



Trail Tales



Official Newsletter of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers
December 12, 1997 Meeting Minutes
January Issue

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MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Tom Hurt; Mark, Debbie & Jennifer Werkmeister; Scott Brunwasser; Jim & Tammy Werkmeister; Bob Norton; Arne Gjerner; Derren Owen; Stella Sierra; Michele Reed; Bob Telepak; Phil & Carol Kennicott; Lloyd Swartz; Mark Harrison; Paul & Mary Thompson; Bonnie Owen; Pat Slattery; LP How; Robert & Doreen Clark and kids.

The following guests were present: Kris & Keely Webb; Kevin Cox; Ray Davis.

The Meeting was called to order @1900, give or take a few minutes.

Kris & Keely Webb were voted in as members.

There was a brief discussion over the pending land use issues.

Pat Brady was unanimously awarded the Cow Bell for telling everyone at the Christmas Tree cutting trip to follow him, then proceeded to bury Sue's truck in several feet of snow. This resulted in the truck being winched out. The President proclaimed that the Cow Bell be displayed on Pat's Bronco, not on Sue's truck.

The Meeting was adjourned @1930, give or take a few minutes, to eat and exchange gifts.

President's Report:

How was your Christmas? I hope Santa brought everyone their desires. As for me, well I got a new toy, but not for the Jeep. That's OK, because I just replaced my front Locker and I'm ready for action once I weld on the frame a little more. That darn reverse shackle setup has been hard on an old frame, or is it all this

extreme wheelin...?! Anyway, I'm ready for Las Cruces. I really like the Broad Canyon run. It's a great run. How's everyone doing with raffle tickets? Did everyone get some? If you didn't get any, please call or see me and I'll get you fixed up! I'm starting to get prizes from the manufacturers and they are very responsive this year. I think that's great!

As we start the new year, I think we should consider some things we haven't done. I asked a couple of members about the possibility of participating in one of the car shows here in Albuquerque. There's one in late January and I'm going to find out what it takes for us to expose ourselves and our sport to a wider range of enthusiasts. We need all the help we can get to fight of the land grabbers. If you're interested, please let me know. I'm thinking of a trail type display with our vehicles parked in some precarious situation that demonstrates the benefit of lockers, good suspension travel, and well-equipped vehicles. This is a way for us to bring new members to all of the four wheel drive community, New Mexico 4 Wheelers and Southwest Four Wheel Drive Association. Any other ideas?

Our last Board meeting brought up several things that I'm working on and I should have some SOP changes drafted early next month. One thing we found out is that our Associate membership dues are not paying the bills. We will be bringing a rate increase to the membership for a vote as soon as possible. If you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns, please forward them to myself or one of your Board members. They will bring them forward for discussion. We are trying to hold a Board meeting every quarter to discuss several items of interest.

How about you members that have been writing letters to our legislature, the BLM and the Forest Service? Did you get copies to Bob, our Environmental Chairman? To cop a phrase from our friends Dick Clark and Ed McMahon..."How can you win if you don't enter?" Our anonymous donor has come forward again and offered up another \$100 for 1998! Therefore, Bob will be keeping score and the club will match the funds for the randomly drawn winner who writes and gets involved! That's \$50 each quarter that you could win for writing a few letters to share your opinion with an agency or legislature representative. Sounds like easy cash if you ask me! I can guarantee that Mark Werkmeister, Bob Norton, Pat & Sue Brady, Bonnie Owen, and some others will be after the cash! You can get some of it too! Start writing!

See you at the meeting, January 9th!

P.S. I saw Pat Brady proudly wearing the cowbell ON HIS BRONCO after his little escapade during the Christmas tree run! Hey! That reminds me... where's the "BIG UGLY"?!

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Program Chairman's Report:

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Dec 14: Copper Hill area.

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Secretary's Report:

Club Membership:

Voting = 37

Associate = 12

Honorary = 1

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Prospective Club Members: 11

Association Clubs: 28

Association Officers: 8

4WD Publications: 3

Local 4WD Shops: 6

Forest Service or BLM Rangers: 5

Total = 108 newsletters

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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

TRIP REPORTS:

Trip to the Copper Hill Area, by Scott Brunwasser

On the morning of Dec 14, we gathered at the Giant Station on St. Francis, for a trip to the Copper Hill area. Showing up for the run was Charlie Wilson, Pat & Sue Brady, Lloyd Swartz and friend Leroy, guest Phil Rodacy and friend Gary Eden, Tom Hurt, Kris Webb, and Charles Alexander. Michelle Stegner, from the Sandia Jeep Club, met us on our way through Española.

After topping off our tanks in Española, we proceeded to the trailhead. The area in which we would airdown was frozen mud, with plenty of snow around. Of course, the inevitable occurred: snowball fight! There would be quite a few of these on the run. After the snow stopped flying, it was time to hit the trail.

The trip I had planned was mainly for the scenery. The first trail we took went down to a creek in a canyon. The trail down was clear of snow, except for about 50 yards. YIPPEE!!! Another snow run! The area we stopped at is surrounded by cliffs and is quite beautiful. Of course, where we parked, there was about a foot of snow and lots of shade. After taking in the scenery, we decided to go to have lunch somewhere else, preferably in the sun.

Charlie took the lead because he knew a short cut to the place I had wanted to stop for lunch. The only problem was that there was quite a bit of snow on that trail. Charlie tried to go through, but got stuck and needed to get pulled out. Pat took the lead and went to the main trail. There we stopped for lunch. The sun had melted the snow and we ate lunch in the mud.

After lunch, I was back in the lead. The rest of the trail to the end of the mesa was easy, except for a small spot that was off camber and covered with snow. The day before on the pre-run, I slid off the trail. All was fine when my tires found something to grab onto. On this day, I slid even farther down the hill. Pucker factor 7 1/2. A few brave souls followed me. No one else had problems. The spot right before the end of trail is a little hill covered with snow. The day before I made it. On this day, I didn't. That is when alleged event might have taken place. I don't remember the exact details and no one got pictures, so I can't recall that the event even occurred. After all, it is just hearsay.

After taking in the view and yet another snowball fight, we made our way back to the pavement. The area we aired-down was now a field of mud. We aired-up, and another snowball fight ensued. After everyone's hands were numb, we parted ways and headed home. Fun was had by all.

AIRDOWN AND LOCK SOME HUBS!!!

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)
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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. SE
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: _____

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NM4W

Mail to:
Sue Brady
5405 Tamariz NW
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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:

- Sandia Jeep Club - Santa Fe, NM.
- Oklahoma Trailchasers, - OKC, OK.
- Desert Mountain 4X4 Club - Alamogordo, NM.
- Las Cruces Four Wheel Drive Club - Las Cruces, NM.
- Jeep Exclusive - Amarillo, 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

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.

- **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 856-8539
- **For Sale: 1980 CJ 5,** Hard top, 4 speed trans, 304 V-8 stock, new radiator, new tires and custom wheels, good body and motor, \$5000 OBO; 292-8859, 767-2364.
- **House for rent** east side of Tramway near Indian School. Avail. 2/1/97 3BR, 1 3/4BA, 3+ heated garage, deck with 360 degree views, Hot tub, must see \$1195.mo +DD Kevin Cox 345-5337 / 440-7076
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- **DANA 20 transfer case,** out of Jeepster. Needs rebuild. Make Offer or trade? Mark 856-8539
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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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The following guests were present: Phil Rodacy; Monica Debevec.

- The Meeting was called to order @ 1905.
- Guests introduced themselves.
- The **Treasurer** reported \$695.93 in the bank.
- The **Program Chairman** was not present.
- The **Sheriff** reported there was no fines or cowbells to award.
- The **SWFWDA Delegate** gave information on the next few Association Quarterly Meetings.
- The **Historian** didn't bring any scrapbooks to the Meeting.
- The **Director of Environmental Affairs** reported the following:
 - 1) SUWA now wants 6.7 million acres to be declared Wilderness.
 - 2) Charlie has lined up 2 guest speakers for the next 2 Meetings. A BLM representative will talk at the March Meeting.
- The **President** said there were prizes coming in for the Winter Meeting. He emphasized to sell raffle tickets.

- Old Business:

- 1) The Club t-shirts are in.
- 2) The Board of Directors met in December and there will be SOP changes for the Club to review.
- 3) If anyone knows any off-road enthusiasts with disabilities, contact Guy Conway.

- New Business:

- 1) The Club voted to not have a Treasure Hunt this year because we are hosting the Summer Quarterly Meeting. We will still have a Club run & camp-out. Pat will organize the run. Mark Harrison will lead a Reflector Run.
- 2) Carol will be writing an article for the AARP magazine Modern Maturity about the elderly and disabled 4-wheeling.
- 3) The Las Cruces 4WD Club has asked us to do the Tech inspections and lead runs at the Winter Quarterly.

- The Meeting was adjourned @ 2000.

President's Report:

Well, folks. Here it is February already! Where does the time go? I've been fixing my Jeepster and haven't quite got it finished yet. Hopefully, I'll get it done very soon. Only trouble is, with all that new steel reinforcing the frame, I'm going to have to buy new front springs to hold it all up! Seems it never ends!

We're going down to help Las Cruces get their exciting new trails opened up for the Winter Quarterly. They have got some new trails that will be awesome for the super hard core group! It sounds like it will be great as there may be two companies there filming the event. That sounds exciting! I'm looking forward to it!

I received a letter the other day from a couple interested in our club. When I called them up and chatted with them, it became evident that they knew one of our members (for a long time even). But, had no idea they were in a four wheel drive club! That means were too quite about our club. Let people know you're a member. You never know when they may be looking for a club and yours could be exactly what they're looking for. It's a small world out there!

Charlie has two guests lined up for our next two meetings. Be sure to attend, as they should be interesting. They are Government officials from the BLM and the Forest Service. Both will be talking to us about how we can work with their respective organizations and answer questions about what we'd like to see. Please be courteous as they are volunteering to come to our club and talk.

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USFS and BLM representatives have agreed to attend our February and March meetings to discuss their planning processes and constraints for 4WD recreational use. They will also discuss ways in which we can work cooperatively with them in developing road designations, identifying 4-wheeling opportunities, and mitigating impacts. John Peterson, District Ranger, and Dennis Trujillo, Recreation Officer, for the Jemez Ranger District of Santa Fe National Forest have agreed to meet with us in February. Dave Mensing, Recreation Coordinator for BLM in Santa Fe, and a representative of the BLM office in Albuquerque have agreed to meet with us in March. Come prepared to listen, have questions ready, and consider innovative ways that we can become part of their planning process.

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ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE

OFFICER'S REPORT:

On the national front, the biggest item (besides "zipper-gate") is the new Roadless Policy that the Forest Service is pushing. This would be very bad for 4-wheeling. Up until now a roadless area had to be 5000 acres or more. Now it would drop to 1000 acres. There would be a moratorium on any planned activities (4-wd trail rides) in these "roadless" areas. The result would be lots of road and trail closures. More Wilderness Study Areas would be designated. The Forest Service (similar to the BLM) manages such areas as if they were already declared full-blown Wilderness by congress.

If you don't complain to your congressmen about this one, it will effectively shut down huge areas of the country's National Forests to recreationalists like us. This is one of the biggest "land-grabs" ever, bigger than the Escalante/Grand Staircase National Monument because it affects National Forests throughout the entire country. Write/call/e-mail your congressmen!!!! If you don't know who they are or how to contact them then call me and I will tell you what to do: (work) 272-0930, (home) 869-8117, e-mail telepak@unm.edu.

On Utah matters, I recently sent an "ALERT" to all NM 4-Wheelers on e-mail to write to the BLM concerning the Proposed OHV Travel Plan for the San Rafael Swell in Utah. The deadline for submission was Feb 1, 1998, so those of you reading about it for the first time missed it. In short, we are asking that the plan be withdrawn since it is so badly flawed and resubmitted after proper surveys of 1-track routes and RS-2477 right of way claims. I will keep you informed of the outcome.

Also in Utah are BLM plans to limit access to both the Comb Ridge area and the Indian Creek Canyon area, both in San Juan County. This is not good for us.

In Colorado, there has been quite a bit of activity concerning outlawing vehicles that have ANY amount of suspension lift over what the original vehicle manufacturer had provided. This of

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ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE

OFFICER'S REPORT: (continued)

course would affect almost everyone in our club. It appears at the time of this writing that this issue may be resolved by a LOT of political maneuvering, hopefully in our favor.

In New Mexico, the Sierra Club has put on a push to contact 2000 residences on Albuquerque's West Side to oppose the road through the Petroglyphs National Monument. Albuquerque mayor Jim Baca is of course an ardent opponent of the road. While not a direct 4-wheel drive issue, it is evidence of more Green Advocacy Group (GAG) strong influence in our own backyard.

Finally, there will be a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Feb 20th at 8:30 AM at the BLM New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Rd, in Santa Fe. This is obviously a very bad time for those of us who work (almost everyone). Anyone who might be able to go and represent the club and 4-WD interests is encouraged to do so. Contact one of the club officers.

Remember we have a quarterly raffle for \$50 cash for those members submitting letters to congressmen, the BLM, Forest Service, etc. Send me a copy of your letter via e-mail, or give me a copy at the meetings. Each letter is a "ticket" for the raffle.

Please send me your e-mail address (to rtelepak@unm.edu) if it is new or changed so I can get you on the club's "alert" list. I don't use this method to contact you very often, but when I do, it is REALLY important.

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TRIP REPORTS:

NONE!!!

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- Oklahoma Trailchasers, - OKC, OK.

- Southwest Scouts - OKC, OK.
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MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark & Joan Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Tom Hurt; Mark Werkmeister; Scott Brunwasser; Bob Norton; Arne Gjerner; Stella Sierra; Bob Telepak; Lloyd Swartz; Mark Harrison; Bonnie Owen; Pat Slattery; Robert & Cameron Clark; Guy Conway; Mike Conway; Kris Webb & Keely Bosch; Kevin Cox; Alex Garcia; Charlie Wilson; Gary Brown; Paul & Mary Thompson; Jim Werkmeister; Ruben Martinez; Jason Martinez; Fernando Fernandez; Tahoe Zahn; Berry & Deborah Harrison; Eddie & Chris McLain; David Prax; LP How.

The following guests were present: Phil Rodacy; Monica Debevec; Terry Rust; Javier Ortiz; Carlos Ferrer; Tom & Corinne Flemins; Sam Benson; Leroy Trujillo; Brent Dombrowski; Ray Davis; Miche Louise Bové; Jennifer Smith; Rey Velasquez; Art Rumpf.

- The Meeting was called to order @ 1900.
- Guests introduced themselves.
- The Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The Treasurer reported \$418.28 in the bank.
- The Program Chairman held the raffle.
- The Sheriff explained the points system to the guests.
- The SWFWDA Delegate gave information on the Winter Quarterly Meeting.
- The Historian brought scrapbooks to the Meeting.
- The Trip Chairman talked about past and future runs.

Past Runs/Events:

Jan 31 – Feb 1: Hopping Jalapeño & Habero Falls in Las Cruces.

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- The Director of Environmental Affairs reported the following:

- 1) The San Rafael Swell comment period has passed.
- 2) The Rattler might be open March 1.
- 3) Robledo Canyon was closed on February 18.

- The President urged us to spread the word about our Club. He told us to buy raffle tickets as there were lots of prizes to be given away.

Old Business:

- 1) March 14 will be our day at Cuidando Los Niños for volunteer work. We will redo the front sign, reconditioning the playsets and various maintenance projects. Meet there at 8am. Call Sue Brady for details.
- 2) I gave an update on the Summer Meeting in Salida.
- 3) Charlie Wilson, and Terry Rust and Rubén Rangel, of the Sandia Jeep Club, met with the BLM concerning the Arroyo Del Palacio area.

New Business:

1. Volunteers were recruited to do tech inspections for the Winter Quarterly.
2. The NMOHC will be holding a meeting on Mar 28. They have asked us to setup the 4X4 part of their program.
3. The April Club Meeting has moved to April 3.

- The Meeting was adjourned @ 1950.

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ALUMINUM CANS

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

SCRAPBOOKS

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

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

MEETINGS

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

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

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MEETING MINUTES: (continued)

- After the Meeting, Dennis Trujillo and John Peterson, of the Jemez Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, talked to us about recreation opportunities in their district.

President's Report:

If you missed the SWFWDA Winter Quarterly event in Las Cruces this year, you missed an historic event! There were 272 official entries and I'm sure several non-official entries as well. Four Wheeler Magazine was there with a camera crew taking pictures and filming vehicles tackle the newest trails available. And there were some awesome trails!! We wounded several vehicles and a few didn't make it home until the next weekend. Scott and Paul Thompson both blew out rear ARBs. This is the second for Scott and Paul's first. I lost a wheel bearing on Friday that I fixed on the way home and numerous other things happened. Chris Webb took his Toyota Extra Cab pickup through the Patzcuarro's Revenge trail without any of our knowledge or we would have talked him out of it. He sustained major damage to the cab, but was never assisted by anyone. He had the unfortunate experience of following someone whom thinks that without body damage, you never went anywhere. (Editor's Note: Chris also cut the sidewalls on three of his NEW Super Swampers and had to borrow two rims and tires from people that were on the trail with him. Now, where was the trail leader when all this was happening?!?!?) I have to give Chris major credit for having a strong spirit. He was ready the very next day to try something extreme again. He made it home, but not without problems. Some excellent sportsmanship by fellow club members helped him get home Sunday night. I too was lucky that Tom Hurt had a full set of bearings in his toolbox. I guess we all ought to travel in bands to ensure everyone gets home safely and timely. This is an excellent club that I'm very happy to be a part of.

I hope all enjoyed the visit at our last meeting with the USFS. Those gentlemen were informative and sound like they would like to work with us. My hat goes off to Charlie Wilson for working with them and keeping them and us informed. Next month we have two people from the BLM coming down to visit. Please be there. A good showing shows how interested we are and it indicates how organized we are. By the way, have you written about the proposed USFS policy to dictate that all roads are closed unless signed open? You may think this is ludicrous and will never pass, but think about it. It's getting closer than you think. They said emissions inspections would never pass either and look at it today. There is a very important meeting on March 18th here in Albuquerque to take public comments about this proposed policy. You need to tell every hunter, fisherman, 4 wheeler, rock hound, etc., about this meeting, because I guarantee that every radical and non-radical environmentalist will be there to make their

position known. We need to out-number them by a landslide. Be there!! Our goal is standing room only!!

Don't forget! March 28th is the day our club assists the NMOHC to set up a kick-off meeting for their membership drive. Myself and a couple of others will be setting up a trail run that day. If you can't make the run, please make the meeting that evening. We need to see that this group gets off the ground. Also, Susan has staged our Cuidando Los Niños volunteer day and she will have specific information available at the next meeting. Please come down as they really appreciate our help. See you on Friday the 13th!!!

Trip Chairman's Report:

USFS and BLM representatives have agreed to attend our February and March meetings to discuss their planning processes and constraints for 4WD recreational use. They will also discuss ways in which we can work cooperatively with them in developing road designations, identifying 4-wheeling opportunities, and mitigating impacts. John Peterson, District Ranger, and Dennis Trujillo, Recreation Officer, for the Jemez Ranger District of Santa Fe National Forest have agreed to meet with us in February. Dave Mensing, Recreation Coordinator for BLM in Santa Fe, and a representative of the BLM office in Albuquerque have agreed to meet with us in March. Come prepared to listen, have questions ready, and consider innovative ways that we can become part of their planning process.

The Cuidando Los Niños workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th. We are meeting at 8am at the Union 76 station on the corner of University and Menaul. Donuts, coffee and snacks will be provided, but no lunch. We will be making a new sign, building and repairing steps, painting a small shed and resealing the wooden playground equipment. Bring gloves, hammers, saws, tape measures, saw horses, extension cords, sanding blocks and orbital sanders. Jim Werkmeister's boss will be providing the materials. We especially need a stencil set for large letters, 1 1/2" - 2" tall. We need lots of bodies! Call Sue Brady @ 898-6449 if you can help.

Secretary's Report:

Club Membership:

Voting = 39

Associate = 12

Honorary = 1

Total Club Membership = 52

Newsletters will be mailed to the following:

Club Members: 45

Prospective Club Members: 17

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Secretary's Report: (continued)

Association Clubs: 10
4WD Publications: 2
Local 4WD Shops: 4
Forest Service or BLM Rangers: 4

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What is it with me and ARB!?! For those who haven't heard already, I totally destroyed my rearend! Better than when I broke it in Farmington last year! I broke every gear in the carrier, the carrier itself, the ring and pinion and the right axle shaft. All because of those weak side gears. The ARB rep was in Cruces and I had a chance to talk with him. He admitted that the side gears in Dana 35's were weak. REALLY??? After breaking them twice, I have come to the same conclusion. No more ARB in my 35. I plan on building a Dana 44 for the rear. We will have to see if I put an ARB in that rearend. Don't feel like going to another major event only to break on the first day. I would like to thank Eddie & Chris McLain for putting my sick Jeep on their trailer for the ride home. I don't think I would've had much luck hitchhiking. Would you pick me up on a lonely stretch of I-25? DON'T ANSWER THAT!!! I hope to be up and running in time for the Summer Quarterly. Till then, I will be one bummed-out passenger.

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May 9: Pat & Sue Brady

Jun ? : Jack & Stella Sierra

Jul ? : Jim & Tammy Werkmeister

Aug ? : OPEN

Sept ? : OPEN

MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark Wolf, Pat & Sue Brady, Tom Hurt, Mark Werkmeister, Scott Brunwasser, Bob Norton, Stella Sierra, Bob Telepak, Lloyd Swartz, Bonnie Owen, Pat Slattery, Robert & Cameron Clark, Guy & Michael Conway, Kris Webb & Keely Bosch, Kevin Cox, Alex & Cynthia Garcia, Charlie Wilson, Paul & Mary Thompson, Jim Werkmeister, Tahoe & Donna Zahn, Berry & Deborah Harrison, Lee & Margaret Elmore.

The following guests were present: Javier Ortiz, Carlos Ferrer, Tom & Corinne Flemings, Brent Dombrowski, Ray Davis, Rey Velasquez, Art Rumpf, Josh Rigsby, Ed & Lyn Kausche, Butch Bryarly, Chuck & Ethel May Peeples, Nathan Cox, Denise Inight, Sue Richardson, Dave Mensing.

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- Guests introduced themselves.
- Club members were asked to be Greeters for the guests: Pat Brady and Tom Hurt volunteered.
- The Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The Treasurer reported \$402.66 in the bank.
- The Program Chairman said we have Club patches, but no decals. He also explained the raffle to the guests.

- The Sheriff went over the points system for the guests. Then, he proceeded to hand out fines for the Winter Quarterly Meeting:

1. Berry Harrison = \$0.50
 - a. littering (bondo left on the trail)
 - b. environmental damage (paint on rocks, radiator leak)
2. LP How = \$1.00
 - a. littering (spring center bolt, u-bolt)
 - b. environmental damage (radiator leak)
 - c. improper re-assembly (wrong spring center bolt hole)
3. Jack Sierra = \$0.50
 - a. environmental damage (paint on rocks, transfer case oil leak)
4. Kris Webb = \$0.25
 - a. environmental damage (paint on rocks)
5. Mark Werkmeister = \$0.25
 - a. environmental damage (rear differential oil)
6. Mark Wolf = \$0.25
 - a. inadequate maintenance (wheel bearing)
7. Bob Norton = \$0.25
 - a. caved-in door, littering (paint on rocks)
8. Jim Werkmeister = \$0.25
 - a. littering (paint on rocks)
 - b. bent leaf spring

BROKE:

1. Scott Brunwasser
 - a. rear ARB locker
2. Paul Thompson
 - a. rear ARB locker
 - b. drag link
3. Robert Clark
 - a. distributor - in camp = \$0.25
 - b. trail maintenance (setting of distributor timing)
4. Fernando Fernandez
 - a. burned-up motor

TIRES:

1. Kris Webb = 3
2. Pat Brady = 1
3. Eddie McLain = 1

RESCUES:

1. Kris & Keely Webb
 - a. Sunday night drive to TorC
2. Paul Thompson
 - a. Friday drive to Las Cruces

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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.

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MEETING MINUTES: (continued)

COW BELL STATUS:

1. LP How: for spring eyebolt, spring pack u-bolt, radiator damage and radiator leak.
 2. Kris Webb: for paint, window, drive shaft, 3 tires and rescue.
- The **SWFWDA Delegate** informed us of the donations made to the Land Use Fund during the Winter Meeting. He said that a Committee would be forming to dispense the funds.
 - The **Historian** brought scrapbooks to the Meeting. She said that pictures are needed for the new scrapbooks.
 - The **Trip Chairman** went over the past and future runs/events:

Past Runs/Events:

Mar 13: Club Meeting.

Mar 14: Cuidando Los Niños. Call Sue Brady for details. Meet at 8am.

Mar 15: Run to the Pecos area (Easy - Moderate) with the Sandia Jeep Club. Charlie Wilson leading. Meet at 9am at Exit 290 off of I-25, east of Santa Fe.

Mar 21-22: JOD (Hard). Berry Harrison leading. Meet at the Union 76 at University & Menaul at 8am.

Future Runs/Events:

Apr 4-5: Farmington (Hard). Mark Werkmeister leading. Call him for details.

Apr 19: Los Alamos area (Easy - Moderate). Charlie Wilson leading. Meet @Giant station on St. Francis @9am

Jun 27-28: NMOHC - the Meeting has been moved to June 27th-28th in Red River. Contact Mark Wolf for details.

Jul 30 - Aug 1: SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Salida, Colorado. Call Scott Brunwasser for details.

- The **Director of Environmental Affairs** passed out some notices about land closures in New Mexico and Utah.
- The **President** said there was an article in the Thursday, March 12th edition of the Albuquerque newspaper on 4-wheeling.
- **Old Business:**
 1. Cuidando Los Niños.
 2. NMOHC - the Meeting has been moved to June 27th-28th in Red River. Contact Mark Wolf for details.

New Business:

1. Ray Davis and Monica Debevec were voted in as members.
2. Scott Brunwasser now has forms for the Summer Meeting in Salida. They will also be in the next edition of the Drive Lines.
3. Volunteers were taken to be hosts for the summer Meetings. We still need volunteers to host the August and September Meetings.
4. ESPN2 will be showing what they filmed in Las Cruces on April 13th. For those of you who have ESPN2, please tape it so the people without it can watch it.
5. Our Adopt-a-Highway cleanup will be on May 2nd. More details to follow. Tahoe Zahn will be the coordinator.

- The Meeting was adjourned @2000.

President's Report:

Our last meeting had the pleasure of a presentation from two representatives of the BLM. They both gave a good presentation and I believe it was well received. The most important thing I caught was that the BLM is preparing to go thorough major planning revisions. That's when it's best for us to get involved. Charlie has been doing just that and if anyone would like to "adopt" someone from the Albuquerque office of both the USFS and the BLM, we are open to volunteers. We need to get in there and be a constant participant.

We had a great turnout at the Cuidando Los Niños this year. We also did a lot of work that made an impact. Unfortunately, the sign we started ended up in Sue & Pat's truck far from finished. That was a really big job that just couldn't get done. Hopefully, Sue has had time to continue the work. Sorry for dumping it off on you like that. For everyone who showed up, Thanks!

Charlie led another MUD run! I don't think he intended it to be that way, but Mother Nature wasn't playing fair that day. We had several visitors show up who commenced to get stuck. The guys from Las Vegas joined us at the turnoff and they suffered some breakage as well. I had to get the winch out again. Miche just couldn't keep it going the way she wanted it to. It was a long three miles and no doubt Charlie will be asking us to return and repair some trail damage from the stuck session. At least we made it out before it got dark and we had plenty of time to get back to town.

I forgot to bring up something that the Board if Directors talked about in December. We need to review and propose an increase in dues for our Associate members. Our current fee does not cover the cost of printing and mailing. We now currently charge \$12 per year. We need to increase it to \$15 per year. We'll vote on it at the next meeting, if possible.

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President's Report: (continued)

We welcomed two new members into the club last meeting, Monica Debevec and Ray Davis. Monica drives a dark brown CJ5 and Ray drives a red Wrangler with Super Swampers. Please welcome them into the club. We have several new prospects for membership and the club is experiencing growth again. There are a lot of people out there that want and need to join a club. We can't be all things to all members, but I hope there are enough of us to give what people want. Please join in the fun and volunteer. Charlie needs trip leaders!!

I hope those planning on going to MOAB this year have fun! I won't be able to go this year due to work. Work always gets in the way! Maybe at a later date. It looks like spring is here. It's time to get out and scout out some runs. I need to get out myself and go looking. Why don't you do the same? We need more trip leaders. Don't forget!! Our meeting is on April 3rd!!!! That's a week early due to Easter. See you then!!

Secretary's Report:

Club Membership:

Voting = 40

Associate = 16

Honorary = 1

Total Club Membership = 57

Newsletters will be mailed to the following:

Club Members: 50

Prospective Club Members: 18

Association Clubs: 10

4WD Publications: 2

Local 4WD Shops: 4

Forest Service or BLM Rangers: 4

Total = 88 newsletters

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

My e-mail address is: airdown@flash.net

New Mexico 4-Wheelers on-line:

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

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I am adding a section to our Club's Web page. What I need from you is a picture of your rig in a favorite "pose." Then write whatever you want to say next to the picture. Something like

"My Jeep/truck is a 1973 CJ-5/Toyota with this mod, that mod, or whatever. Maybe a description of what or where the "pose" is. Or you can say whatever you want. I can change the saying or put a different picture if you want to change it. The more pictures, the more interesting that page will be.

As a public service announcement, here is some of our "favorite Web sites:

- SUWA - www.suwa.org

Alertlist@suwa.org

- NMWA (New Mexico Wilderness Alliance)

NMWILDERNESS@CONCHAS.NM.ORG

- Sierra Club

WWW.SIERRACLUB.ORG

Check out those sites and see what they have to say.

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

Trip Report:

The Perfect Weekend?

The forecast was good weather! Great weather, actually. And on a weekend! Could it be? Since three of the last four outings I have made to the JOD featured mud, mud, and more mud, (with the last outing featuring prodigious helpings of snow ON the mud in the canyon) I was rather anxious for some fine spring weather. I was looking forward to some DUST! And HEAT!

Jennifer and I met Berry and Kyle at the truck stop and then picked Pat up on the way out of town and we were off! Only three trucks on a weekend as glorious as this? There wasn't a cloud in the sky and the riders in the open vehicles weren't freezing at road speeds. This was going to be good. As we made the long and somewhat arduous journey to the club's camping site, our good fortune continued. There was just enough rain left on the dirt roads to keep the dust down but not enough moisture to make the dirt stick to the tires. We flew along, laughing and joking about the flying globs of mud on our previous trip. After reaching the campsite, we quickly set up our tents and gobbled down a quick (and early) lunch. We were ready for the trails!

Down into the canyon we went, marveling at the good traction encountered when the entire area isn't soaked with

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Trip Report: (continued)

melting snow or pounding rain. Past the "by now familiar" obstacles in the upper canyon: Piece of Cake, The Gash, the continuing challenge of Pound of Flesh, and finally to Cry Baby Hill. For those of you who have already encountered the delights of JOD on foot or on earlier scouting trips, you know that Cry Baby Hill is the boundary obstacle between the upper canyon and the inner canyon or what we have taken to calling The Inner Sanctum. On our last trip, we put three vehicles down Cry Baby Hill after much road reclamation and felt fortunate to get the same number back up the hill as went down. We went to work on Cry Baby Hill, widening, prying out particularly troublesome boulders, and generally doing our best to lower its pucker factor a mite. As much as we like a good challenge, the drop-off at the edge of the route down Cry Baby Hill makes it an inappropriate place to test driver skill.

Could it be? After over a year of discovering, dreaming, scouting, route finding, sweating, freezing, sliding, and stopping, we had three capable vehicles down into The Inner Sanctum with several hours of perfectly spring-like daylight left. Our smiles were meeting at the backs of our heads! This was what four wheeling is all about...a perfect day, good friends, capable vehicles and a canyon beckoning us like a fresh piece of unpainted canvas. It was time for the trail artists to go to work!

One relatively easy ledge into the canyon and we faced our first dilemma. Build a "ramp" off the big ledge to the left or twist the vehicles through the narrow, off-camber squeeze to the right? We decided on the ramp and winched a large boulder into place as a base. We kept looking over at the squeeze and scratching our heads. Finally I had to try it (it looked easier than moving big rocks, even with a winch!) so I hopped into the Jeep and slowly crawled up the approach. Yikes! Too much angle and not enough wheel travel, even for the Bus. I like my paint at least relatively unscathed. We studied some more, plopped a few #12 size rocks into a hole and tried again. Yes! I slithered through with several hairs to spare. How about the White Pig and the Great Blue Whale? Sure enough, they too came through with various amounts of style and grace. Onward and downward! We pulled up short at the next boulder field and got out to scout it again on foot. What were we thinking on that last trip? This stretch was hairy looking!

We scouted, walked back and forth, hashed out routes and strategies, walked it some more, discarded ideas, saw new possibilities and round and round again. This type of route finding was turning out to be nearly as mentally taxing as it was physically strenuous. Daylight in that deep portion of the canyon was already waning so we went to work on one key rock that was blocking what we agreed was probably the only possible route. We attacked its position with a bottle jack and some patience. Slowly, ponderously, the huge impediment was sliding sideways and we weren't even breaking a sweat! With

the key rock in a better position, we loaded up our various tools and headed back up the canyon. Yep! Back up Cry Baby Hill (STILL too much pucker, that hill is loose and STEEP), fought our way up Pound of Flesh with no minor difficulty (why is that sucker still so hard? It CAN'T be lack of practice!) and then whistled back up the remaining obstacles and on into camp. What a day. The adult beverages always taste better after manhandling rocks and rigs all day....by nine the camp was silent under incredible stars.

Sunday morning brought a repeat of Saturday. Down the canyon past Cry Baby Hill (we moved one more troublesome rock!) and into The Inner Sanctum. This time we left the Scrambler and the Scout sitting at the bottom of the hill to concentrate our combined efforts in getting the Bronco through the area we are calling The Giant's Toy Box. Words can't describe it, pictures don't do it justice. The only route we found allowed the Bronco to barely, and I mean barely, scratch, claw, and wiggle its way through. Oh yeah. It helped that the driver has no fear and completely trusts his spotters. A narrow sidestep on a little ledge and the next major obstacle confronted us. After much discussion and examination, Pat slowly crawled his way through the selected route, which took him up and over a massive rock. The next sequence had to be seen to be believed. A five-foot diameter rock leaped out of the ground and attached itself to the side of Pat's Bronco. After extricating the Bronco from its mineral grip, we gleefully christened the spot Magnetic Rock. Check out the pictures!

Pat, the Bronco, and we had had enough for one day. We still had to run the newly charted route back up the canyon (gravity hardly ever helps), pack up camp, and head home. What a weekend! No wonder the GAGs hate our sport so. If it were any more fun, it would probably be declared illegal just on the grounds that no one should have THAT much fun. It was as perfect a weekend as they come.

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.

- **Wanted (and we're even willing to pay)-**Pictures of Miche's Big Bad Wrangler, especially after Mark Wolf threw us into the ravine and we sat at one hell of an angle. Please contact Miche @ 268-4153 or Jennifer @ 294-1271. Thank you very much :)
- **SM-420 transmission (1965 model).** Recently rebuilt. \$175. Mark Wolf. 856-8539.
- **For Sale - 302 FORD engine and C-6 Auto.** 35K miles and in excellent shape. Want 460. \$800 OBO. Call Mark Wolf. 856-8539.
- **Two Rancho 9000 shocks,** 9012s (extra long - 33"!) Can't use them. \$100. Mark Wolf 856-8539.

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For Sale/Wanted: (continued)

- **For Sale:** '79 CJ5, instant rock-crawler (just add rocks!), completely trail ready. \$9000. Call for complete details. Mark Werkmeister 891-0296.
- **For Sale – 5 32X11.5X15 BFG All-Terrains.** 70% tread left. Road hazard and balance included. \$400.00. Call Jason @ 892-9411.
- **For Sale 4X4 Parts:**
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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."

Apr 3: Club Meeting. *In the gym*

Apr 4-5: Farmington. Mark Werkmeister leading.

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NOTE:

Starting in May, the Meetings will be held at the following member's homes. These Meetings are a potluck affair. Bring a dish. Also bring plates, utensils and chairs.

May 9: Pat & Sue Brady

Jun 13: Jack & Stella Sierra

Jul ?: Jim & Tammy Werkmeister

Aug ?: OPEN

Sept ?: OPEN

MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark Wolf; Sue Brady; Tom Hurt; Scott Brunwasser; Bob Norton; Kevin Cox; Alex Garcia; Paul & Mary Thompson; Tahoe Zahn; Berry & Deb Harrison; Monica Debevec; Ray Davis; Phil & Carol Kennicott; Arne Gjerner; Jason Martinez; Michele Reed.

The following guests were present: Javier Ortiz; Carlos Ferrer; Tom Flémins; Rey Velasquez; Ed & Lyn Kausche; Chuck & Ethel May Peeples; Nathan Cox; Alan Monsees; Jennifer Smith; Miche Louise Bové; Andy Schulze; Phil Rodacy.

- The Meeting was called to order @1900.
- Guests introduced themselves.
- Club members were asked to be Greeters for the guests: Berry Harrison and Phil Kennicott volunteered.
- The Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The Treasurer reported \$384.10 in the bank.
- The Program Chairman explained the raffle.
- The Sheriff was absent.
- The SWFWDA Delegate had no report.
- The Historian was absent.
- The Trip Chairman went over the past and future runs/events:

Past Runs/Events:

Apr 19: Mud Run to the Pecos area.

May 2: Trash cleanup on I-25.

Future Runs/Events:

May 23-25: Memorial Day Run. Contact Pat Brady or Berry Harrison for details.

Jun 27-28: NMOHC – the Meeting has been moved to June 27th-28th in Red River. Contact Mark Wolf for details.

Jul 30 – Aug 1: SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Salida, Colorado. Call Scott Brunwasser for details.

- The Director of Environmental Affairs reported:
 1. UFWDA is looking for nominees for 4-Wheeler of the Year and Environmentalist. Contact Mark Werkmeister for details.
 2. Write your Congressmen and protest the Robledo Mts. closure.
- The President proposed to increase Associate Member dues from \$12 to \$15. It was voted upon and approved.
- The Meeting was adjourned @2000.

President's Report:

Hello, everyone. How are things this month? I forgot to mention at the last meeting that the New Mexico Emergency Services Council have invited us down to help them with their annual training session. This is a repeat of last year. It was good to hear from them and I'm glad they were impressed enough to ask us back. Bonnie, Berrett, Tom and myself will be going down to Ruidoso on May 9th to give them another session. Unfortunately, that means we four will not make the next meeting. Sorry about that! At least it's for a good cause. They really do appreciate it.

By the time you read this, we should be done with our highway clean up. It's a nasty job, but we do have a little fun and it speaks well of our club that we take the time to take care of our roads. I like the advertising as well. We are under contract to perform clean up at least twice a year. We try to get it done in the spring and the fall. If we have 30+ people, it doesn't take long for us to finish and get out of there. A few veterans are pretty good at keeping people on the move and getting a large portion of the work done. It makes a longer section of road look better.

How about the Memorial Day campout? We need a volunteer to put together the finishing touches for this event. Pat & Sue Brady have some trails in the Jemez in mind, Berrett says he'll cook the whole hog, and we have a volunteer to sponsor the price of the hog! Sounds like we have a pretty good event already! How about it? Any volunteers? Tell Pat at the next

OFFICERS

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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.

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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.

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meeting that you will lead the overall event. Most of the duties are covered, just fill in the details. Like: the schedule of cooking and eating. Is it a potluck? What kinds of things do people need to bring? Where are we going to camp and can motorhomes make into the area? These are some of the things we need to have someone coordinate. I realize we're a little late, but better late than never!

Did everyone get a letter off to the USFS over the proposed road closure issue? This issue is of major importance to us. Closing the roads in the Jemez that we so much like to travel, would be a catastrophe. Unfortunately, too many people think it'll never happen. Like I've said before, that's exactly what the GAGs are hoping we'll think. That way they'll not have anyone to fight with, but the USFS. And, they've beaten them in court before! So if you don't write and express your dissatisfaction, they win! It is important to write to your congressman and ask that they force the USFS to initiate a formal proposal, requiring public comment and input. At present they are hoping to get by with just initiating new rules WITHOUT having to go through the public comment period. If we don't force the issue of public comment, we'll loose more than we've ever lost before! I was talking to Terry Rust, Sandia Jeep Club, the other day and he summed it up best... "It's going to be a major fight from now on!" I think he's right! We have only begun to lose! Write a letter! It'll do you good. Make it short and sweet! Always ask for a reply. That tells them you're interested in what they have to say. Scott has listed the current address of each New Mexico Senator and Congressman as well as the Chairman of the Natural Resources Board (or something like that!) for your use. Thanks!

Have you sent in your registration for the Summer Quarterly in Salida, Colorado yet? Better get it in! Scott has already started to receive many registrations and it promises to be a great event! Just keep your fingers crossed that the BLM doesn't shut off the Rattler! Even after what Mark said, the GAGs are not giving up peacefully! They intend to make this (and every other trail) a major issue and file lawsuits if necessary. If one thing does not go their way, I firmly believe they will file suit. Anyway, enough soapboxing. Get those registrations in and support our club and SWFWDA! See you at the Memorial Day run, if not sooner!

Dir. of Environmental Affairs Report:

Mark Werkmeister is leading an effort to "Save the Wolf" in Robledo Canyon in Las Cruces. This is an effort everyone needs to get behind.

The New Mexico Wilderness Alliance (NMWA) has been quite active lately. They sent a recent e-mail message to their members asking them to send letters about an issue in Alaska. In this message they warned that their e-mail would likely get

rebroadcast on our lists and that the "Motor Head Morons" would be writing against what they wanted. They were right! Motor Head Morons unite, and fight!!!

The NMWA also is looking forward to coming elections to get more Democratic congressmen (to fill Schiff's vacant seat and maybe replace Redmond). They want to have a New Mexico Wilderness bill introduced to Congress. This would be the New Mexico version of HR-1500 in Utah.

The NMWA also had a recent open house in Albuquerque to push their programs with attendance by Albuquerque mayor Jim Baca who is on their board of directors and David Foreman the founder of the ultra-radical environmentalist group Earth First. This may give you some idea of where they are going and what they are up to.

Finally, in the San Rafael Swell, there is still no word from the BLM about their Proposed OHV Travel Plan. In the meanwhile, Congressman Chris Cannon of Utah has proposed HR-3625 which is the San Rafael Swell National Heritage Conservancy Area as an answer to HR-1500 and the BLM's proposed plan. What is good about this is that the area would be under the control of the local people, including the BLM. Most roads are cherry-stemmed so would keep access open to the really nice areas while at the same time making areas of Wilderness status be protected. I will keep you informed of developments. This could be a model plan for other areas in Utah, and maybe even New Mexico.

Secretary's Report:

Club Membership:

Voting = 40

Associate = 16

Honorary = 1

Total Club Membership = 57

Newsletters will be mailed to the following

Club Members: 49

Prospective Club Members: 18

Association Clubs: 10

4WD Publications: 2

Local 4WD Shops: 4

Forest Service or BLM Rangers: 4

Total = 87 newsletters

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

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I am adding a section to our Club's Web page. What I need from you is a picture of your rig in a favorite "pose." Then write whatever you want to say next to the picture. Something like "My Jeep/truck is a 1973 CJ-5/Toyota with this mod, that mod, or whatever. Maybe a description of what or where the "pose" is. Or you can say whatever you want. I can change the saying or put a different picture if you want to change it. The more pictures, the more interesting that page will be.

As a public service announcement, here is some of our "favorite Web sites:

- SUWA - www.suwa.org

Alertlist@suwa.org

- NMWA (New Mexico Wilderness Alliance)

NMWILDERNESS@CONCHAS.NM.ORG

- Sierra Club

WWW.SIERRACLUB.ORG

Check out those sites and see what they have to say.

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

Trip Report:

TRIP REPORT: SAN RAFAEL SWELL, by Bob Telepak

On April 17 & 18 5 members of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers (Bob Telepak, Mark Werkmeister, Pat Brady, LP How, and Arne Gjerner) met several other people in the San Rafael Swell to run 2 of the most threatened trails in the area. Also present were 2 members of the Red Rock 4-Wheelers (Ber Knight and Brad Morrison), 2 4-wheelers from Utah (Steve McKague and Bruce Davidson), and a motorcyclist from the area (Quinn Healy)

On Friday April 17th we did drove up the Reid-Neilson Draw, over the "saddle" at the south end of Saddlehorse Canyon, and then drove the Devil's Racetrack trail from north to south. This

is a very beautiful and somewhat difficult trail that has a lot of historical significance since it has been in use since the late 1890s as a hauling and cattle driving road.

That night we camped near Morgan's Cabin at the head of Chute Canyon in the area south of Temple Mountain. We had a really good visit around a nice warm campfire which was much appreciated in fending off the cold which had plagued the others in the group most of the previous days.

The next morning we started up the dugway at the start of the Behind the Reef trail. A highlight of the trip was Ber Knight of the Red Rock 4-Wheelers telling the story of blasting the huge boulder blocking the start of the Behind the Reef Trail, standing next to the rock in question. Of note, in the latest cover letter to their members, SUWA says he opened up a NEW road with the blasting. In fact, he opened up a road which had been existing and used for decades but was blocked by the boulder.

We did not do the entire Behind the Reef trail but instead just before Little Wildhorse Canyon turned north up Little Wildhorse wash. This has been a favorite trail of motorcyclists for years and is also threatened with closure by the BLM. There is one hill that was blocking 4-wheelers from passage due to erosion and boulders in the roadway. We were able to clear the hill and opened the trail to 4-wd use again. All 8 vehicles made it up without difficulty.

This event was much more than a trail ride. Members from several clubs were in attendance, all activists trying to keep the trails in Southeastern Utah open. We also had a member of the local motorcycle community who is quite active and works for a local surveying company that made the maps used by the BLM to indicate the roads they (and SUWA) want to close. We hope that this sort of get-together will become a yearly, maybe bi-yearly, event where interested people can get together to plan how to wage the fight to keep our public lands open.

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.

- **SM-420 transmission (1965 model)**. Recently rebuilt. \$175. Mark Wolf. 856-8539.
- **For Sale - 302 FORD engine and C-6 Auto**. 35K miles and in excellent shape. Want 460. \$800 OBO. Call Mark Wolf. 856-8539.
- **Two Rancho 9000 shocks**, 9012s (extra long - 33"! Can't use them. \$100. Mark Wolf 856-8539.
- **For sale: 1969 Ford Bronco Sport 302, A/C**, 84000 miles, nearly stock, very good mechanical and interior, no damage or rust, paint rough, shop manuals, \$3000, 884-8357. Contact Garry Brown.

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For Sale/Wanted: (continued)

- **For Sale:** '79 CJ5, instant rock-crawler (just add rocks!), completely trail ready. \$9000. Call for complete details. Mark Werkmeister 891-0296.
- **For Sale - 5 32X11.5X15 BFG All-Terrains.** 70% tread left. Road hazard and balance included. \$400.00. Call Jason @ 892-9411.
- **For Sale 4X4 Parts:**
1972-85 - Chevy
1965-75 - CJ5 Jeep
1966-77 - Bronco
Contact: Joseph C. Lujan 1-505-757-6233
Or Oscar J. Lujan 1-505-753-4716
- **32x11.50 BFG ATs** with only about 18K on them. Never had a puncture. Will sell for \$200 for all 4. I also have some stock upscale alloy wheels originally from a Ford Explorer. They are the "directional saw blade" (not the "modular" or "deer hoof print") type. Although listed as 7" they are actually 7.4"...I ran the 32x11.50s on them and the bulge is just right. I tried 33x12.50s on them and they were OK too. Offset is 4"...this backspacing fits fine on a Wrangler and gives just a tiny bit more width. They fit Dana 30-35s (but not 44s) fine...the Ford Explorer comes with a 35 Front and 8.8 rear, so they will of course work fine on a Ranger or Bronco II or other Ford pickup. They are lightweight and look nice. They are pretty common, but since they are an OEM they sell for \$365 new ("Ford...Where Price is Job #1"). Used they sell for \$125 at boneyards. I'll sell them for \$200 for all 4. Phone: 867-6602 Fax: 867-5602
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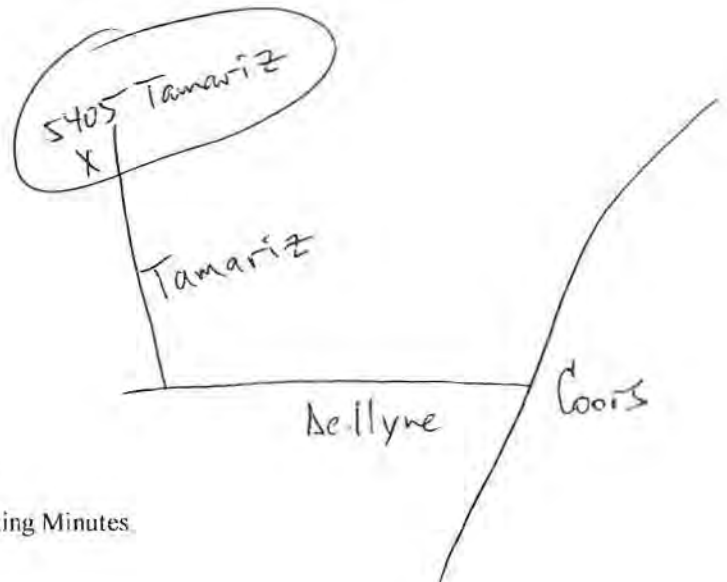
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Top 10 clues that you might be a Jeeper: submitted by Paul Thompson

1. A new dent in the sheetmetal actually straightened out a few other dents, or you reckon it adds character.
2. You know a minimum of three 1-800 numbers to aftermarket off-road businesses by heart.
3. You are on a first-name basis with the guys at every local auto parts store.
4. You like to take things apart and rebuild them, even if they are not broken.
5. You have the monetary equivalent of a Mercedes sedan invested, but your vehicle still looks like crap.
6. You consider starting a vehicle five times in any given minute a routine procedure.
7. You own a vehicle that weighs 1000 pounds more than when it came off the assembly line.
8. You look for Jeeps in movies and TV shows and try to identify the model and date of manufacture.
9. You are the type of person who immediately goes "postal" if you sit in a highway traffic jam for more than five minutes, yet you can spend six hours driving a total of one and a half miles and consider it a form of relaxation.
10. You think of a Jeep as a way of life, not just a means of transportation.

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Directions to the Brady's House:





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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."

May 9: Meeting.

May 23-25: Memorial Day Run. Contact Pat Brady or Berry Harrison for details.

Jun 13: Meeting.

Jun 27-28: NMOHC Meeting in Red River. Contact Mark Wolf for details.

Jul 30-Aug 1: SWFWDA Summer Meeting. Call Scott Brunwasser for details.

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NOTE:

Starting in May, the Meetings will be held at the following member's homes. These Meetings are a potluck affair. Bring a dish. Also bring plates, utensils and chairs.

Jun 13: Jack & Stella Sierra

Jul 11: Jim Werkmeister

Aug 8: Chuck & Ethel May Peeples

Sept 19: Mark & Debbie Werkmeister

MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the meeting: Pat & Sue Brady; Scott Brunwasser; Kevin Cox; Paul & Mary Thompson; Tahoe Zahn; Phil & Carol Kennicott; Arne Gjerner; Charlie Wilson; Mark, Debbie & Jennifer Werkmeister; Vernon & Dorothy Harrison; Mark Harrison; Robert & Doreen Clark and Kids; Jack & Stella Sierra.

The following guests were present: Carlos Ferrer; Tom & Corinne Flemins; Ed & Lyn Kausche; Chuck & Ethel May Peeples; Jennifer Smith; Miche Louise Bové; Andy Schulze; Shawn Hilgartner.

- The Meeting was called to order @1815.
- Everyone introduced themselves.
- The Treasurer reported \$335.69 in the bank.
- The Program Chairman brought nothing with him.
- The Sheriff made everyone pay their back fines. Then he explained the Point system to the guests.
- The Trip Chairman went over the past and future runs/events:

Past Runs/Events:

Los Alamos.

Memorial Day Run.

Future Runs/Events:

Jun 7: Mission: Impossible (Hard). Joel Wilson leading. Meet @9am @Exit 290 off of I-25 East of Santa Fe.

Jun 21: Red Rock Mine (Moderate). Charlie Wilson leading. Meet @9am @Giant Station on St. Francis & I-25.

Jun 27-28: NMOHC – the Meeting has been moved to June 27th-28th in Red River. Contact Mark Wolf for details.

Jul 11: Meeting & Garage Sale. Jim Werkmeister's house. Garage Sale from 8-1, Meeting @5pm.

Jul 18-19: Pre-run to Salida.

Jul 25-26: Pre-run to Salida.

Jul 30 – Aug 1: SWFWDA Summer Meeting in Salida, Colorado. Call Scott Brunwasser for details.

Aug 8: Meeting. Chuck & Ethel May Peeples's house.

Sept 12-13: Mt. Blanca (Hard). Mark Werkmeister leading.

Sept 19: Meeting. Mark & Debbie Werkmeister's house.

Sept 26: Trash pickup on I-25. Tahoe Zahn coordinating.

- Mark Werkmeister gave us an update on the Spring Quarterly Meeting.
- Pat reminded us that Club elections will be held in 2 months. Now is the time to submit your name if you want to run for an office. Give your name and position you want to run for to one of the current Club Officers.
- The following people were voted in as members: Miche Louise Bové; Chuck & Ethel May Peeples; Carlos Ferrer.
- The Meeting was adjourned @1910.

President's Report:

I just got home from the Memorial Day Campout and I had a great time! I think everyone else did also. It was a laid back event with some fun and easy wheelin that satisfied even the hard core. I want to thank Susan and Pat Brady for leading the trails. They did a great job (even if Pat told Susan to make a wrong turn!) We had 19 vehicles on Sunday run the harder trail of the weekend. We're sorry that John and Martha decided to go home rather than split up to go on the run. They would have had fun! (Their choice of vehicles is a 4 door, 1 ton Ford Powerstroke, to carry all of their kids and "stuff." I'm sure they would have been rather disappointed had they taken it out and damaged it. That truck, although high on everyone's list of "half to haves", would have been at a major disadvantage for the Sunday run.) Speaking of that, we had 9 vehicle family visitors! I believe one visitor left on Sunday morning as their baby was having a time of it. But the others stayed through at least Sunday evening. The golf game put on by Carol & Phil Kennicott was also fun. The winning hand of 5 holes was 21 strokes! Good thing we're not playing for money! We also had a reflector run on Sunday evening put on by Mark Harrison. That was fun also. But, the winner (at least in my book!) was Deborah & Berrett Harrison. They brought us a smoked whole hog for cooking and eating!! Everyone ate their share, and boy

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was it good! A bigger thanks goes to Rey & Josh of Southwest 4X4! They donated the pig. Thanks a lot to everyone else that helped out! It was an event that shares a lot with visitors and members alike.

How about the NMOC event in Angel Fire, New Mexico, June 27th? We need someone to represent us there. Arne and myself have prior engagements that will prevent us from attending. There will be self-guided tours if we don't go. That is just not good for an organized event. We need to make a presence and put organization into the event for the 4-wheel drive community. Angel Fire is pretty close to Red River and there are some good trails of various skill levels to take people on at Red River. Please step up to the plate and volunteer. We will have USFS and maybe BLM representation that we need to make a showing for to maintain our relationship with these agencies. Please contact myself or Arne to confirm your presence and leadership.

Have you written any letters to your congressman lately? Why not?! There is impending legislation to develop a new type of reserve for public lands. This is one that will dissolve all WSAs within a certain boundary and establish RS2477 rights to all thoroughfares (trails, byways, roads, paths, etc.). It's called HR3625 and it applies to lands in Utah, but it sets a precedence that would be a way of preserving the land for our use, but eliminate commercial development of the land. You should write immediately (keep it short and to the point!) asking your congressman to vote yes on this important and historic piece of legislation. However, you need to keep up with the other developments as well! It looks like the RATTLER trail will NOT be open for our Summer Quarterly. I'm sure Mark Werkmeister will have an update for us at the next meeting, June 13th, at Jack & Stella Sierra's.

By the way, get your Summer Quarterly registrations in now!!! We need the money to pay for the land we're leasing to set up the camp. It also helps in counting the number of people who will be eating the food. We need to be prepared! Let the other clubs and visitors be late, that way we only have their registrations to deal with at the last minute! Scott has not received but a very few from our club. Get them out and mail them in now!! Thank you!

Next month is elections. I have solicited some people to run for certain officers, but have not filled them all. Would you volunteer? Call me if you want to get nominated. We need new blood to fill the positions as the longer standing members are tired of filling them all the time. Call me!! See you at Jack & Stella's at 5.00 PM on June 13th.

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Meat will be provided at the next Meeting. It will be leftovers from the pig. Just bring side dishes and desserts.

Secretary's Report: (continued)

ATTENTION ALL TJ OWNERS: Check your front springs to see if you are missing the clamps. It is common for one OR both of them to be missing. The following are the Chrysler part numbers:

Bolt: 650-2468

Clamp: 52005917

Thanks to Michelle Stegner of the Sandia Jeep Club for this information. This information came from the TeraFlex installation instructions.

New Mexico 4-Wheelers as of 1 Jun 1998

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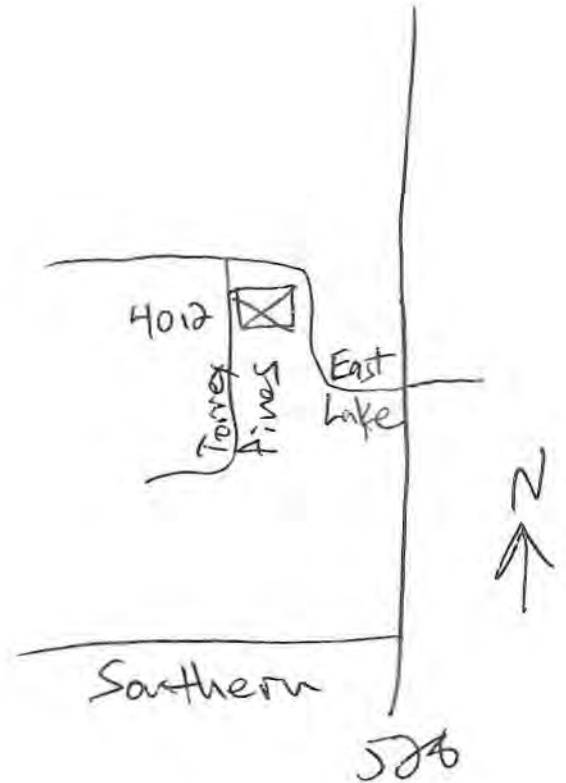
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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."

Jun 7: Mission: Impossible (Hard). Joel Wilson leading. Meet @9am @Exit 290 off of I-25 East of Santa Fe.

Jun 21: Red Rock Mine (Moderate). Charlie Wilson leading. Meet @9am @Giant Station on St. Francis & I-25.

Jun 27-28: NMOHC – the Meeting has been moved to June 27th-28th in Red River. Contact Mark Wolf for details.

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NOTE: DUES ARE DUE!!!

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MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the meeting: Pat & Sue Brady; Scott Brunwasser; Phil & Carol Kennicott; Arne Gjerning; Charlie & Joel Wilson; Mark, Debbie & Jennifer Werkmeister; Mark Harrison; Robert & Doreen Clark and Kids; Jack & Stella Sierra; Monica Debevec; Tom Hurt; Chuck & Ethel May Peeples; Jim Werkmeister; Bob Norton; Alan & Marty Gilmore; Mark Wolf; Berrett Harrison; Alex Garcia; Michele R. Reed.

The following guests were present: Tom Flemings; Andy Schulze; Michelle Stegner; Eloy Rodarte; Scott Giles; Tom & Linda Clark.

- The Meeting was called to order @1820.
- Guests introduced themselves.
- The Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The Treasurer reported \$1339.16 in the bank.
- The Program Chairman was absent.
- The Sheriff deferred fines until the next Meeting.
- The Historian was absent.
- The Trip Chairman went over the past and future runs/events:

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Memorial Day Run

Mission Impossible

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- The President reminded us that next month are elections. Also, Michele volunteered to lead a Ladies Run. Monica and Bonnie said they will help.

Old Business:

1. Salida - Pre-register now. The Rattler will be closed. We are working on an alternate that will please the hardcores. Leaders and Tail Gunners were volunteered, er...selected.
2. NMOHC details were explained.

New Business:

1. The Baca Land Buy was discussed.
2. New Club Members that were voted in:
 - Andy Schulze
 - Ed & Lyn Kausche
 - Tom Flemings

- The Meeting was adjourned @1920.

President's Report:

Hey, everybody! It's already July and that means Salida. Are you ready? Scott, Mark Werkmeister, Sue & Pat Brady, and Chris & Eddie McLain have been hard at work preparing our event. I'm sure it will be a lot of fun. We will be leading pre-run trips throughout July, so check with Mark Werkmeister if you want to tag along on any of them. (Editor's Note: Pre-runs are MANDATORY if you are leading or tail gunning a trail.) Also, get your registration in!!!

I and several other members went to a pre-planning workshop with the Jemez District of the USFS on Monday night (6/22/98) in Santa Fe. It was a good meeting and I believe we were well received. I don't think there were any GAGs present. I find that surprising in Santa Fe! Anyway, they had a map on the wall that produced an alarming feeling about the road

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concerns and recommendations will be acted upon. Another generality is that the Forest Service, which is under the Department of Agriculture, often seems more receptive to groups like ours than the BLM, which is under the Department of the Interior. Bruce Babbitt is head of Interior, and one of the biggest enemies of open access to our public lands. An obvious exception to the FS treating us reasonably is the Mt. Blanca incident of the past 2 years. They are NOT "good guys" either.

Everyone in the club really needs to come to Salida, CO in late July for the SW4WDA event. Besides having a lot of fun and running great trails, it is the actual USE of these trails by big organized groups like ours driving on them that helps validate their existence. Show your support for the effort by putting YOUR treadmarks on these great Colorado Trails.

In Utah, the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance is on the attack again, in a big way. They have completed "their" inventory of Utah BLM lands and are holding a series of open houses to promote their new demands (Moab, Orem, Provo, SLC, Washington DC, San Francisco, etc). Previously, the citizens they claim to represent demanded 5.7 MILLION acres (1/10 the land area of Utah) to be Wilderness. While they have given up some areas (e.g. the Poison Spider Mesa Trail in Moab) they are demanding a LOT more. So expect the congressional backers of HR-1500 to ante up to the new SUWA inventory. They continue to claim they represent the "citizens" (you). How do you feel about that? Write your congressman!

We New Mexicans should take note of a small but significant back-lash effort by a group called UsAll that is interested in keeping the trails in Utah open. Their members are attending the SUWA meetings wearing 3 inch diameter buttons showing a green-colored "Pac-Man" eating up the state of Utah.

We need to do something similar for New Mexico. The New Mexico Wilderness Alliance (NMWA), a "son of SUWA" is trying to do much the same thing in our state. They were hoping the election mentioned above would go "their" way and make a NM version of the UT HR-1500 congressional bill a possibility. We need to make our own buttons and wear them at every public meeting our members attend.

I will have some of the Utah "Pac-Man" buttons available for sale at the July 11th meeting (\$2) for anyone interested. I intend to make a motion that our club initiate a similar effort for New Mexico.

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Trip Reports:

Mission Impossible, by Joel Wilson

What a great name: "Mission Impossible." It makes a person want to get out there and conquer something at the outer limits of vehicle capability. Ten parties who felt a similar ardent and domineering drive on Sunday, June 7 were trip leaders Charlie and Joel Wilson in a 1978 CJ5, Scott Brunwasser and Michelle Stegner in a 1992 Jeep/Ford Wrangler, Tom Hurt in a 1976 CJ5, Mark Werkmeister in Project Too Long, Phil and Carol Kennicott in a 1998 Teal J, Lloyd Swartz in a new 1990 2 door, short wheelbase Montero, Bonnie Owen in a 1995 Wrangler, Alex Garcia, Gabriel Garcia, and Gabriel Garcia Jr. in a 1985 4Runner, Ruben Garcia, Oscar Garcia, and Jacob Garcia in a 1984 4Runner, and Pat Slattery in a 1976 CJ5. The lair of the trail was on Glorieta Mesa near Santa Fe.

After leaving a map for a possible late comer, we drove a short distance to the start of the washboard roads and aired down. About an hour later, we arrived at the trail head. The trail starts out easily enough that almost anyone can do it. But as the trail unfolds, the difficulties increase many fold. At first, the challenges are optional. Later on, Mother Nature denies you an easy route and the mission becomes evident.

Returning to the beginning of the trail, the first optional obstacle is the only one on which I sustained damage. This made me look bad because it was about the easiest obstacle on the trail. But that is OK because after a little detailing with the biggest hammer I could find, that quarter panel looks as scratched and gouged as ever (many minor dents are better than one mega dent in this case). Everyone else did fine here.

The next obstacle was also optional and took the highest toll on the vehicles of any part of the trail. There are three lines here. The one on the left is easiest and only claimed a little paint. The one in the middle is the hardest and also claimed a little paint. Mark received a small dent here from one of those large and surprisingly agile loose rocks. Scott made it through this line unscathed and is the first person to have ever made it through. Great spotting and great driving. He can name the obstacle if he so desires. Finally, the far right line, a difficult line, was the most expensive of the day. It took out Ruben's rear drive shaft by severely bending it into a curved shape such that it would hit the gas tank when it rotated. It was later hammered back into place, allowing him to limp home.

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Now it was on to the no bypasses section of the trail. The first few obstacles aren't too tough, but do give people a few chances to become high centered. Then one comes to an obstacle that favors short wheel base vehicles. In fact, the rest of the trail from now on favors a small, short wheel base vehicle. There is a sharp turn left around a big boulder, followed by a squeeze through some top snagging trees. A few more boulders to go over, around and through, and one reaches Brady's Bathtub.

Brady's Bathtub is a 1.5 - foot deep pool of water with a muddy bottom. To get out of the pool, one must scale two boulders by putting a tire on each and straddling the V in between. The vehicle's tires are muddy and wet, making it a difficult challenge to go up without sliding to the right and becoming high centered. It takes most people a few tries. For Lloyd "No Fear Determination" Swartz, it took about an extra twenty. He would not give up, and over and over again became high centered when he smashed down on his unprotected rocker panels. The problem was no lift, poor wheel travel, and no front locker. But he finally made it with the help of rock stacking and a lot of momentum. He couldn't help sliding to the right, so he finally got so much momentum that the undercarriage never touched the rocks, the front end went far skyward, and the driver's rear slid down into the V. This resulted in about four feet of air under the passenger front tire. But he didn't tip over, probably because he didn't have a lift. In the end he left the tub under his own power to the delight of the crowd. But he also left all the red paint from his rocker panels. But that's OK, because our club likes wheeling red rock country, and Mission impossible can now be added to the list.

After the tub comes another mud hole followed by a climb up a tight section of boulders and around a top - snagging tree. A very sharp right turn around a huge boulder completes this section. I took what used to be the line, and got in an off camber situation when the downhill tires slid down the slightly wet grassy bank. A tow strap was attached to the roll bar and a bunch of people pulled sideways while I drove forward and out of the problem. Mark had some trouble due to size, and used the winch to escape body threatening rocks. Lloyd made it through without winching because he didn't have a winch. But he did have a jack and some help stacking rocks. Finally, Scott, the last one to come through this tough stuff since Brady's Bathtub, drove right through, cringing each time his new Currie built Ford 9" rear dragged on a rock. Everyone else was a spectator at this point.

From here on, the trail remains tight and twisty, with lots of axle dragging fun. Then it becomes easy for a while, bypassing some of the sections that need more work. By now it was getting late, so only I went onward to scale a few more

previously unchallenged obstacles. The toughest was a big ledge. With some physical grunt, some large rocks were moved into place and I drove right up. Now I had reached the name sake obstacle of the trail, but it was time to turn around and head out the way we came in.

Going out and down the hill is always easier on this trail. The only problem, which had happened once before, was that my clutch linkage was hitting the twisting frame, but it is an easy fix.

As my Jeep slid precariously close to the ditch while going down one of the steep and sharp corners of the gravel road that exits the area, I reminisced upon what a great day it had been (just kidding, but it is easy to slide out with aired down tires on that road). No one had sustained any major damage, and some tough challenges had been conquered. But the mission is not yet complete. We must work to boldly conquer that which has been thought to be impossible, and finish what will one day be a great loop trail!

Sunshine Road Trip Report, by Charlie Wilson

The "Sunshine Road" is certainly a misnomer, at least it was on March 14 when snow, sleet, and rain turned our road into a quagmire. This was one of the first joint runs of the Sandia Jeep Club of Santa Fe and the New Mexico 4-Wheelers of Albuquerque. The trip started out well enough, with eleven 4WDs traveling north on I-25 to the San Juan turnoff where we met with four more 4WDs from Las Vegas in a pouring rain. Making up the roster were Charlie Wilson, Trail Leader, in a '78 CJ5; Mark and Joan Wolf in a '71 Commando; Lee, Margaret, and Chris Elmore in a '92 Cherokee; Ray Davis in a '93 Wrangler; Ed Helmbrecht in a '97 TJ; Steve Kaiser in a '76 Cherokee; Miche Bove and Jennifer Smith in a '92 Wrangler; Alex Garcia in an '89 Wrangler; Carlos Ferrer in a '97 S-10; Javier Ortiz in a '96 Montero; Robert Clark in an '82 Scrambler; and Tom and Corinne Flemins in a '73 Bronco. The Las Vegas crew consisted of Jean Jaureguiberry and Neal Schnelting in a '93 Wrangler; Jerry LeDoux in a '69 Bronco; Ray Moberg in a '75 Bronco; and Rick Cozad in an '89 full-size Jimmy. Note the Jimmy; it is a featured vehicle in our story.

We headed up the trail with high hopes that it wouldn't be too wet, but that was not to be. As we climbed, the road got wetter, the rain turned to sleet and then to snow, and the snow started to melt, creating little rivulets running down the slopes. First some vehicles required towing, then more vehicles required towing, then nearly all vehicles required towing. The run was expected to be easy, but that was without the mud. We just kept sliding into the ruts, and the stock vehicles got high-centered

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more and more frequently. Rick Cozad's Jimmy had 36-inch boggers and was the most capable vehicle of the bunch in those conditions. He valiantly moved up and down the line pulling people out and helping to keep the line moving.

It was about 1 pm when I started getting radio messages suggesting we turn around. A little while later it became more like pleading, pointing out that it would not be easy to get out even though it was downhill. The deciding moment came at about 2 pm when Rick's Jimmy had dug ruts so deep when pulling people out that I was afraid that the vehicles ahead of him in line could not get past his ruts on the way out. Then Rick broke his front axle and it was definitely time to go out. We had come about 5 miles, and had just reached the Santa Fe National Forest boundary when we started back.

The return trip was eventful in a different way. First, we had to negotiate the muddy tracks that 15 vehicles had created on the way up, and second, we had to get Rick's Jimmy out. Lee's stock Cherokee and some of the other stock vehicles had to be towed through many mud bogs going both up and down the road and looked like it had taken a mud bath. Rob's Scrambler had a near rollover when it slid sideways down an embankment. Miche and Jennifer were stuck in a stream bottom and couldn't climb up the slippery bank. They were winched back to position by Mark Wolf and then made it up and around with momentum and a graceful slalom maneuver. By that time the mud had become so slippery that I couldn't back my CJ5 up a nearly level field despite aired-down BFG Mud Terrains and lockers front and rear. Watching Rick's Jimmy, it was surprising how difficult it was to keep the vehicle going straight on muddy hill climbs when only the rear wheels were pushing. Rick did very well.

By the time we got back to the highway the group had split in two: about half were relieved, hungry, wet, muddy, cold, and immediately took off for the warm showers of home. The other half were relieved, hungry, wet, muddy, cold, and exhilarated! The mud had cemented (or caked) a bond of mutual achievement. We all lined up our vehicles for a group photo, swapped taller-than-life tales about our experiences that day, and parted with promises of another shared adventure in the future. It was a great trip!

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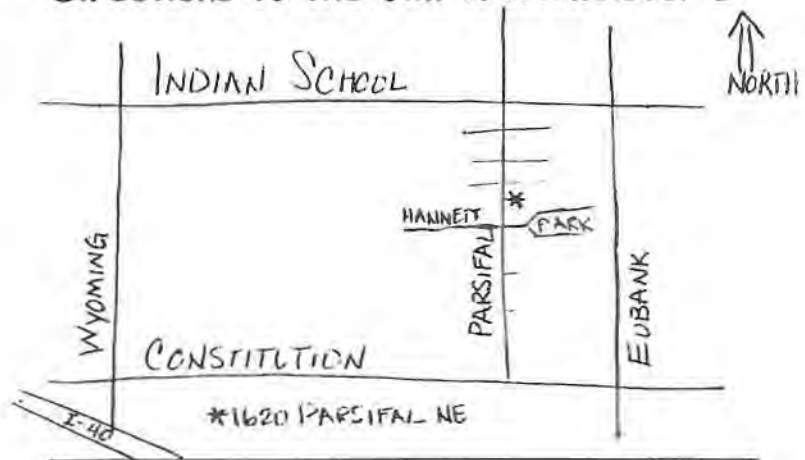
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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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NOTE: DUES ARE DUE!!!

Starting in May, the Meetings will be held at the following member's homes. These Meetings are a potluck affair. Bring a dish. Also bring plates, utensils and chairs. Meeting starts at 5pm.

Aug 8: Chuck & Ethel May Peeples
Sept 19: Mark & Debbie Werkmeister

MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the meeting: Pat Brady; Scott Brunwasser; Arne Gjerner; Mark & Debbie Werkmeister; Mark Harrison; Robert & Doreen Clark and Kids; Jack & Stella Sierra; Tom Hurt; Chuck & Ethel May Peeples; Jim Werkmeister; Bob Norton; Mark Wolf; Berrett & Deborah Harrison; Michele R. Reed; Tahoe Zahn; Ray Davis; Ed & Lyn Kausche; Tom Flemins; Carlos Ferrer; Bonnie Owen; Pat Slattery; Lloyd Swartz; Miche Louise Bové; Bob Telepak.

The following guests were present: Michelle Stegner; Shawn & Suzi Hilgartner; Ken O'Neil; Jennifer Smith; Rey Velasquez.

- The Meeting was called to order @1830.
- Guests introduced themselves.
- The Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The Treasurer reported \$1919.11 in the bank.
- The Program Chairman held the raffle.
- The Sheriff fined Robert Clark because the diff he was selling at the garage emitted 2 drops of oil.
- The Historian brought pictures and scrapbooks.
- The Trip Chairman was on vacation.

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- The Dir. of Enviro. Affairs reported:
 1. The Grand Canyon wants to become a wilderness area.
 2. This session of Congress did not approve the funds to buy the Baca.
 3. SUWA now wants 8.5 million acres of wilderness.
 4. San Juan County, Utah, has claimed RS2477 for its roads.
- Old Business:
 1. NMOC - 8 people showed up.
 2. Salida - See you there.
 3. Rey Velasquez was voted in as a member.
- New Business:
 1. JOD Aug 15-16. Contact Mark Werkmeister for details.
 2. **Dues are due!!!**
 3. The following people were voted into the corresponding offices:
 - President - Berry Harrison
 - Vice President - Jim Werkmeister
 - Secretary - Scott Brunwasser
 - Treasurer - Sue Brady
 - Program Chairman - Tom Hurt
 - Dir. of Enviro. Affairs - Bob Telepak
 - Historian - Bonnie Owen
 - Trip Chairman - Charlie Wilson
 - SWFWDA Delegate - Bob Norton
 4. The person with the most points from the previous year was Mark Werkmeister.
 5. The person voted as 4-Wheeler of the Year for the previous year was Bob Telepak.
- The Meeting was adjourned @2000.

President's Report:

(Editor's note: Time to train a new President to get me a report!)

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Secretary's Report:

Club Membership:

Voting = 47

Associate = 18

Honorary = 1

Total Club Membership = 66

Newsletters will be mailed to the following:

Club Members: 54

Prospective Club Members: 13

Association Clubs: 7

4WD Publications: 2

Local 4WD Shops: 1

Forest Service or BLM Rangers: 4

Total = 81 newsletters

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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

Trip Reports:

Garcia Canyon Trip Report, by Charlie Wilson

This trip was a moderate to difficult run that took us into the canyon country northeast of Los Alamos. It was a joint run of the Sandia Jeep Club and New Mexico 4-Wheelers. The participants were Charlie Wilson, Trail Leader, in a '78 CJ5; Mark and Joan Wolf in a '71 Commando; Tom Hurt in a '76 CJ5; Miche Bove and Jennifer Smith in a '92 Wrangler; Ed and Lyn Kausche in a '98 TJ; Chuck and Ethyl May Peeples in a '97 TJ; Jeff Hodas in a '78 J10; Lee, Margaret, and Chris Elmore in an '84 MB G-Wagon; Ed Helmbrecht in a '97 TJ; Javier Ortiz in a

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We met on the morning of April 19 in Santa Fe and Los Alamos, took the Rendija Canyon road to Guaje Canyon, and followed forest roads north to Garcia Canyon. Here we explored some pumice mining areas and followed several rocky dugways to a great lunch spot overlooking the Rio Grande valley. One dugway was littered with large boulders and was rated difficult for stock vehicles. This was the most challenging part of the trip. All made it down safely with the usual gravity assistance, and even though many of our group's vehicles were stock, all made it back up with relative ease. The passage of 15 vehicles had somewhat of a leveling effect on this trail. The only difficulty I am aware of was some damage to Bob Norton's steering system, no doubt related to his attempt to put his left front wheel on a large, loose boulder beside the trail during the climb out.

The most significant happening of the trip occurred when the last three vehicles in line (Mark Wolf, Miche Bove, and Tom Hurt) became separated from the group and took a wrong turn. Driving at breakneck speed to catch up, they were halfway back to Los Alamos when they realized we had gone a different direction. They unfortunately missed seeing a rock and adobe homestead cabin and some Indian cave dwellings that we hiked to in Garcia Canyon. We met up with them in Chupaderos Canyon, and all returned to Los Alamos by an interesting trail that goes around the head of Canada de las Latas. After last month's Sunshine Road mud run, everyone seemed happy to find only dust on this trip, but there was a lot of it. This trip offered moderately challenging four-wheeling, interesting historic and prehistoric features, beautiful scenery and sunshine, and a short hike. It was a great day.

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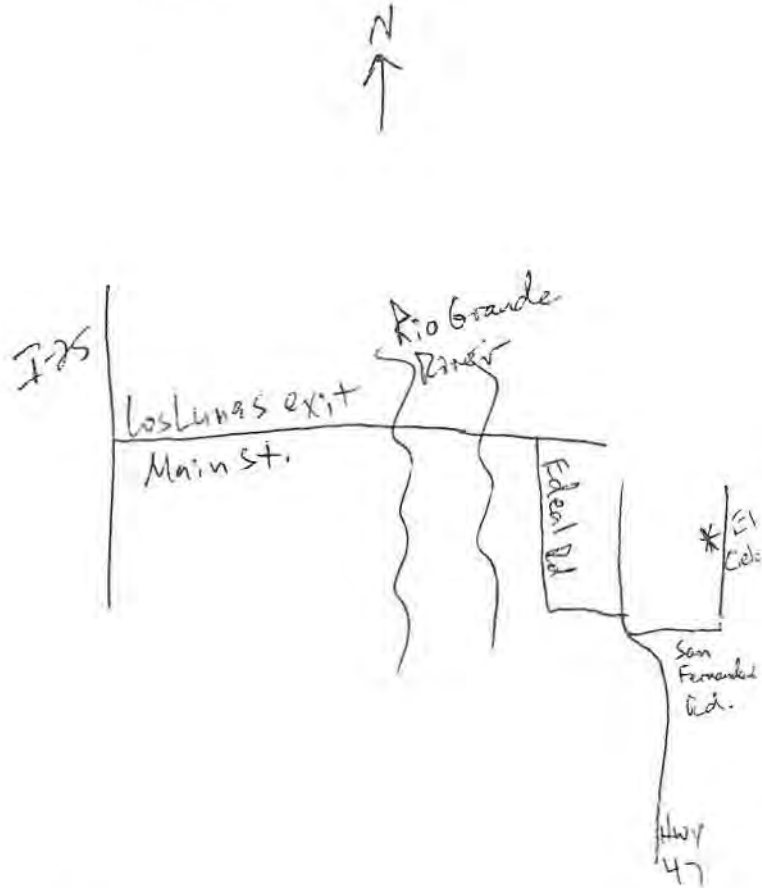
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We will have hamburger
pancakes & burros.

Occasionally we have mosquitoes -
consider bug spray



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Aug 8: Meeting. Chuck & Ethel May Peeples's house. 5pm.

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NOTE: DUES ARE DUE!!!

Starting in May, the Meetings will be held at the following member's homes. These Meetings are a potluck affair. Bring a dish. Also bring plates, utensils and chairs. Meeting starts at 5pm.

Sept 19: Mark & Joan Wolf

MEETING MINUTES:

The following members were present at the meeting: Pat & Sue Brady; Mark Werkmeister; Mark Harrison; Robert & Doreen Clark and Kids; Jack & Stella Sierra; Tom Hurt; Chuck & Ethel May Peeples; Jim Werkmeister; Mark & Joan Wolf; Michele R. Reed; Ed & Lyn Kausche; Tom & Corinne Flemins; Lloyd Swartz; Alex Garcia.

The following guests were present: Ken O'Neil; Butch Bryarly; Leroy Trujillo.

- Meeting called to order at 1823 with Vice President Jim Werkmeister presiding. Jim reported that President Berry Harrison was in Kansas at a High School Reunion.
- Guests introduced themselves.
- A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting as they were printed in the last Trail Tales. Motion seconded and carried.
- **Treasurer's report:** Susan Brady announced there was \$3,644.57 in the bank. However, not all of the bills from the Summer Quarterly Meeting were paid yet.
- **Sheriff's report:** Jim Werkmeister (alias Sheriff Bully) announced the following fines from the Summer Quarterly and it's pre-runs:
 - a) Robert Clark & Family: Exceeding posted limits: Excessive kids, tarps, and bikes: \$.75
Camp Maintenance: \$.25
 - b) Berry Harrison: Gross degradation of scenery (TWO SCOUTS in camp!!) \$.50
 - c) Pat Brady: Failure to provide adequate leadership and safety on trail (Roll over on Mt. Antero): \$.25
Excessive pollutants emitted from vehicle (Diesel truck using lots of fuel): \$.25
 - d) Mark Werkmeister: Environmental damage (towing truck leaked coolant on the ground during return home from pre-run): \$.25

e) Mark Wolf: Excessive decibel restrictions and scaring animals - loud, raucous, campfire behavior (scared Monica's dog): \$.25

- **Trip Chairman:** Charlie was absent due to helping a fellow four wheeler.
- **Environmental Chairman:** Bob was absent even though this meeting was the closest it's ever been to his home!! (maybe 5 miles?!)
- **Program Chairman:** Tom reported he has everything but NM4W stickers for sale. He asked that the club pursue these items. He was also conducting a cash-split raffle.
- **SWFWDA Delegate:** Bob was absent, but Mark Werkmeister filled in that the Fall Quarterly meeting would be again held in Clayton, Oklahoma October 16 - 18th. It will be a great time and great four wheeling.
- **Old Business:**
 - 1.) SWFWDA Summer Quarterly: Jim thanked all that came out and helped and/or participated in the event. He especially thanked the committee members for the great organization of the event. Scott Brunwasser received special appreciation for his excellent organizational skills in making the event a great success. It was brought up that between the welder and the cash donations for the Land Action Fund, approximately \$950 was donated to this cause.
 - 2.) JOD trail: Mark Werkmeister announced that the JOD trail will be ran on August 15th & 16th. Most will go out on Friday evening. This is an extreme trail and dual lockers with 33" tires are mandatory. Talk to Mark for more details. He added that this is a prelude to an Invitational run in October (24th).
 - 3.) Susan Brady presented last month's points winner, Mark Werkmeister, with two gift certificates for \$50 each to Toys for Trucks and Southwest 4X4 Center. Mark thanked the club.
 - 4.) Mark Werkmeister asked to trade next month's meeting at his house for the Christmas Party. Mark & Joan Wolf volunteered for the September meeting.
- **New Business:**
 - 1.) Mark Werkmeister announced two runs upcoming: A.) Carnage Canyon in the Salida, CO area to be run on Labor Day Weekend (Extreme). Contact him for details. and B.) The annual Mt. Blanca, CO trip on the

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weekend after Labor Day. The trail run starts Saturday morning September 12th at approximately 8:00 AM.

2.) Mark Wolf suggested to the club that our Corporate Sponsor, Conway Electric, be again given thanks for their donations of paper and copying services. The Club agreed. A presentation is forthcoming.

3.) Mark Werkmeister read aloud a letter he had received from Congressman Bingaman concerning a response to a letter he sent about RS-2477 Rights-of-Way. It appears from the text of this letter that Mr. Bingaman does not support RS-2477 and is of the opinion that it has been replaced by newer legislation. ((Get a clue!!!) Oh! Sorry! Editorial comment!!)

4.) Mark Wolf asked that the Environmental Chairman catch up on awarding letter writers per quarter for their efforts. He also asked that this continue to support our Anonymous Donor. Jim will communicate this to the Environmental Chairman.

- **Program Chairman** held a cash raffle of \$31. Mark Wolf won.
- Meeting adjourned at 1920

President's Report:

Sorry I wasn't at the last meeting. I was busy attending my 20th class reunion in the great state of Kansas. Thank you Jim Werkmeister for performing my duties for the month of August.

The past couple months have been very busy for the NM 4-Wheelers with the Summer Quarterly and all the pre-runs, not to mention all the hard work the Quarterly committee did. Also I think this was one of our best get togethers to date.

Congratulations to Dr. Bob Telepak, Four Wheeler of the Year. Bob really earned this, not only for just leading and attending club functions, but mostly for all the hard work concerning Environmental Affairs. The September meeting I will award Bob with a small plaque.

Next month I will have a better President Report and get more filler. So, if you want me to mention anything just e-mail me at bearman@ix.netcom.com

That's about all I have to say for now and I will see ya on the trails.

Secretary's Report:

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YEAH!!! IT'S OVER!!! YIPPEE!!! Of course, I am talking about the SWFWDA Summer Quarterly. By the feedback I have received, it was a success. Everyone had a good time and no one got hurt. That was my main goal.

I would like to thank the people that did the real work in making the event a success: Mark Werkmeister, Trails Coordinator; Sue Brady, Meal Coordinator; Eddie McLain, Land Coordinator.

I learned a lot from this experience. If I was to coordinate another event such as this, it will be even more successful.

As a final note, I would like to say it was nice to meet so many new friends during this event. I look forward to wheelin' with all of you in the future.

AIRDOWN and LOCK SOME HUBS!!!

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
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Trip Chairman's Report:

Sept 27: McMillan Canyon run and trail clearing on an old logging road. Charlie Wilson leading. Difficult for stock vehicles. Meet at 9:30 AM at Jemez Pueblo convenience store. Bring gloves, clippers, and saws.

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Trip Reports:

Jaws of Death - The Tradition Continues!, by Mark Werkmeister

Several traditions have already been established in the club's short history regarding this fine trail: **Tradition #1** - Small groups. The club's trip to JOD on the weekend of August 15th certainly didn't break that tradition. Last-minute changes in people's plans, full summer work and vacation schedules, and the very limiting nature of the trail combined to keep our numbers low once again. We had seven vehicles show for the trip. Jim, Pat, Deb, Jennifer, and I went out after work on Friday night. We were joined by Robert, Cameron, and Trevor Clark, Kris Webb and Keely Bosch, Mark Wolf, and Joel and Charlie Wilson on Saturday morning. **Tradition #2** - Great trail! Whatever else is said about JOD (and some of it isn't printable!), everyone always agrees on two things: 1) The trail is extremely difficult, and 2) The trail is outstandingly scenic. **Tradition #3** - The trail kicking our butt! No change here. The score card for the weekend: two broken front main leaf springs (mine), one mostly toasted clutch (Kris), one mostly toasted locker (Robert), four tires, a bent rim, a broken U-joint, and the usual proliferation of rock rash on various items of sheet metal.

After a week of mostly rainy weather, it cleared for Friday and the forecast looked good for the weekend. Off with the top! We met at Pat's at 5:30pm and headed into the desert. Since I had Deb and Jennifer along, the camping gear was all loaded into the Packmule trailer. The trailer and recent water damage to the roads led to a slower trip and we didn't pull into the campsite until after 8:00. After setting up camp, we relaxed with our favorite beverages and speculated on the next day's activities. The last trip had left us and our vehicles tired, broken, and bruised. What would tomorrow bring?

Clear skies, bright sun, and NO wind! By 9:00am, it was already starting to get seriously warm and we decided to head down into the canyon and play a bit while waiting for the rest of the crew. We took a hard left just after The Gash and tried to insert The Bus up a little side canyon. No luck this time out so the obstacle is still unnamed. While we were playing around, the rest of the group showed up and we headed down into the canyon. The trip was uneventful (except the trail leader taking out a sidewall on a rock while not paying attention) past Pound of Flesh, down Cry Baby Hill, and into the Inner Sanctum. Even the Giant's Toybox and the Dragon's Teeth offered little resistance. Was this the day we finally would "best" this trail?

Progress slowed a bit as we ground our way up and over Magnetic Rock. Two Hub Hill was bypassed as all seven vehicles took the waterfall route below Magnetic Rock. The

group started to spread out as we high-stepped our way through Dance Step. The lead vehicles headed down Pry Bar Falls into The Pit and started to bang and scrape their way out the exit V on the other side. After watching everyone else drag frame rails and rocker panels on the exit V, Mark Wolf decided that the Commando had reached its limit at the top of Pry Bay Falls. The other six vehicles ultimately parked above the Salt Pool and we congratulated ourselves on a job well done. When will we ever learn? We were a little bit premature as we had only come DOWN the canyon and had the UP portion of the trail yet to complete.

The yellow Scrambler made its way UNASSISTED up Pry Bay Falls and then things started going south. The Bus was feeling a little squirrely by now and an examination underneath showed that both front main leaves had broken along with another leaf. Pat pulled off to help and the "rebuild" effort commenced. The rest of the group slowly, ever so slowly, worked its way past us and out of sight up the canyon. Out of site, but not out of earshot! The cacophony of sound from up the canyon was almost continuous as metal shrieked, moaned, and cried out in agony. What were they doing up there?!?

We reassembled the springs and started back up the canyon. We caught up with the back of the pack at the Dragon's Teeth and again at Pound of Flesh. In spite of no real catastrophic failures on the way back out, we didn't reach camp until 8:00pm. On the bright side, this was the first time we saw the setting sun coming up Pound of Flesh as it is often dark by the time we reach this point in the canyon! We relaxed around the campfire until late, discussing the feasibility of taking a dozen vehicles up and down the canyon during the upcoming JOD Invitational. Time will tell but there are more than a few doubters!

The next morning, we welded the springs back together one more time for additional front end stability at highway speed and made our way home without incident. Once again, The Jaws had managed to exact a toll on our vehicles. Once again, we had marveled in the beauty and the difficulty of the trail. Once again, we had missed all of those who skipped this world-class run!

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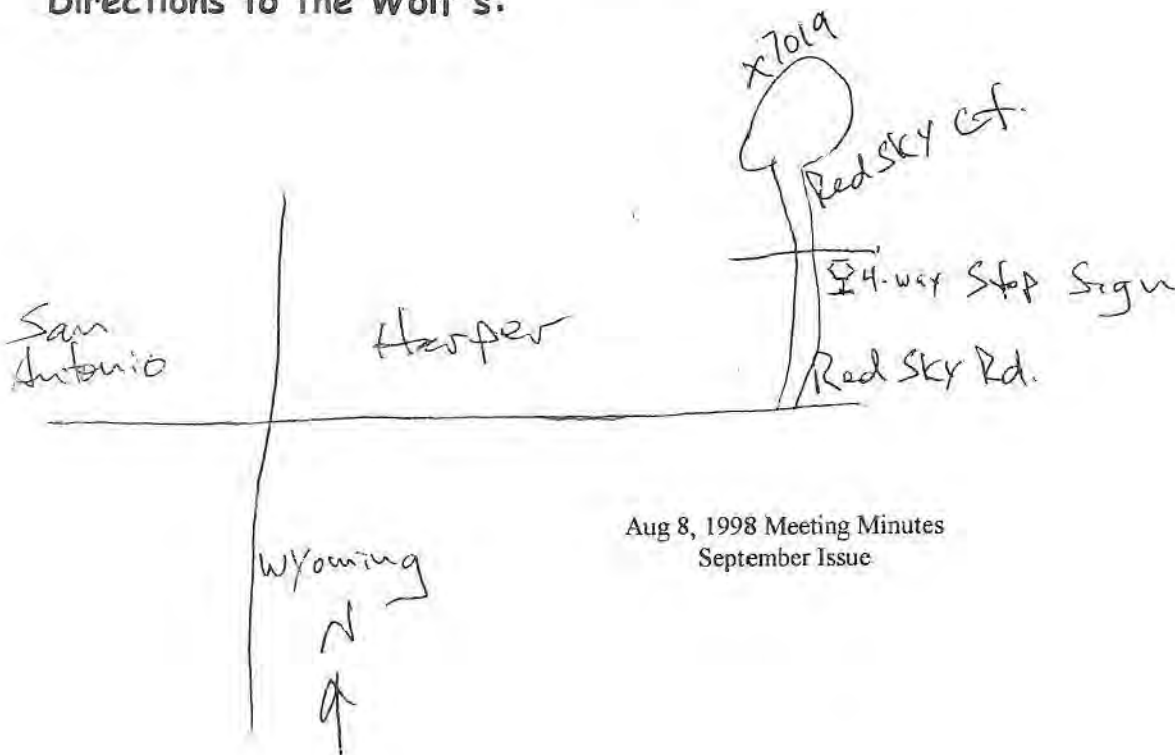
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NOTE:

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MEETING MINUTES:

The following guests were present at the meeting: Don Miller; Tim & Sarah Macnab; Brandon Roby; Richard Sierra; Michael Cook; David Sandager.

The following members were present at the meeting: Mark & Joan Wolf; Pat & Sue Brady; Scott Brunwasser; Michele Reed; Charlie Wilson; Arne Gjernerig; Tahoe Zahn; Tom Hurt; Bob Norton; Mark Harrison; Bonnie Bannigan; Berry Harrison; Mark Werkmeister; Kris Webb & Keely Bosch; Andy Schulze; Ed Kausche; Pat Slattery; Chuck & Ethel May Peeples; Lloyd Swartz; Tom Flemings; Carlos Ferrer; Robert & Doreen Clark & family; Jack Sierra.

- The meeting was called to order @ 1800.
- The minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The Treasurer reported \$2035.02 in the bank.
- The Dir. Of Enviro. Affairs reported the following:
 1. An alert is out for road closures on the north rim of the Grand Canyon.
 2. There is an EA out for the Penrose Chaining area in Colorado.
 3. Capitol Hill switchboard:
800-962-3524
800-972-3529
- The Trip Chairman reported on past and future runs:
 - Past Runs:
 1. Labor Day weekend.
 2. Mt. Blanca
 - Future Runs:

1. Sep 26: I-25 cleanup
2. Sep 27: MacMillan Canyon
3. Oct 17: Backside of Sandias
4. Oct 31-Nov 1: Ladies Run Pre-run in Las Cruces.
5. Nov 14-15: Ladies Run in Las Cruces.

- The Program Chairman held the raffle, which he won.
- Old Business:
 - We will be having some stickers made with the new logo.
- New Business:
 - Public Lands Day Sep 26 in Santa Fe.
 - Hosts for the up-coming meetings:
 - ⇒ Oct 9 - Zahns
 - ⇒ Nov 13 - Clarks
 - ⇒ Dec 11 - Mark & Deb Werkmeister
 - ⇒ Jan 8 - Michele Reed
 - ⇒ Feb 12 - Bear & Deb Harrison
 - ⇒ Mar 12 - Andy Schulze
 - ⇒ Apr 9 - Scott
 - ⇒ May ?? - Mark Harrison's house
- Guests introduced themselves.
- Meeting adjourned @ 1950.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Well fellow 4-wheelers I made it through my first meeting as the newly elected president. I am sorry for butchering one of our guest names, Michael !

I want to thank you all for helping me in my moment of crisis on Mt. Blanca. Being the tough GI that I am, nothing prepares you for your wife breaking her ankle. This brings up a very important subject to me. I have now had two potentially dangerous situations in the woods. The first was our son, Kyle, lost his family at a small trail head in the Manzano Mountains just west of Raven Road. About 9 hours later Kyle,

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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.

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MEETINGS

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with the help of our local all-volunteer Search and Rescue team, found his lost family. If you have the opportunity to volunteer your extra time, Search and Rescue can always use our help. The second encounter was 3 weeks ago on Mt. Blanca when some rocks under the wife's feet decided to move down hill about 1 foot and accidentally knocked her down and broke her ankle. So always be prepared for the worst when you are on the trail.

On Saturday 17 October Bonnie will lead a run up the back side of the Sandia Mountains. We need more scheduled runs like this here in the local area like the Manzano and Beavertown areas. One more thing before I stop rambling, if you didn't go out for the trash pick-up shame on you. Remember, fellow 4-wheelers, we don't just go trail running. We also do things for our community and friends.

SEE YA ON THE TRAILS!!
BEAR

TRIP REPORTS:

POWDER PUFF RUN, by Bonnie Bannigan

We will be having a run to Las Cruces on November 14, and 15th. We will be a running moderate to hard (but not extreme) trail on Saturday and an easy to moderate one on Sunday. The trails will be organized and led by the ladies of the NM 4-Wheelers but everyone is encouraged to join. We will be camping at The Rio Grande River Resort in Las Cruces (505-524-2844). Cost for motor homes or camping is \$12 a night. They have full hookups for motor homes and showers also. The pre-run for this event will be the Oct.31st and Nov.1st. We are looking at some new trails that haven't been run during the Quarterly meetings. Hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, call Bonnie at 265-0700.

"May be Impassable when Wet" the sign stated...ya right!, by: Bob Norton

This was to be relaxing back-country exploration by the NM4Wheeler's "Tres Amigos" on some routes in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument north of Lake Powell. This is not 4+ 'wheeling territory...or so we thought.

Dr. Bob and Arne both headed out mid-day Thursday before the Labor Day weekend. A half day at work Friday, and I would head their way. But Friday morning the bad luck began. Packed, anticipating the weekend, my Cherokee would

not start. Wiggle wires, unplug, plug sensor connectors. Could it be the Crankshaft Positioning Sensor again? Who knows, the idle had been stuck on "race mode" the last time the XJ was driven.

More futile attempts to start the Jeep after returning from work. No way to contact Arne and Bob now if I bail out of the trip. So, my F-150 is cleaned, gear, provisions, etc. are moved.

A stop in Albuquerque for gas and propane. Crowds are attempting to do the same and it takes "forever!" Finally, I'm heading westward up 9 Mile Hill at 3:30 PM. Something is wrong, the truck is missing a little. A check under the hood. Wires seem to be in place...too blasted hot now to check the plugs. Maybe solve it later, I continue.

Rain now. For hours. I start north out of Flagstaff, AZ and am able to contact Arne and Bob using the 2 meter Ham Radio Repeater on top of Navajo Mountain in northern AZ. They are cooking dinner / eating under the lifted tailgates of their Jeep XJ's. Camped in a remote area considerably east of Big Water and the Smoky Mountain Road in the new national monument. The rain, left over from a former hurricane to the SW, is relentless. I am running out of desire to continue and set up quickly for a very late dinner and some sleep at the entrance to the Wupatki National Monument. Still raining, self containment is very nice at times like this!

An early start in the morning, I am gassed-up and leaving Page, AZ by 7:30 AM. Bob and Arne had abandoned the idea of tenting and spent the night in their Cherokees. Still, the rains had continued all night and things inside had managed to get wet they report over the radio.

I started east out of Big Water. I was to take the Smoky Mountain Road and meet them later at the top. They would travel northward up a parallel route. Dr. Bob says this road can be driven by 2 WD vehicles. The conspicuous sign at the start said "May be Impassable when Wet." A warning for the wimps, I figured! I continue, after all, the F-150 is equipped with 35" mud-terrains, a rear Detroit and front Powr-Lok, 4.56-1's. I cross the first rain-swollen creek. I drop deep into the rushing water, but no problem crossing. But, the character of the trail changes very quickly.

Bentonite! A slimy clay when wet! Even though clear now, it had rained hard all night and the road was awful. The drive now slows to a crawl. Loss of control comes with speed. There are numerous hills and valleys for the next 12

miles through the bentonite. The road is partially washed out in many places, to keep from sliding into the new ravines requires stopping at the top of the hill and slowly easing down and across the narrow spots. Gravity alone often resulted in too much speed in this slime. After another rain swollen creek crossing, I stop for photos. I hear a hiss. The right front tire is losing air. I see some bubbles in the muck covered tire. Something sharp in the creek bottom has poked a hole. In goes a can of aerosol flat-tire-fix and off I go again.



Starting up the big climb on the already slick scenic Smokey Mountain Road.

Eventually, I reach the point on the Smoky Mountain Road where it begins the long climb to the top of the bench. The tire is going flat again. But a thunderstorm is approaching and I want to get up the switchbacks and beyond the cliff edge before it hits. So I make haste. The road surface is still slick clay and progress is slow. The lockers are doing their job and the weight of the camper must help too.

I check in with Arne and Bob on the Ham Radio. They are having some difficulties climbing up their chosen route. Dr. Bob reports "this is bad, really bad!" Takes a great deal to bother him on the trail.

In several spots the road I am climbing narrows and the cliff edge drops away so very, very close! The vehicle bogs down regularly, is this the end? I admit this is about as frightened as I have EVER been while 4-wheeling! In fact, I had resolved that if disaster became imminent, I would park on the spot and wait for the road to dry, however many days that might take. But no, the truck digs in, perhaps finding dryer soil beneath. This bogging down, digging in and chugging forward process repeats again and again.

I have now managed to climb about 2/3 of the way up this 2000 foot climb. The tire is

completely flat again and I find a relative flat spot. I sink in a couple of inches though as I prepare to replace the tire. A flat rock is required for the jack base. I dig out the spare, buried inside the camper. Off with the flat tire as the thunderstorm hits! On with the spare. This spare used a tube as it had been speared by a big stick when new at Chokecherry Canyon. Try to demuck the lug nuts! And now, the flat tire must reside inside the camper, along with the new 50 pounds of clinging bentonite! You can imagine what my clothing looked like after wrestling this mess up and into the camper?

As I am putting away the jack, a stock Cherokee approaches coming downhill. A German tourist, he tells me that he and his wife spent the night out and must get to Big Water. I tell him that the road ahead is very hazardous and gravity may want to pull the vehicle towards the cliff edge. He wants to continue, a Darwinian mission? And I want to reach the top and live! When he confirms that he is able to spend another night out if required, I caution him to stop and look before starting down the narrow, cliff edge section. He tells me it is steep and slick ahead. We never meet again. I suppose the 18 miles of trench I have left behind will provide somewhat of a safe track for the clueless tourist.

Moving upward again, the rain continues. I reach the very steep section a mile or two from the top. The road is now slanted, or slightly domed. Don't remember exactly. But I had 2 choices, slide to the edge of the cliff, or slide into the eroded gully by the rock and gravel wall to the right. I choose the gully!

For the next several hundred yards, I attempt to climb upward while attempting to avoiding scraping the rocks. It is impossible to drive out of the gully. I slide into the wall several times. New gouges and dents in the pick-up bodywork and the camper result. I press against the rock with one of the camper windows. It does not shatter! It is fiberglass....a replacement for breakage on a previous NM4Wheeler's outing to "Beaver Town!"

I reach the top....alive. Thankful! And the rain stops.

I check in with Bob and Arne. They are moving again. With front and rear ARB's, Arne's XJ climbed fine. Bob's yet unmodified XJ aimed to slide off into the canyon. So shovels were employed to dig a 100 yard long trench in the bentonite. They dug down to drier soil and tossed the clay to the downhill side of the trail to help raise it somewhat. The tires could then fall

into this trench and forward progress was possible without sliding off the edge.

Shortly, the spare tire goes flat! Apparently, while crawling along the rocky wall in the last segment of the climb, I have managed to snag the valve stem on the tube and destroy it. No more spares! No option but to try to plug the other tire now. Takes awhile, but the plugged tire holds air.



A second tire goes flat with no more spares!

Eventually, about 2 P.M., the "Tres Amigos" meet up. We drop off the bench, the area collectively known as the Kaiparowits Plateau, downward through Left Hand Collett Canyon. From there, we head towards the real Hole-in-the-Rock on the west side of Lake Powell where we intend to camp for the night.

The rains have taken their toll on the road. In dry weather, cars and even motorhomes have driven all but the last slickrock section of this road. But now, things are different. Washouts. Culverts are gone. Evidence in the wash crossings of some pretty awesome flash flooding! Mud holes galore on the road.

Then, Dr. Bob suddenly announces on the CB "I am in Big Trouble!" I have only heard that before when his CJ-5 was ready to roll over on its side. So this must be bad. His Cherokee has been sucked in by a stretch of quicksand!

Fortunately, it was not bottomless. A tow strap to Arne's Cherokee and the XJ was free. A bypass was utilized and eventually the destination was achieved. BBQ'd chicken, good wine and good friends gathered around the table inside the dry camper capped this eventful day. I reflect on a new found respect for that one particular BLM warning sign!



Dr. Bob's Cherokee in the QUICKSAND that used to be the "Hole-in-the-Rock Road!"

After an early morning rain shower Sunday, the skies cleared. An attempt to follow the Harris Wash Road as far as the closed sign would be cut short due to mud, debris, high water and obvious quicksand. But, another road was discovered and taken to the north. This route took us into some pretty back-country, past petrified sand dunes. This road did not show on our maps, which included the Barnes and Utah State Highway Department maps of the National Monument.

Now, with cooperative weather and exploring 4-WD roads again, the remainder of the weekend achieved the desired "relax status!"



A petrified sand dune in the back-country of the GS-E Nat. Monument

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Do yourself a favor and call the Trip Leader by Tuesday before a scheduled run to see if it is still a "go." This will also give the Leader a count on how many people to expect.

- **17 Oct: Backside of the Sandias.** Bonnie is the Leader. Meet at the Chevron at the corner of Central & Tramway @9am.
- **24 Oct: JOD Invitational Run.** Mark Werkmeister is leading. Contact him if you would like to see the action. This run is by invitation only.
- **31 Oct-1 Nov: Ladies Run Pre-Run in Las Cruces.** Contact Bonnie if you are interested.
- **14-15 Nov: Ladies Run in Las Cruces.** Bonnie is leading.

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- The meeting was called to order @ 1910.
- Guests introduced themselves.
- The minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The Treasurer reported \$2190.51 in the bank.
- The Sheriff had no report.
- The Dir. Of Enviro. Affairs reported the following:
 1. San Rafael Swell was tacked onto the Omnibus Bill, which was defeated.
 2. Phil Maloof wants twice the wilderness area in New Mexico.
- The Program Chairman held the raffle, which Wolfie won.
- The Trip Chairman reported on past and future runs:
 - Past Runs:
 1. Trash Pick up.
 2. MacMillan Canyon.
 - Future Runs:
 1. NONE!!!
- SWFWDA: Bob Norton won 3 out of 5 awards for the Drive Lines newsletter from United.
- New Business:
 - It's a Jeep Thing – Carol has 4 of the stickers left. Contact her if you want one.

- Club decals – We will be buying 100 of them.
- The club approved for our United delegate to let United increase fees from \$4 to \$10 a year over the next 3 years.
- If you are hosting a winter meeting at the church, we have plenty of bowls, cups, napkins, etc.
- X-Mas meeting Dec 12 at Mark & Deb Werkmeister's house.
- X-Mas tree run – Dec 5. Mark Werkmeister leading.

- Meeting adjourned @ 2010.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hey folks; last weekend was a lot of great 4 wheeling (23 Oct) fun! I think we had 14 4x4's venture deep into the belly of the Jaws of Death. Gee, was that a lot of work. I decided to leave the Scout above Pound of Flesh and concentrate on assisting people through some of the more difficult obstacles. To the best of my knowledge there was no paint traded on any of the obstacles. Most of the drivers didn't need a lot of help over some of the minor rock gardens mostly because of their experience. There was one individual very experienced but a terrible judge of distance and tried to sun-dry the greasy side of his Cherokee. I think Sheriff Bully was keeping score on all of the minor 4 wheeling infractions. I know I was guilty of a couple but I am not at liberty to incriminate myself yet.

The wife is up hobbling around now with one of those nifty orthopedic braces, and we just got a new puppy named "tater." The family is just about complete and ready to take on some of the Winter Quarterly thrills in Las Cruces. Well that's enough babbling for now.

SEE YA ON THE TRAILS!

Bear

TRIP REPORTS:

COPPER HILL RED ROCK MINE TRIP REPORT, by Joel Wilson

Fifteen vehicles! It was great! In fact, it was such a great turnout that we had to alter the run by doing only the second half and skipping the first half to the Tungsten Mine. Nonetheless, everyone had fun. Attendees included trail leaders Joel and Charlie Wilson in a '78 CJ5; Mark Wolf and

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Tom Hurt in a '71 Commando; Tom, Sarah, and Josh Flemins in a '73 Bronco; Phil and Carol Kennicott and their grandson Sylvan Baca in a '98 TJ; Andy Schulze in a '75 Bronco; Steve Kaiser in a '76 Cherokee aka "the white whale"; Javier Ortiz in a '98 Mitsubishi Sport; Miche Bove and her parents Phil and Eleanor Bove in a '90 Bravada; Berrett, Deborah, Kyle, and Kalyssa Harrison in a '74 Scout; Ray Davis in a '93 Wrangler; Jeremy Allison in a '98 Wrangler; Pat and Sue Brady in a '94 Mazda pickup; Lee, Margaret, and Chris Elmore in an '85 Gelandewagen; Mark and Lynda Towers in a '91 Land Rover; and Scott Brunwasser in a '92 YJ. A real shopping list of vehicles!

The trail we had picked for the run, held on Sunday, June 21, is rated as easy for modified vehicles and hard for stock or slightly modified vehicles. Judging from the turnout, this was a level of difficulty that many people seemed to like.

Before we arrived at the trailhead, we drove to a great lunch spot with a beautiful view of the Rio Grande Gorge and the Jemez Mountains. After lunch, anxious to start the trail, we led the group away from the view and into the upper reaches of a dry canyon where an old, washed-out road makes its way down to a small mine. Where the mining road was impassible, the trail takes to the canyon floor and navigates fields of boulders. Where the mining road was washed out, the trail descends and climbs seemingly vertical walls. The trail becomes progressively tougher and we started leaving vehicles along the way as we descended.

The first obstacle required moving aside a dead tree to get through a narrow spot. Everything was going fine until an innocent looking rock somehow created a substantial gash in one of the Brady's tires. It was weird because the hole suggested that the rock entered the tire going downward from above. Remarkable driving, Pat!

The toughest obstacles on the trail were a short section of canyon bottom boulders and a short, very steep loose dirt hill. The Mercedes Gelandewagen got stuck on the boulders due to clearance problems and on the hill due to weight, but we commend Lee for his persistence in reaching the end of the trail even when other vehicles dropped out. A few other vehicles left a little paint on the rocks but all that kept going made it to the end. All in all, everyone did great and had a good time.

At the end of the trail we checked out the mine and its single adit that tunneled into an outcrop of red schist on the side of the canyon. Although the tunnel had caved at the entrance completely blocking the way, several of the old wood timbers were still visible. We then headed back up the canyon toward home after a great day of four wheeling.

Backside of the Sandias, by Bonnie Bannigan

I have to say I agree with Charlie when he says we have a bunch of "Fair-weather Four Wheelers" in our group. The minute it starts to get cold, everyone disappears into their warm homes. Well, those of us who went on the trail on the backside of the Sandias enjoyed it immensely. 4 vehicles pulled away from the Chevron at 9:15am on Saturday after

awaiting any possible latecomers. Tom and Corinne Flemins and Carlos Ferrer in a '73 Bronco, Pat Slattery / '76 CJ5, Tom Hurt / '76 CJ5, and myself and co-pilot, Melanie Jackson, in my '95 Wrangler. After my co-pilot had me turn the wrong way in Tijeras we were on our way up the mountain where it seemed to be a little chilly but well worth it. For those of you who have never been on the BACK of the mountain at this time of year, you missed out on it! The colors were marvelous and it seems as if this was the perfect weekend to run this trail considering the snow that is being dumped up there now. We pulled off to air down a few turns too early (I'll take the blame for this one), but eventually made it to the right air-down spot. The obstacles proved to be quite challenging for those of us who could turn our lockers off to try them. When locked up, we all walked right through all three obstacles. We played on the last rock pile for a little while and tried to see who could climb the highest on the boulder until Pat topped us all and tried to climb a tree instead (we have great bribery pictures). We turned around and did the trail backwards and stopped for lunch at a low spot out of the wind. The rest of the trail was completed with no problems or complaints and we were done by 2pm. Sorry to those who couldn't make it!

LAND USE/ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Here is an update on what is happening with regard to land use issues in New Mexico, nearby states, and nationally.

NEW MEXICO - The issue of the purchase of the Baca Ranch is still not settled. Senator Domenici and the other congressmen are backing it. The problem is that the Government has not yet paid for a considerable amount of land in other areas, and purchase of the ranch would only raise the amount owed. The Robledo Canyon closure in Las Cruces and trails closed by the BLM in the Farmington area are still active issues with no recent news.

The Sierra Club (supported by the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance) passed out thousands "voter guides" to residents of Los Alamos and Santa Fe telling them which candidates were pro-environmental in the opinion of the Sierra Club. The SC is very much opposed to Bill Redmond, and even elevated him to their "dirty dozen" of anti-environmentalists. So please encourage appropriate people to vote FOR Redmond in the coming election.

COLORADO - 4-wheelers have won a "victory" of sorts in the Royal Gorge area called the Penrose Chaining Area. The BLM's initial OHV plan called for only 0.4 miles of development of an extreme 4-wd challenge trail. A lot of 4-wheelers in several states wrote in requesting more mileage. The BLM raised the amount to 1.3 miles. The extreme environmentalists will probably appeal this and have until NOV 6th to do so. You are encouraged to write to the BLM

and support the 1.3 mile decision. Write to: Donnie Sparks, District Manager, Royal Gorge Resource Area, 3170 East Main St., Canon City, CO, 81212.

The extreme environmental group Earth Liberation Front (ELF) claimed responsibility for \$12 million in fire damage in Vail. They were protesting expansion of the ski resort into an area they claimed was a lynx habitat. No lynx have been seen there since 1973!!

ARIZONA - The National Park Service wants to make 95% of the entire area of the Grand Canyon to be Wilderness! This would close a lot of roads used by OHV's. Most of them are in the North Rim area. AZ representative John Shadegg is pushing for public hearings, while the NPS would like to rush it through and make it a done deal quickly and quietly.

UTAH - There was a chance to keep the San Rafael Swell area open through Rep. Chris Cannon's bill HR-3625. Unfortunately it was lumped in with Rep. Jim Hansen's Omnibus Parks Bill, which was fought ferociously by the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) and the Sierra club. The bill failed by an over 2:1 margin. I believe it was a bad idea anyway. The attitude of congress definitely seems against such gigantic bills full of both good stuff and bad.

The next step on the San Rafael Swell issue will be the revised BLM OHV Travel Plan, which probably will come out in the next month. You may recall that this was a hot issue this time last year. It is going to be again. While HR-3625 is still around, you can expect the BLM to feel "vindicated" by the recent congressional vote and come out with more restrictions.

A new organization called the Utah Shared Access Alliance (USA-ALL) has emerged. I think it is a very good group, and I am a member. The backbone of it is the Utah Trail Machine Association (UTMA), a statewide motorcycle group. They have a web site you should check out at <http://www.usa-all.com>. Especially look at their section on letter writing pointers. If things go as I hope they do, this organization could become a sort of Blueribbon Coalition of Utah representing all OHV's. They plan to even advertise against SUWA's new demand for over 8.5 MILLION acres of Wilderness in Utah in their terrible HR-1500 bill (this is over 15% of the entire land mass of Utah, and ALL the most beautiful areas and trails).

NATIONALLY - The Forest Service continues to push their "roadless" initiative. This is easily the MOST IMPORTANT issue facing OHV's nationally, because it affects ALL national forests in the entire USA. The FS definition of a road is: constructed, maintained, and driveable with a standard passenger car. How do you think that will affect the roads you like to 4-wheel on? There is a 3-phased plan under way to inventory roads, map them, and then develop travel plans (that will likely result in massive closures). You will be hearing a LOT more from me on this most important issue in the coming months.

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 2. Pat Brady - \$0.50, transferred to Mark for leading a trail without a Jeep.
 3. Berry - \$0.50 for blowing a hub and bending a tie-rod...all within 10ft.
 4. Scott - \$1.25 for having problems with the Tera 4:1 kit, plus picking up Berry's fine 'cause he came to my rescue when his events occurred.
- The **Dir. Of Enviro. Affairs** reported the following:
 1. SUWA wanted 5.7 million acres before...now they want 8.5 million. (Editor's note: Greedy li'l bastids, ain't they???)
 2. Red Rock 4 Wheelers will have a Land Use Forum on Thursday night during the next Easter Safari.
- The **Program Chairman** held the raffle; I didn't catch who won.
- The **Trip Chairman** reported on past and future runs:

• Past Runs:

1. Backside of the Sandias.
2. JOD Invitational.

• Future Runs:

1. Dec 5: X-Mas Tree run.
2. Dec 20: Mystery Run. Charlie will give details at the next meeting.

■ SWFWDA:

1. Feb 24-28: Winter Quarterly in Las Cruces.
2. Jul 22-25: United Annual Meeting.

■ Old Business:

1. The new decals are in.

■ New Business:

1. A move was made to host the United Annual Meeting in 2001 or 2003. Voted on and accepted.
2. We now have raffle tickets for the Winter Quarterly.

■ Meeting adjourned @ 2010.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi folks;

Hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving, we did. Thanksgiving Day is always busy for me! You all know. FOOTBALL. Really I stuffed and cooked the pilgrim pigeon, made the gravy, and the mashed potatoes. Did I mention my wife up on both feet made all the goodies like pecan pie and about four other deserts. My parents came down from Kansas and brought my new twisted Dana 44 for just enough camber to stop the blue beast from wandering all over the road. The Harrison family has a new member in the family now. Her name is sweet-potato or TATER for short. We needed another 4-wheeling dog.

Mark W, Pat B, and Jim W, went to California for a little Rock and Roll on the HAMMERS. I hear rumors of damage to a Bronco which was a little wide for some of the sections, and also lots of rock rash on a long white Scrambler. I want to see pictures.

That's all the rambling I can muster so hope to see you on the trails.

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TRIP REPORTS:

McMILLAN CANYON TRIP REPORT, by Charlie Wilson

McMillan Canyon is an easy trail in the Jemez Mountains south of Rio de las Vacas. The trail offers great scenery, meadows, live streams, and a narrow canyon to climb. This trip was a joint trail run of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers and Sandia Jeep Club.

On September 27, eleven vehicles met at the Jemez Convenience Store to make this jaunt. Charlie Wilson was Trail Leader in Joel's '78 CJ5; Jay Alderson joined the group in his Toyota 4-Runner; Bryant Stock attended in his gray CJ5; Don Miller in his brown CJ5; Chuck Peeples in his '97 TJ; Brandon Roby and Teal Warthen in Brandon's '77 FJ40; Tom Hurt in his red CJ5; Mark Wolf in his '71 Commando; Ruben Rangel in his dirt blue '73 CJ5; Ler Nelson in his magenta YJ; Tim Hodgkins in his black CJ5; signature illegible [looks like "Tom Swift"] in his short wheelbase, red Montero; and Mark Werkmeister in his yellow bus. It was a good group with a variety of vehicles to test the road.

We headed up Rio Guadalupe, through the Gilman tunnels, and up the Rio de las Vacas. Even though it was the dry time of year, the mud wallows in the road up the Rio de las Vacas still looked menacing, craving only water to thoroughly bog down a vehicle. Heading up McMillan Canyon, the trail proved to be easier than expected and all vehicles made it to the top with relative ease. The only problem encountered was a sidewall gash on Jay Alderson's 4-Runner by an angry log. We had lunch while Jay changed his tire, and before long we were heading down Golf Club Canyon, passing our familiar campsite at Porter Landing, and driving back down the Rio Guadalupe to the highway. The McMillan Canyon trail offers another excursion loop in this beautiful area.

Beavertown Trip Report, by Bonnie Bannigan

Sunday, November 15, 1998, 7 four-wheel drive vehicles showed up at the Chevron for a fun filled, great day of 'wheelin and learning! It seemed as if word traveled fast because this trip was only planned on Friday night after the meeting! It turned out to be a day for testing new vehicles and new equipment. Members present were: Bonnie Bannigan in my 95 Wrangler with passenger Teal Warthen, Brandon Roby and passenger, Takeshi Itoh in Brandon's 77 Land Cruiser, Guy Conway - 94 Cherokee, Michael Conway - 91 Wrangler (his dad's, his is currently being upgraded), and Pat Slattery - 76 CJ 5. Visitors and prospective members included Don and Karen Miller in their 79 CJ 5, and Debbie Wylie driving her 74 Blazer with passenger Ken Bannigan. After airing down the tires and talking about what changes have been made to our rigs since the last time we all saw each other we decided to go straight to "locker hill." I pulled up to this first obstacle (which I had never seen in all of my days spent in this area, but Jim Werkmeister told me how to get to it), and told Teal that just because we are the leaders doesn't mean that we have to try

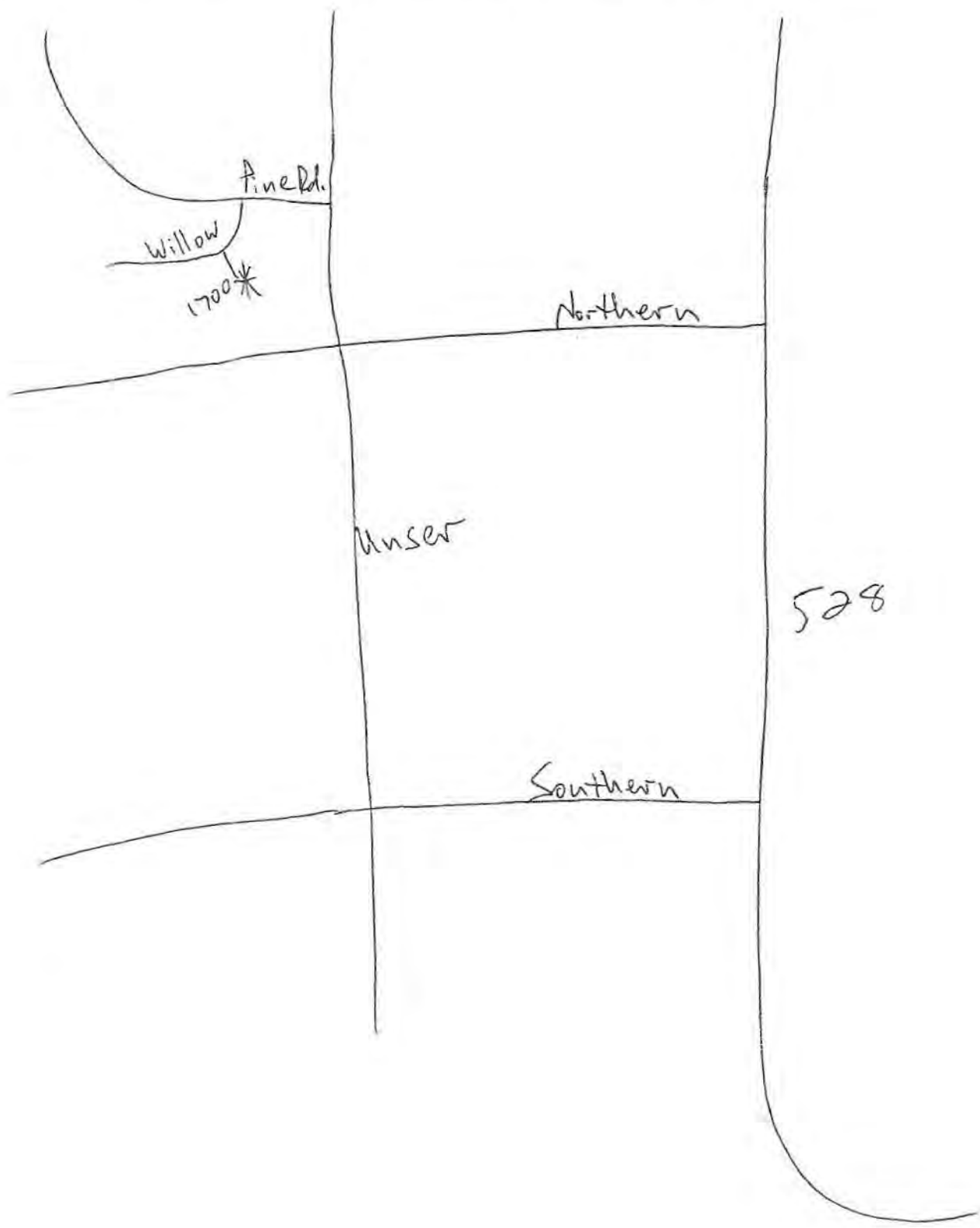
the obstacle.... starting to get a little fear in my old age. Guy took his recently bought, lifted, and upgraded Cherokee right on up without any hesitation or slippage. Then Don makes it without even thinking twice. Pat tries a few times and has no traction, then Brandon makes it right up so I decided we better go on up. Made it up without any problems but my irregular heart beat, but it slowed with the conquering of the hill. After airing his tires down further Pat made it up also. Debbie was having problems keeping her Blazer in 4-low so she went around this time. We trudged on a little farther when Guy asked how much wheel travel he was getting in his Cherokee. Upon asking we discovered that he had not taken his disconnects off of his sway bar yet! With a lot of hammering and lifting, the guys finally got the, not so quick, quick-disconnects off, while Brandon was resenting his timing.....hmmmm seems like a couple fines here for vehicle maintenance on the trail. The next obstacle was a rutted out hill near the West fence line that has a fairly large crack in it. This is where I decided to see how close to the ground I could get my passenger. My driver's side front tire was in the air pretty far when it was decided that I needed to stay there for photo opportunities. Everyone else made it up, but not quite as dramatically. Pressing on, we arrived at Tom's gully where Brandon announces on the CB that I missed a good photo op of his rig in the air, so I got out and ran back to him and little did he know, he was wrong! The photo op was still there; he had beaded a tire off the rim! After using two high lifts to jack the cruiser up, a ratchet strap to get the tire back on the rim, and a little air, he was back in service. His tire gauge was accurate for tires with high pressure but not with lower pressures. His gauge read 15psi and the rest of ours read 6 or 7. So we aired up the rest of the tires and went in further. We all made the "Whoopie do's" and got some great articulation shots. Feeling bold, most of us went through the "boulder field" where I got through with a lot of scrapage on my nerf bars and a little on a rim. Brandon shaved a little off of his skid plate but, hey it was fun! The CJ's were just narrow enough to have no problems except Pat scraping a rim. We made it just below the top where I was finally convinced to take a lunch break. Then we went to the top in groups so we could all fit. We were not the only ones enjoying the top of Beavertown; there was a fairly large rattlesnake up there too. After coming back down we aired back up, looked at some body damage on the Blazer, scratches on other's vehicles, and said our good -byes. For the record, there was a sheriff at the entrance when we were airing down and he never even looked at us twice!

FOR SALE:

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

- 2 - 33X12.50X15 Bridgestone A/Ts for spares - \$35 each OBO. Mark Wolf. 856-8539.

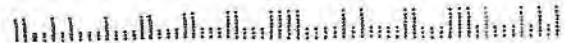
Directions to Mark + Debbie Werkmeister's house:



Trail Tales
4305 Snowden Ct.
Rio Rancho, NM 87124



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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."

Dec 5: X-Mas Tree Run. Mark Werkmeister leading.

Dec 12: Meeting @ Mark & Debbie Werkmeister's house. 6pm. Bring a finger-food style dish. Also, if you would like, bring a small gift and mark it for man, woman or child. We will exchange those gifts with the people who participated. Any questions, call Mark.

Dec 20: Mystery Run. Charlie Wilson leading. Details to follow.