles brought us to our lunch spot under a large cottonwood tree. There we saw a mud covered Blazer with 40 inch tall tires, but little did we know that this would be a symbol for things to come. We also saw a bald eagle and a large cave high on the opposite cliffs above the river.

After lunch we drove onto Caja del Rio Plateau and found the roads to be very muddy. The mud there is shallow, sticky, and extremely slick, and it was often impossible to get out of the ruts. This turned out to be a problem when the ruts became deep. I noticed that the ruts in front of me were becoming very deep and eventually the Jeep was stopped. I then backed up to try again and while backing noticed that Tom, second in line, was stuck. Someone else was pulling him out so I went forward again. But by going over the same spot three times I had deepened the ruts enough to get stuck, so I had to be towed as well. Then Pat decided to show everyone what 35s and a stoked V-8 will do, and plowed through the ruts in 3rd to the end. After this there were no more deep ruts and we eventually reached the snow line. The snow proved to be much less of a problem than we thought it would, and we soon found ourselves at the Blowhole, a dramatic 20 foot wide, 150 foot deep, nearly vertical lava tube.

On the way back, we took a different route that was still muddy for the first part but faster in the end. However, the mud was too thick for the trail leader and somehow the front brake lines were pulled down into the wheel where they rubbed through. We used a vise grip to pinch the line to the passenger's front tire, but the driver's front was still leaky and we had to drive home without brakes which was very exciting.

Everyone grumbled over the mud but at least we're all seasoned mudders now, something the club doesn't do too often. I'm looking forward to our next trip over a trail called Tank Trap, and trust me this won't be a mud run. Happy Trails!

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## 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.  
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New Mexico 4-Wheelers on-line:

<http://www.geocities.com/MotorCity/4465/nm4w.html>

Trail Tales on-line:

<http://www.geocities.com/MotorCity/4465/trailltales.html>

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## Treasurer's Report:

It was reported that we have \$890.35 in the bank.

If you are a member and DON'T have a membership card, let Sue Brady know.

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## Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report:

Remember to write letters. Send a copy to Bob Telepak to get your name entered for the money.

Everyone SHOULD write to the BLM and tell them that their "new" definitions of roads are incorrect. Contact Bob for more info.

There is a new National Park Service Head.

Your 4-WD vehicles have many gears you use to drive with. But you need an additional one. You have to get your letter-writing into gear!!

The extreme environmentalist groups like the Sierra Club (SC) and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) are very organized and effective in letter writing, e-mailing, and lobbying our congressmen to get what they want - vast areas of the country entirely shut down to motorized traffic. It is an SC goal to eliminate ALL motorized recreation on federal lands by the year 2000. SUWA wants 5.7 MILLION acres of Utah turned into complete wilderness.

We have to fight back, or we will soon be driving over speed bumps in supermarket parking lots for our recreation. We are definitely for protecting

the environment, but we must stand firm to preserve our access to it via existing roads.

Blitz 97 is a campaign by the Land Use Network (LUN) of the Off-Road list on the Internet to protect our interests by making our wishes known to our congressmen and other government agencies (BLM, Forest Service). YOU need to participate by writing letters, sending e-mail messages, and making phone calls.

To stimulate our club members to do this, we recently passed a motion to have a drawing 4 times a year. Each letter, e-mail, or documentation of a phone call will count as a ticket in the drawing. An anonymous donor has contributed \$100 to this cause, and the club will match that amount. So each of the 4 drawings (March, June, September, and December) will have a \$50 cash prize.

I will collect your letters and issue you a ticket for the drawing for each one. Send me a copy of your e-mails (to [rtelepak@unm.edu](mailto:rtelepak@unm.edu)). Mail copies of your letters/phone calls to 875 Calle de Bosque, Bosque Farms, NM, 87068), or give them to me at the next meeting.

Blitz 97 is the RIGHT thing to do. And maybe you can win some money to help buy something nice for your 4-WD rig too!

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## Historian's Report:

If you have any pictures or videos, Bonnie is collecting them for the club scrapbook.

Here is a list of the videos we have:

- Sandia Mountains
- Mt. Blanca
- Holy Cross Trail

See Derren at Toys For Trucks to borrow the videos.

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## SWFWDA Delegate's Report:

### What a Club!!!!

I wanted to pen a quick "thank you" to all of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers. I couldn't be prouder to be associated with such a fine group of four wheelers. I think a few statistics are in order concerning the recent SWFWDA Quarterly in Las Cruces:



## **SWFWDA Delegate's Report:**

(continued)

23 NM4W vehicles in attendance.

Around 40 members in attendance.

Over 1000 raffle tickets sold out of the 5900 total sold.

At least 10 trail leader slots filled.

Lots and lots of trail helpers all three days.

Every time I come back from a large organized 4WD function, I am thankful that we have such a great club. A club that works hard together, plays hard together, and actually has fun together! Thank you for letting me be a small part of it.

Mark Werkmeister

## **HELP WANTED**

The Cliffhangers 4WD club has officially asked the New Mexico 4-Wheelers to help out with the Summer Quarterly to be held in Farmington on July 31st-August 3. They can use our help as trail helpers as well as registration/camp help. If anyone is interested and knows for sure that they will be in Farmington on that weekend, please speak to Mark Werkmeister.

## **New Business:**

Look to see if you have maps of quads that show two-track roads. They might be needed in the future to prove these roads do exist.

We need to start documenting all trips that we go on. A form is available in this newsletter.

Moab Easter Safari is coming up.

The club will be placing an ad in the newspaper to help promote the club.

Channel 7's Dan Monahan wants to do a story on the club.

On 1 Mar, there will be a hiking trip in The San Ysidro OHV area to scout it. Meet at the K-Mart in Rio Rancho @ 8am.

## **Old Business:**

Search & Rescue Training will be held on May 10, 1 pm - 4 pm, north of Ruidoso.

The Blue Ribbon Coalition sent the club a letter of thanks for our donation.

## **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:

Southern High Rollers - Pasadena, Texas

San Antonio Jeep Exclusive, Texas

Cliffhangers - Farmington, New Mexico

The Oklahoma Trailchasers - Oklahoma City, Ok.

Jeep Exclusive, Amarillo, Texas

Desert Mountain 4X4 Club, Alamogordo, New Mexico

Cavern City 4-Wheelers, Carlsbad, New Mexico

Frontier Four Wheelers, Oklahoma City, Ok.

West Texas Outlaws, Amarillo, Texas

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.

**Domestic Troubleshooting & Vehicle Codes - \$20.00.** Contact Trae Mead.

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 become a member you must accumulate 5 points. You get 1 point for a meeting or a run. Two points for an overnight run. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Scott Brunwasser  
4305 Snowden Ct.  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

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: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NM4W

Mail to:  
Sue Brady  
5405 Tamariz NW  
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NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS

ROAD DATA COLLECTION FORM

NAME/TRAIL LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\* list the names of ALL people in your group on the BACK of this form

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE: \_\_\_\_\_

TRAIL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ROAD/TRAIL INFO: (state, county, road number, BLM or FS land designation)

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DIFFICULTY: \_\_\_\_\_ MILES IN LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION: (type of country, scenic or historic areas, obstacles, etc)

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ROAD/TRAIL CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_

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ROAD/TRAIL MAINTENANCE PERFORMED: \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER INFORMATION GATHERED: (maps, GPS coordinates, photos, videotape, etc)

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: (write on back of form if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

- Mar. 1 - San Ysidro OHV Area Hiking Trip.** This is to scout the area out. Meet At the K-Mart in Rio Rancho @ 8 am.
- Mar. 8 - Run to the Guadalupe Ruins (Easy).** This will be led by the Bradys. Meet at the Union 76 @ 8 am or 528 & 44 @ 8:30 am.
- Mar. 14 - Meeting. Adult Wing Rm.403, 7pm.** Bob Pessetto hosting.
- Mar. 15 - Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up.**
- Mar. 28-30 - Moab area runs.** Easy to Hard. Lloyd Swartz will be leading. Hole-in-the-Rock, Hotel Rock, White Canyon, Red Canyon.
- Apr. 11 - Meeting. Adult Wing Rm.407, 7pm.** Werkmeisters hosting.
- Apr. 12 - Tank Trap Run near Santa Fe (Hard).** Joel and Charlie Wilson leading. Meet at 9am at I-25 and Cerillos Rd. at the Santa Fe Outlet Center.
- Apr. 19 - Jaws of Death Run west of Los Lunas (Hard).** Barry Harrison leading. Meet at 8am at Union 76 at University and Menaul.
- May 3 - Hike into Armijo Canyon.** Led by Sue Brady. This will be a scenic hiking trip for interested members. Meet @ Union 76 @ 8 am. The drive to the hike area takes ~2.5hrs, west on I-40 to NM117. Armijo Canyon has an old homestead & a restored well house. Along the dirt road we hike in on there are quite a few archeological Indian sites to explore. Bring a day pack with water, lunch, and snacks.
- May 2-4 - SWFWDA Spring Meeting in Jones Country, near Jasper, Texas.**
- May 10 - Search and Rescue Training near Ruidoso.** Scott Peake leading. More information will be provided at March meeting.
- May 24-26 - Guadalupe Ridge Run.** Moderate to Hard. X-Mas Tree Cave, Cottonwood Cave, Sitting Bull Falls. Lloyd Swartz will lead.
- Aug. 1-3 - SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Farmington.**



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## NOTE:

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The following members were present at the meeting: Mark Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Charlie & Joel Wilson; Paul Thompson; Kevin McTavish; Tahoe Zahn; Tom Hurt; Michael Conway; Bob Norton; Charles Rushing; Mark Werkmeister; Jim Werkmeister; Bob Pessetto; Stella & Rose Sierra; Trae & Shay Mead; Jim Trojak; Arne Gjernerjng.

The following were voted in as new members: Eddy & Chris McLain.

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## Hosts for the Summer Meetings:

**May** - Jack & Stella Sierra.

**June** - Pat & Sue Brady.

**July** - Mark & Joan Wolf.

**August** - Jim & Tammy Werkmeister.

**Sept 13** - Eddy & Chris McLain.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Joan and I are all moved into our new home. It's great to be a real homeowner! Well, maybe except for the payment! It's also nice to have friends in a four wheel drive club that can, and will, volunteer to help. We moved the bulk of our things in four hours (except for the winch and Jeepster! There's NO WAY anyone was going to help with that! I couldn't afford the fines!)! We thank those that helped. You made it a lot easier. We now live in the Cherry Hills area

north of San Antonio and east of Wyoming. I sure wished we could get more people excited about doing volunteer work to benefit our club and others. The highway clean up was a disappointing turnout. However, the volunteers that showed up work their buns off! We collected a lot of trash! I hope the highway department gets our signs up by next time. It will feel a lot more gratifying if we can see our name. Thanks to all that showed and we hope to see the rest of the 40 members out there next time. The more we have the faster it goes.

Why aren't some of you people volunteering to lead some trips that are NOT hard-core?! I want to go out and camp this summer and have some fun. I save the hard core trips for the winter when neither I nor my Jeepster will get over heated. Let's get out there and scout some trips! Joel and Charlie are waiting to get some of you to help out. Seems they, the Bradys and Mark Werkmeister are the only ones leading any trips. Oh! I did miss Berrett. Thanks to Berrett for leading the "Jaws of Death" pre-run. I had to clean up my garage enough to get my Jeepster out, so I couldn't go. Hopefully, I can make it in April. I'm sure going to try. Speaking of trips, don't forget our Treasure hunt on Memorial Day. Sam, Berrett and Tahoe are working on it. They should have a good report at the next meeting. See you there April 11th! By the way, do we have any NE heights residents that would like to volunteer to host our annual yard sale for four wheel drive parts?

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## Vice President's Report :

Working on a report.

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## Program Chairman's Report:

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

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NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS  
ROAD DATA COLLECTION FORM

NAME/TRAIL LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\* list the names of ALL people in your group on the BACK of this form

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE: \_\_\_\_\_

TRAIL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ROAD/TRAIL INFO: (state, county, road number, BLM or FS land designation)

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DIFFICULTY: \_\_\_\_\_ MILES IN LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION: (type of country, scenic or historic areas, obstacles, etc)

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ROAD/TRAIL CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_

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ROAD/TRAIL MAINTENANCE PERFORMED: \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER INFORMATION GATHERED: (maps, GPS coordinates, photos, videotape, etc)

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: (write on back of form if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

### Past Runs/Events:

Mar 1 - San Ysidro OHV Area Hiking Trip.

Mar 8 - Guadalupe Ruins.

Mar 15 - Adopt-a Highway Clean-up.

Mar 28-30 - Moab area runs.

Mar 29 - Jaws of Death.

### Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up, by Sue Brady

Our first I25 trash pick up went off without a hitch. We started out with 18 and "ended" with 19. Club members in attendance were Ed & Chris McLain, Kevin McTavish, Mark & Joan Wolf, Scott Brunwasser, Mark Werkmeister, Berry Harrison, Paul Thompson, Pat & Sue Brady, Tom Hurt, Michele Reed (she was actually on time...), Stella Sierra, Charlie & Joel Wilson, Bob Norton, Arne Gjerner, and last but not least Tahoe Zahn. We started at mile marker 244 working the west side going north. We put Berry and Scott in the median for self preservation...Michele and I went ahead of the group to pick aluminum cans. Lots of the people traveling that morning seemed to appreciate what we were doing because there was lots of horn blowing and hands waving. We have a two mile stretch mm 244 to 246, we did about 1 1/2 miles, median and both sides. We were quite dirty and very sneezy at the end. We used up all but about 20 bags out of 250 and almost filled the bed of our very large truck with aluminum cans only. I took the cans in on Monday and had 17 dollars worth! Job well done troops! Let's have an even bigger turn out for our next "trash day"!

### Guadalupe Ruins, by Sue Brady

The run to Guadalupe Ruins was great! Tony Lutonsky, the archeologist for the BLM came out to meet us at San Luis. He led the rest of the way and gave a great talk on some of the theories of the peoples and times around and involving Guadalupe Ruin. He then led us up the trail to the top and the ruins. There are a number of room blocks and two excavated kivas. From the top of the mesa you can see several other sites and overall great views. Tony talked some more about the area and Guadalupe's association with

Chaco Canyon. After we wandered around, poked and pried and saw the kivas, we went back to the trucks to eat lunch. Most of us went home after that except Charlie and Joel, they went down another canyon to see if they could find the petroglyphs that Tony had told us about.

We had a great turn out, 15 vehicles and 32 people. Club members attending were, Scott, Rana, Jacob, and Hayden Peake; Tom Hurt; Jim Trojak and guest Bud Harris; Pat, Sue, and Mugsy Brady; Jim & Tammy Werkmeister; Mark Harrison; Charlie & Joel Wilson; Mark & Jennifer Werkmeister; Scott, Matt, and Jennifer Brunwasser; Scott Thornton; Miche & Candance Bové. Guests attending were Jason Haifley; Bryant & Jan Stock; Larry & Debbie Whiltock; Phillip & Eleanor Bové; Amy, Greg, and Brian Lewis. Hope we have as good a turn-out for Armijo Canyon hike in May!

### SWFWDA WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING, by Joel Wilson

The SWFWDA Winter Quarterly Meeting in Las Cruces was a blast. Around 40 people and 23 vehicles from our club showed up, and among all of us most if not all of the trails were run. My dad and I arrived late Friday night, and with the help of a Las Cruces volunteer we found what must have been the last "spot" at the Boy Scout Camp. It was actually a small area densely covered with prickly bushes that had been used maybe once before. But it turned out to be fine in the end for our purposes.

Saturday morning we lined up at 9:00 for our 10 o'clock run on the Guardian. Only three other vehicles were there and an official said that there probably would not be any more Guardian runs that day. Good thing we got there early! It didn't take long before we found ourselves at the Guardian's first challenge, but we soon realized how much waiting there would be when we saw that the 8:00 group was still tackling that obstacle. There were twenty or so vehicles in that group, and now another group of six showed up behind us. Nonetheless, the convoy moved through at a decent pace. The Guardian's first obstacle was tough for us because our front shackles kept hitting too hard. We eventually made it by jockeying right and sliding over on our rocker panels. The guy behind us had too

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### TRIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (continued)

much pressure in his tires and tore a sidewall. He used our spare and jack to get out and retired for the day. The next guy blew a hub and severely bent a tie rod, so he was also done for the day. Score two for the Guardian.

The next problem was a tall ledge that high centered us, and coupled with the fact that our front air locker's solenoid was periodically shorting out and losing air, we needed rocks to make it. Fred Huff was a short distance in front of us, but he didn't notice. After that was a waterfall with a bypass to the left. We couldn't make it until a few people got behind and gave us a push. We saw one CJ5 go up to the right, which looked like an even harder route. An FJ40 from Alamogordo with widened axles and Super Swampers tried, but started hopping and almost went over backwards. We made all the remaining waterfalls and ledges without a problem. A red CJ5 almost flipped at Richie's exit and the FJ40 from Alamogordo broke a hub. Finally, a CJ5 and a few other Jeeps tried the optional challenge exit, but the CJ5 tipped to 45 degrees and was towed out, and only Max's CJ5 and two Wranglers made it.

Dinner and raffles were the evening events. Most agreed that the food could have been better, but the raffles went well. Mark Wolf did a great job assembling the prizes and the bonfire kept many of us warm on that cold evening.

Sunday morning we ran the Wolf Run with Eddy McLain and Doug Major from Louisiana. The first waterfall was no problem but the second one we didn't even try. It's the one right before the chute and a wide track is very helpful. Eddy made it but Doug's 35-inch Boggers wouldn't grip the rock, so he went around too. The Chute was no problem until our front locker decided to stop working right at the point when we were finally to pull up and out. Those five minutes at 40 to 45 degrees seemed like forever, but the locker finally kicked in and we were up in a heartbeat.

The Slab looked easier than I expected but was harder than it looked. It took about four tries before I got the right line and ducked under the tree on the left, which lightly kissed the top. Eddy went far right and Doug went up the

middle, placing the passenger front on the huge boulder in the middle of the trail. Unfortunately, I hit that same boulder with the quarter panel and suffered a good dent.

The final obstacle was a little-traveled section of the wash with three sets of boulders and a steep climb out. Eddy made it, Doug went around, and I couldn't find the right line and scraped the driveshaft and muffler a little, and ended up going around too. No harm was done, and it was a fun trip all in all. We were done around noon and drove home that afternoon. Although we were only able to take two of the many runs offered at the event, from the stories we heard it seems like most other runs were just as exciting. Great trails, great fun, and we can't wait till next year!

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### 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.  
Rio Rancho, NM.  
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My phone # is: 505-896-4244

My e-mail address is:

scott\_brunwasser@ccm.rr.intel.com

New Mexico 4-Wheelers on-line:

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### Treasurer's Report:

It was reported that we have \$1,378.00 in the bank.

If you are a member and DON'T have a membership card, let Sue Brady know.

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### Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report:

No report.

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### *Historian's Report:*

If you have any pictures or videos, Bonnie is collecting them for the club scrapbook.

Here is a list of the videos we have:

- Sandia Mountains
- Mt. Blanca
- Holy Cross Trail

See Derren at Toys For Trucks to borrow the videos.

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### **SWFWDA Delegate's Report:**

I received a copy of the Winter Quarterly Meeting Minutes, the Association's By-Laws and SOP's. If anyone wants to look at them, contact Scott Brunwasser.

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### **New Business:**

Mark & Debbie Werkmeister will host the Christmas Party Meeting in December.

April 5 - Sagebrush Flat Adopt-a-Trail for the Forest Service. Meet at 9:00 am at the Outlet Center on Cerillos Rd & I25 in Santa Fe. This will be a trail clearing.

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Mark Werkmeister won the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of the letter writing contest.

Sept 27-28 - BLM Adopt-a Trail #1103 Clean-up. Call Sue Brady for more details.

Stella Sierra won ½ of the raffle. The other ½ went to the club.

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### **Old Business:**

Search & Rescue Training will be held on May 10, 1 pm - 4:30 pm, north of Ruidoso. Contact Scott Peake or Tom Hurt for details.

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### **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:

San Antonio Jeep Exclusive, Texas

4-Play, Lubbock, Texas

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

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### **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.

**'71 - 225 Jeep V-6 engine**, 30K since rebuild, lots of extras go with it, including the headers, 4 barrel manifold, both HEI and points distributors, P.S. pump, clutch & pressure plate, lots more! \$400. Mark Wolf 856-8539

**Smog pump, hoses, check valves, and tubes** for a 225 V-6 engine. Complete system, except brackets. \$125 Mark Wolf 856-8539

**2 - DANA 20 transfer cases**, out of Jeepster. One needs rebuild, the other is ready to go. Make Offer. Mark Wolf 856-8539

**Spare stock five bolt hubs for a Jeep.** Call Mark Wolf. They're FREE! 856-8539

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
NEW MEXICO 4-WHEELERS, INC.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Apr. 11 - Meeting. Adult Wing Rm.407, 7pm.** Werkmeisters hosting.

**Apr. 12 - Tank Trap Run near Santa Fe (Hard).** Joel and Charlie Wilson leading. Meet at 9am at I-25 and Cerillos Rd. at the Santa Fe Outlet Center.

**Apr. 19 - Jaws of Death Run west of Los Lunas (Hard).** Barry Harrison leading. Meet at 8am at Union 76 at University and Menaul.

**May 3 - Hike into Armijo Canyon.** Led by Sue Brady. This will be a scenic hiking trip for interested members. Meet @ Union 76 @ 8 am. The drive to the hike area takes ~2.5hrs, west on I-40 to NM117. Armijo Canyon has an old homestead & a restored well house. Along the dirt road we hike in on there are quite a few archeological Indian sites to explore. Bring a day pack with water, lunch, and snacks.

**May 2-4 - SWFWDA Spring Meeting in Jones Country, near Jasper, Texas.**

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**June 7, 5 pm** - Derren & Bonnie Owen @ Scott Brunwasser's house.

**July 12 5 pm** - Mark & Joan Wolf.

**August 16, 5 pm** - Jim & Tammy Werkmeister.

**Sept 13, 5 pm** - Eddy & Chris McLain.

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## NOTE:

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Wow! We had 15 visitors at the last meeting. That really speaks out for our club. Everyone needs to give themselves a round of applause! Our club is varied in interests and capability and we need to continue that. Four wheeling is what it's all about. Unfortunately, keeping our public lands "public" has become the focus lately. If we don't keep up the pressure on our governmental agencies, we won't have a place to go four wheeling. Bob Telepak is doing an excellent job. I hope everyone appreciates his work the way I know several of us do. He may talk about Utah a

lot, but he's trying to show how we can prevent closures from happening in our own state. The lessons learned in Utah, California and other states can be applied here. We have the potential to become the leader in how our state and other agencies protect our land. Everyone needs to write those letters and give Bob a copy. We don't want to see Mark Werkmeister win that \$50 every quarter, do we? I'm sure he doesn't either.

We put together a Board Meeting the other day. We had one member show that was not an officer. We had a good discussion and it seems we all are concerned over the same things - participation and membership. Everyone wants good participation and an active membership. We are looking for ideas to help both along. One thing we all decided was that few were versed on our by-laws. Therefore, all members will receive a copy of the by-laws at the next meeting. I don't know if I'll have time to get to the "membership limit" clause, but hopefully I can set the stage for the next President. When you get your by-laws, please read through them carefully. There is also an "SOP" attached. This is the part that needs careful reading and consideration. Look for them!

That brings me to another topic, elections. Yes folks, time draws near for elections again. We will take nominations in June for all positions. If you consider yourself a candidate, let me know, elect yourself, or ask someone to elect you for the office you are interested in. This is an excellent way for all members to "get involved." Don't forget, the summer meetings have begun. That means plenty of good food along with the business at hand. All are welcome, visitors and members alike. Please remember to bring chairs, plates, silverware and a cup, and a dish for all to share. There are no plans about who brings what, so bring what you like to eat! It won't be wasted! See you on May 17th at The Sierra's.

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## **Vice President/ Sheriff's**

### **Report:**

We had 15 visitors attending. 1<sup>st</sup> timers were: Don Miller; Marian Albright; Matt Davoli; Ted Sheets; Jeff Brueck;

Visitors who have made more than 1 meeting were: David Prax; Bryant & Jan Stock; Alan Monsees; Cathy O'Brien; Ken Harper; Gary Hewitt; Scott & Jacob Peake; Larry & Debra Whitlock.

We have 5 visitors who are eligible for membership: Scott Peake & family; David Prax; Lloyd Swartz; Jeremy Martinez; Ken Harper & Gary Dewitt. The club will take a vote at the next meeting.

I hope to see everyone again.

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### **Program Chairman's Report:**

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

We have club hats for \$8 each.

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#### **SAGEBRUSH FLATS ADOPT-A-TRAIL RUN, by Joel Wilson**

On Saturday, April 5, ten people and six vehicles showed up for NM4W's Adopt-A-Trail run. This trail is the NM4W's first Adopt-A-Trail with the Forest Service and is called the Sagebrush Flats Loop. Attending were Mark and Jennifer Werkmeister, Mark Wolf, Kevin McTavish, Phil and Carol Kennicot, Pat and Sue Brady, and Charlie and Joel Wilson.

Unfortunately, it snowed the night before and the graded road to the start of the loop was muddy. However, it was fun to slide around in two wheel drive on the way there, and Mark Wolf did more driving sideways than straight ahead. At the trailhead we split into three groups of two each a half mile apart in order to speed up the work. Pat

brought his full size Ford truck, and because we want this trail to be open to all vehicle sizes, we asked him to go last to make sure that the trail was cleared enough.

Just before lunch we previewed a trail that my dad and I and members of the Sandia Jeep Club had found a couple years ago. We call it Roller Derby. It's a short but sweet trail that needs some clearing but not too much work, and we hope to do a run on it this summer. Members of the Sandia Jeep Club have already driven the first 100 yards and it's only about a half mile long.

After lunch we continued along the loop. I thought that people would be close enough together to see each other and make the turn back onto the loop, and that our tracks would be discernible in the grass and dirt, but this was not the case. The group became separated and this resulted in a ten minute delay. I didn't think that it was a big deal, but according to some members, I'm now a cowbell nominee. Oh well, somebody has to have it.

Within a half hour we arrived at the toughest part of the loop, where there are some rocks to drive over in the streambed. Pat decided that his truck was too big to go the standard route, so he straddled the rocks. However, in doing so, he found a small but sharp rock for his passenger rear tire's inner sidewall, and in a hate at first site relationship, the tire literally tore apart. This wouldn't have been a big deal, except that Ford has this crazy gimmick now where you need a special wheel for their new trucks, so the spare wheel Pat had bought didn't fit correctly. So it was necessary to take the flat tire off of its rim, take the spare tire off of its rim, and put the spare on the original rim. This took quite a while because Pat's tires are load range E. But eventually everything was fixed and we were on our way.

The trail ended up having more tight sections than one realizes when driving a Jeep of discrete width, and we had to clear them all to get the Ford through without scratches. So it was late by the time we were back at the pavement. However, a lot of good work was done and the trail is now in much better shape than before for general use. We rate this trail as Moderate, suitable for stock vehicles. By the time we were finished the roads had dried up and we were

## Trip Chairman's Report:

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making dust on the way out. All in all, it was a good day.

### TANK TRAP RUN, by Joel Wilson

"Dangit" I said as I gazed out the window of my room. "Its going to be a bad day and no one will show up for the run!" There was a light blanket of snow on the ground, it was cold out, and the sky was dark and cloudy. It was Saturday, April 12, the date scheduled for the Tank Trap run, and if there was one thing that could ruin that run, this was it. Snow on rocks doesn't work, and with this knowledge, two people had already called to say they were not coming. Half an hour later, I learned that the roads were solid ice, and it took us about an hour and a quarter to get from our house to the meeting place. We were supposed to meet at nine, but understandably, everyone would be late.

However, by nine-thirty the day was looking better as the ice on the streets had melted and six vehicles and eight people, Mark Wolf, Eddy McLain, Scott Brunwasser, Charlie and Joel Wilson, Tom Hurt, and Lloyd Swartz and his friend Leroy had arrived. Everyone was in good spirits and looking forward to the run, so we set off.

To our great surprise, the storm was all around us but it hadn't snowed much on the trail. In fact, on the first stretch of dirt, we were making a tiny bit of dust! Once off the county roads there was a little mud, but not enough to slide around in. There was only enough to make some tracks, tracks that John Bell of the Sandia Jeep Club (soon likely to be renamed) was able to follow. He met us at the first obstacle.

The first obstacle is no problem when dry, but our tires were slightly dirty and the rock was damp. I slipped off a rock and needed a quick tow backwards, but on the second try had no problems. Tom followed with no problem, but Lloyd took a little longer. His Montero was too long and his frame had some kind of weird tendency to attract solid rock. Must be the Japanese metal. His Montero was also covered with slush which was profusely wetting the rock. It was almost as if his vehicle was crying, and it had reason to. We finally had to attach one winch to the back and move it sideways, while

his winch pulled him forwards. It took a while, but he got away without damage.

Within an hour the rocks and dirt had dried off and the clouds were even beginning to break up. During lunch Mark and Tom talked about a two-roll crash they had seen when driving up on the ice on I-25, as well as a few other vehicles they saw that had also crashed or rolled, all from going too fast. Lunch over, John said he had to be back in Santa Fe by 1 pm, but he was having so much fun that he had to stay just a little longer.

There is a lot of sagebrush in the canyon and it took a while for us to pick a line through it all. Every once in a while we would come upon a rocky section. At first they were easy, but they became progressively more difficult until we arrived at the first of two spots with chicken routes. These spots are short but fun sluices of boulders and solid rock. The first one had only one line, and Eddy, Scott, and I all made it easily although Scott rubbed his T-case skidplate a little hard (read, high centered) on one rock. The second sluice had two very short but tough options, and Scott and I scraped over the right one while Eddy took on the left one. The narrowness of the left one forced Eddy to spend some time on his rims, but no harm was done and everyone was enjoying the trail.

Directly after the second chute comes the dam for the first tank. There is a bypass to the right in order to circumnavigate a multi-foot deep mud-based and scum-infested pool of water, but it's not easy. It favors short wheelbase vehicles because of a sharp left turn down a steep slope. And what makes it extra cool is that this entire traverse around the dam and pool is on solid rock. There is a natural shelf in the rock followed by a spot to drop off. It gets a little spooky when the front end drops off the ledge at the bottom, and the passenger rear often lifts off the ground a little, especially in a CJ5. Then the rear end drops down and everyone hits hard, but the rock is so hard that the surface barely scratches.

Everyone cleared this section with ease, although Lloyd had some fun by taking an alternate route and a decent sidehill. By this time John was being seriously paged by his wife, it being around 4 pm, so he left for Santa Fe. After the dam, the canyon bottom becomes solid rock, and



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there are some fun boulders to crawl over, one of which Lloyd and I both got stuck on and had to be winched off. However, by this time it was late, so we decided to take an escape route. Tom found an old road out of the canyon below the dam, which was a good and easy way out. And maybe the rest of us should have done the same, because the other route was steep and rocky and caused some problems. I became hung up on the rear diff on a rock with a notch in it, and could go neither forward nor back. Four people tried to rock and push me backward, right, and left, but nothing would work so I winched off. Lloyd slid off the line at the bottom and put an eight inch deep indentation into his IFS diff skid plate to add to his rocker panel damage. After some jacking to get him off the rocks, he was winched out of the canyon. Finally, Mark slid off the line as well, but with his rear end only, and with his rear bumper wedged in the rocks he couldn't move. He had no problem with clearance, however, so I winched him forward and he was up in a snap. Everyone was then up, and it was now about six-thirty, meaning that the last few hundred yards of the trail took two and a half hours.

The day turned out to be a success after all. The hardcores loved the trail, and want to see the rest, which becomes quite a bit tougher, so there will be another run come the end of May. I think that this was one of the toughest drives that Lloyd has ever done, and he must be commended for his impressive willingness to subject his vehicle to pain, and for driving the whole trail as far as the group went that day. Almost everyone had some trouble, and Tom and Eddy were the only ones who weren't towed, winched, or pushed. We have rated this trail Extreme (X3 on a scale of 5), suitable only for modified vehicles. Unfortunately, it was late (7 o'clock) when we finished, but it was a good day, and in the time it took me to write this, my dad and I have decided to hold the next Tank Trap run on May 31 when we will complete the trail. See you there!

**TRIP TO THE SAN RAFAEL SWELL OF UTAH 4-6 APR 97**, by Bob Telepak

Bob Telepak, Bob Norton, and Charlie Rushing visited the San Rafael Swell area west of Green River, UT on these dates. We left I-70 and mile

marker 105 and headed south. Saw a hillside that seemed to be covered with very shiny objects that reflected light, like glass. It was actually large selenite crystals laying all over the hillside. Some pieces were clear, others white, many quite large. Later that day we found a "boulder" of selenite, almost as big as a car.

Next we went to the Copper Globe Mine area where we explored several of the mine tunnels and found rock samples of malachite and azurite. Camped there that night. It was VERY cold. Luckily, the old miners had left a huge stacked pile of firewood (probably originally used to fuel a boiler to run steam-driven drills). The pile is about 8 ft tall and 100 ft long. This made a great campfire for us to huddle around. The two 5-gallon water jugs we had froze nearly solid that night.

The next day we explored more of the mine area and documented (GPS, mapping, photos) an alternate road. This data will be sent to Emery County officials to help fight SUWA closures.

Then we visited one of the best Indian pictograph sites I have ever seen at an area called the Head of Sinbad. The pictures have the sharpest artistic detail of any. Anyone interested should contact Bob Telepak for specific directions on how to find them.

Finally, we visited the area of the southern portion of the San Rafael Reef. Near Morgan's cabin (an old uranium mine site) above the mouth of Chute Canyon a road goes up to the top of the reef. The motorcyclists call this the Behind the Reef Trail. Closing this road in particular and the whole area in general is a prime objective of SUWA with their HR-1500 bill. We documented the first part of the road and a side road about 1 1/2 miles long to a very colorful side canyon that makes for great hiking. In mid-May we plan to finish documenting the remainder of the road, and many others in the area.

**TRIP REPORT OF THE NORTHERN ESCALANTE AREA OF UTAH 18-20 APR 97**, by Bob Telepak

This was a solo trip by Bob Telepak to check out the area in anticipation of a trip on May 1-4 by a bigger group to see the area and document roads for Garfield County.

## Trip Chairman's Report:

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The area visited is west of the Colorado River and included BLM land, Glen Canyon National Recreation area, Capitol Reef National Park, and the northern area of the new Escalante Grand Staircase National Monument.

I came in from the southeastern area by going through Hite and then south to Bullfrog. A very big graded county road heads northwest from Bullfrog and parallels the eastern edge of the Capitol Reef following the Waterpocket Fold. This is a spectacularly beautiful area. The reef is similar to the San Rafael Swell reef, but even more colorful in many areas. A side road off the county road goes to a view and hiking area to a double arch right in the reef about 2 miles away. This would also be a really neat place to camp.

Instead I went west on a road toward Starr Springs and camped in the desert. I was looking for a rockhounding area marked on a Utah recreation map. Finally found it and found selenite crystals together with fossil shells called Henry Mountain sea shells or "devil's toenails." There are lots of them there lying on the desert floor.

I then went back to the county road and followed it north to the Burr Trail. This is a very famous trail to the city of Escalante to the west. It is paved for much of the way, and the rest is a graded county road. The east end goes right up and through the Capitol Reef itself. This is a MUST place to see if you like beautiful scenery!

At the top of the reef I took the 1st dirt road to the north, a 2-track NP road with a "4-wheel drive road" sign. It is really a very easy road you could do in a 2-wd pickup. It goes 3 miles to a parking area. A 1/2 mile hike takes you to a viewpoint on the top of the reef where you can look about 20 miles north and 20 miles south along most of the reef. This is another MUST place to visit.

Back on the Burr Trail going west, I then took the Wolverine Loop road. It is another graded county road. Found a road up to a mine site on a mesa that has some 4-wd challenge due to severe erosion and big boulders. Plan to "work" on it on subsequent trips and document it for Garfield county.

Along the southwest part of the "loop" are 2 fenced areas to the west that are the Wolverine Petrified Wood Restricted Area. It is illegal to collect the petrified wood samples in these areas. The ground is almost covered in some areas with petrified wood, some parts of trees many feet in diameter! This is another MUST place to visit, even if you can't take samples! Outside the fenced area there are also smaller petrified wood samples in many areas.

By this time it was after 7 PM. I went back to the Burr trail and continued on it through Long Canyon, a very deep and beautiful canyon. I am surprised it was not included in the Capitol Reef National Park. Now it is part of the new national monument. Highway 12 from Escalante to Torey goes up to 9400 feet. This makes for a nice cool drive in the summer, but was downright COLD now. From there I went back to Green River and then to Moab. I would recommend that people not wanting to make this high elevation loop drive south from Notom on Highway 24, follow the Waterpocket Fold road to the Burr Trail, take it west through Long Canyon - and then come back out the same way.

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### *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 \$1,377.00 in the bank.

If you are a member and DON'T have a membership card, let Sue Brady know.

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## Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report:

Maps were shown at the meeting from the Utah Geological Survey, F.A. Barnes, & the BLM. Watch the roads disappear. It is becoming more convenient to close roads by taking them off of the maps.

We were shown what a SUWA bible looks like.

The New Mexico Wilderness Coalition wants Robledo Canyon closed. This is the home of Wolf's Run & The Guardian.

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### *Historian's Report:*

If you have any pictures or videos, Bonnie is collecting them for the club scrapbook.

Here is a list of the videos we have:

- Sandia Mountains
- Mt. Blanca
- Holy Cross Trail

See Derren at Toys For Trucks to borrow the videos.

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### SWFWDA Delegate's Report:

The newsletter will be coming out soon.

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### **New Business:**

John Barksdale, the Southwest Regional Trails Manager, will be talking to us at the May meeting.

The Cibola National Forest held a couple of Planning Meetings.

The San Ysidro Trials Area personnel want to meet with the club.

The BLM wants to designate roads in New Mexico:

- Taos - Copper Mtn. Draft plan out in May. Run to check it out on May 18.
- Arroyo Del Placio. Just starting management plan. The run there will be June 18.

Charlie & Joel will be attending a Sandia Jeep Club meeting. This will be to organize our efforts on land issues.

Charlie & Joel wrote a Recreational Opportunities Guide for our Adopt-a-Trail, the Sagebrush Trail in Caja Del Ojo.

The Treasure Hunt Committee was given \$200 for goodies.

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### **Old Business:**

Sept 27-28 - BLM Adopt-a Trail #1103 Cleanup. Call Sue Brady for more details.

Mark & Debbie Werkmeister will host the Christmas Party Meeting in December.

May 24-26 - Treasure Hunt. Place unknown, but will be in the Jemez Mts. Contact Joe Cushing, Berry Harrison, or Sam C de Baca for details. Bring a dessert, salad, or both.

Search & Rescue Training will be held on May 10, 1 pm - 4:30 pm, north of Ruidoso. Contact Scott Peake or Tom Hurt for details.

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### 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 City, OK.

The Oklahoma Trailchasers, Oklahoma City, OK.

4-Play, Lubbock, TX.

Desert Mountain 4X4 Club, Alamogordo, NM.

San Antonio Jeep Exclusive, Texas

Jeep Exclusive, Amarillo, TX.

Southern High Rollers, Houston, TX.

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

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### 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.

'71 - 225 Jeep V-6 engine, 30K since rebuild, lots of extras go with it, including the headers, 4 barrel manifold, both HEI and points distributors, P.S. pump, clutch & pressure plate, lots more! \$400 Mark Wolf 856-8539.

Smog pump, hoses, check valves, and tubes for a 225 V-6 engine. Complete system, except brackets. \$125 Mark Wolf 856-8539.

2 - DANA 20 transfer cases, out of Jeepster. One needs rebuild, the other is ready to go. Make Offer. Mark Wolf 856-8539.

66-77 Bronco parts, Drums, axle assys (3.50), posi front (3.50), wire harness, rear window & frame, set stk rims, dash, driveshafts, gas tank, heater. 884-7684.

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### DIRECTIONS TO THE MAY MEETING @ THE SIERRA'S:

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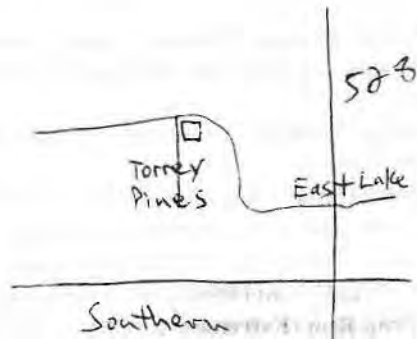
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Make a left on Torrey Pines.

First house on the left.

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Call the Trip Leader or Tail Gunner if you did not attend the last meeting or the weather has gotten weird. Do yourself a favor, call by Tuesday of the week of the run to be sure everything is a "go." Emergencies. We have attempted to put the Trip Leaders and Tail Gunners names by each run for that purpose.

**May3-Hike into Armijo Canyon.** Led by Sue Brady. This will be a scenic hiking trip for interested members. Meet@Union76@8 am. The drive to the hike area takes ~2.5hrs, west on I40 to NM117. Bring a day pack with water, lunch, and snacks.

**May 2-4 - SWFWDA Spring Meeting in Jones Country. near Jasper, Texas.**

**May 10 – Search and Rescue Training near Ruidoso.** Scott Peake leading. 1 pm - 4:30 pm. Contact Scott Peake or Tom Hurt for details.

**May 11-Backside of Sandia (Moderate).** Derren Owen leading. Meet@9am@Chevron@I40 & Tramway.

**May 17 - Meeting @ The Sierra's.** 5 pm.

**May 18-Copper Mtn (Mod-Hard).** Contact Charlie or Joel Wilson. Meet@8am@Giant@I25&St. Francis.

**May 24-26 - Treasure Hunt.** Place unknown but in the Jemez Mts. Contact Joe Cushing, Berry Harrison, or Sam C de Baca for details. Bring a dessert, a salad, or both.

**May 24-26 - Guadalupe Ridge Run (Mod-Hard).** Lloyd Swartz will lead.

**May31-Lower Tank Trap Run (Extreme).** The Wilson's leading. Meet @9am@I25 and Cerrillos Rd. @ the Santa Fe Outlet Center. Lift and lockers front and rear required; winch. 33" or better tires, and short wheelbase recommended. Rated Extreme (X 3 or 4), suitable only for modified vehicles.

**Jun 14-15 - BLM Trails near Cuba (Easy-Mod).** Mark Werkmeister leading. Meet @9am@44&528.

**Jun 21-22 - BLM Trails near Cuba (Easy-Mod).** Mark Werkmeister leading. Meet @9am@44&528.

**Jun 18 - Meeting with the BLM.** Charlie will be leading this.

**Jun 28 - Meeting @ Scott Brunwasser's.** Derren & Bonnie Owen co-hosting. 5pm.

**Jul 3-6 - Silverton, CO. Area (Mod).** Lloyd Swartz leading. More details to come.

**Jul 12 - Meeting @ The Wolf's.** 5 pm.

**Aug. 1-3 - SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Farmington.**

**Aug 16 - Meeting @ Jim & Tammy Werkmeister's.** 5 pm.

**Sept 13-14 - Mt. Blanca (Hard).** Mark Werkmeister leading. More details to come.

**Sept 13 - Meeting @ The McLain's.** 5pm.

**Sept. 27-28 - BLM Adopt-a-Trail #1103 Clean-up.** Call Sue Brady for details.





# Trail Tales

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## Hosts for the Summer Meetings:

**June 28, 5 pm** - Derren & Bonnie Owen @ Scott Brunwasser's house.

**July 12 5 pm** - Mark & Joan Wolf.

**August 16, 5 pm** - Jim & Tammy Werkmeister.

**Sept 13, 5 pm** - Eddy & Chris McLain.

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## NOTE:

The summer meetings are held at various members' homes and are a pot luck affair. The hosts provide the drinks. Everyone else bring a dish, chairs, and eating utensils.

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The following members were present at the meeting: Mark & Joan Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Charlie Wilson; Paul & Mary Thompson; Tahoe Zahn; Tom Hurt; Mark, Debbie, & Jennifer Werkmeister; Jim Werkmeister; Arne Gjerner; Berrett Harrison; Derren & Bonnie Owen; Joe Cushing; Michele Reed; Mark Harrison; Scott Brunwasser; Jack & Stella Sierra.

The following guests were present: Bryant Stock; Steve Hunt; Jeff & Janet Smith.

David Prax was voted in as a new member.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Thanks to Stella and Jack Sierra for hosting our last meeting! The food was great once again. If you missed it, you missed a lot of good food! Don't miss it next time at Scott Brunwasser's (with the Owen's co-hosting), June 28th! All are welcome, visitors and members alike. Please remember to bring chairs, plates, silverware and a cup, and a dish for all to share. There are no plans about who brings what, so bring what you like to eat! It won't be wasted!

We distributed the by-laws and the SOPs at the last meeting. Have you read them yet? Why not? It only takes about 10 minutes. We really

need to address the membership limit in the SOPs. We are currently at 44 voting members. That's 4 over the limit. I have two suggestions at present as how to address the limit. What is your suggestion? It's YOUR club, not mine alone. Your input is valuable. Please come to the next meeting prepared to discuss it or call me (or any other officer) and let us know what your input is.

The treasure hunt was not a treasure hunt this year, but it was a fine camping trip. I'm pretty sure everyone had fun. You know, I think maybe this ought to be a cooking club! Once again, the food was spectacular and there was plenty to go around. So much so, that we decided to share again the next night and it was just as good. Thanks to Joe and Berrett for putting it together. You did an excellent job! By the way, any volunteers for next year?

Elections! Yes folks, it's time to call for nominees for all positions. Voting takes place in July. I have two positions that someone has volunteered for already. They will most likely be nominated at the next meeting. Please think about these offices. We need dedicated people who will follow through on their commitment. It's a big job to get the information out to some 150+ people, based upon the number of Trail Tales that Scott sends out each month. I don't know how many people will run again for their position, but I'm sure there will be some who will not. Speak up! We don't know you're interested if you don't tell someone.

Joel Wilson won the cow bell for leading a trail and getting everyone lost.

We need to get a list of people who can do weekday runs. Let Scott know.

Michele "volunteered" to organize a run where the ladies drive.

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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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## **Vice President/ Sheriff's**

### **Report:**

None.

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### **Program Chairman's Report:**

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

We have club hats for \$8 each.

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### **Trip Chairman's Report:**

#### **Past Runs/Events:**

**Apr 12 - Tank Trap.**

**Apr 26-27 - Jaws of Death.**

**May 3 - Armijo Canyon.**

**May 1-3 - SWFWDA Summer Meeting.**

**May 10 - Search & Rescue Training.**

**May 11 - Backside of Sandias.**

#### **Future Runs/Events:**

**Jun 6-7 - Jaws of Death.**

**Jun 14 - Cuba.**

**Jun 21 - Cuba.**

**Jun 29 - Mission Impossible.**

### **Jaws of Death Work Party, June 6-8**

That's right! You've heard about it and now you have another chance to actually experience it yourself! The one, the only, the Jaws of Death! The club has planned another work party to continue the creation of some world-class rock crawling right in our own backyard. This will be a flexible weekend with directions given below so that you can come out anytime during the weekend and give the workers a hand.

Some of the members will be leaving after work on Friday with others arriving early Saturday morning. We will be camping out on the ranch both Friday and Saturday evenings with a return to town planned for Sunday afternoon. The plan is to leave the camp down on the ranch no later than 9:00 a.m. to head for the canyons. We need as many workers as possible as there is a lot of work to do. If you plan on coming, you will need to bring the correct "implements of construction". Please call Mark Werkmeister for information on what to bring in the way of tools.

Remember, this area contains some pretty difficult 'wheeling so bring appropriate vehicles

and a correct frame of mind. Lockers and larger tires are recommended if you want to play in the canyon but we have plenty of open seats available if you want to leave your truck back in camp (camp is accessible in stock vehicles) and "Jeep-pool" down to the trails.

If we have a respectable turnout of people who demonstrate a willingness to work, Mark has promised to have some liquid reward back in camp for the tired, sweaty, dirty laborers. With that, here are the directions for reaching camp.

1. Take I-40 to Los Lunas, turn west on Highway 6.
2. Approximately 15 miles west of I-40, turn left to the new Valencia County Landfill. If you enter the Laguna Indian Reservation, you have gone a little too far.
3. Head for the weigh station/gate house for the landfill. Just short of the weigh station is a gate on the right hand side. There is a chain with several locks on it. Our lock will be the brand new "Master" combination lock. The combination will be "2477"! Be sure to lock the gate again behind you.
4. Take the new graded road toward the landfill. After 5.6 miles, take a right on a dirt road. The road runs mostly west.
5. After 1.7 miles, take a right at the Tee intersection.
6. After 0.8 miles, take a left. You should be able to see an old road climbing the mesa in front of you. After 0.3 miles, you will cross a major dry wash.
7. After 0.9 miles, veer right on the old road up the mesa. After climbing for 1.0 miles, you will pass through a gate in a fence line as the road flattens out and heads across the mesa.
8. After 2.2 miles, take a right. In about 0.6 miles, you will pass near an old well head (A capped pipe sticking out of the ground about six feet).
9. 0.5 miles after the well head, take a left on a very faint two track heading west. If you come to the edge of the mesa, you have gone a little too far.
10. After 1.4 miles, take another left and continue to the edge of the mesa.
11. You will descend the mesa on an old roadbed cut through the rocks. From the mesa's edge, you will see an old windmill and ruin in below and in front of you. Follow the road to the windmill.

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12. At the windmill, take a right. Camp will be 1.5 miles down the main set of tracks that head generally north. If you get lost, holler for help on the CB. We will be monitoring Channel 4.

Remember, this camp site and these trail opportunities are on PRIVATE LAND. We are there at the good pleasure of the land owner. Make sure we continue this great opportunity by taking great care of his land! Come on out, have a great time, and enjoy some great canyon rock crawling!

### **Armijo Canyon,** by Sue Brady

The trip to Armijo Canyon had quite a small group which actually worked in our favor. We left the Union 76 truck stop at 8:15 with Pat & Sue Brady, Tom Hurt, Mark & Joan Wolf, and Charlie & Joel Wilson. We headed west on 140 to exit 89, NM117. After a short pit stop at the Stuckeys, we headed south on NM 117 to the first turn-off to Pie Town which is a dirt road. Approx. 4 miles down the dirt road we turned east at the road to Armijo Canyon. There is a small sign for Armijo Canyon at the turn-off. The road goes in about 1 mile to a small parking area. From there we walked up the sandy road approx. 2 1/3 miles to the homestead and well house. It was an easy walk and the canyon is very pretty. We ate lunch just above the well house under large pine trees and oak trees. On the way back we wandered about some of the small Indian ruins that line the north side of the canyon and also went to the Dittert site which is National Register. From there we hiked back to the vehicles and returned home. It is about a 4 hour drive round trip. Those of you who missed it, missed some great country.

### **Backside of Sandias,** by Bonnie Owen

**Mother's Day.** Sounds like a good excuse to go four-wheeling to me! 5 members and 1 guest showed up for the Mother's Day run to the backside of the Sandias. Or should I say *Pre-run?* This is what it ended up to be. Unfortunately our trip leaders (we won't mention any names) did not take the time to ensure that all of the snow had melted off the mountain. **WAIT!!!** Don't write this one up in the NM4W's book of OOPS yet. We decided that since we were out and about we would conduct our own exploration of the area. Members present were: Bonnie Owen, Derren and Cathie

Owen, Mark Wolf, Scott Brunwasser, and Pat Slattery. Guest present was John Romesberg and Kim Gutierrez. All but Pat continued on the exploration. We found an old pipeline road that is supposed to end up at the San Felipe Casino. There are several fingers that branch off of the main pipeline road. Just as we saw the "not so aesthetically challenged" Commando get into an extremely sideways position we decided that we had better turn around and go back for the day. This looks like a great new 4-wheeling area that is close to home. More explorations to come.

### **Copper Mountain Run Trip Report,** by Joel Wilson

On Sunday May 18, my Dad and I met Pat and Sue Brady in Santa Fe at 8 am, and set out on the Copper Mountain run to explore an area that the BLM is planning to partially close. Our goal was to decide whether this area north of Dixon has anything of interest to four wheelers so that we can comment on their draft plan.

We met with a BLM representative in Dixon at 9:30 am to talk about the area and pick up some overlay maps. We then drove to the area and started out on some easy roads that follow washes and wind through the hills. A couple of hours later we found some interesting petroglyphs on a large boulder, but it is doubtful as to whether they are the work of Native Americans or of modern man. At this point we were following a loop that went through according to our fifty year old maps. As it turned out, the loop does seem to go through but no one has driven on it for at least a few decades, so we turned around and headed for a lunch spot.

After lunch we drove to the other end of the loop to see how far we could get. According to the map, there is a side road off the loop road that connects to a maintained road. Because the loop is almost invisible now (something only Pat Brady could see), we decided to try the side road. The road progressively became fainter and rougher - finally something with excitement! And it wouldn't have been a problem except that our Jeep refused to keep running. It was a hot day and the steep hills we were encountering were causing our Jeep to vapor lock. But it wasn't too big of a deal for the time being, and I was able to keep the engine at low RPM for the occasional set of boulders to crawl over.

### **Trip Chairman's Report: (Con't)**

Then came the hill. The road turned into a pack trail and traversed a steep side slope. Our level gauge was reading about thirty degrees, and as the side slope became steeper, our Jeep began to slide sideways a little bit whenever I tried to go forward. After a closer look we found that the original road had climbed straight up the loose rock hill. With so much idling, the engine finally shut down as I tried to climb the hill, and I had to back down and sit for awhile while Pat tried the hill. Pat made it nine-tenths of the way up, and then resorted to winch power to crest the top. After pouring gasoline down the carb, our Jeep finally started and I began to crawl up the slope. But I went too slow, and was stopped a number of times before reaching the nine-tenths mark where Pat stopped. My winch did the rest.

From here it wasn't far to a more used road, but another problem arose. Where the shelf road climbed to another mesa, we came to a deep washout that had to be bypassed. As we were pondering the situation, we heard Sandia Jeep Club members complaining about some hills on the CB. It seems they were exploring the area to the south of us. With some momentum I was able to make it up the steep bank and go around the washout, while Pat dug out a path for his uphill wheels and drove by it, although not without some excitement. His rear wheel slid partly into the hole but momentum carried him through without tipping.

We ended the day at around 3:30 pm, and explored only one third of the area. It seems that there are some interesting trails to be explored in this area, and we will make a return trip or two this summer so we can provide a full report to the BLM. Happy Trails!

### **TRIP REPORT - NORTHERN ESCALANTE NATL. MONUMENT,**

by Bob Telepak

This trip occurred May 1-4th with Bob Telepak, Bob Norton, Arne Gjerner, and Charles Rushing participating. We began on an old mining road starting on the south side of Utah Hwy 95 at MM 67.4 east of Hite. Documented this road with GPS and photos and moved several big boulders using Bob's CJ-5 and a cable system.

Next we traveled along the Notom-Bullfrog road in the Waterpocket Fold of Capitol Reef National Park and camped off the Oak Creek Canyon road which we also mapped. Camping was cold and windy but made tolerable by a large campfire.

The next day we drove up the Burr Trail through the reef and down the Wolverine Loop trail past the petrified wood protected area. Found a mine road going up to a mesa. Used the same CJ-5/cable technique to clear the road of several large boulders which we also were able to maneuver into washed out areas of the road to serve as fill. This took several hours. Camped that night on top of the mesa which appears to be an old oil exploration site with several drill holes. It has a great view for almost 360 degrees around.

The last day out we found 2 more even less used mine roads off the Wolverine Loop that we drove, "improved" somewhat, and documented with GPS and photos. This all occurred in Garfield County, UT where the county engineer has encouraged clubs like ours to drive and document and all roads such as this to help the county protect them from closure using RS-2477 against the efforts of SUWA.

### **Club Meets with BLM, by Mark Werkmeister**

On Tuesday, May 27th, Mark Werkmeister, Robert Telepak, Pat Brady, Charlie Wilson, and Phil and Carol Kennicott met with the local BLM office to hear their latest decision on the club's request to use the San Ysidro Trials Area for the club's rock crawling forays. Ms. Jane Altweis from Rep. Steve Schiff's office also attended the meeting at the club's invitation. Representing the BLM was District Manager Mike Ford, Rio Ruerco Resource Area Manager Hector Villalobos, Recreation Officer Cathy Walters, and Public Affairs Manager Charna Lefton.

In a nutshell, the answer on the San Ysidro area from the BLM was still "No". Continuing a two year tradition of finding new ways to disprove the club's request, the BLM sited areas of religious significance for nearby pueblos and "scenic values" as the current reasons to keep us from using the designated OHV area for its intended use.

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## **Trip Chairman's Report: (Con't)**

The BLM stressed their desire to find a mutually agreeable area for the club to use as a high challenge play area and encouraged the club to look for such an area in the many acres of local BLM that has been designated as "open" for motorized use. The "open" designation means that we do not have to stay to existing roads and trails and can create challenge routes as we see fit. Unfortunately, much of the "open" areas do not meet the club's requirements for rocky terrain that is suited for our use or is checkerboarded with private land that makes access difficult if not impossible to acquire. The BLM agreed to furnish the club with the latest 1:100000 scale maps with all of the current land use designations applied to the maps to assist the club in finding a suitable area.

The BLM expressed willingness to accompany the club on field trips/runs to find suitable terrain. We are working on scheduling some trips with them in the hopes that when they better understand what our club is about and what we and our vehicles are capable of doing, the BLM might be more cooperative and successful in identifying the type of landforms we desire.

On the darker side, Mike Ford clearly expressed a very distorted view of what constitutes a "road" and what RS2477 means in terms of public access to historic rights of way in New Mexico. It is very clear from the conversations that "RS2477" is a very "evil" concept to the BLM and that they intend on following the Interior Secretary's illegal directives on that subject.

In expressing "scenic values" as a reason to keep us out of the area, it would seem that they have clearly discriminated against motorized recreation. How can an area be "too scenic to allow motorized use"??? This discriminatory theme continued in their contention that "Yes, we know that YOUR group are truly good people - BUT - we are worried about renegade individual 4-wheelers if we open an area up the way you want it." This clearly shows an institutional bias against motorized recreation!! Renegade 4-wheelers? What about renegade hikers, bicyclists, equestrian users, etc?

The BLM admitted that the club has other avenues to pursue in getting access to the

affected public land by paying for our own Environmental Assessment or legal litigation.

The proof of the BLM's willingness to work with us in a cooperative and good faith manner will ultimately be shown in the RESULTS that we see in the next several months. By RESULTS, I mean the successful identification AND designation of an area that has suitable terrain for our high challenge needs.

In addition to working with the BLM to identify OTHER possible challenge play areas and routes, the New Mexico 4-Wheelers need to continue to weigh their other options in leveraging the BLM to appropriately manage the San Ysidro Trials Area and then vigorously pursue all means at our disposal.

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## **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.  
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My phone # is: **505-896-4244**

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New Mexico 4-Wheelers on-line:

**<http://www.geocities.com/MotorCity/4465/nm4w.html>**

Trail Tales on-line:

**<http://www.geocities.com/MotorCity/4465/traitalles.html>**

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## **Treasurer's Report:**

It was reported that we have \$1091.08 in the bank.

If you are a member and DON'T have a membership card, let Sue Brady know.

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## **Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report:**

### **WHY RS-2477 SHOULD BE IMPORTANT TO ALL 4-WHEELERS**

I have told you in the past about RS-2477, the 1866 law that appears to be the key to keeping open the roads we like to drive on - and the ones most threatened with closure by the government

## Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report: (Con't)

(BLM and Forest Service) and the object of major efforts to close by the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) and it's newly spawned sibling the New Mexico Wilderness Coalition.

These groups want to turn millions of acres into complete Wilderness, where only hiking is allowed. In effect, they are trying to turn some of the most beautiful areas in the country into their private playgrounds. Specifically, they want to shut down 5.7 million acres of Southeastern Utah and 2.5 million acres in New Mexico.

They say their proposals are the "peoples' proposals." This is absolutely false. They are the proposals of an elite few who could not care less about limiting access to all but themselves.

RS-2477, put simply, gives ownership of roads to the counties they are in, regardless of whether the roads are on "just plain" BLM or Forest land, or within national monuments, and even national parks. Recently, the Forest Service acknowledged this ownership in Alamosa County, CO by agreeing that the Mt. Blanca road, all the way to the lake at the top, belonged to the COUNTY. This was a very important precedent that was sent.

SUWA and the Sierra Club are very afraid of RS-2477, and are continually trying to say it is not valid, just an "antique" 131 year old law. But it IS valid, just as is the much older Constitution of the United States!

Recently, there has been an effort in Congress to prohibit the BLM and Interior Secretary Babbitt from implementing regulations on RS-2477 without congressional approval. This has met with a ferocious media blitz by SUWA and the Sierra Club, claiming that this will result in a "Pave the Parks" effort by the counties.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The counties just want to keep their existing roads open, not pave them! Probably the most famous road they cite is the Burr Trail, which goes through Capitol Reef National Park. Guess what! Part of the Burr Trail is paved, but the pavement STOPS at the park boundary.

If you are interested in preserving the existing roads, trails, ways, etc that we love to drive and give us access to these beautiful and historic areas, then support RS-2477 all that you can. Get on the Internet if you can and join the Land Use Network (LUN). When you hear of a need to phone, e-mail, or write letters in favor of RS-2477, please take the time from your busy day and DO it. We need your help. This is probably the MOST important political thing you can do in the next year.

Remember to write your letters.

Mt. Blanca is now open.

Flood Relief Bill has an RS2477 rider on it.

San Ysidro wants to meet with the club.

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### *Historian's Report:*

If you have any pictures or videos, Bonnie is collecting them for the club scrapbook.

Here is a list of the videos we have:

- Sandia Mountains
- Mt. Blanca
- Holy Cross Trail

See Derren at Toys For Trucks to borrow the videos.

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### **SWFWDA Delegate's Report:**

None.

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### **New Business:**

- The club received a bunch of topo map from a donor.
- All club members need to read the By-Laws and SOPs.
- Nominations will be accepted at the June meeting. Elections will be at the July meeting.
- Club Garage Sale July 19 @ Jim Werkmeister's house.
- Tom Hurt will be heading up a Membership Committee.
- The BLM wants to designate roads in New Mexico:
  - Arroyo Del Placio. Starting management plan. The run there will be June 18.

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### Old Business:

- We will be meeting with the BLM on June 18.
- Sept 27-28 - BLM Adopt-a Trail #1103 Clean-up. Call Sue Brady for more details.
- Mark & Debbie Werkmeister will host the Christmas Party Meeting in December.

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### 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:

- The Oklahoma Trailchasers, Oklahoma City, OK.
- San Antonio Jeep Exclusive, Texas
- Jeep Exclusive, Amarillo, TX.
- Southern High Rollers, Houston, TX.
- 4x4 and More of Texas, Lubbock, Texas

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

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### 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.

- '71 - 225 Jeep V-6 engine, 30K since rebuild, lots of extras go with it, including the headers (fit both CJ and Commando), 4 barrel manifold, both HEI and points distributors, P.S. pump, clutch & pressure plate, lots more! \$400. Mark 856-8539
- Smog pump, hoses, check valves, and tubes for a 225 V-6 engine. Complete system, except brackets. \$125. Mark 856-8539
- 2 - DANA 20 transfer cases, out of Jeepster. One needs rebuild, the other is ready to go. Make Offer Mark Wolf 856-8539
- Jeep CJ7 Dana 44 rear. Comes with 3.31 ring/pinion, carrier, etc. \$500 OBO. Contact Tahoe Zahn. 265-2522.

- Tuffy Security Console with stereo for YJ/CJ. Stereo less than 1 year old. \$200.00. Contact Tahoe Zahn. 265-2522.
- Windshield mount light bar for Jeep CJ7/Wrangler. \$10. Contact Tahoe Zahn. 265-2522.
- For Sale: ConFerr Gear Box for CJ's. Metal, lockable, fits behind rear = seat. Cost \$220 + shipping new. Will sacrifice for \$85. Contact Garry Brown.
- 1992 Toy 4X4, stock, 88,000 miles, 8,500.00 OBO. Jim Hardyman @ 265-9219. A Radiator Shop.

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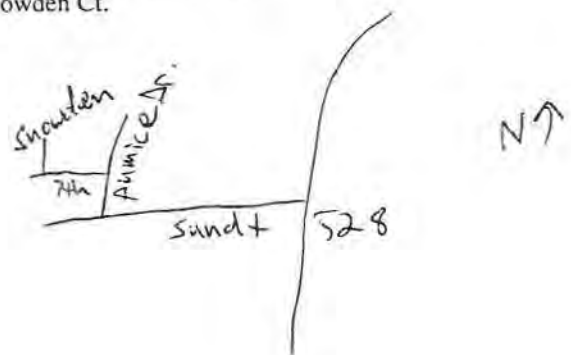
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- Go past Southern and down the hill.
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- Make a right on Pumice Dr.
- Make a left on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Make a right on Snowden Ct.
- I'm the second house on the left.
- 4305 Snowden Ct.



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### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Call the Trip Leader or Tail Gunner if you did not attend the last meeting or the weather has gotten weird. Do yourself a favor, call by Tuesday of the week of the run to be sure everything is a "go." Emergencies. We have attempted to put the Trip Leaders and Tail Gunners names by each run for that purpose.

- Jun 6-8 - Jaws of Death (Hard).** Berry Harrison leading. Look inside Trail Tales for details.
- Jun 14-15 - BLM Trails near Cuba (Easy-Mod).** Mark Werkmeister leading. Meet @9am@44&528.
- Jun 18 - Meeting with the BLM.** Charlie will be leading this.
- Jun 21-22 - BLM Trails near Cuba (Easy-Mod).** Mark Werkmeister leading. Meet @9am@44&528.
- Jun 28 - Meeting @ Scott Brunwasser's. Derren & Bonnie Owen co-hosting. 5pm.**
- Jun 29 - Mission Impossible (Hard).** Charlie Wilson leading. Meet @9am@I25 & US285 east of Santa Fe. This will be trail building.
- Jul 3-6 - Silverton, CO. Area (Mod).** Lloyd Swartz leading. More details to come.
- Jul 12 - Meeting @ The Wolf's. 5 pm.**
- Jul 19 - Garage Sale (Hard).** Jim Werkmeister's house. Gears, lockers recommended. Lots of ground clearance. Expect body damage. Rather see you break than pile rocks.
- Aug. 1-3 - SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Farmington.**
- Aug 16 - Meeting @ Jim & Tammy Werkmeister's. 5 pm.**
- Sept 6-7 - Mt. Blanca (Hard).** Mark Werkmeister leading. More details to come.
- Sept 13 - Meeting @ The McLain's. 5pm.**
- Sept. 27-28 - BLM Adopt-a-Trail #1103 Clean-up.** Call Sue Brady for details.





# Trail Tales

Official Newsletter of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers  
June 28, 1997 Meeting Minutes  
July Issue



## Hosts for the Summer Meetings:

**NOTE: THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF MEETING PLACES FOR JULY AND AUGUST.**

**July 12 5 pm - Jim & Tammy Werkmeister.** After the Garage Sale.

**August 16, 5 pm - Mark & Joan Wolf.**

**Sept 13, 5 pm - Eddy & Chris McLain.**

## NOTE:

The summer meetings are held at various members' homes and are a pot luck affair. The hosts provide the drinks. Everyone else bring a dish, chairs, and eating utensils.

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Charlie & Joel Wilson; Tahoe Zahn; Tom Hurt; Mark Werkmeister; Berrett & Deborah Harrison; Derren & Bonnie Owen; Michele Reed; Scott Brunwasser; Stella Sierra; Jeffrey Lee & Mary Langley; Kevin McTavish.

The following guests were present: Lloyd Swartz; Larry & Debbie Whitlock; Don & Karen Miller; Elmer Medina; Robert & Doreen Clark.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Thanks to Scott Brunwasser and Bonnie & Derren Owen for hosting our last meeting! The food was great once again. If you missed it, you missed a lot of good food! Don't miss it next time at Tammy & Jim Werkmeister's (That's right! It's been changed!), July 19th right after the yard sale! All are welcome, visitors and members alike. Please remember to bring chairs, plates, silverware and a cup, and a dish for all to share. There are no plans about who brings

what, so bring what you like to eat! It won't be wasted!

We talked about and voted on changing the membership limit at the last meeting. We voted on increasing the limit to 60 members. There was much discussion about having too big a club, but participation is more of a problem than anything else. No one has been able to figure out how to increase that portion of our membership yet. Now we need to address Article B. subsection 3 about how we move people from Voting to Associate status. Turn out at our last meeting was mediocre. Where are all of you people?

Elections! Yes I talked about this last time. All incumbents have agreed to run again. Pat Brady has also volunteered to run for Vice President. Are there any more of you out there that want to support this club through an elected position? Step up and be counted. Voting takes place at our next meeting. Be there and vote. We will also nominate the "Four Wheeler of the Year" and the person(s) with the most points. The club elected to honor our Business member that has allowed us to use his copier to make numerous copies. He will get a big surprise! Hope to see you at our next meeting!

The Club received a check for \$250 from the Las Cruces FWD Club for helping them with the Winter Meeting. The Club voted to donate this money to the SWFWDA Land Defense Fund.

The Ladies Run, led by Michele, Will be held in the Red River area on Sept. 27.

## Vice President/ Sheriff's Report:

Pat Brady was awarded the Cow Bell for falling off a stump at the Treasure Hunt.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Trail Tales, 4305 Snowden Ct. Rio Rancho, NM 87124, or call Scott Brunwasser at 505-896-4244 and give him the change over the phone.

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## Program Chairman's Report:

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

We have club hats for \$8 each.

The club raffle has been suspended until we get more raffle tickets.

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## Trip Chairman's Report:

### Past Runs/Events:

May 18 - Copper Mtn.

May 24-26 - Treasure Hunt.

May 31 - Tank Trap.

Jun 6-8 - Jaws of Death.

Jun 14-15 - Jemez.

Jun 18 - Arroyo Del Palacio w/the BLM.

Jun 21-22 - Jemez Trail Clearing.

### Future Runs/Events:

Jun 29 - Mission Impossible.

Jul 6 - Elk Mtn.

Jul 19 - Club Garage Sale & Meeting.

Aug 1-3 - SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Farmington.

Sept 27 - Ladies run to Red River area.

## TRIP TO THE EL MALPAIS CONSERVATION AREA OF NM

25 MAY 1997, by Bob Norton

Due to uncertainties of schedules, three NM4Wheelers did not participate in the Treasure Hunt. However, breaking away for a day trip was possible.

Charles Rushing and I drove our XJ Cherokees. Arne Gjerner rode with me as his XJ rear Ring and Pinion was toast. We first stopped at the El Malpais Ranger Station on Hwy 117 to obtain some maps. From there we traveled into Cebolla Canyon, surrounded on both sides by the Cebolla Wilderness.

We were interested in finding some petroglyphs at the mouth of Lobo Canyon. We were ready to begin our hike in the general direction where we suspected they were located when a Ranger drove up. She was a young lady out to show a new recruit the all highlights of the area....entirely in one day, I think!

Anyway, she proved to be friendly, talkative and very hyperactive! She was pleased to show the three of us and the recruit the way to the rock art. The Ranger lady talked non-stop so we learned much of the area in a short time! The Pictograph panels were nice. We parted ways as she raced back to the bone-stock government issue little Blazer, equipped with one humongous winch on an equally humongous front bumper. Well used, I suspect!

From there we looked for the back ways into an area surrounding the El Malpais National Monument called the El Malpais National Conservation Area. A loop to take in West Canyon and Brazo Canyon was planned. Apparently so designated by Congress on Dec 31, 1987. I myself was previously unaware of this National Conservation Area designation.

"Allows compatible multiple uses in the NCA, such as livestock grazing and hunting. No mining or timber cutting" (and, I presume, no drilling).

"Vehicle use limited to designated roads." Yes, there was a handful of road closed signs at some short-cuts that may have been fun 4-wheeling stretches. Most roads were on the maps and well used.

The limited multiple-use policies utilized in the El Malpais Nat. Conservation Area may be valid for certain other specific areas too. (That is, if they leave the primitive roads open too!). Pleasant scenery. The road was mostly 2WD. But, a muddy crossing of a wash and deep ruts in the road prove these roads may be close to impassable when very wet!

Next, we checked out an area targeted for wilderness designation by the New Mexico Wilderness Coalition (SUWA affiliate) called Techado Mesa. Darned if a road and trail don't show on the BLM's own map! Drove to the top of the Mesa and all the way to the end of the road at an intermittent lake. (Expect the USGS map will confirm this entire road too.) Arne diligently recorded the GPS readings. We took pictures to record the road, cows, etc.

4-wheel drive low was helpful to crawl up a steeper stretch, but may not have been necessary at all with a more aggressive attack. Next, on top of the Mesa was a herd of grazing cattle! Now

## Trip Chairman's Report: (continued)

the mesa was very pleasant, but no particularly unique geology or unique scenic qualities. We were uncertain as to the locations of other targeted areas nearby called "Cebolla Additions" - likely a couple more mesas in the N.C.A.

What kind of scam is the NM Wilderness Coalition up to in calling Techado Mesa, complete with road and cattle, a wilderness?

I expect that much of the other areas targeted in NM also exhibit multiple-use. A large area targeted between Mt. Taylor and La Cabezón may be such an area. Worth exploring.

### TANK TRAP TRIP REPORT, by Joel Wilson

Another trail finished! Tank Trap is the second rock-crawling trail that has been completed in the Santa Fe area. Although there is more that could be done to Tank Trap, you can now drive from one end to the other. The first trail completed was Squeeze Play on Glorietta Mesa, which is just east of Santa Fe, and the next one to tackle, on June 29, will be Mission Impossible, also on Glorietta Mesa.

Tank Trap is a fun and challenging trail, and everyone at the run agreed. Attending were Gary and Chris Brown, Pat Brady, Kevin McTavish, Mark Werkmeister, and Charlie and Joel Wilson. The trail takes a long time to do, almost two days between the two groups we took over the trail, neither of which did the same section of trail. And, interestingly enough, this trip was composed of people who did not come the first time, and no one who came last time came this time.

We met at nine in the morning at the Santa Fe Outlet Center and were at the trail head within an hour and a half. We started out on an old road found by Tom Hurt which descends into the canyon bottom where the trail is. From there we continued on from where we had left off on the last trip. The tough stuff began right away, and Chris proved it when he broke his passenger side hub. He was done for the day, and decided to head back to town. Everyone quickly got some chances to exercise their rocker panel protectors on the hard and unforgiving rocks, and I put some good gouges in my transfer case skid plate.

Toward the end of the quarter mile of trail we did that day, there is a difficult section where we had to pile up some rocks in order to maneuver around a waterfall. The finished path was narrow and off-camber, but it wasn't a problem until the last obstacle, where there is a short and steep descent around a large boulder into the canyon bottom. I was the first one to try it, and there were not enough rocks piled to support my Jeep. The Jeep slipped sideways off of the rocks and became hung up on the driver's side rocker panel. The driver's side quarter panel also was squished. Everyone took some pictures, even me, after all it did look dramatic. Half an hour later, Mark winched me backwards into a more comfortable position. For the next fifteen minutes, many rocks were stacked to make a better path. After this, the drive around the boulder was no problem, but still exciting. Everyone else made it through all of the obstacles without getting stuck, but there was one problem to report concerning some environmental damage. Kevin had his new Commando out and running, and today would be his first day testing it on some hard core rock crawling. His Jeep was doing great on all of the obstacles, and with its impressive wheel travel and low gearing, he was making the trail look easy. However, there was one obstacle where a steep descent down a rock waterfall led to a pool of water, followed by a short and slippery climb out due to wet and muddy tires attempting to grip a slab of rock. Kevin's Commando decided it was time to relieve itself of some fluids on the steep descent. After all, who wouldn't be nervous on their first time rock-crawling? The Commando leaked at least a pint of gas on the rock. I think an appropriate fine is in order.

It was a sunny and dry day for once, meaning no mud to hide the scratches. We were done for the day at three thirty, in time for everyone to get home in the daylight.

### Jemez Mountains Overnight Trip (Trip 1 of 2), by Mark Werkmeister

Nine o'clock on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, saw a smallish collection of NM4Wers gathered for an overnight run to the Jemez mountains. It has been awhile since I led a trip and I forgot to pass around an attendance list, so bear with me if I don't have all the names. Gathered at the intersection of Highways 44 and 528 and chomping at the bit were Mark Werkmeister, Pat

## Trip Chairman's Report:

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and Sue Brady, Mark Wolf, Tom Hurt, Gary Brown, Alan Monsees and a passenger (See? First omission...) Bob Norton, and new prospect Ron Zorn in a full size Bronco (Ron had two kids along but I didn't get their names either). During a quick discussion it was apparent that several vehicles would be making it a day trip as they had reasons to return Saturday evening.

We took off, passing through San Ysidro and Canon before turning off at Gilman and heading up toward the tunnels. Just short of the tunnels, we locked in and aired down and headed up the old road to the top of the ridge. The berms aren't getting any easier but everyone made it over without incident. We turned north up the Peggy Mesa Road and stopped for lunch in the meadows at the head of Deer Creek. After lunch we continued north into the Jemez reservation and then turned down the old road into San Joquin Canyon.

With all the rain this spring, the Jemez Mountains are really, really lush this year with lots of grass growing up in the roads! We proceeded without incident until the trail leader (me) got a little too close to a wash-out that was slickened by a running spring. The Scrambler dropped the right front tire into a hole deep enough that ARBs couldn't get enough traction on the wet surface to pull me back out. A strap was employed to pull me out backwards but not before everyone gleefully took many pictures!

The rest of the trip down canyon was made without incident although the brush is starting to reclaim the trail again. We made the short, but steep, side trip up to see the old log loader that Pat discovered years before. At this point, the "day-trippers" decided to head back to town and headed down the canyon and out on the gravel road. Mark Wolf, Tom, Pat & Sue, and I headed north to camp at the campsite just above Porter. We camped early which gave us lots of time to kick back, relax, and engage in some spirited conversation! Thunderstorms threatened but kept sliding north or south around us. We ate supper, built a fire, and lounged around the fire for several hours before calling it a day (and night!).

The next morning, we broke camp and headed north up FR 534, then turned off on the road up San Miguel Mountain. The view from the top was, as always, spectacular with most of the Jemez visible as well as the Rio Puerco drainage. We headed off the west side of the mountain and dropped into Cuba. After a group lunch at the Cuban Cafe, we mounted up and headed back home.

The weekend was great. No rain! Good companions! Green Jemez! The only thing that would have made it better would have been more people!

### Jemez Mountains Overnight Trip - The Sequel, by Mark Werkmeister

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, we once again met at the intersection of Highways 44 and 528. After checking out who showed up, we decided to turn the weekend into a trail reclamation trip. Attending the run was Mark Werkmeister, Mark Wolf, Tom Hurt, Joel and Charlie Wilson, Scott Brunwasser, and Sandia Jeep Club member Ruben Rangel. All Jeeps!!!!

We headed toward the mountains and after a gas stop at Jemez, we turned up the Peggy Mesa Road. After airing down, we decided to split into two groups of three vehicles each and attack both ends of the project. Charlie led the "east" group since he knew where the east trailhead was located and Mark led the "west" group in the (mistaken) assumption that he knew where the west trailhead was located. Charlie, Tom, and Ruben made direct progress toward the trail from the east while the western group toured some of the back roads in the western Jemez. Mark Wolf finally saved the day by believing you can head west to go east and we were soon on the road we had started trimming back in November.

This trail is a long one with the western end featuring numerous large berms to negotiate and the eastern end featuring a wide variety of terrain and surfaces. After working several long, hot, and brushy hours, we decided that the reunion between the two groups would take place in the campground and not on the trail! We called it a day and headed for camp (although Joel and Charlie continued to work an additional hour!), arriving at the campsite in Porter about 5:00 p.m. Some members were so drained and tired that

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even their "beverages of choice" couldn't revive them.

The next morning, Tom went fishing, Scott returned for work, and the remaining four vehicles started down the old Church Canyon road from the west end. The route is still open from our previous trimming expedition several years ago but the upper end is quite grass covered due to the abundant rain this year. We made the run down to the Guadalupe without incident and identified several other roads in the area that need exploration. Charlie and Joel headed back up to the previous day's trail for more trimming work while the remaining three vehicles headed for lunch in San Ysidro and then home.

The primary motivating factor in scheduling these two Jemez trips was the complaint that, "The club doesn't schedule enough easy/moderate trips anymore, especially camping trips." The turn-out for these two trips was, quite frankly, disappointing. More disappointing still was that of the vehicles that showed up, almost all had 33" or larger tires and lockers at both ends! Yes, the very same "hard core" wheelers that show up for the extreme stuff are the same folks who show up for all other types of runs. The club will continue to try and schedule a wide variety of activities and runs to meet the needs and schedules of our diverse membership but no more complaining about a lack of opportunities for "your" type of 'wheeling!

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### *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 \$917 and a few pennies in the bank.

If you are a member and DON'T have a membership card, let Sue Brady know.

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## Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report:

None.

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### *Historian's Report:*

If you have any pictures or videos, Bonnie is collecting them for the club scrapbook.

Here is a list of the videos we have:

- Sandia Mountains
- Mt. Blanca
- Holy Cross Trail

See Derren at Toys For Trucks to borrow the videos.

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## SWFWDA Delegate's Report:

None.

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## New Business:

- The Club voted to expand its voting membership to 60.
- Dues are due next month.
- The Club voted to present a plaque to a certain business for making copies of the By-Laws and SOPs for us.
- Next month the Club will be giving awards to recognize the "Four Wheeler of the Year" and the member with the most points.
- The Club was invited to the Salida area of Colorado to explore the trails up there. Sept 20-21 was selected as the dates.
- A local radio station wants to do interviews with members from the Club.
- Due to the New Mexico OHV Association meeting being held on July 12, a different meeting times and places for the July and August meetings have been arranged.  
- **July Meeting (Elections)** will be held on July 19th at **Jim and Tammy Werkmeister's house** at 5:00 p.m. after the garage sale.

## New Business:

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- **August Meeting** will now be at **Mark and Joan Wolf's house** on August 16th at 5:00 p.m.

- Next Meeting are the Club elections. As of press time, the following people have volunteered/been nominated to run:
  - Mark Wolf - President
  - Tom Hurt - Vice President/Sheriff
  - Pat Brady - Vice President/Sheriff
  - Tom Hurt - Program Chairman
  - Charlie Wilson - Trip Chairman
  - Scott Brunwasser - Secretary
  - Sue Brady - Treasurer
  - Bob Telepak - Dir. Of Environ. Affairs
  - Bonnie Owen - Historian

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## Old Business:

- Mark & Debbie Werkmeister will host the Christmas Party Meeting in December.
- Club Garage Sale and Meeting July 19 @ Jim Werkmeister's house.
- Tom Hurt will be heading up a Membership Committee.

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## 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:

- The Oklahoma Trailchasers, Oklahoma City, OK.
- San Antonio Jeep Exclusive, TX.
- Jeep Exclusive - Amarillo, TX.
- Sandia Jeep Club - Santa Fe, NM.
- Frontier Four Wheelers - OKC, OK.

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

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## 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.

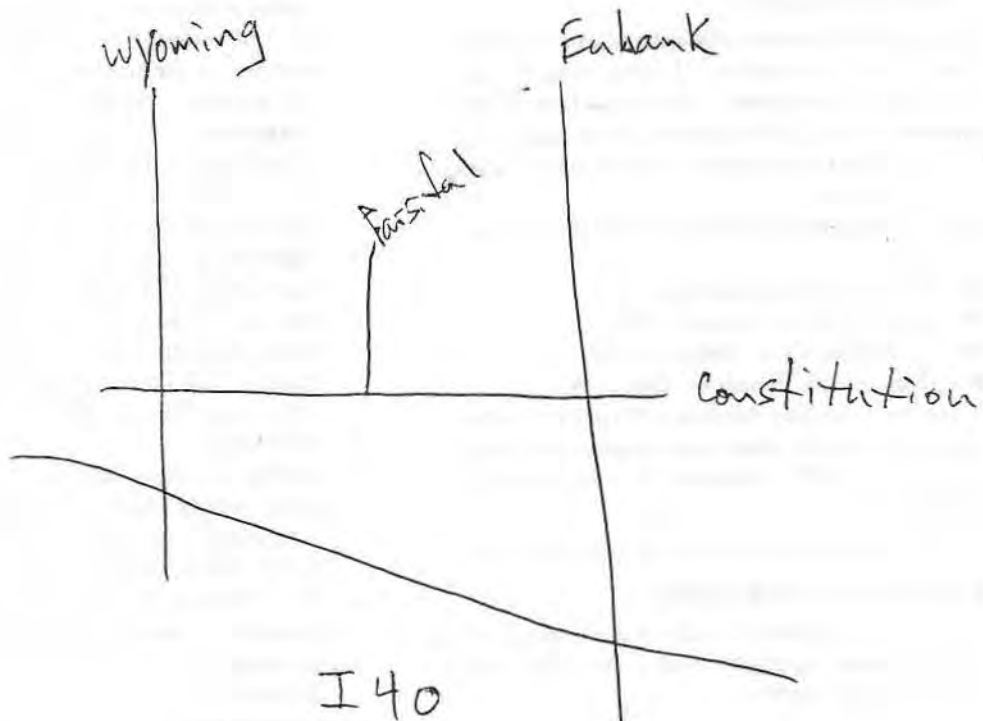
- ♦ **1974 Bronco**, \$3500, automatic, 302 engine, rebuilt transmission w/shift kit. New

wheels/tires from a 97 Bronco. Call (505)747-1593 evenings.

- ♦ **1986 Surburban Eldorado**, 4x4, \$4500, automatic, 350 engine, new tires, A/C front and rear, 160K miles. Call (505)747-1593 evenings.
  - ♦ **Four 8x15 6 hole stock Toyota pickup wheels**. Good condition. \$100 OBO. Wes Moore 857-0042.
  - ♦ **'93 Toyota pickup stock front chrome bumper** with black valance. \$100 OBO. Wes Moore 857-0042.
  - ♦ **Three (I'm using one for a spare) 33x12.50 BFG Mud Terrains**. Approx 20% tread life left. Great for spares! \$10 each OBO. Wes Moore 857-0042.
  - ♦ **One 10x15LT M+S tire** on 5 hole White Spoke Wheel. 10% tread left. Buy wheel for \$10 and tire is free! Wes Moore 857-0042
  - ♦ **Minolta X700 camera body** with 50mm lens and Vivitar flash. Camera bag included. \$150 OBO. Wes Moore 857-0042
  - ♦ **GI air mattress**. Olive Drab. Slow leak. \$10 OBO. Wes Moore 857-0042
  - ♦ **Junk In My Garage:** Two wheel golf caddy. \$5 OBO. Wheelbarrow (good) (medium duty) \$10. "Coke" cold drink cooler such as you find in a 7-11. (looks like an old barrel, only plastic) Great for entertaining on the patio. \$10. 200 National Geographics. Make Offer. BB Goal and Backboard. (no hardware) \$10? WILL TRADE FOR GUNS, CAMPING STUFF, 4X4 STUFF, OR WHATEVER! onetuftruk@aol.com Wes Moore 857-0042.
  - ♦ **1979 CJ5**, 258 with Clifford MPI, T18, Dana 300, ARBs front and rear, lots and lots of other great trail-ready features. Only 76,000 original miles and really clean. Call for complete details. Best offer over \$8000. Mark Werkmeister @ 891-0296.
  - ♦ **Smog pump, hoses, check valves, and tubes for a 225 V-6 engine**. Complete system, except brackets. \$125. Mark Wolf 856-8539.
  - ♦ **2 - DANA 20 transfer cases**, out of Jeepster. One needs rebuild, the other is ready to go. Make Offer. Mark Wolf 856-8539.
  - ♦ **Headers for a CJ or Jeepster V-6**. \$50. Mark Wolf 505-856-8539.
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**DIRECTIONS TO THE JULY  
MEETING & GARAGE SALE  
@ JIM & TAMMY  
WERKMEISTER'S:**

- Depending on which direction you are coming from:
- Take either Wyoming or Eubank off of I40. Go north.
- If Eubank, make a left on Constitution, heading west. Then make a right on Parsifal, heading north.
- If Wyoming, make a right on Constitution, heading east. Then make a left on Parsifal, heading north.
- The address is 1620 Parsifal.



(Note: map is NOT to scale!)



as of 7/2/97

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### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Call the Trip Leader or Tail Gunner if you did not attend the last meeting or the weather has gotten weird. Do yourself a favor, call by Tuesday of the week of the run to be sure everything is a "go." We have attempted to put the Trip Leaders and Tail Gunners names by each run for that purpose.

**Jul 6 - Elk Mtn.** The Wilson's leading. Meet @ 9am @ I25 & US285.

**Jul 19 - Garage Sale (Hard).** Jim Werkmeister's house. Gears, lockers recommended. Lots of ground clearance. Expect body damage. Rather see you break than pile rocks.

**Jul 19 - Meeting @ Jim & Tammy Werkmeister's. 5 pm.**

**Aug. 1-3 - SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Farmington.**

**Aug 16 - Meeting @ The Wolf's. 5 pm.**

**Sept 6-7 - Mt. Blanca (Hard).** Mark Werkmeister leading. More details to come.

**Sept 13 - Meeting @ The McLain's. 5pm.**

**Sept 20-21 - Trails in the Salida, Colorado area (Hard).** Mark Werkmeister leading.

**Sept 27 - Ladies Run in the Red River area.** Michele Reed leading.





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## Hosts for the Summer Meetings:

**NOTE: THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE FOR THE AUGUST MEETING.**

August 16, 5 pm - Mark & Joan Wolf.  
Sept 13, 5 pm - Eddy & Chris McLain.

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## NOTE:

The summer meetings are held at various members' homes and are a pot luck affair. The hosts provide the drinks. Everyone else bring a dish, chairs, and eating utensils.

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## MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark & Joan Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Tahoe Zahn; Tom Hurt; Mark, Debbie, & Jennifer Werkmeister; Scott Brunwasser; Jeffrey Lee & Mary Langley; Kevin McTavish; Fernando Fernandez & Monica Fernandez; Mark Harrison; Alex Garcia; Jim & Tammy Werkmeister; Bob Norton; Charles Rushing; Arne Gjerner; Garry Brown; David Prax; Pat Slattery; Trae Mead; Robert Dodsersht.

The following guests were present: Henry Werkmeister; Scott Boone; Steve McCroskey & Tina Kitchens.

The Meeting was called to order @1815.

Guests introduced themselves.

The Meeting Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.

The Treasurer reported \$919.31 in the bank. Sunwest Bank wants \$9.00/month for being

under \$1000.00. We are currently looking for a new bank.

The Program Chairman was present! The raffle was in full swing again with the purchase of new tickets. He refreshed his own memory by reviewing what the raffle is for.

The Historian was not present. However, there were some scrapbooks present to look at.

The Sheriff needs to review the points accumulated over the last year to ensure their accuracy.

There will be a trip to Santa Fe sometime in August, trail and date unknown. The Wilsons will be leading this. If you are interested, contact them. The trip to Mt. Blanca will be Sept. 6 & 7.

The SWFWDA Delegate had nothing to report.

There wasn't a report from the Dir. Of Environ. Affairs.

The President thanked Jim & Tammy Werkmeister for hosting the meeting at their house.

## Old Business:

- Dues are due no later than Aug. 31. After this, you will have to go through the points system again.
- Elections for Club Officers were held at this meeting. Results will follow.
- The Powder Puff run will be held on Sept. 27 in the Red River area, led by Michele Reed.
- USGS maps of New Mexico are available from Sue Brady.
- There was concern at the time of this meeting about our Adopt-a-Highway signs not being up. They are now up.

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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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Mail to: Trail Tales, 4305 Snowden Ct. Rio Rancho, NM 87124, or call Scott Brunwasser at 505-896-4244 and give him the change over the phone.

## MEETING MINUTES:

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New Business:

- Aug. 29 - Sept. 1 there will be a run to the Grand Junction area on 21 Road. This will be a 4+ trail led by Mark Werkmeister.

The elections for Club Officers were held and the following people were elected:

- President - Mark Wolf
- Vice President - Pat Brady
- Program Chairman - Tahoe Zahn
- Trip Chairman - Charlie Wilson
- Secretary - Scott Brunwasser
- Treasurer - Sue Brady
- Director of Environmental Affairs - Bob Telepak
- Historian - Bonnie Owen

Congratulations to these people.

The Meeting was adjourned @ 1915.

After the Meeting, John Barksdale, the Forest Service Southwest Regional Trails Program Manager talk to the Club.

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Thanks to Jim and Tammy Werkmeister for hosting our last meeting! They were called upon to change their meeting time and they graciously agreed. We had to change it due to the New Mexico Off Highway Association (NMOA) meeting (called at the last minute!) for July 13th. Hopefully the rest of the summer meetings will stay as planned.

The yard sale was another big success! If you missed it, shame on you! I had calls a week later! We need to keep this up every year!

The elections are over and I'm sure Scott will publish the results. Thanks for voting me President again. I hope that means I've been doing a good job. If anyone has anything to say, offer, recommend or want to volunteer for something, just call me up. I love to hear about volunteers! Which reminds me, Michele needs help getting together the "Powder Puff" run in late September. Call her and offer your services. She wants to hold the event at Red River the last weekend of September. The fall colors should be

spectacular by then! Help her make her first "trail leader" experience a good one!

It was great to have Mr. John Barksdale of the US Forest Service talk at our last meeting. Several great questions were asked by various members and John stepped up to answer them all. Mark Werkmeister made some specific requests that have been answered by John already! This we very much appreciate! I hope we can work with John for years to come. I believe he will support us in our ventures at trails throughout the Forest Service jurisdiction.

Joan and I saw it with our own eyes! Our highway clean-up signs along I-25 are up!! They look great! It's nice to see them! That means we need volunteers in September/October to take a Saturday and clean-up the highway. Tahoe is our club contact and he will be setting a date at our next meeting. Speaking of next meeting, it's at our house, August 16th at 5:00 P.M.

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### Program Chairman's Report:

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

We have club hats for \$8 each.

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### Trip Chairman's Report:

#### Past Runs/Events:

**Jun 29** - Mission Impossible.

**Jul 6** - Elk Mtn.

**Jul 19** - Club Garage Sale & Meeting.

**Aug 1-3** - SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Farmington.

#### Future Runs/Events:

**Aug ?** - Run in the Santa Fe area.

**Aug 29 - Sept 1** - Run to 21 Road near Grand Junction, Colorado.

**Sept 6-7** - Mt. Blanca.

**Sept 20 - 21** - Trails in the Salida, Colorado area.

**Sept 27** - Ladies run to Red River area.

#### Powder Puff Run, by Michele Reed

A run to Red River, NM. is scheduled for the last weekend in September. This will be held to encourage all women to participate in driving the

## Trip Chairman's Report:

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trails. It will be an overnight trip and we will have runs Saturday and Sunday. The four wheeling is easy to moderate and the trails are beautiful. We will schedule a pre-run soon. Details of dates and a meeting place will be given later. If you have any questions, you can call Michele at 831-1191. I hope to see everyone there!!

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### *Secretary's Report:*

I would like to thank everyone for re-electing me to be the Club Secretary for another year. I have a lot of fun performing the duties of this office. During the next year, I will strive to improve my performance as Secretary.

This is YOUR newsletter. I welcome ALL suggestions and will make changes accordingly. I just try to make the newsletter informative and enjoyable to read. However, I need your inputs. I would like to see Reports from ALL of the Officers in the club. Each of us have been elected by the voting membership and it is our responsibility to report-out each month on the goings-on of our position. I would also like to see Trip Reports from the Leaders of each of the Club's events.

I am sorry this newsletter is late. I was busy preparing for the SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Farmington. I had a great time. Get well cards for my Dana 35 can be sent to my address.

Guy Conway sent me an article he read. It pertains to the Internet and passwords. To summarize the article, don't give out your passwords to anyone. People are posing to be from your Internet service provider (ISP) and asking for passwords. DO NOT give it to them. If in doubt, call your ISP and ask them if the request for the information is legitimate. Change your password periodically. It should contain letters, symbols and numbers. Don't make it easy for hackers to break your password. Don't be afraid to contact your ISP in the case of any problems or suspicions. You are their customer. They will help you.

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

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### *Historian's Report:*

If you have any pictures or videos, Bonnie is collecting them for the club scrapbook.

Here is a list of the videos we have:

- Sandia Mountains
- Mt. Blanca
- Holy Cross Trail

See Derren at Toys For Trucks to borrow the videos.

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## TRIP REPORTS:

### ARROYO DEL PALACIO TRIP REPORT, BY JOEL WILSON

The Arroyo del Palacio is an area near Espanola managed by the BLM for many different types of recreation, including four - wheeling, mountain biking, and especially motorcycling and the use of ATV's. After talking with the BLM about the area on the phone, the New Mexico 4-Wheelers decided to take a trip there on June 18 to check out the area and give the BLM an evaluation of our interest. Attending were Hector Villalobos of the BLM, Scott Brunwasser, Phil and Carol Kennicott, and Charlie and Joel Wilson.

Upon reaching Espanola, we rendezvoused with Terry Rust, Michelle Stegner, and Tim Hodgkins of the Sandia Jeep Club, who could stay for the conference part of the run only. We discussed the area with the BLM for about an hour, including the possibility of building new roads! After this the NM4W's and the BLM Suburban took off to tour the area.

Arroyo del Palacio is a fairly small area, about fifteen square miles. It doesn't have very many

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interesting roads in its lower half due to the flatness of the land. But the upper half is more interesting because there are some higher hills leading up to a ridge, where three or four roads take off in all directions and head down into the valley. The most interesting one is so steep that, according to the BLM, someone tipped their truck on its side in an attempt to traverse a washed-out section. We did not have time to try the road on this trip, but we plan on returning.

The scenery is fantastic from the ridge, making for a great easy and scenic day trip with fantastic lunch spots. The loop that we did takes a couple hours when dry, and the whole area could probably be explored in two full days or less. Most of the roads are not loops, and there are probably only a few loop possibilities. There are no canyons for rock crawling either. But the area definitely has opportunity and it is designated especially for motorized vehicle use as a play area. There are many sandy washes which dirt bikes like but there are also the ridge roads for the 4x4's. This is an area to keep in mind for future use.

### ELK MOUNTAIN TRIP REPORT, BY JOEL WILSON

A beautiful Sunday July 6 saw only two vehicles in the lineup for a trail rated easy to moderate in difficulty and extreme in scenery. Attending were Pat and Sue Brady and Charlie and Joel Wilson. It would be an easy going type of day on a trail that winds through the mountains between Pecos and Elk Mountain. It would also be a great day for Sue to try out her new truck, a good looking Mazda B4000. We stopped for gas at a Fina station and then climbed up, up, and up some more until we reached the trail head at close to ten thousand feet. The trail starts out with a bang, or rather a scrape if you don't have the height to clear a couple of large berms. But if you clear the first two you're set, because the berms only get smaller from here.

One interesting aspect of the trail is its amount of moisture. There are many puddles and small creeks running across the trail along the first section before you reach the stream crossing at the canyon bottom. We had lunch here in the lush green grass beside the stream. After this we

began to climb again until we reached the end of the shelf road where an un-bulldozed road takes off. The trail becomes steeper and steeper until one reaches the steepest and most difficult section. The slope is somewhat loose and has a couple of small ledges and some small moguls. But it was no problem whatsoever for Sue's truck, and we were at the top of the hill and eleven thousand feet in no time. From here the trail traverses a tippy slope and finds a few more mud puddles. The flowers in the meadows are beautiful as are the views of the snow-capped Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

The trail connects to the Elk Mountain road near the peak. We followed this road as it climbed another 700 feet to a beautiful 360-degree view and cool, clean, and fresh mountain air. It was only two o'clock at this point, but the long drive home prompted our return. A great day on a great trail!

### MISSION IMPOSSIBLE TRIP REPORT, BY JOEL WILSON

Mission Impossible is always a challenge as the name suggests, but a fun challenge for those who like the adventure of a tough trail. Attending on that June 29th were Lisa Stuckey and L.P. How, Mary Langley and Jeff Lee, Pat Brady, and Charlie and Joel Wilson.

The trail was dry for the most part, but that doesn't mean it's easy! The boulders were as big as ever, and as we progressed along the trail, they only kept growing. But Pat found excitement right away when he pioneered a new route over a boulder the size of a VW Bug and some smaller mere big screen TV-sized rocks. He became high centered on his passenger rocker panel and had to be towed off. L.P. was behind him and used his winch for the job. But his Jeep wasn't heavy enough because the winch was dragging L.P. instead of Pat. That pig was wedged good! He was unstuck soon enough when he fired up the pony truck and helped the winch in reverse. Meanwhile Jeff took the bypass because although his Toyota has the clearance and wheel travel, it as of yet lacks the gears and lockers.

After this the trail is easy for about a tenth of a mile, and then the bypasses end. There is a huge boulder to crawl over followed by a squeeze through a V notch. Everyone conquered this, so on to the next spot. A few more boulders later



To all members of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers,

In an effort to save the Club money on the costs of printing and mailing Trail Tales, I am asking for your help. There are now three different ways in which you can receive/view the newsletter. If you can take a minute to fill this form out, we can help save in these costs. Just mark the space with an X.

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You can, of course, choose more than one of the above. It is up to you.

Mail your completed forms to me.  
Scott Brunwasser  
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Sincerely,

Scott Brunwasser  
Secretary/Editor



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and one reaches a tight turn around, over, and through yet more boulders. This obstacle will be the first of many of its kind. Next is a tippy section through some trees, and then the going gets really tough in another tippy section with some large boulders waiting to snag a fender or driveshaft.

At this point one is almost to Brady's Bathtub (named so because Pat was the first one through - Flemingwood's Bathtub doesn't sound right), a small pool of water that is almost dry now, but murky due to all of the cows that trudge through and probably defecate in it as well. The challenge is not in the pool itself but in the exit from the pool. There are two large boulders making a V to straddle, and we spent a couple of hours here piling rocks and winching the large boulder on the left into a more suitable position. The obstacle wouldn't be too difficult when dry, but with slick tires, the first two vehicles needed a few tries. Especially me. I was first, the guinea pig, and like a greased pig the rock could not get a hold of my tires. So I slipped and slid until the driver's side fell all the way into the V and the frame rail on the passenger side made contact with the boulder. Lucky we brought our pry bars! We had bought two pry bars - a 78 incher and a 48 incher - at a metal shop in Albuquerque just for trails like this. So far they had been used for prying rocks, but now a whole new concept arose: use the pry bars to lift me off of the rock and to an even greater side hill, then rock the Jeep while I throttle it and see if something goes. Well I went, and luckily nothing else did, although I thought the sidewalls would because the tires were wedged against the edge of the boulder at the bottom of the V. But they were so slick and muddy that the rock couldn't produce enough friction to tear a sidewall. However the whitewalls are now looking whiter than ever.

A few more rocks were piled to keep the sliding down, then Pat and L.P. followed up, over, and through. Jeff and Mary had stopped after the tippy tree section, and now L.P. had to go back to town. So it was just Pat and I bravely continuing on from where we had left off before. But we didn't get much farther, probably another hundred yards or so. After the tub, the trail enters another tippy section before making a fairly difficult climb beside a tree and over some

boulders. Being the leader, I again had the most fun when the Jeep quickly found itself at a 33 degree lean into a very sturdy and hard looking boulder. I backed off and some rocks were piled, after which the spot became only tight. The spot that I thought might be too tight - a sharp turn around a big boulder - turned out to be no problem at all, while the previous spot which I thought would be no problem ended up testing my nerve and needing a ramp of rocks.

The trail continues to be tight as it winds back and forth through the trees. A tight turning radius and short wheel base is helpful here, but longer vehicles should fit with a little more maneuvering. There are plenty of places to drag bumpers, differentials, and rocker panels, and on the last section we did I even scraped and dented the gas tank skid plate, something hard to do on a lifted CJ5.

We turned around at quarter to two and were back at Jeff's Toyota by two-thirty. The trip out was quick, and would have been really quick had Jeff not taken a fun route. But with a longer wheelbase vehicle, it's hard not to. He found himself at a very steep side hill on the tight turn around, over, and through some boulders. His rear end would not slide around the rock on the passenger side, something lockers help with, and he ended up tagging the rocker panel and, with two tires in the air, needing a tow. Looks like rocker panel protection would be a good investment.

We'll definitely be making a return trip at some point to Mission Impossible, but it may be awhile. It's a fun and exciting trail, and since it's short and half of it has bypasses, spectators who don't want to drive the trail are welcome. It was a great day and we made some real progress on building another great addition to our club's collection of trails.

### North Hatch/Poison Spring Canyons & Henry Mountains, by Bob Telepak

This trip was taken the long 4th of July weekend by Bob Telepak, Bob Norton, Arne Gjerner, Charles Rushing & his father, and Garry Brown & his brother. The trip began with Bob Telepak, Arne, and Garry meeting at Comb Ridge and doing the Hotel Rock trail. Then we met the rest of the group and drove to Hite.

## TRIP REPORTS:

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On a previous trip 2 weeks earlier Bob had found a trail near the Sunset Pass purposely "closed" by someone who had spread dead branches and trees across the road. The Hite ranger could provide no information on the closure. Closing this road was NOT part of the Orange Cliffs management plan. It is shown on a 1997 government brochure. The ranger continues to look into its status.

We drove from Hite to the southern Maze area and then visited the northern end of the road in question. In addition to trees across the road there was a very purposeful long pointed rock put in the center of the road where it could strike an oil pan. Not the kind of thing rangers usually do!!

We camped that night on the top of the Big Ridge in the area west of the Flint trail. The next morning we found 2 old mine roads that do show on old (pre-1976) maps and, like the Flint trail, go down some 1500 feet into the North Hatch and Happy Canyons. They have no closed signs, but would require some "road work" to be passable. Something to do on future trips.

We then went down the Flint Trail and took the North Hatch Canyon Trail to the crossing of the Dirty Devil River, which was very low. We camped that night in the western part of Poison Spring Canyon.

The next day we visited a petroglyph site in the canyon before getting back to pavement on Hwy 95. Since it was quite warm (actually very hot) at the 3500 ft elevation of the canyon, we decided to go up Mt. Ellen, the nearest of the Henry Mountains. This is a very long unrelenting climb to 11,000 ft at the top. Although you knew you were in Utah, it looks just like Colorado with aspen and fir forests and even some snow banks at the top. The view is spectacular. To the west it looks along the entire Capitol Reef for well over 100 miles. There is a re-opened active gold mine near the top mining high grade ore.

We then returned to Moab. The next day Bob Norton, Charles Rushing and Garry Brown did the Moab Rim trail. Arne had to return to work and Bob Telepak had (another) flat tire so could

not go. Overall, it was a long and hot trip for this time of year, but everyone had fun.

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### 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:

- The Oklahoma Trailchasers, Oklahoma City, OK.
- San Antonio Jeep Exclusive, TX.
- Jeep Exclusive - Amarillo, TX.
- Sandia Jeep Club - Santa Fe, NM.
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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Call the Trip Leader or Tail Gunner if you did not attend the last meeting or the weather has gotten weird. Do yourself a favor, call by Tuesday of the week of the run to be sure everything is a "go." We have attempted to put the Trip Leaders and Tail Gunners names by each run for that purpose.

**Aug ? - Run in the Santa Fe area.** Call Charlie Wilson for details.

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# Trail Tales

Official Newsletter of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers  
August 16, 1997 Meeting Minutes  
September Issue



## Hosts for the Summer Meetings:

Sept 13, 5 pm - Eddy & Chris McLain.

## NOTE:

The summer meetings are held at various members' homes and are a pot luck affair. The hosts provide the drinks. Everyone else bring a dish, chairs, and eating utensils.

## MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark & Joan Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Tom Hurt; Mark, Debbie, & Jennifer Werkmeister; Scott, Jennifer, & Matthew Brunwasser; Alex Garcia; Jim Werkmeister; Bob Norton; Arne Gjerner; Guy Conway; Derren & Bonnie Owen; Jack & Stella Sierra; Michele Reed; Berrett & Deborah Harrison; Charlie & Joel Wilson; Bob Telepak; Phil & Carol Kennicott.

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The Historian said we need more pictures and videos.

The Sheriff reported that 2 people were eligible for membership.

## The SWFWDA Delegate's Report:

- A Land Use Fund was voted on and approved at the Summer Meeting. This Fund will be used to fight land issues.
- There are now 29 Clubs with over 1000 members in the Association.
- The Cliffhangers thanked Pat Brady for helping the FJ40 on the Intimidator.

## Dir. Of Environ. Affairs Report:

- SUWA wants to close the San Rafael Swell.
- There will be a meeting on October 2 at 7pm at the Community College in Santa Fe for public input for the Grand Staircase/Escalante National Monument.
- Mark Werkmeister and various other people met with the Forest Service for a trip up Mt. Blanca. The Forest Service said the road will stay open all the way to the top. The Forest Service said they were amazed the only tracks there were the two-tracks. This was the first time many of the Forest service people, along with several others, had been all the way to the top.
- The BLM will now be funding all EA's.
- The BLM unofficially closed a two-track road in the San Ysidro Trials area.
- The New Mexico Off-Highway Association met on August 16, which Mark Werkmeister attended. The next meeting will be on Sept. 13 at the Cibola Forest Service Headquarters.

The President moved that the Club cover the Club's Garage Sale bills. It was voted upon and approved.

## Old Business:

- Dues are due no later than Aug. 31. After this, you will have to go through the points system again.

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## MEETINGS

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## MEETING MINUTES:

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- The Adopt-A-Highway signs are up. We will be having a cleanup, probably in October.
- The award for having the most points from the previous year went to Pat & Sue Brady. They received a \$25 gift certificate from both Desert Rat and Toys for Trucks.

### New Business:

- 4-Wheeler of the Year was voted upon. The winner was Charlie Wilson.
- Lloyd Swartz and Robert Clark were voted in as new members.
- Mark Werkmeister has registration forms for the Fall Meeting in Clayton, OK.
- Mark Werkmeister will be leading a run to Woodpecker on Thanksgiving.
- Club shirts, coats and hats will be looked into.

The Meeting was adjourned @ 1935.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Folks! How are things this month? I'm still reeling from the greatest event to take place this year... The 30th Anniversary of the Jeepster!! It was held in Reno, Nevada and we had 47 Jeepsters all in one place at one time! The world will never be the same!! It was fantasia! The United 4 Wheel Drive Association was also holding their annual convention at the same time in the same place. They appeared to have a good turnout. I hope things continue to get better for them. I believe they are trying hard to please and serve the populace of the 4 Wheel Drive community. Please support them any way you can. They appreciate it!

Hey! We need trip leaders again (or still!!) I think Charlie's calendar is pretty empty. Mark Werkmeister is leading our traditional Mt. Blanca run on the 6th and 7th of September after returning from the 21 Road near Grand Junction, Colorado over Labor Day. He also leads a run September 20th to Salida, Colorado and Michele leads our "Powder Puff" run at Red River September 27th. Please try hard to support Michelle in her first attempt at Trip Leader. She's working hard (along with some excellent volunteers!) to ensure everyone enjoys their time there. I hope this becomes an annual thing, like

it used to be! It's great she has volunteered for this! Congratulations, Michelle!

I wanted to say congratulations to Charlie Wilson for being voted in as 'Four Wheeler of the Year!' and to Pat Brady for accumulating the most points for the year! Now, if we can get Mr. Berrett Harrison to complete the plaques!... Pat will most likely be sharing his rewards with Sue as her new truck is sharp, but in need of "goodies"! I'm sure she will find something at those two stores that fits her fancy. Also, welcome to our newest members, Robert & Doreen Clark and family and Lloyd Swartz.

Have you written any letters to win some of that \$25 per quarter we're giving away? Get to writing!!! I have been approached by the "anonymous" donor to say they will contribute again if there is more participation! Let's not let them down! Write anything about keeping our public lands public, or keeping our antique iron on the road, or??? Even a post card qualifies! This is an excellent program and all should be involved and competing for the "gold!"

Next meeting is at the McLain's, September 13th at 5:00 P.M. (if they've paid their dues!!) I'll see you there!

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## Program Chairman's Report:

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

We have club hats for \$8 each.

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## Trip Chairman's Report:

### Past Runs/Events:

Aug 1-3 - SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Farmington.

Aug 9 - Jemez trail clearing.

Aug 17 - Blowhole Loop.

Aug 23 - Mission Impossible.

### Future Runs/Events:

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Sept 21 - Hotel Rock/Hole-in-the-Rock.

Sept 27 - Ladies run to Red River area.

## Trip Chairman's Report:

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### The details for the Blanca run:

Camp at Great Sand Dunes National Monument campground on Friday night (the 5th). Meet at the trailhead for Mt. Blanca at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. (The trailhead is about 2.5 miles north of the intersection of US 160 and Colorado 150 at a cattle guard. A road clearly heads straight for the mountain.) Camp at Lake Como on the mountain Saturday night (although several folks are coming back down that evening) and then return to the base of the mountain on Sunday. We should be back at the highway by noon.

I haven't made the detail arrangements for the Salida run just yet but the general plan is:

Drive up Friday evening (the 19th) and camp at a private campground near Nathrop (I don't remember the name, will have to find out). Meet Jim and Nancy Bailey the next morning at 8:00 or 9:00 and run The Rattler. Drive home Sunday. Call Mark Werkmeister for details if you are going.

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### *Secretary's Report:*

Club Membership:

Voting = 33

Associate = 10

Honorary = 1

Newsletters will be mailed to the following:

Club Members: 44

Prospective Club Members: 6

Association Clubs: 26

Association Officers: 9

4WD Publications: 3

Local 4WD Shops: 4

Forest Service or BLM Rangers: 3

Total = 94 newsletters

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## Dir. Of Environ. Affairs Report: VERY IMPORTANT MEETING YOU SHOULD TRY TO ATTEND:

There will be an important meeting concerning the new Grand Staircase/Escalante National Monument. The purpose is for the BLM planners to get input from the public about how the newly proclaimed monument shall be used. The date is Thursday October 2nd at 7 PM. The site of the meeting is at the Santa Fe Community College, 6401 South Richards in Santa Fe.

Several of us have objected to holding the meeting in Santa Fe (the home of a significant GAG population) rather than Albuquerque. The Monument manager wrote to me that Santa Fe was chosen because the BLM State Office was there and it was the state capitol. I believe that it was chosen at the (successful) urging of SUWA. But at least now, I can't prove it.

It is critical that as many New Mexico 4-Wheelers attend this meeting as possible. You can be assured that the GAG organizations (like SUWA, the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, and the Sierra Club) will be very well represented. We need to counter their efforts. They have been very successful in the past in dominating such meetings and we can't let it happen here.

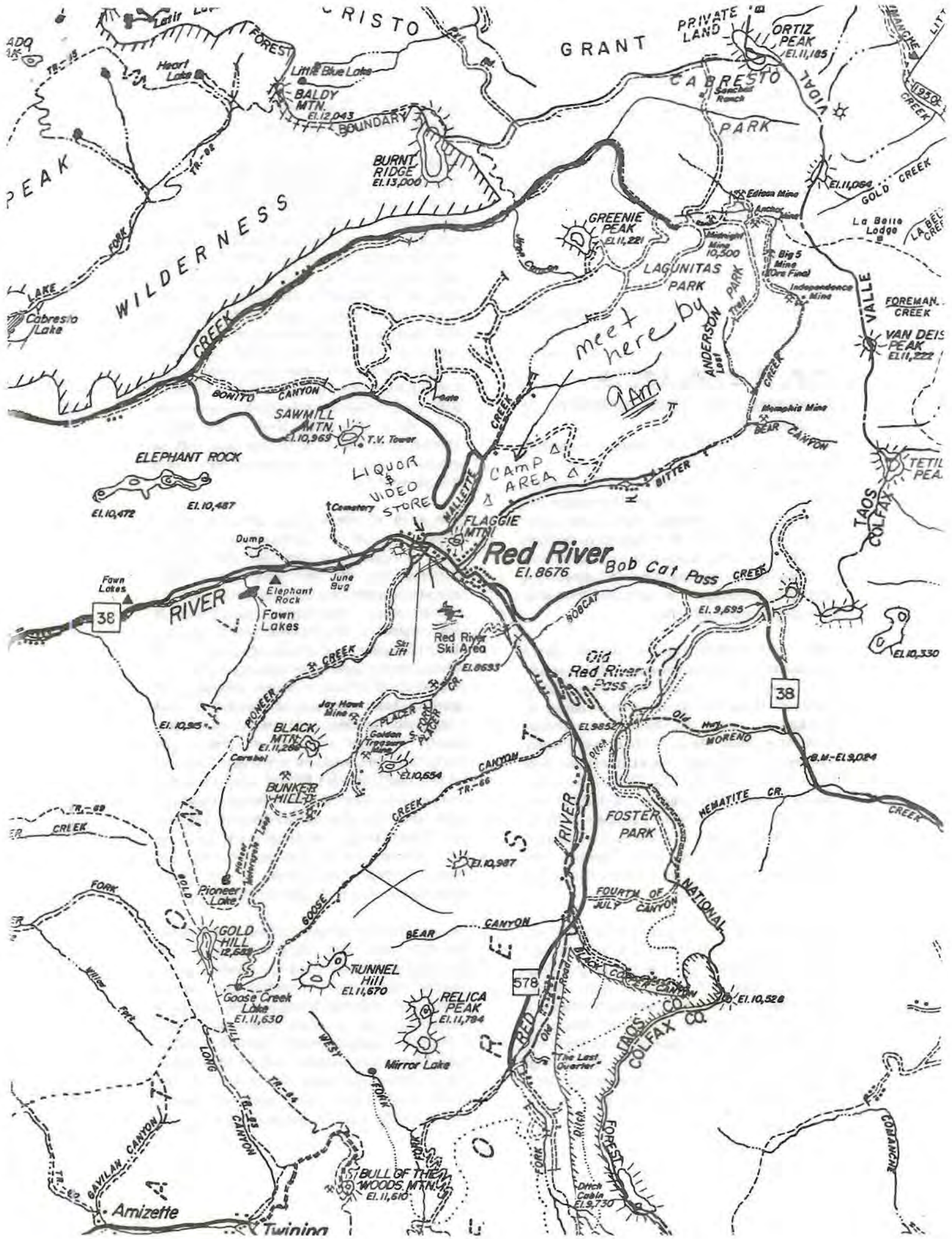
We need to fight to keep the roads open in the new monument. We need to have a consensus of our views and opinions and probably should have one designated spokesperson to speak for all of us collectively. I nominate Mark Werkmeister since he is the SW4WDA President and has a lot of experience with such political issues.

Please make every effort to attend this most-important meeting. Maybe we can organize car pools or whatever to make the trip to Santa Fe easier.

See you at the meeting!!!

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### *Historian's Report:*

If you have any pictures or videos, Bonnie is collecting them for the club scrapbook.

Here is a list of the videos we have:

- Sandia Mountains
- Mt. Blanca
- Holy Cross Trail

See Derren at Toys For Trucks to borrow the videos.

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## **TRIP REPORTS:**

### **FARMINGTON TRIP REPORT, BY JOEL WILSON**

This year's SWFWDA Summer Quarterly Meeting was held July 31 to August 2 in Farmington, New Mexico at Chokecherry Canyon for the first time ever. Farmington is a great place for four wheeling, and an ideal place to hold an event due to the proximity of the trails. Five different runs were offered ranging from moderate to extreme, and since we trailered our Jeep up to Farmington, we were ready to tackle the most extreme trails offered.

About nine NM4W vehicles showed up at various times during the meeting, and between all of us most of the trails were triumphed on numerous occasions, but not without damage or breakdowns. As far as I know, those attending were Mark Wolf, Mark, Debbie, and Jennifer Werkmeister, Pat Brady, Scott Brunwasser, Bob Norton, Berry Harrison, Tom Hurt, Alex Garcia, Jim and Tammy Werkmeister, and Charlie and Joel Wilson. My dad and I camped at McGee Park in the registration area (for free), with Mark Wolf, Scott Brunwasser, Berry Harrison, and Bob Norton, while the other members of our club paid for hotels or RV parks.

On the first day the trails started late at eleven o'clock. Eager to tackle the trails, we unloaded our Jeep from the trailer only to find it sliding down the ramps with the front tires locked. Apparently the rear brakes were not working, so with the generous aid of Mark Wolf, we disassembled the rear brakes and saw them to be overly worn out. We rushed to Checker and bought new pads, but when we tried to install them, they proved to be the wrong size. The

second visit to Checker was successful, and by noon the Jeep was ready to roll.

Mark, Scott and ourselves decided to run the Waterfall trail, hoping that the group already on the trail wouldn't be too far ahead of us. As it turned out, the small group of seven or so vehicles was just starting the Waterfall itself, and one vehicle was still on Riff Raff. The ledges were taller than I had ever seen them on Riff Raff, but the Waterfall was the real challenge. There was a trickle of water running down the falls being just enough to wet all of the rock and create wet sand. The trail leader had already returned to town with some broken parts, and the next vehicle in line was winching too. Finally, a well set up Profab Cherokee from Arizona made it, as did a green early Bronco with Marlin Crawler gears and a 145:1 first gear with an automatic, and a local extended cab Toyota pickup with 35's.

Our group of three was up, and being first, I experienced just how difficult the conditions were. I made it up both Riff Raff and the Waterfall, but they both gave me a similar amount of trouble, be it because of the loose sand or wet surfaces. Mark made it up Riff Raff but was stopped on the Waterfall when his front locker decided to quit pulling and instead gave a loud popping-snapping-whining sound with each internal slip of the unit. I thought whining wasn't allowed, Mark. But glory be and God save the Commando for Mark had installed his Ramsey winch. This time we used our winch to pull Mark, but there would be a next time. Scott was up next, and although Riff Raff was no problem for him, the water on the Waterfall made him slide into a high-centered position about half way up. A short tug off of the ledge and he drove the rest. The next day he took the same trail and made it without a hitch, almost. Locker trouble would be the name of the game that weekend.

The next day my dad and I did the Marble Rock trail with Mark Wolf, Mark Werkmeister, and Bob Norton. Marble Rock is actually a single obstacle rather than a complete trail, so we started out romping through many different playgrounds, all of which had near vertical climbs that required a bump, and with a CJ5 it was all more than exciting. But no matter what you're driving, the same can be said for the Marble Rock climb. It's a steep and slippery sucker with the major challenge being at the top,

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where the driver is faced with a difficult 90 degree turn up two ledges and very little room for error. Most people took a sky-happy line, raising the passenger front at least a foot off the ground. I was the only CJ5 and was able to take a safer line by doing a fifteen-point turn between ledges. All this time Steve Statham of JP Magazine was there and taking many pictures of the action. I think he was impressed. Mark Wolf had picked him up at the airport earlier that day.

That night we heard about Berry's near rollover on Ballhanger along with a little door ding. But the worst news came from Scott, who had broken his rear air locker on the Waterfall. Two others had done the same that day, one of whom had already broken his air locker four times. An ice cream social hosted by Dairy Queen was a great way to end the day.

On the last day, my dad and I did the Intimidator with Pat Brady and fifteen other vehicles. Mark Wolf rode with Pat due to front locker problems. This would be our first time on this trail, and from the start it proved to be intimidating. The very first ledge was the worst for me because of a short wheelbase and a lack of traction. However, there was a CJ5 in front of me, and watching him make it without breaking or rolling was a comfort. However, he had wider axles and was able to straddle a tough section in the canyon bottom. I fell in but didn't become wedged. The CJ3A behind me wasn't as fortunate. On that note the CJ5 in front of me also had trouble on the climbs out of the canyon. He broke on the second tough climb and lost his place in line. He had the spare parts to repair the Jeep, but now I was ahead of him. This bothered me because I wanted to see how he would fair on the Crap Shoot. After all, when I hear about a CJ5 on the Crap Shoot, it's either associated with a wheelstand, something broken, or a rollover. But we had everything out of the back and the heavy stuff in front of the seat, so we were well prepared.

But before we made it to the Crap Shoot, there were still a few tough obstacles to overcome. I made it up the switchbacks and arrived at the base of a huge ledge. Two big boulders with a gap in between big enough to lay over in is a more accurate description. With helpful spotting and the right momentum, I was up. Then came

an optional double whammy where I never found the right line and had to bypass. I then watched the other CJ5 do it easily but by taking a major sidehill.

After waiting about an hour for the vehicles in front of me to get up the Shoot, it was my turn. On this day, most of the vehicles had a tougher time with the ledge just prior to the Shoot. Luckily, I didn't slide left to become wedged between the ledge and a twelve foot drop as others did. And the Shoot, although it looked vertical, was being crested by almost every vehicle so far. Then it was my turn. First try: too slow, the rocks kicked out. Second try: I made it up the ledge with a small bump but thought my front end was slipping sideways, so I backed down. Everyone yelled at me because I supposedly had it and it wasn't slipping. Third try: third time's the charm! I bumped it a little harder and kept left, scooting up to the top. First short wheelbase up, two to go. The 3A didn't make it after a couple tries and decided to winch after coming close to a rollover. The other CJ5 bumped it and went up the middle on the first try. Finally, a few vehicles toward the end with automatics showed off by easily rolling up the Shoot.

As the rest of the group crawled up the Graffiti Bowl chute to grab a free Mountain Dew from the Mountain Dew Jeep, the last vehicle in the line-up, an FJ40, broke it's rear driveshaft at the pinion on the ledge just prior to the Crap Shoot. Pat Brady was second to last and tried to tow him up, but his rear wheels were locked. Pat jumped into Harold Off's garage man's suit and helped take apart the rear end. With the help of our jack and other various equipment, the Toyota was eventually rescued.

"Wow, what a trail" was all I could say at the end. The steep hills and side hills coupled with the nearby cliffs were intimidating and exciting. The dinner afterward was great, as was the ice cream social the night before, and we left that night to arrive home early the next morning so as to revisit the Copper Hills area near Española the next day and prepare comments for the BLM's road designation plan. The Farmington event was a success, and I look forward to the next time they host a quarterly meeting.

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### Red River Pre-Run, by Michele Reed

On August 23-24, we had a pre-run in Red River, NM. Attending were Pat & Sue Brady, Tom Hurt, Jack & Stella Sierra, and Michele Reed. The weather was beautiful with the exception of timely rain showers. We camped off of Mallette Road to the right in a field of grass. Saturday morning we left for Pioneer Creek. The trail was pretty easy with a few exciting spots. Pat & Sue went on Greenie Peak later that afternoon. They said the four wheeling was easy and the views were beautiful. Sunday morning we drove up to Middle Fork Lake. This trail was harder than the others. There are switch backs going all the way up the trail. Sue's truck donated a little bit of paint to a branch, but other than that it was an enjoyable weekend.

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### 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:

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- Fun Country 4-Wheelers, Beaumont, TX.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Congratulations to Kevin And Amie:

A special event took place on Saturday, August 2, and it wasn't the Farmington Chokecherry Canyon run. Kevin McTavish and Amie Collins were married at the UNM Alumni Chapel. Kevin was dashing, Amie was lovely, and both were cool as cucumbers. Best wishes to Kevin and Amie.

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Oct 10: Berrett & Deborah Harrison

Nov 14: Alex & Cynthia Garcia

Dec 12: Mark & Debbie Werkmeister @ their home

Jan 9: Kevin & Amie McTavish

Feb 13: Pat & Sue Brady

Mar 13: Mark & Joan Wolf

Apr 10: Eddie & Chris McLain

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- Mark Wolf was fined \$0.25 for leaving paint and shards of metal on the trail.
- Berry Harrison was fined \$0.50 for poor maintenance and being towed into camp. He lost total power to his rig. It was found that 4 inches had to be cut out of battery cable before finding cable that wasn't corroded. He had to be towed into camp because his rig stopped and was blocking the trail.



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## MEETING MINUTES: (continued)

And the winner of the Cow Bell is: **Berry Harrison!!!**

### Trip Chairman's Report:

#### Fast Runs/Events:

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Joel Wilson wrote an article that will be published in Four Wheeler. Keep an eye out for it.

A lot of trail in Utah have become harder due to erosion caused by rain.

### SWFWDA Delegate's Report:

Fall Meeting packets are available to those who are interested.

### Dir. of Environ. Affairs Report:

New Mexico Off-Highway Vehicle Assoc. met on Sep 13. Mark Werkmeister attended.

The Rio Grande Corridor is going through a draft plan. Looks like they want to close lots of roads.

Mark Werkmeister received another letter from the San Ysidro BLM. They were defending their unofficial road closures.

On Oct 2, there will be a scoping meeting for the Grand Staircase/Escalante National Monument. Mark Werkmeister will be getting together with the people who are going a week before. Call him for details.

There is something new growing around Las Cruces. Overnight, road closure signs sprouted up all over the place! I don't have to remind you of what trails are out there. The area is a Wilderness Study Area (WSA). However, we are allowed to drive on existing trails. The signs were protested and came down.

A petition went around for everyone to sign concerning the National Recreational Trail Fund Act.

### Old Business:

We will get together on Nov 22 to do our Adopt-a-Highway cleanup. Meet at I25 & 44 @ 0800. Bring gloves and long sleeve shirts.

There is an order form for patches, shirts and sweatshirts in this newsletter.

### New Business:

We have to decide about what we want to do for our volunteer work with Cuidando Los Ninos. It will be either manual labor like last year or something off of their wish list. I have a copy of the wish list. We will talk about this at the next meeting.

NM4W's will host the 1998 Summer Meeting. Dates will be announced soon.

Chris McLain volunteered to distribute the Club brochures.

The Winter Meeting will be in Las Cruces, Feb 19-22 1998.

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## President's Report:

Fall has fell! Time to get out and enjoy those fresh cool mornings and clear days. Clear days? Where did all this rain come from? I think we'd be set to do a Charlie run (i.e.... mud!!!). Well, soon it will quit raining, I hope, and we can get out there and have some fun. I'm ready to do some hunting and will be busy scouting. How about you? What do you think we should be doing? Charlie has asked numerous times for trip leaders and hasn't gotten too many to answer his plea. What's wrong here? Are people afraid to lead or what!? I can't determine what we need to do here. It's troubling. How about giving me some ideas? How can we get some more leaders for runs? Especially the easy to medium type. We definitely need those type runs.

I bought a Lock Right copy locker and it failed! I'll never do that again! Buy the original or nothing! I guess the old adage

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about "you get what you pay for..." is true. The Blanca run was great! If you missed it, sorry! Don't miss it next year! Mark's runs to both the 21 Road and the Rattler were fun, but full of incidents. Nothing too serious, but they said it was worth the trip. That reminds me! Our club has prepared a letter requesting to sponsor the 1998 Summer Quarterly Meeting for the SWFWDA in July/August next year at Salida, CO. This is a great place and we need to get prepared to provide an excellent event. We'll need lots of volunteers to do various things. Maybe we'll start with a committee to organize everything else. Ideas? Let's hear them. Remember that our next meeting is at the Heights Presbyterian Church at Academy & Moon, Friday, October 10th, 7:00 P.M. Be there! We lost several members this year, so we need to build ourselves up again. Dealing with an abundant membership is a lot better than dealing with a shrinking membership. Invite someone. They will be glad you did.

## Secretary's Report:

Club Membership:  
Voting = 35  
Associate = 10  
Honorary = 1

Newsletters will be mailed to the following:

Club Members: 44  
Prospective Club Members: 7  
Association Clubs: 26  
Association Officers: 7  
4WD Publications: 3  
Local 4WD Shops: 4  
Forest Service or BLM Rangers: 3

Total = 94 newsletters

As you can probably tell, the format of the newsletter has changed. The reason is because I now have a computer at home. Please make a note of my new e-mail address.

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

My e-mail address is: [airdown@flash.net](mailto:airdown@flash.net)  
New Mexico 4-Wheelers on-line:  
<http://www.geocities.com/motorcity/4465/nm4w.html>  
Trail Tales on-line:  
<http://www.geocities.com/motorcity/4465/trailtales.html>

## Trip Reports:

Would you believe no one sent me any trip reports this month!

## Historian's Report:

Bonnie is collecting pictures and videos for the Club's scrapbooks.

Here is a list of the videos we have:

- Sandia Mts.
- Mt. Blanca
- Holy Cross Trail

See Derren at Toys For Trucks to borrow the videos.

## Correspondence:

Every month I receive newsletters from various clubs in the Association. I have them if you would like to see them. I have received newsletters from the following Clubs this month:

- Frontier Four Wheelers - OK City, OK
- Fun Country 4-Wheelers - Beaumont, TX
- Sandia Jeep Club - Santa Fe, NM
- Oklahoma Trailchasers - OK City, OK
- San Antonio Jeep Exclusive - San Antonio, TX
- Southern High Rollers - Pasadena, TX
- Jeep Exclusive - Amarillo, TX

If you send the New Mexico 4-Wheelers a copy of your newsletter, please send them to me, Scott Brunwasser, 4005 Snowden Ct., Rio Rancho, NM 87124.

## For Sale/Wanted:

- **DANA 20 transfer case, out of Jeepster.** Needs rebuild. Make Offer or trade? Mark Wolf 856-8539
- **SM-420 transmission (1965 model).** Recently rebuilt. \$200 Mark Wolf 856-8539
- **1979 Ford F100 2wd LWB pickup.** 302, A/C, PS/PB, Auto, cruise, good tires, runs great! No rust (Arizona truck). Engine/trans rebuilt about 30K miles ago. \$3,000 OBO. Call Mark Wolf 856-8539
- **Toyota 4x4 Automatic transmission and transfer case** and all related components. Will fit any 1985-current Toyota 4x4 with the 22REC engine. Tranny was recently rebuilt and includes flex plate, shifter console, tranny mount, etc. \$500 OBO. Call Jason@892-9411.



# Show your NM4W Colors Proudly!

This will be your only chance this year to purchase clubs shirts/hats/etc.

All orders will be cash/check in advance only!

**Order forms are due by October 15th to Debbie Werkmeister  
Deliver is planned for the December meeting!**

## Jacket Patches

The 12" patches are great for the back of a jacket!

12" Round

Quantity  x \$10.00 = \$

## T-Shirts

T-shirts are heavy-duty 100% cotton T's!  
Ash is a light grey color.

	Quantity		
	White	Ash	
S	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$9.00 = <input type="text"/>
M	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$9.00 = <input type="text"/>
L	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$9.00 = <input type="text"/>
XL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$9.00 = <input type="text"/>
XXL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$10.00 = <input type="text"/>
XXXL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$10.50 = <input type="text"/>

## Sweatshirts

Sweats are heavy-duty 50/50 cotton/poly blend.  
Ash is a light grey color.

	Quantity		
	White	Ash	
S	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$16.00 = <input type="text"/>
M	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$16.00 = <input type="text"/>
L	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$16.00 = <input type="text"/>
XL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$16.00 = <input type="text"/>
XXL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$17.00 = <input type="text"/>
XXXL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	x \$18.00 = <input type="text"/>

Total= \$

## Member Information:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

All prices reflect a best estimate of actual costs based on estimated quantity ordered.  
All excess money will be turned over to the club treasury.

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 become a member you must accumulate 5 points. You get 1 point for a meeting or a run. Two points for an overnight run. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Scott Brunwasser  
4305 Snowden Ct.  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

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: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NM4W

Mail to:  
Sue Brady  
5405 Tamariz NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87120

## New Mexico 4-Wheelers as of 5 Oct 97

Ahlbrandt, Rob & Kristi	5704 Foothills	Farmington	NM	87402	505-325-5453	A
Brady, Pat & Sue	5405 Tamariz NW	Albuquerque	NM	87120	505-898-6449	V brady@abqms1.scs.philips.com
Brown, Garry	3709 Camino De La Sierra	Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-298-1303	V gsbrown@abq.com
Brunwasser, Scott	4305 Snowden Ct.	Rio Rancho	NM	87124	505-896-4244	V airdown@flash.net
Butler, Bill & Alma	P.O. Box 326	Peralta	NM	87042-0326	505-866-6788	H
Clark, Robert & Doreen	5705 Lost Dutchman NE	Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-291-1156	V
Conway, Guy	3021 Casa Del Norte NE	Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-294-1875	V
Dodsereshi, Robert	215 Yale Blvd SE #4	Albuquerque	NM	87106	505-483-6897	A rdods@unm.edu
Fernandez, Fernando	1123 Elizabeth NE	Albuquerque	NM	87112	505-237-9448	V
Garcia, Alex	6000 Montano Plaza Dr. NW #39A	Albuquerque	NM	87120	505-899-5467	V
Gilmore, Alan & Marty	P.O. Box 5	Capitan	NM	88316-0005		A
Gjerning, Arne	P.O. Box 1485	Corrales	NM	87048	505-898-3124	V gjerning@flash.net
Harrison, Berrett & Deborah	1629 Perimeter Cir. SE	Albuquerque	NM	87116	505-254-1394	V
Harrison, Mark	5616 Kachina St. NW	Albuquerque	NM	87120	505-898-0408	V Mark_A_Harrison@ccm.rr.intel.com
Heineken, Russell & Lela	5 Campbell Farms Rd.	Belen	NM	87002	505-864-4417	A
How, LP	203 Los Mananitas	Santa Fe	NM	87501	505-983-2138	A Antero@aol.com
Hurt, Tom	230 Chama NE	Albuquerque	NM	87108	505-268-2838	V
Kennicott, Phil & Carol	P.O. Box 633	Sandia Park	NM	87047	505-281-9581	V ckennicott@worldnet.att.net
Lee, Jeffrey & Mary Langley	P.O. Box 45325	Rio Rancho	NM	87174	505-792-5029	V
Martinez, Jason & Hiromi	1024 Harrison Dr NW	Rio Rancho	NM	87124	505-892-9411	V ernholio@unm.edu
Martinez, Ruben	57-A E. Highway 66	Albuquerque	NM	87123	505-296-7752	V
Melain, Ed & Chris	4420 Spanish Broom Ct.	Albuquerque	NM	87120	505-898-3179	V
McTavish, Kevin & Amie	7104 Mojave NW	Albuquerque	NM	87120	505-890-4486	V mctavish@abqms1.scs.philips.com
Mead, Trae & Shay	180 Highway 472	Edgewood	NM	87015	505-286-3965	V
Moore, Wes & Cay	7208 Lew Wallace NE	Albuquerque	NM	87109	505-857-0042	V onetufruk@aol.com
Norton, Bob	151 Hwy 222	Edgewood	NM	87015	505-281-5315	V n5epa@flash.net
Norton, Jim	375 Coyote SE	Albuquerque	NM	87123	505-293-3276	A
Owen, Derren & Bonnie	HCR Box 1417	Morirarity	NM	87035	505-832-1513	V deebono@concentric.net
Payne, Tracy & Marcy	10001 E. Evans Ave. #43 D	Denver	CO	80231	303-743-7882	A
Prax, David	P.O. Box 3014	Albuquerque	NM	87190-3014	505-777-8178	V
Reed, Michele	2909 Estrella Brillante NW	Albuquerque	NM	87120	505-831-1191	V
Rushing, Charles	13222 Candelaria NE #D5	Albuquerque	NM	87112	505-296-7788	V charlier@flash.net
Serkland, Dick & Christine	5431 FM 546	Princeton	TX	75407	214-736-2701	A
Sierra, Jack & Stella	4012 Torrey Pines	Rio Rancho	NM	87124	505-892-4301	V
Slatery, Pat	6020 Creggs NW	Albuquerque	NM	87120	505-898-7416	V
Swartz, Lloyd	1713 Powder River Dr.	Rio Rancho	NM	87124	505-867-6157	V
Telepak, Bob	875 Calle de Bosque	Bosque Farms	NM	87068	505-869-8117	V rtelepak@unm.edu
Thompson, Paul & Mary	3801 Camino de la Sierra NE	Albuquerque	NM	87111	505-293-8390	V pathomp@arc.unm.edu
Trafford, Glyn	PO Box 1057	Duncan	BC	V9L 3612	250-746-8282	A bkg@seaside.net
Trojcek, Jim & Nancy	P. O. Box 2499	Edgewood	NM	87015	505-281-3619	V
Vassar, Greg & Tina	PSC 9 Box 3666	APO	AE	09123-4944	452-7165	A
Werkmeister, Jim & Tammy	1620 Parsifal NE	Albuquerque	NM	87112	505-299-5771	V
Werkmeister, Mark & Debbie	751 Chaps Road	Rio Rancho	NM	87124	505-891-0296	V Mark_R_Werkmeister@ccm.rr.intel.com
Wilson, Charlie & Joel	5 Dulce Rd.	Santa Fe	NM	87505	505-466-2183	V ewilsonconsult@juno.com
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Zahn, Tahoe & Donna	952-B 12th Loop	Albuquerque	NM	87116	505-265-2522	V lowrange@juno.com

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### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Call the Trip Leader or Tail Gunner if you did not attend the last meeting or the weather has gotten weird. Do yourself a favor, call by Tuesday of the week of the run to be sure everything is a "go." We have attempted to put the Trip Leaders and Tail Gunners names by each run for that purpose.

**Oct 10 - Meeting.** 7pm. Hosted by Berrett & Deborah Harrison.

**Oct 11-17 - Capitan Cave Exploration.** Led by Lloyd Swartz.

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**Oct 17-19 - SWFWDA Fall Meeting @ Clayton, OK.** Mark Werkmeister has details.

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**Nov 14 - Meeting.** 7pm. Hosted by the Garcias.

**Nov 15 - Mystery Run (Easy - Mod).** Led by Mark Wolf. Meet @ 0900 @ Union 76.

**Nov 22 - Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup (Rated EXTREME!!!).** Must have previous cleanup experience. Both ends locked. Must have 33's or larger. Expect body damage. Road building NOT allowed! If you don't have what it takes, you can cleanup an easier highway. Meet @ I25 & 44 @ 0800.

**Dec 12 - Meeting @ Mark & Debbie Werkmeister's house.** 7pm. Annual Christmas Party.

# Trail Tales

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**Hosts for the Winter Meetings:**

Nov 14: Alex & Cynthia Garcia

Dec 12: Mark & Debbie Werkmeister @ their home

Jan 9: Kevin & Amie McTavish

Feb 13: Pat & Sue Brady

Mar 13: Mark & Joan Wolf

Apr 10: Eddie & Chris McLain

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## MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the Meeting:

Scott Brunwasser; Arne Gjering; Pat & Sue Brady; Berrett & Deborah Harrison; Jim Werkmeister; Kevin & Amie McTavish; Charlie Wilson; Mark Harrison; Mark Werkmeister; Mark & Joan Wolf; Guy & Michael Conway; Tom Hurt; Tahoe, Donna & Amanda Zahn; Garry Brown; Paul & Mary Thompson; Bob Telepak; Bob Norton; Stella Sierra; Pat Slattery.

The following guests were present at the Meeting:

Kris Webb & Keely Bosch; Justin & Jim Van Den Aryle.

The Meeting was called to order @ 1904.

Guest introduced themselves.

The Meeting Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.

The Treasurer reported \$1812.96 in the bank.

No report from the Program Chairman.

The Sheriff had nothing to say.

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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

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**Nov 27-30 - Trip to the Phoenix area.** Due to personal schedule changes, Mark Werkmeister will not be leading a trip to the Phoenix area over Thanksgiving. If anyone is still interested in making the trip, please contact Pat Brady.

**Dec 6 - Annual NM4W Christmas tree run** in the Jemez. Meet 9am at the Texaco Station, NM 44 & 528 in Bernalillo. Mark Werkmeister leading.

**Dec 14 - Run to Embudo Creek (Easy-Moderate).** 9am @ the Giant Station on St. Francis Dr. in Santa Fe. Scott Brunwasser leading.

**Dec 20 - Snow run,** probably in southern Sangres or Jemez Mountains. Call Charlie Wilson for details.

**Feb 19-22 1998 - Winter Meeting in Las Cruces.**

### Dir. of Environ. Affairs Report:

1) HR1127 passed. This is the Against Antiquities Act. Must have Congress approval over 50,000 acres.

2) The BLM Management meeting for the Escalante National Monument had a good turnout. Mark Werkmeister asked people to fill out "Visions Kit" and return by 10/31/97.

3) The BLM has proposed a new management plan for the San Rafael Swell. Several roads are being closed. Bob showed a map.

4) The Robledo Mts. in Las Cruces, NM are now open.

5) Raffle results: 2nd Quarter - Bonnie Owen  
3rd Quarter - Bob Norton

6) Mark Werkmeister reported that there is an emergency road closure in Colorado. This includes the Rattler and other trails in the Salida area.

7) The Glade (otherwise known as Chokecherry Canyon) in Farmington, NM is in review for closure.

8) Rio Grande Corridor Plan - The BLM wants to close 40% of the roads due to erosion. Mark had a map of the area. Write to the BLM and complain. Comments due 10/31/97.

### Old Business:

1) Need to order your club shirts and patches by 11/14/97.

2) Cuidando Los Ninos - Sue showed us the project list. We will decide next meeting and pick a date. Here is a list of the projects:

- No. 97902 - Repaint the outside steps with yellow safety paint. A two inch strip is needed on each side of the step.

- No. 97906 - The open area behind the classrooms needs to be cleaned out and weeded prior to the installation of new building.

- No. 97909 - The two white storage sheds need to be removed from the front lot of CLN.

- No. 97910 - Recondition the wood on the front area playset.

- No. 97911 - Install new boards on 2 bench seats.

- No. 97915 - The lean-to's need to have the wood conditioned and waterproofed. (2)

- No. 97916 - The lean-to's need either hooks or nails to hang the sand toys.

- No. 97917 - Secure the cables dangling from the base of the buildings. Especially the nursery.

- No. 97918 - Rebuild the steps to both classrooms.

### New Business:

ARB solenoids available in Denver much cheaper (\$17.00). Contact Garry Brown.

The Meeting adjourned at 2000.

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## President's Report:

Another month has gone by and still no volunteers for trail leaders. What am I doing wrong here? Folks, this is a plea for help! Charlie's going to get burned out on trail leading! Then what? I urge those of you that have never lead a trail or haven't done so for a long time to volunteer. We don't have enough easy to medium/moderate trails, so find some!

I hope everyone got their BLM Visions Kit returned! If not, send it now!!! We need to have sufficient input to the Planning process for this Monument. Only your help will ensure we are

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**President's Report:** (continued)

heard. This is no time for the ominous "apathetic attitude!" That evil twin in us all will be the death of us Wheelers!

Mark and Debbie Werkmeister tell me there was only about 6 orders for T-Shirts, hats, patches, etc. It takes 24 of each to meet the minimum order. Why didn't you order one? Forgot? Well, well, one more chance or cancellation occurs! Orders must be received NO LATER THAN 11/14/97 or forget it until next year! Call them at 891-0296 and place the order. THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE FOR A YEAR!

I received the Raffle Tickets for the Annual Raffle at Las Cruces (SWFWDA Winter Quarterly). Are you ready to sell off more than ever before? We need to win this contest, as we have in the past! Early ticket arrival means more competition! Some of our Texas brethren can really sell! Better get going early! I'm still working on prizes and displays. Any ideas from our business associates (IE... Toys for Trucks, Southwest Four Wheel Drive, or Desert Rat)? We'd like to have you represented at that event. It's a great opportunity! Hope to see you there. Call me at 856-8539 or 893-8870.

Get ready for winter! It's coming fast! I'm here to testify about the 2 feet of snow in Denver this last weekend (10/24 - 10/25)! We made it, but it was worrisome at times! Joan has been stuck in a winter storm once and she didn't think too much of a "Let's keep going" attitude! Cold is not her friend! Maybe we can have a couple of great snow runs this year?! Whose to lead? See you at the next meeting, November 14th.

**Secretary's Report:**

Club Membership:

Voting = 35

Associate = 11

Honorary = 1

Newsletters will be mailed to the following:

Club Members: 44

Prospective Club Members: 12

Association Clubs: 28

Association Officers: 8

4WD Publications: 3

Local 4WD Shops: 6

Forest Service or BLM Rangers: 4

Total = 94 newsletters

I would like to thank Mark Werkmeister for filling in for me at the last meeting.

I just came back from spending a couple of days with Charlie scouting out the BLM land in the Rio Gande Corridor Plan. What scenery! I liked it so much, that I will be leading a run there on Dec 14. You won't be disappointed.

I have received the minutes from the SWFWDA Fall Meeting if you would like to see them.

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

My e-mail address is: [airdown@flash.net](mailto:airdown@flash.net)

New Mexico 4-Wheelers on-line:

<http://www.geocities.com/motorcity/4465/nm4w.html>

Trail Tales on-line:

<http://www.geocities.com/motorcity/4465/trailtales.html>

**Trip Reports:**

(Editor's note: I did an oops last month. Mark Werkmeister did write a Trip Report for the Mt. Blanca run.)

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**Blanca '97 - Wow!**, by Mark Werkmeister

On the weekend after Labor Day, the New Mexico 4-Wheelers made their annual pilgrimage to the high country paradise known as Mt. Blanca. This year's trip was special for two reasons. First, it was the first time that the club has made the ascension of Mt. Blanca since the agreement between the County, the Forest Service, and the motorized community to keep the Lake Como Road open all the way to Blue Lakes was finalized. The trip was a little sweeter this year just knowing that the view from the high alpine basin at Blue Lakes would be available to all. Secondly, this was the largest group from the club that had ever made the annual ascent. This year's version of the trip featured no less than nineteen vehicles, seventeen of which belonged to club members. Making the trip this year was trail leader Mark Werkmeister and Jennifer, Pat & Sue Brady, Mark & Joan Wolf, Derren Owen, Bonnie Owen (in her own Jeep), Kevin McTavish, Tom Hurt, Lloyd Swartz and guest Leroy, Paul Thompson and guest Howard Sanger, Garry Brown, Guy and Carolyn Conway, Michael Conway, Pat Slattery, Berry Harrison, Scott Brunwasser, Bob Norton, L.P. How and Lisa Stuckey, Sandia Jeep Club member Michael Maloney, and prospective member Charles Carrillo and guest Ken Sanchez.

We left the trailhead promptly at 9:00 with many of the members having camped at the Great Sand Dunes National Monument campground the night before. We quickly determined that there was one club on the mountain ahead of us but they only had four vehicles along. As the group started climbing the switchbacks up Blanca's flank, a distress call came over the CB from



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Michael Maloney. His new rear axle housing had rotated due to the spring pads not being welded securely. Brady Welding Service to the rescue! Pat gave up his spot up front of the caravan to go back and help Michael and soon had him back up and running along. We picked up Bob Norton on the trail and were soon at Jaws 1. Lloyd had camped up on the mountain and was waiting for us on the top side of Jaws 1. This first obstacle was captured without much fuss or trouble, including Chris' open differential (but very cool diesel-powered) CJ.

Onward and upward! Jaws 2 proved to be a little more difficult with several of the slightly wider Wranglers getting high centered on the breakover rock. Lloyd's Montero and the open CJ again had to be tugged and several others required a bit of the "human factor" in terms of some pushing on the rear bumpers. The stretch between Jaws 2 and Jaws 3 is getting harder with several more challenging sections in addition to Jaws 2.5. Lloyd's Mitsu again had to be towed off of Jaws 2.5 after he got himself pinned between a rock and the steep drop-off on the edge of the trail.

We caught the other club (Oshwego Jeepers from Denver) at the base of Jaws 3. They were nursing a balky electrical system in a FJ40 and cut a tire on the towing Bronco while hauling it up and out of the way. Mark plugged the cut in the sidewall and then the NM4Wers started challenging Jaws 3 with several folks opting for the easier bypass. Berry Harrison had the Scout up above the obstacle when his fire went out. His battery did not seem to be charging as we could jump start his truck but it wouldn't fire again if it stalled. We started him several times and then he crawled up the trail toward the lake under his own power. After about half the club was up, Mark took off to lead the first half of the group upwards while Pat Brady brought up the second half.

While setting his tent at the lake, Mark got the call that Berry had stalled in a narrow portion of the trail and no one could reach him to jump start the Scout. Mark went back down to try and jump start him but couldn't get the Scout to fire at all now. Finally, the Scout appeared at the lake under tow from the Scrambler. By this time, Pat Slattery's starter had decided that it had enough with the bendix jammed into the flywheel. Pat Brady and Michael Conway teamed up to haul the CJ5 up to the lake and it was parked next to the dead Scout.

After the campsites were selected and the tents erected, most of the club headed around the lake towards Jaws 4 and the road up to Blue Lakes. Several folks stayed behind to work on the Scout and CJ5. Jaws 4 proved to be very slick judging from the many attempts most made to get up its mud-slickened slope. By the time the group was descending from Blue Lakes, it had started to rain and Jaws 4 assumed its full stature as an obstacle to be

reckoned with. Mark Wolf found an errant rock with his passenger side rocker panel with some damage (to the Commando, not the rock) resulting. By the time everyone got back into camp, the Scout had been repaired (corroded cable from battery to solenoid) and the CJ5's toasted starter had been removed so it could be tow started the next morning.

The weather slowly cleared and the large pile of wood that the group had brought from home was stacked by the community fire. The hilarity grew as the fire burned and the club enjoyed the camaraderie that makes these club campfires so special. The high altitude and many hikes back and forth between vehicles started taking it toll and members started drifting off toward their tents.

Morning dawned clear and crisp (but no frost!) and everyone packed up their camp sites and waited for the sun to finally make its way over the peaks and into camp. The trip down was pretty uneventful with Jaws 2 providing the only slowdown as several vehicles found the breakover angle to be a bit too much again. The group was back down at the trailhead by noon but lingered quite a while as we refilled tires, repacked belongings, recounted tales, etc.

Mt. Blanca again lived up to its reputation for being an almost perfect trail for our club. The scenery is spectacular, the trail is difficult (but not overly so), and the campfires are magical. Put the date on your calendar for next year, weekend after Labor Day, Mt. Blanca!

**Blowhole Loop Trip Report**, by Charlie Wilson

On Sunday, August 17, six vehicles met at the Santa Fe Outlet Center for a day run on the new Blowhole Loop trail in the Caja del Rio area west of Santa Fe. Attending were Charlie and Joel Wilson (the trail leaders), Tom Hurt, Pat Slattery, Guy Conway, Arne Gjerner and his son Joshua and friend Noah, and Alex Garcia. Tom generously offered to be tail gunner for this run.

After airing down, we started into the Caja bright eyed and bushy tailed. The day was sunny and warm, and the famous Caja mud was not to be seen. The equally famous Caja dust was plentiful, but easier to take than the mud. The beginning of the trail is relatively easy and flat, but deep ruts must be negotiated and Alex took advantage of the opportunity to find out just how much clearance his new Toyota FJ40 has. Of course, Guy was happy to support Alex's efforts to educate himself (education is, of course, an obligation for all Americans), and pulled Alex off the first time he got high-centered. I believe Alex got high-centered only one more time on this trip, so we can see what a fast learner he is.

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Leaving the flats, we started up a rocky streambed section that leads to a switchback road up to the top of the mesa. With extraordinary attention, everyone got up what Joel and I consider to be the most difficult section of the trail without a problem. As true tour guides, we trail leaders dutifully pointed out the Two Tires Shrine along this part of the trail. It is a truly remarkable sight to behold the two large truck tires, lying in a field with their yellow-orange sides like large flowers reflecting the brilliant sunshine of a summer day. The magnificence of this site is surpassed only by the Four Tires Shrine, also on the Caja.

Upon reaching the mesa top, the trail levels off and winds through a pinon-juniper woodland, becomes very rocky as it reaches a low knoll, then descends to join the main road traversing the mesa. A second urgent call reached the ears of the trail leaders at this point, indicating a multi-vehicle problem. When we had turned around and reached the scene, serious attention was being focused on Tom's Jeep and Alex's Toyota. We learned that Alex, in his continuing education efforts to determine his clearance by Braille, had high centered on a large tree stump that the rest of us had managed to avoid. Tom was following Alex and, of course, stopped to help. While examining the stump carefully tucked beneath the Toyota, both smelled antifreeze and both ran to open their hoods to find the leak. Tom found it first, and while Tom was busy rummaging around for some stop-leak, Alex managed to dismantle the stump and free his vehicle. This was not without environmental cost, however, as Alex's encounter with the stump caused a large black widow spider to become homeless.

It was Tom's water pump. We all chipped in to supply water and ice to the overheating vehicle, and since Tom's rummaging yielded no fruit (figuratively speaking), Guy again came to the rescue with some stop leak. Moving on, we checked out the blowhole, a truly impressive nearly vertical, natural volcanic shaft about 150 feet deep and 30 feet across, and then had lunch enjoying the view of Santa Fe and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains to the east.

The rest of the trip was surprisingly without incident. Tom's engine was holding out, so we went out by way of Tom's Trail and successfully navigated another steep, rocky hill climb. To our disappointment, however, we found that the most difficult ledge climb on Tom's Trail had been eliminated through the trail building efforts of other users. After conquering Tom's Trail, we returned to the highway, dusty but happy after a good trail run. Thanks go to Guy Conway for being always ready to get the rest of us out of trouble.

**Hill and Dale Trail Trip Report**, by Charlie Wilson

On Sunday, October 12, eight vehicles met in Bernalillo for a day run on the new Hill and Dale Trail in the Jemez Mountains. Attending were Charlie Wilson (the trail leader), Scott Brunwasser, Charles Alexander, Jim Norton, Robert Clark and his sons Cameron and Trevor, Kevin Cox, Tom Hurt, and Mark Wolf. Scott courageously offered to be tail gunner for this run.

This run is considered moderate to difficult for stock vehicles and goes through some very pretty country. Brush clearing along the old logging road loop was recently completed by members of NM4W and the Sandia Jeep Club. After airing down, we started out by climbing the old Peggy Mesa road. The road was as rocky as usual and the only problem was when Charles (Scott's friend, newly transplanted from Connecticut) high centered his stock Wrangler on one of the berms and had to be towed off. Charles soon learned the benefits of momentum and slid over most of the rest of the berms on his skid plate without assistance. Kevin was trying out his 37th Jeep, this one a stock CJ7, and also found that he was caressing the tops of some of the berms but had no trouble on this climb.

Reaching the top, we crossed Peggy Mesa without incident and soon arrived at the trailhead where we met Mark and Tom. They had been scouting the area the day before for elk, and camped overnight. There was still a sprinkle of snow on the ground and Tom informed us that it was 25 degrees in their camp that morning. Starting down the Hill and Dale loop, comments of appreciation were heard on the radio for the beauty of the area and the efforts of those before them in smoothing the tops of the berms. Robert's newly outfitted and lifted Scrambler did well on the berms and throughout the trail. After lunch in a wide part of the canyon, we proceeded into the jungle section, where a perennial spring-fed stream creates a thick mat of vegetation with vines hanging from all the trees. Having mastered the principle of momentum by this time, everyone made the V-shaped stream crossing with no trouble. The trail changes character at this point by winding down a dry, south-facing hillside with one very tight, downhill turn. Having been warned by the trail leader, everyone made the turn without problem.

Crossing the stream again at the bottom, we began the long, two-stage climb back to Peggy Mesa. This climb can be a challenge because of the sidehills, loose rocks and moguls, and the fight against overheating in summer. The first stage hill climbs 540 vertical feet to a saddle, then drops down 140 feet to a valley, then climbs 600 vertical feet to a ridge, for a total climb of 1140 feet in a little over a mile. As the trail leader was explaining that the second climb was tougher because it was longer, a voice came over the radio asking "How many climbs are there?" It seems that Kevin's Jeep was stalling due to carburetor problems. Fortunately, there were only two. Robert was pleased

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that lifting his engine back to a level position seemed to have solved his carburetor problems, but everyone saw engine temperatures rise on the climbs even though it was not very warm out. The moguls seemed easier than before and everyone made it up with little problem.

The rest of the trail was supposed to be an easy cruise out, but problems seem to occur when least expected. A large and nasty looking mud hole had formed in front of a tall, steep berm. Not looking forward to a prolonged vehicle cleanoff effort, the trail leader and most of the crew took a convenient bypass. However, the last three vehicles in line decided to tackle the mud/berm combo. Kevin was first. He got through the mud all right but high centered on the berm, and more rocking than usual was required to get him off because of the mud-slicked tires. Wolfie was next and, having seen Kevin's problems, he decided to apply the momentum principle on the berm so he wouldn't get high centered.

Charging through the mud and sending a wall of muddy water over his hood, he hit the berm squarely. Accounts of what happened next vary and will no doubt be embellished over time as the incident passes into legend, but by the time he got to the top of the berm, the muddy water draining from his Commando was accompanied by a healthy stream of radiator coolant. It seems that Mark's flexible fan had lived up to its name, probably due to a combination of biting into the muddy water streaming into his engine compartment and forward thrust from hitting the berm, and had gouged deeply into the radiator. By the time the trail leader had learned of the incident on the radio and returned to the scene, a large crowd had gathered around a man kneeling on the ground in front of a radiator, peeling away the damaged heat exchanger fins with a pliers, bending back the broken tubes, and maintaining a fixed grimace on his face.

As is his duty, and because the incident involved the club's esteemed President, the trail leader immediately checked the area for environmental damage. The stream of radiator fluid was clear rather than green, suggesting that it did not contain antifreeze and, therefore, was not causing environmental damage. On the other hand, not having antifreeze in your coolant when camping in 25 degree weather was sufficient basis for a cowbell award. Acting as self-appointed deputy in the absence of the sheriff, the trail leader reviewed these options with the culprit, and strangely declining credit for the coveted cowbell award, Mr. Wolf explained (or claimed) that he had clear Texaco antifreeze in his coolant, thereby qualifying for an environmental damage fine rather than the cowbell award. These issues will have to be taken up by a jury of peers at the next club meeting. To Mark's credit, however, he made sure that all damaged radiator parts were picked up before we left the scene. Not to forget our intrepid tail

gunner, Scott Brunwasser was the last to go through the mud. Having learned all there was to know from the attempts and misfortunes of his two predecessors, he cleared both mud and berm cleanly and without incident.

The rest of the trip was without further incident. With the help of a can of stop leak, Mark's trail repaired radiator got him safely to the trailhead. Having greatly enjoyed the day's outing, everyone (with the possible exception of Mark) headed happily toward home.

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**Historian's Report:**

Bonnie is collecting pictures and videos for the Club's scrapbooks.

Here is a list of the videos we have:

- Sandia Mts.
- Mt. Blanca
- Holy Cross Trail

See Derren at Toys For Trucks to borrow the videos.

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**Dir. of Environ. Affairs Report, Part 2:**

Seems like there is always more negative news from me than positive. Here is what you should be aware of.

Jim Baca was elected mayor of Albuquerque by a "majority" of 29% of the vote. He is certainly no friend of 4-Wheelers or people who want to maintain access to public land. He has been an interim head of the BLM. He is on the board of directors of both the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) and the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance. While he will likely be kept busy by his mayoral duties, you can bet that the mayor's job is just a stepping stone to running for governor of NM.

Hope all of you that could sent in your Visions Kits to the Grand Staircase & Escalante National Monument planning team by the deadline of October 31st. Even if you have not visited there personally, if you do not help define how it is managed NOW, you will not get the chance to visit it.

The next important battle is again in Utah, this time the San Rafael Swell. The BLM is making a Proposed OHV Plan that, as it stands, has closed down over 200 miles of trails in the Swell to all motorized vehicles. The public comment period has been extended from NOV 14th to the 31st.

# Show your NM4W Colors Proudly!

This will be your only chance this year to purchase clubs shirts/hats/etc.

All orders will be cash/check in advance only!

**Order forms are due by October 15th to Debbie Werkmeister  
Deliver is planned for the December meeting!**

## Jacket Patches

The 12" patches are great for the back of a jacket!

12" Round 

Quantity
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 x \$10.00 = \$ 

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## T-Shirts

T-shirts are heavy-duty 100% cotton T's!  
Ash is a light grey color.

	Quantity			
	White	Ash		
S			x \$9.00 =	
M			x \$9.00 =	
L			x \$9.00 =	
XL			x \$9.00 =	
XXL			x \$10.00 =	
XXXL			x \$10.50 =	

## Sweatshirts

Sweats are heavy-duty 50/50 cotton/poly blend.  
Ash is a light grey color.

	Quantity			
	White	Ash		
S			x \$16.00 =	
M			x \$16.00 =	
L			x \$16.00 =	
XL			x \$16.00 =	
XXL			x \$17.00 =	
XXXL			x \$18.00 =	

Total= \$ 

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## Member Information:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

All prices reflect a best estimate of actual costs based on estimated quantity ordered.  
All excess money will be turned over to the club treasury.

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## Dir. of Environ. Affairs Report, Part 2:

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You can try writing to the BLM's Area Manager who has decided to close down many roads:

Richard Manus  
BLM Area Manager  
125 S. 600 West  
Price, UT 84501

Tell him that it is wrong to close down historic routes such as the Devil's Racetrack, Behind the Reefs Trail, and Saddlehorse Canyon Trails.

While I encourage you to write to Mr. Manus, I personally believe he has made his decision and will stick with it.

I recommend writing to the Emery County Commissioners to encourage them to claim all of the rights-of-way in Emery County under RS-2477. It sure worked for the Alamosa County Commissioners with regard to the Mt. Blanca Trail. It can work for the SRS too! Write to:

Randy Johnson, Chairman  
Bevin Wilson  
Kent R. Petersen

They are all Emery County Commissioners. Their address is:

P.O. BOX 629  
Castle Dale, UT 84513

Encourage them that the only reasonable way to keep the SRS open for the people of the county and visitors (like us) is to claim the rights of way (don't say roads) under RS-2477. Tell them that it worked for Alamosa County, CO and it can work for them.

Keep your letters short and to the point - keep the roads open for everyone, don't knuckle under to the demands of the GAG's, like SUWA, to shut everything down.

Your letters DO make a difference! Write! Remember that while the "fighting front" of the battle is presently in Utah, if the battle is lost there, you lose a lot of great trails, and the subsequent battle in New Mexico will be much harder. Maybe you have not written letters before. Well, now is the time to start!

- Frontier Four Wheelers - OK City, OK
- Sandia Jeep Club - Santa Fe, NM
- San Antonio Jeep Exclusive - San Antonio, TX

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.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT:

Sue wants everyone to bring their aluminum cans to the next meeting so she can take them to get recycled.

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### For Sale/Wanted:

- **Desert Mountain Mortgage**

There is no reason for you not to own your own home if you want to. There are programs for people with Big Down Payments and SMALL DOWN PAYMENTS! There are programs for people with GREAT CREDIT and BAD CREDIT! If you want to buy a home, refinance a home, or just see how much home you could possibly afford, CALL ME TODAY! \$500 off closing costs for NM4W members.

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### Correspondence:

Every month I receive newsletters from various clubs in the Association. I have them if you would like to see them. I have received newsletters from the following Clubs this month:

Trail Tales  
4305 Snowden Ct.  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124



### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Call the Trip Leader if you did not attend the last meeting or the weather has gotten weird. Do yourself a favor, call by Tuesday of the week of the run to be sure everything is a "go."

**Nov 1-2 - Jaws of Death (Hard).** 9am @ Union 76 University & Menaul. Berry Harrison leading.

**Nov 9 - Elk Mountain Run** in Sangre de Cristo Mtns. east of Santa Fe. Easy to moderate for stock vehicles. Meet 9 am at I25 Exit 290 east of Santa Fe. Charlie Wilson leading.

**Nov 15 - Mystery run.** Easy to moderate for stock vehicles. Meet 9 am at Union 76, University at Menaul in Albuquerque. Call Mark Wolf for details.

**Nov 22 - Fall highway cleanup.** Meet 8 am at I25 & NM 44 at Park & Ride lot in Bernalillo. This is one of NM4W's community activities and everyone is urged to come. Bring leather gloves, long pants and long sleeves. Call Tahoe Zahn for details.

**Nov 27-30 - Trip to the Phoenix area.** Due to personal schedule changes, Mark Werkmeister will not be leading a trip to the Phoenix area over Thanksgiving. If anyone is still interested in making the trip, please contact Pat Brady.

**Dec 6 - Annual NM4W Christmas tree run** in the Jemez. Meet 9am at the Texaco Station, NM 44 & 528 in Bernalillo. Mark Werkmeister leading.

**Dec 14 - Run to Embudo Creek (Easy-Moderate).** 9am @ the Giant Station on St. Francis Dr. in Santa Fe. Scott Brunwasser leading.

**Dec 20 - Snow run,** probably in southern Sangres or Jemez Mountains. Call Charlie Wilson for details.

**Feb 19-22 1998 - Winter Meeting in Las Cruces.**

# Trail Tales

**NOTE:** Starting in October and going through April, the Meetings will be held at the Height Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Directions are on page 2. Hosts provide drinks and snacks.

**Hosts for the Winter Meetings:**

Dec 12: Mark & Debbie Werkmeister @ their home

Jan 9: Guy Conway

Feb 13: Pat & Sue Brady

Mar 13: Mark & Joan Wolf

Apr 10: Eddie & Chris McLain

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## MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the Meeting:

Scott Brunwasser; Pat & Sue Brady; Berrett & Deborah Harrison; Kevin & Amie McTavish; Mark Werkmeister; Mark & Joan Wolf; Guy & Michael Conway; Tom Hurt; Tahoe & Heather Zahn; Bob Norton; Pat Slattery; Alex Garcia; Lloyd Swartz; Derren & Bonnie Owen; Eddie & Chris McLain; Robert & Doreen Clark & kids.

The following guests were present at the Meeting:

Kris Webb & Keely Bosch; Scott Caruthers; Leroy Somebody; Ray Davis; Monica Debevec; Jeff Wright.

The Meeting was called to order @ 1900.

Guest introduced themselves.

The Meeting Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.

The **Treasurer** reported \$1290.00 in the bank.

The **Program Chairman** has a couple of volunteer projects for us to do. These will be discussed in future meetings.

The **Sheriff** wants everyone to check their points to make sure they are up to date.

The **Historian** needs pictures.

## Trip Chairman's Report:

**Past Runs/Events:**

Nov 1-2 - Jaws of Death.

Nov 9 - Elk Mountain Run.

Nov 15 - Mystery run.



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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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Trail Tales, 4305 Snowden Ct. Rio Rancho, NM 87124, or call Scott Brunwasser at 505-896-4244 and give him the change over the phone.



## MEETING MINUTES: (continued)

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Nov 27-30 - Trip to the Phoenix area.

### Future Runs/Events:

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### Dir. of Environ. Affairs Report:

- 1) The BLM wants to close most of the Robledos.
- 2) Rattler - the battle is on.
- 3) Write letters for the San Rafael Swell area.

### SWFWDA Report:

- 1) The Land Use Fund raised \$300 at the Clayton Meeting. FWD FWD gave the Fund \$1000.
- 2) The Association picked up another club.

### Old Business:

- 1) So far, 4 t-shirt orders have been received. This is not enough to send in an order.
- 2) Cuidando Los Ninos - Jan 24 - mark your calendars. Sue will pick the projects we will do.
- 3) Charlie Wilson received a plaque for 4-Wheeler of the Year.
- 4) Guy Conway received a plaque to show our appreciation for his volunteering services to the club.

### New Business:

- 1) There will be a Board of Directors Meeting at Wolfie's house, Dec 7, 1pm.
- 2) The raffle tickets for the Winter Meeting are now in. Start selling them! Let's be #1 in sales, again!
- 3) There have been some gracious volunteers step forward to volunteer their time for the Summer Meeting, Jul 30 - Aug 1, in Salida:
  - Overall Coordinator - Scott Brunwasser
  - Food Coordinator - Sue Brady
  - Place Coordinator - Eddie McLain
  - Trails Coordinator - Mark Wolf
- 4) Our renewal for the Blue Ribbon Coalition has come due. We voted to renew.

The Meeting adjourned at 1955.

### President's Report:

Hello everyone. Are you ready for Christmas? Are you even more ready for another year!? Seems we had a good year. We started out in Las Cruces, spent time on the Mesa near Santa Fe, adopted a trail on the Caja, had members get directly involved with BLM in both Albuquerque and Espanola as well as the Forest Service, went to Farmington for the summer run, made our annual pilgrimage to Mt. Blanca, cleaned up I-25 twice, spent more time in the Jemez, and will end up hunting Christmas trees again in the Jemez. We also got involved with the NMOA's (now called the NMOHC - New Mexico Off Highway Coalition) charter. Some adventures were successful some were not. But, we all keep trying. That's what's important. Charlie has sacrificed his personal time to meet with several agencies and he is making excellent headway. Mark, Pat & Susan, Phil & Carol, and a few others went to meet with the Albuquerque district manger of the BLM without much success. However, we now have the interest of Representative Schiff's office. We also have an offer that we intend to pursue and plans are in the works. Phil also volunteered to make a presentation to the BLM RAC and he did great. Now, if we can drag him and Carol back from the clutches of the Alan Gilmore Gang! Seems anyone getting involved with their group never comes back! Some people have all the fun!! I think more people got involved this past year and that is also excellent. More involvement is needed. Keep up with those letters, it pays off. Just ask Bonnie, Bob Norton, and Mark Werkmeister. There are lots of issues needing attention and every meeting or news letter has one. There are also lots of E-mail correspondence going around. Get with it and write! •

We need great support from each member at the Las Cruces event. Sell those tickets. We are looking at getting lots of displays this year. It's going to put SWFWDA on the map! Be

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### President's Report: (continued)

there, you won't be disappointed! I want to thank those that volunteered for the Summer Quarterly meeting duties. We will make this successful. We have always done a good job and I'm sure we'll follow through again. The Christmas meeting/party is at Mark & Debbie Werkmeister's new house this year. Hopefully we'll see a few folks we haven't seen in awhile. Jason & Romi can walk it's so close! Don't forget, it's a potluck and short meeting. We mostly socialize and there may be movies and/or slides. Hope to see you there! Oh! By the way! Our second highway cleanup was well attended and very successful! Thanks to Tahoe, Susan and others that put this together. A big thanks to those that came out to help!! It's great to have our name on the large signs along the highway. Kind of a political statement...

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### Secretary's Report:

Club Membership:

Voting = 36

Associate = 12

Honorary = 1

Newsletters will be mailed to the following:

Club Members: 46

Prospective Club Members: 16

Association Clubs: 28

Association Officers: 8

4WD Publications: 3

Local 4WD Shops: 6

Forest Service or BLM Rangers: 4

Total = 111 newsletters

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

My e-mail address is: [airdown@flash.net](mailto:airdown@flash.net)

New Mexico 4-Wheelers on-line:

<http://www.geocities.com/motorcity/4465/nm4w.html>

Trail Tales on-line:

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1997 was a challenging year for me, to say the least. The year started with me facing, for the very first time, the world of hard-core rock-crawling. It all started in Las Cruces, tackling the hardest of the hard. I successfully kicked it's butt! This is definitely an addicting sport! Next up came the Tank Trap, a local trail. It is nice to have such a trail so close to us. The next real challenge came in Farmington. It kicked MY butt! After successfully completing the Waterfall Trail, I realized that something was not quite right. My rear ARB locker would not unlock. OOPS!!! My first break (there were 3 of us in Jim

Petersen's shop, All Wheel Drive, who broke the SAME side gear. ARB denies there is a problem. HELLO!!! Anybody home???) I guess it is like cutting my first tooth. I managed to get the rearend fixed in time for the annual trip to Mt. Blanca. The trail and scenery are even more magnificent than what I have read about. The rest of the year seems to be filled with snow runs. And every run in between those mentioned were local runs with the club, which I value the most. There is nothing in the world like going on a run with your close friends. I value these the most. Thank you, one and all, for being there for me during this past year.

May the next year bring joy and happiness to all.

**AIRDOWN AND LOCK SOME HUBS!!!**

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### Trip Reports:

**Elk Mountain Trip Report**, by Charlie Wilson

On Sunday, November 9, six vehicles met at I-25 Exit 290 for a day run to Elk Mountain northeast of Pecos. Attending were Charlie Wilson (the trail leader), Scott Brunwasser, Pat and Sue Brady, Charles Alexander, Kevin Sturmer, and Chris Webb and Keely Bosch. Although Scott again courageously offered to be tail gunner for this run, as was to be seen the order of march varied considerably throughout the day because of the unexpected road conditions.

Although the weather had been warm, clear, and dry for over two weeks, this day it was cold and started to snow. Because of the snow, we decided not to tackle the back way up the mountain but go on the main road. This road is easy for high clearance vehicles if dry, but today the snow covered a layer of ice that raised the rating to difficult and beyond. Things went smoothly until we started our engines. Then the trail leader noticed his radio was not powered. Despite his lack of ability to provide verbal encouragement, the trail leader managed to get the crew to the Fina station near Pecos without loss. There he discovered a blown fuse, which was quickly replaced thanks to a replacement from Scott. Although the crew, led by Pat Brady, was getting restless at the delay and threatened mutiny, a bloody scene was averted when the radio came on line again.

After airing down and locking up at the trailhead, we started up the mountain. Although not planned as such, this turned out to be our club's first snow run of the year. Kevin, freshly from Minnesota with a stock Trooper II, considered it a spring day and coped nicely with the weather all day in only a flannel shirt. The rest of us were properly bundled up for the intermittent snow that continued all day. Chris and Keely, emerging from their triumphant run with us the week before at the Jaws of Death, came in their well-outfitted Toyota pickup. Charles Alexander joined us in his newly lifted, but open, Jeep Wrangler, after

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**Trip Reports:** (continued)

having conquered the ups and downs of the Hill and Dale Trail with us in October. On this run the stock vehicles did just as well as the modified ones because the snow was not deep and the main challenge was ice traction.

On the first real hill the trail leader lost traction and slid back down twice. While the trail leader pondered his next attempt, Pat tried it and crested the hill by hitting it faster and keeping up momentum. Charles went up next and also crested using the same technique. The trail leader went next and as he crested the hill, Pat and Charles continued on up the trail. Stopping to watch the remaining crew members, the trail leader saw first Kevin, then Chris, and then Scott make the grade. As they were walking back to their vehicles, Kevin noticed traces of coolant laced with pink "environmentally friendly" antifreeze on the snow. Trying to think positively, he nevertheless found a big splash of pink beneath his engine. While he was fixing the hole in his heater hose with the help of some hose clamps from Scott (Scott saved the day a second time!), we raised Pat on the radio and he came back down to help. The repairs were nearly done when Pat and Charles arrived, and we again started up the trail.

Soon after negotiating the steepest hill on the trail we came upon a pickup stopped in the middle of the road. The driver was a hunter caught by the snow and trying to get down the mountain. He was in a highly excited state from sliding around the steep switchback behind him and said there were two other trucks blocking the road around the curve, chaining up. We had lunch by the side of the road, and finally the trucks came down followed by another truck and two ATVs. The trucks had all chained their front wheels, which helped considerably on the icy descents. As the bachelors in our party swarmed around the cute girls on the ATVs, they learned (among other things) that there were eight more vehicles slipping and sliding down the road behind them. After a brief deliberation, we decided that with such a traffic load we would not make it up the mountain that day, and started down.

The descent turned out to be the most exciting part of the run. We quickly reached the steep hill and found it blocked by the three trucks at the top and the successful slider, who did not have chains, stuck in a ditch at the bottom. Pat decided to take his Bronco down to pull him out, and passed the five vehicles in front of him by creating a bypass route. He started down the hill slowly, in low gear and pumping the brakes, but because he forgot to release his parking brake, he lost control of his rear and slid down the hill, recoiling from the roadside slopes like a pool ball in slow motion. After Pat pulled the truck out, the remaining vehicles came down one at a time. The trucks with chains did well, although one slid 180 degrees and had to come back up the hill and start over. The members of our crew, all without chains,

managed to get down with little damage. The trail leader killed his engine almost immediately after takeoff and wound up sideways three times on the descent, but managed to stay pointing generally downhill. Charles and Chris made it easily and without incident, although Charles also killed his engine from braking too hard. Kevin came down quickly in slalom fashion, and wondered where the tree branch on the road came from. It was not there before his descent. Scott navigated two 90+ degree spins and managed to bend the radio antenna on the back of his Wrangler but also made it down like the rest of us, if not gracefully, then at least with little damage.

The rest of the descent was made without incident. Keeping the vehicles in low gear and accelerating to keep the wheels turning when they began to slip worked because the hills were not as steep. Sleet was falling at the trailhead when we aired up, and we all enjoyed the extra fortification from a fresh batch of W&Ws from Scott's generous supply. Although we didn't make it to the top, we all enjoyed the challenges of NM4W's first snow trip of the season.

**TRIP REPORT**, by Mark Wolf

We had seven vehicles show up for my mystery run on a snowy day. That was more than I expected. We headed out to Santa Fe to run the Sage Bush Flat trail. It's on the Caja, southeast of Santa Fe and is the trail we adopted this year. Tom Hurt, Robert Clark, Pat Slattery, Alex Garcia, Lloyd Swartz, and myself met Charlie Wilson at the Fire Station Southwest of Santa Fe. We had a pretty uneventful run with the snow actually only about an inch deep at first, fading to nothing near the west end of the trail. The only thing to report was the fun had during the numerous snow ball fights. We had a little mud during the end of the run, but nothing too bad. We split up about 3:30 to head back. Several of us headed to the gas station to fill up and then hit the road. Just as go on the on ramp for I-25, Robert calls out he's to a flat. we quickly pull over to change it. In the process I go to back up and drift over into real deep snow. Oops! Stuck! Alex does the same thing. Well, I get out and put it in 4 Wheel Drive and quickly pull out under my own power. Alex decides to wait until we get Robert fixed. After Robert is ready to go, Tom try's to pull out in 2 Wheel Drive and he goes sideways. Now we're having fun!! They both put it into 4 Wheel Drive and get out. The rest of the trip was uneventful and we returned home by 5:30 PM. Thanks to those who came. There are a few NON fair weather members out there after all!

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### **Historian's Report:**

Bonnie is collecting pictures and videos for the Club's scrapbooks.

Here is a list of the videos we have:

- Sandia Mts.
- Mt. Blanca
- Holy Cross Trail

Contact Bonnie to see the videos.

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### **Dir. of Environ. Affairs Report:**

Hope all of you that could made some written comments to the BLM in Price, UT about their Proposed OHV Travel Plan. Many of you were contacted by e-mail. Everyone who wrote will get "standing" with the BLM in the sense that they will get all future mailings and will have a voice in an appeal process if that comes to pass. That is what happened with Mt. Blanca, and I expect it will here also.

If the Behind the Reef, Devil's Racetrack, and Junes Bottom trails are still open this spring, I plan to lead a trip for any club members who want to participate. Details in early spring so you can plan.

On the New Mexico scene, Charlie Wilson participated in a recent BLM Advisory meeting. As we had suspected, Mr. Ford the head of the Rio Puerto area BLM office, is definitely NOT our friend. The chances of getting some good trails open in the San Ysidro area are slim to none. One excuse after another has surfaced. They all seem to be without foundation. We now must find and recommend some other area(s).

If you are not yet on e-mail but do get on, please send me a message to [rtelepak@unm.edu](mailto:rtelepak@unm.edu) so I can put you on future alert lists. I promise not to send you needless stuff, but will inform you when an important letter needs to be sent. Letter writing, and phone calls when necessary, are an important way to be heard and keep our public lands open to the public.

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### **Correspondence:**

Every month I receive newsletters from various clubs in the Association. I have them if you would like to see them. I have received newsletters from the following Clubs this month:

- Frontier Four Wheelers - OK City, OK
- Sandia Jeep Club - Santa Fe, NM
- San Antonio Jeep Exclusive - San Antonio, TX
- Oklahoma Trailchasers - O/C, OK.
- Jeep Exclusive - Amarillo, TX

- Southwest Scouts - O/C, OK

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.

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## DETAILS FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING @ THE WERKMEISTER'S:

**NM4W Christmas Party/December Meeting December 12th!**  
The December Meeting (and NM4W Annual Christmas Party) will be at the home of Mark and Debbie Werkmeister in Rio Rancho. The party/meeting will be held on December 12, and 6:30 p.m. If you have conflicts with the slightly earlier starting time, please feel free to join us in progress whenever you can.

Directions to the new house:

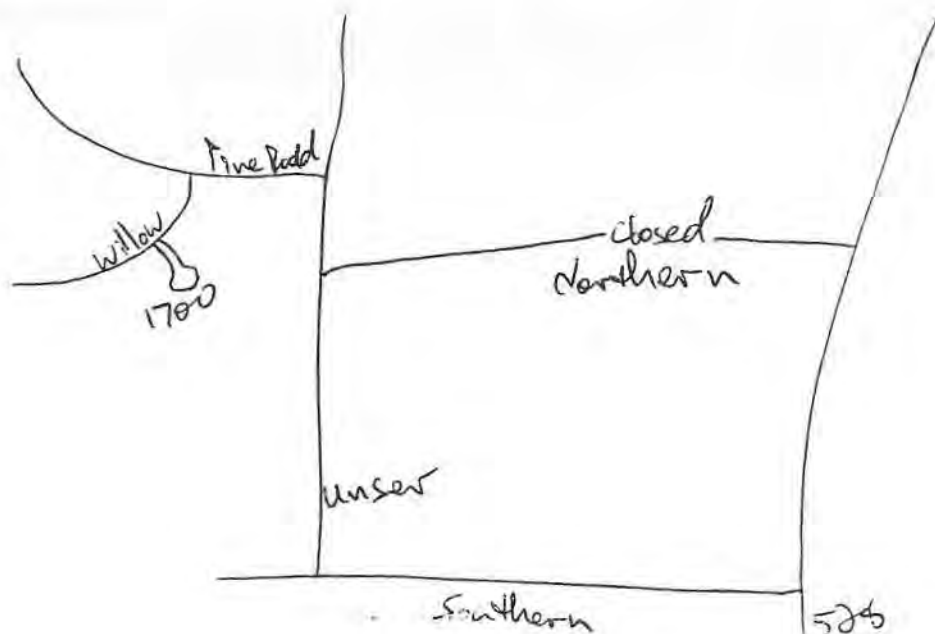
- From the intersection of 528 and Southern in Rio Rancho, head west on Southern to Unser Blvd (at new Walgreens).
- Turn right (north) up Unser for about two miles. After crossing Abrazo Road, the next major intersection is Unser and Northern Blvd.
- Continue through the intersection and turn left on the first paved road after Northern Blvd that you come to (Pine Poad).
- Head west on Pine to the first dirt road (Willow Road).
- Turn left on Willow.
- We are the ONLY house (1700 Willow Road) nearby, Willow Road is essentially our driveway.

For the Christmas party, we will be having an hors d'oeuvre/finger food/dessert type of potluck. Please bring your holiday favorites and see if we can successfully stuff Mr. Wolf. We will furnish soda, coffee, plates, etc as hosts. Please BYOB for other holiday spirits. For those who wish to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a small (\$5-\$10) gift that is labeled "Man", "Women", or "Child".

Children are welcome! Hope to see each and everyone of you there.

May you have "hard parts" under your tree in '97.

Mark



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### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Call the Trip Leader if you did not attend the last meeting or the weather has gotten weird. Do yourself a favor, call by Tuesday of the week of the run to be sure everything is a "go."

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