

# Trail Tails

Official Newsletter of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers

## NOTE:

The winter meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Wyoming and Academy. The hosts provide the drinks and snacks. The meeting starts at 7pm in the Senior High room.

## MEETING MINUTES:

The following guests were present at the meeting: Tim MacNab; Brandon Roby; Don Miller; Mike Cook; Butch Bryarly.

The following members were present at the meeting: Pat & Sue Brady; Tom Hurt; Bonnie Bannigan; Mark & Debbie Werkmeister; Robert & Doreen Clark & Kids; Phil & Carol Kennicott; Guy & Mike Conway; Bear & Deb Harrison; Bob Telepak; Ed & Lyn Kausche; Tom Flemins; Paul Thompson; Mark & Joan Wolf; Chuck & Ethel May Peoples; Jack, Stella & Rick Sierra; Mark Harrison & Barbara LaPort; Arne Gjerning; Andy Schulze; L.P. How.

- The meeting was called to order @ 1800.
- New Business:
  1. Brandon Roby and Don Miller were voted in as members.
- Meeting adjourned @ 1810.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we did. I don't have much to say this month only because it has been a honey-do and repair the Scout kind of month. There were a few runs this past month, I am sorry I could not get out and run any of them, but things are looking better now that the holidays are over and I can concentrate more on the Scout. Hope everyone has sent in their pre-registration for Las Cruces. Mine will be in the mail Monday. That's enough from me. Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

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## TRIP REPORTS:

### The 1st Jaws of Death Invitational, by Mark Werkmeister

In late October, the Jaws of Death trail was finally unveiled to the outside world. The New Mexico 4-Wheelers held a special "Thank You" Jaws of Death Invitational run for some of the gracious people who have led us on new trails over the last two years. Our special guests were Harold "Bob-It" Off, Garret & Don Sisson and Chip Monk, all of Farmington; Lyle & Leona Schrader and Jerry & Susan Stringfellow of Grand Junction; Pat "Cover Boy" Gremillion of Carbondale, Jim & Nancy Bailey of Alamosa, and Peter Fogel of Glade Park. Driving vehicles from the New Mexico 4-Wheelers were Pat Brady, Jim Werkmeister, Scott Brunwasser, Eddie McLain, Bob Norton, and Berrett Harrison.

The weather, usually bright and fine in mid-October, was not very cooperative in the week leading up to the Invitational. Dark overcast skies, heavy showers, and a cold wind in the preceding days came close to causing a cancellation of the event. A favorable forecast and the knowledge that our invitees wouldn't let a little mud stop them encouraged us to let the date stand. Saturday morning skies were still dark and heavy when we met our guests at the truck stop at 6:30 a.m. The clouds were low enough to cause heavy fog on the Interstate west of Albuquerque but small bits of blue were showing up as the sun made it way up into the sky. Knowing the horrible mud that results from slow rain on the access road, we wondered what we would find after the days of intermittent rain. To our amazement, the road into the trailhead was in great shape! Wet enough to prevent the prevalent dust but dry enough not to stick to the tires. The skies kept clearing and by the time we reached the club's campsite, the sun was starting to peek through in earnest.



*The group of vehicles brought by friends and NM4W members was a capable one!*

We aired down, locked in, dropped in 4-Lo and the fun began! "Oooohs" and "Aaahs" were heard as we dropped down off of The Gash and Pound of Flesh and dropped into the Inner Sanctum. Chip gave everyone a thrill (something new?) by taking Skirtles down the left hand line on Pound of Flesh, resulting in some extremely off-camber antics but no paint removal.



*Garrett Sisson brings his Wrangler down Magnetic Rock while Dad watches. Jerry perches on top of Magnetic Rock. Check out the size of that rock....*

The previous week's rain had left about an inch of fine (and VERY slick) silt over much of the canyon and steering control was difficult as the caravan of vehicles made its way slowly over the initial obstacles in the Inner Sanctum. At the back of the line, a disaster was averted when Harold quickly produced a fire extinguisher and put out a fire in Nancy's engine compartment. After a little clean up and some wire work, Nancy continued down the canyon.



*Scott "Mongo" Brunwasser finally brings the Wrangler through the Jews. Scott was styling with his new buggy leaf front springs and 4:1 t-case.*

Trail leader Pat stopped to examine a gas leak on his Bronco and discovered that a hard blow to the tank had broken his pickup tube on the top of the tank. He pulled out of line to affect repairs and the line continued over the Dragon's Teeth, Dance Step, Magnetic Rock, and the rest of the fun in the inner canyon. Finally the group was posed at the top of Pry Bar Falls and the pit just beyond. There were some arched eyebrows and pursed lips when the first vehicle dropped down into the mud, slithered around to find the right line, and then ground up and over the V-Notch on the exit. The pit was dubbed The Wallow! as steering control in the days bright red grease was almost impossible for the first few vehicles.

Lyle and Leona's Commando needed a bit of cable help due to their somewhat shorter stature but everyone else managed to work their way through with a minimum of muss and fuss and some outstanding air under the front tires. While waiting for the group to work its way through The Wallow!, Chip decided that an alternate route back up and around the huge rock above Pry Bar Falls would be appropriate. Where were these guys when we were building the trail?

After a quick bite of lunch, the procession of 14 vehicles reversed itself and started back up the canyon. Several tried the new "high side" route with some severely puckered seat covers and chewed up fender flares the only casualty. Back up the canyon, over Magnetic Rock, Dance Step, and the Dragons Teeth with very little trouble. The only spot that seemed to give anyone pause was the big step just below Magnetic Rock. Numerous repeated attempts and lots of rock stacking were necessary but the only casualty of note was Jim turning his twenty-gallon tank into a fifteen gallon variant.



*Harold "Bob-It" Off brings his violated Scrambler down around the large rock on Chip and Peter's little diversion.*

Finally the entire group was posed just below our 'ol nemesis, Pound of Flesh. The sun was still relatively high in the western sky. The group scaled it easily. Well, most of the group scaled it easily. Berry offered a little assistance to Scott who was having transmission seal troubles. Berry managed to blow a hub and pretzel his drag link in the process. By the time repairs were completed nearly an hour later, the sun was sinking low on the horizon. Pound of Flesh had exacted its toll once again!

The long line of headlights snaked up out of the canyon, across the mesa, and headed back to the highway. The group stopped several more times as Nancy's wiring and fuel delivery system got increasing balky. Most of the group wrapped up the day at the buffet table at the Flying J amid much mirth and good four wheeling camaraderie.

The 1st Jaws of Death Invitational was a resounding success! Our special guests enjoyed the trail, breakdowns and trouble were minimal (for the Jaws), and a good time was had by all. A big thanks to everyone who helped make it possible.

### **Rio Puerco Trip Report, by Don Miller**

On Sunday, December 27, 1998 six vehicles showed up at the arranged meeting spot at Southern Plaza in Rio Rancho. The weather was good to us with sunny, partly cloudy skies and no wind to speak of, although in the late afternoon the winds did pick up. Members present were Don Miller, in my '79 CJ5, with passenger, nephew Steve Muehlhauser, visiting from Austin, Texas, Tom Fleming, with passenger David Baur, and 2 children (sorry I didn't get their names), riding in Tom's '73 Bronco, Scott Brunwasser in his '92 YJ, and Jack & Rick Sierra in Jack's '77 CJ5. Guests included Bryant and Jan Stock in their '81 CJ5 and Larry Whitlock in his '81 CJ7.

We headed west a few minutes after the designated 9:30 meeting time, and stopped in the big dirt "parking lot" long enough to air down. The first obstacle was a climb up one of the steeper faces of the sand hills. The sand was in great shape, providing good traction. Tom in his Bronco proved once again that horsepower will get you almost

anywhere, even if you're only locked in one end. His 351 sure does produce! Unfortunately this hill claimed a victim. Larry Whitlock's quick-disconnected front sway bar tangled with the left front brake line. The brake line lost, and Larry had a surprise when he hit the brakes at the top of the hill. With Jack's assistance and Don's vice grips the line was pinched off. Larry retreated to effect repairs while the remaining 5 vehicles carried on.

From there we headed west out over the narrow land bridge I have dubbed "La Entrada". We followed the trail along the canyon rim, climbed to the top of "Promontory Point" (yes, I made up that name too) and then dropped down the first level into the canyon. The usual trail turns right at that point, however we went straight ahead, diving and twisting further in the canyon bottom. We followed the narrow trail, mainly used only by motorcycles and 4 wheel ATV's, up a ridge line for a ways, then took a sharp left and a steep descent to the bottom on the south side of the ridge. The arroyo bottom was followed for a ways. Rather than follow the arroyo all the way to Windmill Hill we ascended a steep loose sand slope back to the ridge line. We closed the loop (I've named this section Don's Loop) and retraced a short section of trail back to the bottom of the first drop from "Promontory Point".

From there we continued on the usual route, a steep sandy descent to the bottom on the north side of the aforementioned ridge line trail. At the bottom we turned around and took turns running back up the steep sandy trail. All except Scott, that is. He just knew his rig would not have a problem. Even with an eroded section with a small ledge, in the middle of the ascent it was pretty much a cakewalk to those with front and rear lockers. Tom's horsepower blasted him through, and Bryant's determination served him well. Jan commented that I made it look too easy & too boring, with my slow but steady, no spinning tires, no bouncing and jouncing approach to the climb. However Tom's pedal to the metal ascent made up for it. Two different solutions to the same problem. We then continued on our way to Windmill Hill. A climb up and over a sharp ridge was a thrill to those who found themselves looking out into thin air at the crest. The downside was much steeper than the upside. At the "Middle Drop" (a short steep section with a hard right uphill turn that leads to the dunes and back to La Entrada) Jack and Rick had to leave us as Rick had to go to work in the afternoon.

Approaching Windmill Hill we made a slight detour as Don led the group over an arroyo edge that looked exactly like driving off a cliff. At Windmill Hill we all ascended the east face with little difficulty. The sand was perfect! Steve poked around at the surface and discovered the under the top few inches of loose sand the ground was hard and cold. Frozen! Hmmm.

The remaining four vehicles then crossed the plain on the north side of Windmill Hill and climbed a twisty trail. Don led the way up what he knew appeared to be a dead end. At the point where the trail narrowed to a single tire track cut deep into the ridge top we halted and scouted the area by foot. The trail descended sharply but not impossibly

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so; a little narrow and possibly a little tippy at one point. The general consensus was that it was doable, however nobody volunteered to be the "doer". Bryant found a possible viable alternative. There was one problem though; a rock like object that looked to be waiting to grab something like a transfer case. Being of rock like substance, not real rock, it was attacked with a rock hammer and the top lopped off. Bryant made the first attempt and got caught on it. Scott winched him back off, rocks were piled and he made it over. Don made the next attempt and promptly highcentered on his transfer case. Rocks were rearranged again and he made it over. While all this was going on Tom had found another way down and was waiting for the rest of us at the foot of the slope. Scott, with greater center clearance made it over and down easy.

After a journey west along the arroyo bottom we turned south along the Laguna Indian fence, traversed a couple of fairly steep, but easy hills and following another twisty trail over some hills arrived back at the old collapsed windmill that is the namesake for Windmill Hill. We followed the easy but chock full of "whoop-de-does" route back up through the sandhills to La Entrada. After airing up in the parking lot we headed for home. Everyone seemed to have a fun day. Being in my "backyard", of course I'll be going back. I'll plan another trip for a few months from now if there's interest.

P.S. A Christmas gift to myself was a GPS receiver. My plans include mapping the area and searching out connecting links.

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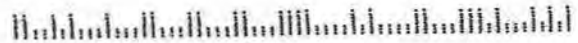
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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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."

Jan 8: Club Meeting. 7pm.

Feb 12: Club Meeting. 7pm.

Feb 24-28: SWFWDA Winter Quarterly Meeting in Las Cruces.

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- The meeting was called to order @ 1907.
- Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The **Treasurer** reported \$1892.46 in the bank.
- The **Program Chairman** stated we have decals and patches for sale. He also held the raffle.
- The **Sheriff** fined Scott \$0.50 for breaking a u-joint on the Sage Brush Flats trail.
- **SWFWDA** report:
  1. 23-24 Apr: Spring Meeting.
  2. 29-31 Jul: Summer Meeting
  3. 23-24 Jul: UFWDA Meeting.
- The **Director of Environmental Affairs** went over the GSENM alternatives.
- The **Trip Chairman** reported on past runs:
  1. Dec 20: Pecos Run.
  2. Dec 27: Rio Puerco.
  3. Jan 1: Sage Brush Flats.

- The **President** had this to say:
  1. Introduced the guests.
  2. Commented on the Memorial Day run:
    - A. Mark Wolf – Coordinator
    - B. Berry – Food.
  3. Write letters.
  4. Looking for someone to have a Reflector Run/Game Day.
  5. Working on the Scout.
- **Old Business:**
  1. Cuidando Los Ninos – Maybe in April.
- **New Business:**
  1. Voted to send \$50 to the BRC Legal Action Fund.
  2. Butch Bryarly voted in as a member.
  3. Monica voted in as Historian.
- Meeting adjourned @ 2008.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

So there goes another month. I can't seem to slow them down and get anything done. Anyway I don't have much this month except GET AS MANY LETTERS OUT THAT YOU CAN and if you can't send letters please call. I hope all of us received the different letter formats and phone numbers. I hope the NM4Wheelers have a great turnout in Las Cruces. I know I'm looking forward to going. That's all from me. See you all at the February meeting and also at Cruces.

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## TRIP REPORTS:

### Sage Brush Flat Loop Trail, by Mark Wolf

New Year's Day sounded like a good day to go four wheeling and enjoy the day rather than staying home to watch the tube. I called up several fellow four wheelers and a trip was formed. We decided to go to Santa Fe and do the Sage Brush Flat Trail that the New Mexico 4 Wheelers have adopted. Along with us we took some trash bags and found several things to put in them. The trip started at the Texaco station at NM 528 and 44 at about 9:00 AM. We got on the road at about 9:10 with 13 vehicles. Joan and I led with Tom & Andy Hurt in a 76 CJ5, Michael Conway in his 89

Wrangler and his dad Guy in his wife's 94 Cherokee, "Mongo" in his hat and 92 Wrangler, Phil & Carol Kennicott in their 98 TJ, Ed & Lynn Kausche in their 98 TJ, Ray & Cliff Davis in Ray's 93 Wrangler, Tom Flemins and three kids in his Bronco II, Chuck & Ethel May Peebles in their 97 TJ, Pat Slattery & Bonnie Bannigan in Pat's 76 CJ5, and guests Ray Warnock in his 78 CJ5 with friend Justin, and Tim MacNab and friends in his wife's Wrangler. We headed to Santa Fe and stopped at the fire station on the west side of town. We aired down our tires and then made our way around the new roads that have been put in since I last visited the place. It sure looks different, but I didn't get lost, yet! We made it to the trail head and decided to do "Tom's hill" first and then run the Sage Brush Flat trail in reverse. We wound our way through the corrals and found the trail up the hill. Everyone made it with little to no sweat. It was rumored that someone rolled a rock in everyone's way, but it made for the fun of going up the hill. We then headed for the end of Sage Brush Flat with a little bypass to an overlook to see the town of White Rock. The weather was clear so you could see a long ways. We then got on the trail with a little help from Tom Hurt. Trash pickup was going to be pretty busy today. We stopped for lunch at about 12:00 and set behind some trees to get out of the wind. We then loaded up and headed out again. In just a few short minutes, a distress call came from the rear of the lineup. It seems that a certain very well equipped Wrangler had broken on the trail. Could that be "Mongo" whom had oil leaking from his inside right front tire at lunch? Low and behold! Yes! It was none other than "Mongo" with a broken front axle U joint! Chuck and others helped him jack up the vehicle and remove the axle stub from the front. In about 15 minutes we were done with trail repairs and back on our way. The rest of the trail was run without incident and I believe everyone had a good time. We aired up our tires next to the dump and I had the fortune of seeing how well that new air compressor system worked. It worked pretty well as me and three others filled up their tires. We all parted ways about 4:00 in the afternoon. I must have hauled off about 25 lbs. of trash and several others filled up their bags as well. It was a good day to be out 4 wheeling!

### *For Sale/Wanted:*

- **Philips 486/DX2/66mhz laptop**, 820 meg hd., 24 meg ram, 1.4 meg floppy, 28.8 modem, color display, PCMCIA, 8x CDrom, new batteries, charger, \$400.00. Contact Pat Brady.



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## MEETING MINUTES:

The following guests were present at the meeting: Susan Clement; Mike Cook; Tim MacNab; Jeffrey Jacobson; Wade Hicks; Nathan Schuit; Taylor Tracy; Alex Garcia; Chuck & Sandra Bednarski.

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- The meeting was called to order @ 1910.
- Guests were introduced.
- Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
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- The Sheriff fined Brandon \$0.50 for Leaving oil in his driveway (non-Jeep oil!).
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    1. Changed jobs.
    2. Getting the Scout ready for Cruces.
  - Old Business:
    1. Raffle prize list for the Winter Quarterly is in.
  - New Business:
    1. Voted for club dash plaques.
    2. Don Miller voted in as Program Chairman.
  - Meeting adjourned @ 2000.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

WOW!!

Viva Las Cruces, the best Winter Quarterly to date. No where in the world can you have so much fun and destroy so much hardware. The NM4Wheelers were there in force and definitely donated drive train, paint and bad words to the almighty rock crawling gods. I myself was guilty but survived with far less than TWO SCRAMBLERS who's owners I will not say. Chris only had one blow-out, Mongo only broke one wheel knuckle u-joint, Rick smoked a tranny, LP smoked a t-case, and Pat needs to paint a bull's eye on that right door. The fairgrounds worked well but they needed at least four more showers per gender. The food Saturday night was outstanding, the raffle was very quick. WOW! It will be hard to beat next year. That's enough from me. See you on the trails.

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## Secretary's Report:

Sorry for the lateness of everything this last month. I was preparing for the Winter Quarterly. What a time I had! That was by far the best event I have ever been to. And I actually made it past the first day without breaking anything. I made

it to Saturday before the Pickle Barrel had me for lunch. Ended up snapping a left front axle u-joint that also took out my outer shaft. But I came ready to play. Since snapping the right side on the Jaws last November, I now carry a full set of replacement axle shafts for the front end. A quick and simple fix. 30 minutes at the most (that is with munching on W&Ws). Can't wait to get that 9" on the front.

The last club meeting had the largest turn out I can remember for the longest time. Almost 40 people showed up. Keep coming out to the meetings and supporting the club.

See everyone at the meeting.

Mongo

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Contact: Rem Hawes 505 466-0936 (Santa Fe)

email: [tina@roadrunner.com](mailto:tina@roadrunner.com)

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Both setup for a spring-over. \$1050.00 OBO. Contact Ray Davis.

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

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### Meetings for the summer:

May 22: Mark Harrison

June 12: Don Miller

July 10: Jim Werkmeister

August 7: Bear & Deb Harrison

Sept 18: Mark & Joan Wolf

X-Mas Party on Dec 11: Mark & Debbie Werkmeister

## MEETING MINUTES:

The following guests were present at the meeting: Tim & Sarah MacNab; Jeffrey Jacobson; Ron Smith; Tommy Piddy; Nathan & Calla Cox; Jody Wolfe; Steve Morrison; Scott Giles; Fred Kauz; Karen Goniea; Wesley Peyton.

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- The meeting was called to order @ 1907.
- Guests were introduced.
- Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The Treasurer reported \$1772.22 in the bank.

- The Program Chairman told us to buy raffle tickets.
- The Sheriff dished out the following fines for the Winter Quarterly:
  1. Jack Sierra \$0.25 for losing half of his paint on Patzcuarro's Revenge.
  2. Rick Sierra \$0.25 for smoking his tranny.
  3. Too Long \$0.25 for doing a number on his front end. U-joint and ball joints included.
  4. Mongo \$0.50 for having too much droop on the front end/having too short of front driveshaft, plus a u-joint on the Pickle Barrel.
  5. Tom Hurt \$0.25 of my fine for making my front driveshaft too short.
  6. Sheriff Bully: This was the first time I have ever seen breakage evidence caught on tape. Not realizing he was caught red-handed totally destroying his Dana 300, the aforementioned Sheriff did not include himself in the dishing out of the fines. Bad Sheriff Bully. The total fine was \$0.75 for making loud and scary noises, oil leakage and leaving scrap metal in the form of Dana 300 parts.
- SWFWDA delegate informed us that the SWFWDA will be turning in a proposal to host the UFWDA meeting in 2001.
- The Historian didn't bring any scrapbooks.
- The Trip Chairman reported on future runs:
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- Old Business:
  1. Dash plaques are in. \$5.00 each. Don Miller has them.
- New Business:
  1. Cibola Search and Rescue wants us to train them. Aug 14.
  2. New Mexico State Search and Rescue. May 22 in Socorro.

■ Meeting adjourned @ 2004.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello again from the Harrison family,

I hope the last month has been good to everyone. It has to us. How about all that snow and the recent rains? I hope all of that weather keeps the forestry department from closing the Jemez. They will probably just give fire restrictions. Hopefully this won't effect the club's upcoming Memorial Day run. Mark Wolf will need some help because he will have to go to Arizona the Friday before and won't be able to get back in time. So at the next meeting, ask Mark if you can help. By the way, thanks Mark. The alternate run you did was a lot of fun! That's all from me, since I can't think of anything else intelligent to say except I will see you all at the next meeting.

### Secretary's Report:

The club's web page will be updated with this newsletter. Sorry for the delay in that. I have been busy catching up on my Off-Road.com pages. For those who don't know, I am the Clubs and Associations Section Editor. It's a thankless job, but someone had to take it over.

With summer and warm weather approaching, we need to get more trails on the schedule. It is pretty light right now. Just plan on leading one run this summer. A nice scenic trek is all that it has to be. Something local. But if you the itch to make it a weekend trip, go for it. Lead a trail and people will show up. Our club is growing and more people are showing interest. Let's show them a good time.

See you at the meeting.

Mongo

### Trip Report:

**1999 Chile Challenge/SWFWDA Winter Quarterly**, By Mark Werkmeister  
Photos by Mark Werkmeister and Scott (MONGO) Brunwasser

#### Day 1 - Off Broadway

The 1999 version of the Chile Challenge/SWFWDA Winter Quarterly was held on February 24-28 outside of Las Cruces, New Mexico. The event headquarters this year was in a new location as the event's steady growth had made the previous location a bit too cramped. The new locale was the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds along I-10 about 10 miles west of Las Cruces. What an improvement! In addition to nearly unlimited camping space, the new location featured restrooms (including showers), large buildings to hold the meeting, meal, and annual raffle indoors, dozens of staging lanes for getting the large volume of people out of camp on time in the morning, and great access to the trails.



*The Off Broadway trail is typical of "Hard" rated 'Cruces 'wheeling...lots of rocks and boulders that want a little of your paint.*

Oh, yes, the trails! That is, after all, what brought the record 331 vehicles to this rock crawling mecca under absolutely superlative blue New Mexican skies. In addition to the area's "old favorites" and the plethora of additional trails added last year, the Las Cruces Four Wheel Drive Club had added several new trails this year in a variety of "flavors". I was lucky enough to drive two of them, Off Broadway, rated "Hard" and the much-anticipated Rocotillo Rapids, rated "Extreme."



*Watch that paint! Actually, Too Long is past the point of caring too much about the paint.*

Wednesday morning found us lining up behind Trail Leader and Event Coordinator Paul Tomicek for the Off Broadway trail. Broad Canyon is one of the long-established trails in the area and, to my mind, the Off Broadway moniker implied a connection. Sure enough, Off Broadway took us to the extreme upper end of Broad Canyon where it curls around the base of the Bell Top Mountain.





*Mongo (aka Scott Brunwasser) horses his Wrangler up a difficult climb on Off Broadway.*

Off Broadway's trail head is less than a mile off the pavement but it immediately drops into a small and exceedingly rocky wash and starts working its way upstream. The canyon is smaller than those in the Chile Canyon trail system to the east. The rocks are smaller, too, but not much. Like the original Broad Canyon trail downstream, the boulders along Off Broadway are rounder and not so likely to slash a sidewall as some of the other canyons. The convoy still lost a number of tires in addition to an assortment of broken steering components, re-curved rocker panels, and crumpled corners. The trail is only about a mile long but it had taken the better part of six hours by the time the tail end of the group emerged from the canyon. A mile in six hours? Yep, just a good warm-up for the more extreme 'wheeling to come later in the week!

#### **Day 2 - Tabasco (T-Case) Twister**

On Thursday morning, we lined up for Tobasco Twister. We had run this "Extreme"-rated canyon last year and wanted another helping of its boulder fields, big ledges, and other assorted sheet metal threatening fun. Ray Torres ed us in his highly modified "sorta" flat fender featuring such 'Cruces common features as a four link coil rear, TSL Beggars, and bead locks. Since this year's main camp was twenty miles south of the original location, we entered the Tobasco trail's Apache canyon from the south rather than the east. This made for a more interesting and seemingly shorter drive to the "trailhead". Everything went smoothly until we reached the first big ledge in the canyon. The approach to this imposing six foot high diagonal ledge seemed a bit more dug out than last year. We all eyeballed the newly installed winch point in the bedrock above the ledge. Leader Ray worked his way back and forth along the ledge until he found the right line and then popped up. No problem, we had been here before! Or so we thought. In spite of last year's success and many different lines tried by the multitude of vehicles, not a single other vehicle made it

up that first ledge without assistance from the strap! The barrier managed to snag every single vehicle's undercarriage during the break-over at the top. Unreal!



*Pat Brady and his "Pig" root around on the first big obstacle on the Tabasco Twister trail. In spite of many of our party successfully scaling the ledge last year, only Trail Leader Ray Torres was successful this particular day.*

Oh well. The very next ledge beyond this stubborn behemoth has an optional climb up a broken shelf to the right. LP How in his "Nuclear Pickle" CJ7 made the first attempt behind the trail leader. Partway up, the Jeep paused, slipped backwards, and then made that particular metallic snap and lurch that spells drive line trouble. We pulled him off the hill and commenced the search for shattered metal. Left front hub blown! We quickly replaced it and LP tried to move the Jeep. No luck. No rear wheel drive at all. Uh-Oh! We dropped the cross-member, drained the t-case into a jug, and popped open the inspection cover. Instant long day! The rear output gear had died a horrible death and the front output gear was missing teeth. Pat Brady in his white "Pig" Bronco and I in "Too Long" undertook the unenviable job of towing LP out of Tobasco Twister. Did I bother to mention that his unfortunate break was several long miles, two gargantuan ledges, and a host of other rock crawling travails from the end of the trail? We hitched the tow vehicles together locomotive style, cut the rest of the group loose to continue the trail, and slowly started the long crawl out.



*Kevin Cutler in "Razbry" tries without success to climb the first ledge. The sharp break-over at the top snagged spring hangers, diffs, t-cases, and everything else on the underside of the vehicles.*

The second big ledge of the day, called The Abyss, was the only time that we were forced to unhook from the "Pickle". Pat and I both disconnected the tow straps and crawled up the sheer rock face (out of the rest of the caravan, only the trail leader had scaled it without a strap). Once on top, I double-lined my 9000# winch to LP and promptly stalled it out. Hey! This ledge is big and steep. Finally, with Pat perched at the very edge of the ledge and winching straight up to lift the front of the dead CJ7, I was able to drag LP over the top of the ledge. The rest of the afternoon and into the evening hours was a blur of slow, steady slogging up a canyon filled with boulders, ledges, and narrow squeezes. Other than one broken valve stem (it is difficult to steer with a vehicle hitched to you both front and rear), we paused only briefly to reconfigure the tow strap length in a few places. A mere seven and a half hours later, we pulled into camp. Tobacco Twister had proven to be a good warm-up for the much anticipated (and slightly dreaded) Rocotillo Rapids for tomorrow.

### Day 3 - Rocotillo Rapids

Friday. Rocotillo Rapids. A 7:45 am start. We had walked the Rapids during a trip up Patzcuarro's Revenge a few weeks earlier and wondered if a vehicle could really traverse the canyon. Our skepticism was well founded or so it would seem. No one managed to drive the trail from one end to the other without a winch assist or a breakdown yet!!! Rocotillo Rapids is part of the famous Chile Canyon trail system and branches off the beginning of Patzcuarro's Revenge to climb out a narrow side canyon. What a trip! I will let the photos do most of the trail description but let it suffice to say that it is every bit as difficult a trail as I have been had the (dubious) pleasure of driving.

The truly puckering features on this trail are three big waterfalls. A few people had driven successfully up the incredibly sheer 1st waterfall, only one had ever driven up the 2nd (and he broke an axle on the exit at the top), and the

3rd was waiting to catch the unwary. The trail leader (Ray Torres again) and Kevin Cutler were the only ones in our well-equipped group to climb the 1st waterfall. Everyone else needed to take a winch cable or a strap. On to the seat-swallowing 2nd, and much larger climb. Ray made a somewhat half-hearted attempt but he knew from previous experience that the cable would have to be employed. Each of us, in turn, drove up as far as our tires and courage would take us and then attached our winches (this is a winch only run) to the conveniently placed winch point. After shaking our heads in disbelief one final time, we headed for the 3rd and final major obstacle on the trail. Our trail leader assured us that this waterfall was climbable and then proceeded to prove it by scooting right up. The two vehicles in front of me managed to climb it also but struggled a whole lot more than Ray's light-weight ride.



*One vehicle climbed this waterfall all week, only to break an axle trying to make the exit at the top. Pat's Bronco shows its new articulation as he tries to exit after winching up the face.*

Finally it was my turn. Up, going up, going up, and then "crunch". Snagged on that confounded rear pumpkin again! "Try to horse it to the left", my spotter called. I tried walking the Jeep to the left. KAAA-PING! Whoa! I had heard that noise enough times on other vehicles to know what it meant. Sure enough, the short side front axle had just been toasted. Drop it into 2WD and take the cable! Whoops! Dropping it into 4Hi inadvertently had just separated the right side knuckle when the broken yoke contacted the knuckle. Broken front axle, separated ball joint, dusk rapidly approaching, and I am stuck halfway up a waterfall in the middle of a narrow trail with no way around me. Time to take up stamp collecting?

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*Kevin Cutler managed to climb the first waterfall, one of only a handful to ever successfully scale it*

Luckily, some of the folks I run with are among the best trail repair specialists around and I was once again mobile (in 2WD this time) in about 45 minutes. I gladly took the emergency exit that cut off the last hour of the trail, happy that no one had to tow me for hours and hours.

Rocotillo Rapids is great! Just make sure you have a winch, a strong will, and an even stronger vehicle. Once again, the hard and extreme trails around Las Cruces had satiated my desire for rock crawling mayhem and provided more than enough challenge to keep me smiling at my desk for weeks!

**For Sale/Wanted:**

- **For Sale: (3) 33X12.50 Dunlop Mud Rovers.** Good for spares. Good tread left. A "little" rock rash on the sidewalls. No holes or patches. \$20 a tire. \$50 for all 3. Contact Mongo. 896-4244
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi, everybody. It has been a very busy two weeks. The club meeting at Mark Harrison's (thanks Mark) and, of

course, the Treasure Hunt in the Jemez. Once again, thanks Mark Wolf. It was a great success this year. Next year maybe I will guess the right amount of meat to bring. Anyway, it was alot of fun. I won't be at the next meeting because I have an Air show in Clovis I have to go to and won't return till Sunday. There are some things to be discussed at this meeting such as nominations for next years officers. I would like to propose a new officer position. This would be New Mexico Environment Agent. This person will be responsible for keeping the club abreast of any type of problems the greenies, BLM, Forestry Department, or any other VW bus driving tree hugger types. Most important though, is figuring a fine for Sheriff Bully. As you all know Sheriff Bully showed up at the camp site on two wheels and in span-dex. For shame! I will let the club members issue this fine.

That's enough from me so I will see you on the trails.

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Don & Karen Miller's  
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892-3925 891-4167 djm@thuntek.net

Notes: (1) There is a pool (12x22 above ground, 3.5 to 5.5 ft deep) for those who want to use it. Kids welcome if you watch them. (2) It's Don's birthday but don't think it necessary to bring a gift. Just bring yourselves, food, utensils, a chair and have fun.

**Directions:**

**If coming from Albuquerque,** head to Rio Rancho.

Go up the hill on Highway 528 north (aka Rio Rancho Blvd.).

At the corner of Hwy. 528 and Sara Road turn left onto Sara. Follow Sara to Southern Blvd. (traffic light at intersection) Cross Southern. Note that Sara changes name to Country Club Drive.

Turn left onto Broadmoor.

Follow Broadmoor until Pinewood appears on left. Turn left.

**If coming from the north,** i.e. River's Edge, Santa Fe...

get on Highway 528 south, go through the Industrial Park area, up a hill

At High Resort Blvd. (Presbyterian Health Center / Dion's Pizza) turn right.

Follow High Resort to Broadmoor (traffic light at intersection)

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- Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The Treasurer reported \$1600.81 in the bank.
- The Program Chairman held the raffle. Also, club dash plaques are now for sale.
- 1. The Sheriff, out of character, had no report.
- SWFWDA delegate informed us that the SWFWDA will be holding nominations for officers during the Spring meeting. Elections will be held during the Summer meeting.
- The Historian brought some scrapbooks.
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- The Land Use Officer said that the Fight Back forum in Moab was a success.
- Old Business:
  1. CLN is cancelled.
  2. Cibola Search and Rescue wants us to train them. Aug 14. Will be held at Cedro Peak.
  3. Wolfie needs help with the Treasure Hunt.
- New Business:
  1. Oct 2-3: Elephant Butte. Tom Flemins leading.
- Meeting adjourned @ 2004.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi fellow 4wheelers,

The last month wasn't very busy. We had our semi-annual trash pick-up which I will step up on my soap box a little later. Charlie led a trail this past Sunday the 25th which also was a trail clearing, and I sincerely hope there was a better turnout than the trash pick-up. Mark Werkmeister and I went to the SW4WD Spring Quarterly which was held at the Little Sahara State Park in Oklahoma. Boy was the weather really lousy! Mark and I arrived Friday the 23rd knowing that pitching our tents would be the wrong thing to do, so we were weak and got a room in a semi near by town so we could warm up and sleep. Did I mention it was 42 degrees with a Northern California type wet fog and a wind chill of 20 degrees. This event had all the makings of a great weekend playing in the sun and sand. I hope the Frontier 4 Wheelers try hosting this again in the future I will go again.

Now back to the trash pick-up. I was very upset at the club in general only because the participation of club members is at its lowest for non trail functions. Folks, the club does other things in the community other than trail runs. We had twelve people at the trash pick-up and they were the same people who did it the last time and the time before that. I understand if you had to work or had a prior engagement but, hey, we all knew at least 1 month before we were going to do it. So with that being said I don't want to here anyone complain about not doing any easy runs or camp outs until we can get more club participation in the community functions.

Sorry if I was blunt but that's the way it is. On the brighter side of things I hope to see alot of you all at Mark Harrison's on Saturday the 22nd of May and remember to bring a plate of one of your favorite dishes you enjoy at

home. That's enough jabbering from me. See You On The Trails.

"BEAR"

### Treasure Hunt Info:

NM4W Members and Guests:

The annual Memorial Day Treasure Hunt is alive and well! We will be having a true Treasure Hunt this year, along with a golf game and reflector run. The event will begin Friday evening May 28th and end on Monday May 31st. There will be a surprise contest announced at the event. A \$20 donation per family is requested to cover the prizes and the meat for the potluck dinners. We ask that all participants bring a dish to share at the dinners for Saturday and Sunday evenings. Please mail your checks to me payable to NM4W or pay at the May 22nd club meeting. My address is at the bottom of this letter.

We have trail runs lined up to please everyone from bone stock to modified vehicles. (OK! Maybe not those carefree body smasher types!) The Treasure Hunt is easily done in a stock vehicle, as long as the four wheel drive system works.

We will be camping on Forest Service land near Porter Landing in the Jemez District of the Santa Fe National Forest. Our favorite spot is about 1 mile west of the intersection of FR 534 and FR 376 on FR 534. This intersection is located about 11 miles west of NM Hwy 4 north of Jemez Pueblo. Turn left onto NM 485 about a mile north of Cañon. Stay on 485 as it turns into FR 376 immediately west of the infamous tunnels. Please be advised this is primitive camping. There are no facilities available, so come prepared. Yes! Motorhomes can get into this campsite.

Expect dust! The forest is dry and we run a chance of forest closure the week of May 23rd. Please help me listen for the closure announcements that week. If the forest is closed, we will have to reschedule. This will be a great event and a lot of fun! Remember, save the alcohol for camp, you don't want to run out!

For more information, please call me between the hours of 6-9 PM weekdays or anytime on the weekends. Hope to see you there!

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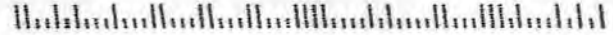
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- The Historian was a no show, again.
- **New Business:**
  1. July is the time for voting of new Officers. The following people are running:
    - a) Prez = Bear
    - b) Vice Prez = Jim (Capt. Spandex) Werkmeister
    - c) Treasurer = Tom Hurt
    - d) Trip Chairman = Don Miller
    - e) Secretary = Miche Bove'

**The rest of the positions still need people to run for them.**

2. Scott Giles was voted in as a member.
3. Drive Train Southwest has moved. Get with Tom Hurt for the new address.
4. Run to Pajarito Peak, Sept. 19. Charlie Wilson leading. Meet at the Texaco on 528 & 44 at 9am.

- Meeting adjourned @ 1900.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None. His hard drive crashed. (That's his story and he's sticking to it!)

## TRIP REPORTS:

### Treasure Hunt, by Tom Hurt

Ten vehicles got in line at 10 AM to go wheelin'. The trail we had picked out was the Hill & Dale trail, a moderate to hard trail depending upon your driving skills. It took about 45 minutes to get to the trail head where everyone aired their tires down and locked their hubs. Going down the hill, one of the erosion control berms had a big rock on the right edge of it. Everyone but Rick and Jason made it without incident. Jason hit his rear bumper, but no damage. Rick wanted to play on the rock to check out his suspension for a photo opportunity. His spotter (Dad) guided him onto the rock, but a driving error caused him to slip off the rock and bend his tie rod. It appeared the spotter was used to narrower Jeeps! They quickly straightened the tie rod as best they could and we were on our way. We didn't get very far before a berm caught Jason on his transfer case cross member. Once Ed and Lynn pulled him over, we went a little farther and stopped for a half hour lunch. We didn't get as far as I would have liked, but it was time to eat! Driving again we quickly reached the creek. I stepped out to check the depth and determine which way to go. We only went about another 25 yards when we discovered two trees were blocking our way. I tried to break the first tree with a strap to no avail. However, one small piece did break and that was enough to get it to roll out of the way.

I left the chainsaw at camp so I had to cut the tree the hard way, with an axe. The next tree wasn't too bad-we just broke off the branches and drove by. This part of the creek is like a jungle: no wind and lots of humidity. Three of us were through when we heard on the CB that Rick had bent his drag link again, this time pretty bad. He had only made it to the first creek crossing. He must have put it into a bind. Of course, the breakdown happened in the middle of the water. Now the question was how to fix it so it wouldn't bend again. Someone came up with an idea to use the Hi-Lift jack handle, cut it to the right length, then slip it over the long part of the drag link. Once they did that, they

bolted it back up and we were on our way. Everyone else made it through without any problems.

The next difficult spot on the trail was a washout. You have to make a three-point turn to get between two trees. There were two exceptions to the three-point turn-Jason and Rick. Jason's truck was too long and Rick's Jeep couldn't turn sharp to the left because of the damage done in the creek. They finally worked their way through with much back and forth turning. Everyone else made it with the help of spotters. We crossed the creek one last time and took a break before heading up the long hill.

This hill is not extreme but it has some hard spots. You climb about 1,200 ft. in one mile. This hill can be hard on the cooling system so it's best done in cooler weather. Debbie had a little trouble in one of the hard spots, but Bonnie had the tow strap ready if a tug was needed. After a second try, Debbie made it through the hard spot. The rest was easy-going with lots of nice scenery.

When we arrived at Snowman Junction we got a radio call from Porkchop saying that dinner was ready. Hearing about food made everyone pick up the pace. We arrived back at camp ready to eat. I think everyone had a good time. Please give me some feedback on this run as to how I could make it better the next time. Thanks for going!

Tom Hurt

People attending the run were from front to back: Tom Hurt: "76 CJ-5, Ed & Lyn Kausche: "97 TJ, Jason & Hiromi Martinez: "85 Toyota pickup, Paul & Mary Thompson: "89 YJ, Jack Sierra with daughter Rose, granddaughter Gabrielle and grandson Angelo: "77 CJ-5, Rick Sierra with girlfriend Barbara, her son Joshua and Stella Jacks wife: "76 CJ-7 (what was Rick doing with Stella Jacks wife and a girlfriend???, Ed.), Mike Arnette with wife Dianna and daughter Amanda: "94 YJ, Bonnie Bannigan with Pat Slattery: "95 YJ, Debbie Wylie:"81 CJ-7, and last but not least Ken Bannigan: "89 YJ. Ken and Debbie drove all the way from Artesia, New Mexico.

### **1999 NM4W ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT, by Mark Wolf**

The 1999 Memorial Day Treasure Hunt was a great success! We had 19 vehicles and a bunch of people. I appreciate everybody's participation. For those who missed out, this was one of the best we've had in a long time. I'm not just saying that because I Chaired it, but because everybody had fun and some first timers vowed to return next year. I want to express a special thanks to some of our major sponsors: Snap-On Tools, Desert Rat Off Road Center, and Southwest 4X4 Center. Their contributions were appreciated. Please tell them of your gratitude when you visit their place of business.

I had a lot of help and I want to express my appreciation for them and their efforts. Mark Harrison set up a great reflector run. He used a trail that no one could camp along and complain about being kept awake. He also had a good puzzle to work out that was tough, but not too tough!

Congratulations to Andy & Amanda Schultze for *figuring* it out first! Berry Harrison, our illustrious President, did another fine job of cooking the meat. I'm sure glad he's from the Midwest! He's good at what he does and there were no complaints. He even sacrificed all of his time to cooking and was not able to participate in the Treasure Hunt. Thanks Deborah for keeping him company! Tom Hurt led the medium/hard four wheeling trail and had 10 vehicles! I heard a lot of good comments about this run. Charlie & Joel Wilson are to be commended for finding the trail. Carol & Phil Kennicott set up an excellent 5 hole golf course. They had 9 vehicles and a bunch of people. There was so many people that all decided to only play 3 holes. We discovered something while paying though. Barbara doesn't like this sport at all!! I guess I don't blame her. Golfing is not for me either. And last, but surely not least, Ethel May and Chuck Peeples helped by donating hand made gifts, assisting lost people on the trail, and scouting the trail in the beginning.

We decided to hide small 4X4 trucks/Jeeps for the Treasure Hunt and people had to find them via a sheet of clues they were given at camp. There were some lost people, but a few recognized the destination and promptly went to the Treasure hide-out. To their surprise they still had to find the proverbial "needle-in-a-hay-stack". Those small trucks were not that easy to find. Charlie never did find his and we decided to trade his lucky number for #18. At the end of the day, after dinner, we had a random drawing for prizes and treasure numbers. All who came to the event won a prize. Our top prize was a WARN snatch block. It went to Charlie, so he forgot about not being able to find his treasure. Sometimes settling for a substitute has its rewards.

I also want to thank our members and guests for attending. Without their special contributions to the nightly potluck dinners, we wouldn't have had as much good food. Thanks to everyone for their support.

We also had a very special contest that generated a lot of competition. The purpose was to pickup trash from the roads/trails. The prize was a special picnic basket (full of goodies) for the person(s) picking up the most volume of trash. Well, Bonnie Bannigan and Pat Slattery were the successful winners. Bonnie really got into it and picked up a lot of trash (especially with Pat getting out of the vehicle a bunch of times!). I had a trailer full on the way home (Thanks to Mike Arnett for helping me carry some of it home and disposing of it.) A couple of honorable mentions are in order. Kyle Harrison (our President's son) rode with me on the way to the treasure ground and he made me stop regularly both coming and going. He did a great job and won second place. Romi and Jason Martinez were also "into it." They had a Jeep full and were a close second to Kyle. The group collected about 350 lbs of trash. Three big bags of aluminum cans, about 80 lbs of recyclable glass, and the rest an assortment of metal, plastics and an old tire. I really appreciate all of those who participated, especially those that helped me sort the trash at the end of the event. Thanks!

We were lucky with the weather this year. Even though the threat of a forest closure loomed until Wednesday of the

week before Memorial Day weekend, it went on without a hitch. Hopefully, the year 2000 Treasure Hunt will be a bigger success!

### **Rio Puerco Run, by Don Miller**

On Sunday, June 6, the New Mexico 4-Wheelers' members were outnumbered by the number of guests attending the Rio Puerco Escarpment run. Don Miller led the group in his backup 4x4, his old 99.44% stock Bronco II. The CJ5 was in his garage with the rear axle housing removed and awaiting a new pinion bearing. New Mexico 4-Wheelers members included Jack and Stella Sierra in their '77 CJ5, Richard Sierra in his '76 CJ7 with passenger Barbara Segura, Butch and Anne Bryarly in their '97 TJ, and Paul Thompson in his '90 YJ with passenger Terry Cailoway. Charlie and Joel Wilson ran the tail gunner position in Charlie's '79 CJ7. The guests included Jim and Lori McCarty ('97 TJ), Mike Arnett ('95 YJ), Bud and Rita Hoffman ('93 TJ), Michael Cooke ('77 CJ7), Angi Romo (brand new stock '99 TJ), LeRoy Baldonado Jr. ('93 YJ), and Mark Method ('77 Blazer). Charlie and Joel ran the tail gunner position.

Don led the assembled 4 wheelers westward from the Firestone Store parking lot at 9:15 AM. Less than a half-hour later all were at the foot of the dunes west of Rio Rancho, aired down and ready to go. Wondering how the skinny tires on his Bronco II were going to fare in front of the fat tired Jeeps led Don to air down to a sidewall squishing 13 lbs., not much air for an LT235x15.

(Note: Place names used herein are those assigned by the author/trip leader as maps of the area have few named features. Windmill Hill is the only commonly agreed upon named landmark and it is not marked as such on any map the author has seen.)

Wishing to leave the high pitched sounds of the omnipresent dirt bikes in the front range of dunes, Don took one of the easy routes up and through to the beginning of the interesting terrain, The Neck. Many of the entourage took the optional steeper, rockier bypass. Being locker-less, Don simply pointed to it and continued on the normal route. Some of the guests had little or no off highway experience so time was taken to guide everyone safely to the top of the Pinnacle. The descent into the first arroyo, named Toyota Gulch for the wrecked Toyota pickup that resides at the upper end, was undertaken next. The plunge down the BobSled Run was as steep and loose as ever, with the rock shelf about midway down ready to give the unsuspecting a jolt. Heading through the arroyo in a generally westerly direction we made good time. Surprise Ridge lived up to its name; the ground just doesn't seem to extend beyond your front wheels as you nose over the top. The slight detour up, with a sharp right, then a sharp left and down again at Middle Drop caused some tire spinning and air grabbing and second attempts by some, but all made it up and over.

Soon Windmill Hill was in sight. However, before reaching its base another detour was taken with the crew driving off another edge into an arroyo. Don took the easy route up the southeast face of Windmill Hill while most of

the pack successfully scaled the loose sandy eastern slope. The east summit was chosen as the spot for a lunch break.

Forty minutes later Windmill Hill was left behind and the retinue followed Don into a small arroyo to the north. The arroyo bottom was traced for a mile or so before diverting north on an intersecting two-track trail. Further north another small arroyo was entered and a side trip taken a short distance up it to the east. Here, a steep rocky ascent lured several of our adventurers up a high promontory. The view was spectacular. Due to the small area at the top no more than 5 vehicles ascended at a time. The route down the arroyo was retraced to the cross-country two track and the bumpy route followed farther north to the mouth of Tom's Gully.

While Don walked the proposed route up Tom's Gully to check for any damage from the recent rains, several of the intrepid voyagers threw themselves and their vehicles at The Toe. This large rounded white rock formation simply screams "climb me." The rock surface is perpetually covered with fine dust and is somewhat slippery. Assorted Jeeps and the lone visiting Blazer made successful, although tippy looking traverses.

Tom's Gully is named for our very own Tom Flemins. There are a couple of routes. One follows the bottom and is possibly the more fun route. However the recent rains had washed it out to where Don didn't want to press the Bronco II through. The other, more used, route up Tom's Gully winds and twists, is off-camber in several spots, including two tight off-camber turns. Don decided that the baby Bronco was up to that challenge and then made it look easy with only some slight difficulty with tire slippage near the top. But he never stopped moving forward once he committed himself. The majority of the group followed with some taking one of the alternate routes up. Those who chose not to drive the route followed the bypass around the western point.

A halt was made up Old Mine Basin, so named for the remains of an old mine site. While some poked around in the dirt and rock at the tailing pile looking for selenite, others explored the surrounding rocky slopes on foot. Selenite is similar to mica, however the layers are thicker. The samples here are very small, having been well picked over. Don indicated the descent path for an optional route that could have been taken from the upper reaches of Tom's Gully along South Mine Ridge and then into Old Mine Basin opposite the old mine. In the past there had been a large step, that usually meant a hard landing on the rear bumper of even the short overhang of a CJ. Don was reluctant to batter the Bronco II and so opted for the smoother, albeit less exciting route. Unknown to Don, since the last time he had been up there someone had piled a large number of rocks in place to make the descent easier. He's not certain that was a really good idea as it may let in more "riff-raff."

Heading north once again we crawled over the Steeple Hills and then along the top of North Black Ridge. The well defined, but narrow hogback trail leads to a wide east-west running arroyo, on some maps named One Arroyo. Turning

east and traveling the sandy bottom led the assembled crew back up through the dunes and then back to the starting point at approximately 3:30 PM.

Don Miller

## **If You Don't Come To Crawl, Don't Come At All!**

### **2nd Annual Montrose, Colorado Memorial Day Madness**

#### **Cactus Ridge and Die Trying 4x4 Trails**

By Mark Werkmeister  
(lifted from 4X4NOW.com  
<http://www.4x4now.com/trcomm.htm>)

"If you don't come to crawl, don't come at all!"

With these words emblazoned on the event T-shirts, the hosting Western Slope 4-Wheelers left little doubt as to the purpose of their annual event. This event is by hard-core rock crawlers for hard-core rock crawlers. Period. The idea is a simple one. Put together a series of trails that appeal to the four-wheel drive enthusiast who is more concerned about testing their skills against rock than they are about the cosmetic appearance of their vehicles. Send invitations out to a dedicated group of rock crawling fanatics. Host the event in a great town that is very interested in appealing to four wheelers, and you have the Montrose Memorial Day Madness!

Montrose, Colorado is on the western slope of the Rockies, located at the junction of Highways 550 and 50. Montrose is in the heart of Colorado's mountain country with the incredible San Juans providing spectacular views to the south and the Elk Mountains visible just to the north. In spite of the towering mountains, it is the lower and much drier canyons cut into the mesas just west of town that are the focus of the Madness. In this rocky canyon country, the Western Slope 4-Wheelers have scouted, routed, and driven four trails that are sure to appeal to "big dog" rock crawlers far and wide. Four trails, all rated "extreme", offering as much challenge as any trail system in the western U.S. (and yes, I have done everything in Johnson Valley).

We attended the 2nd incarnation of this event with our expectations high. With the attendance limited to only 50 guest vehicles, the list of attendees read suspiciously similar to that of recent rock crawling championships. Trail assignments on Saturday were pre-assigned by the hosting club with trail choices on Sunday and Monday left to the discretion of the participants. We were assigned the Cactus Ridge trail for the Saturday session.

Cactus Ridge is a trail just the way I like them: Narrow, tight, twisty, and absolutely infested with rocks. We were in a group of about twenty vehicles and 35s, a pair of lockers, and a smattering of sheet metal scars seemed to be the norm for the vehicles in our convoy. The highlight of the day was the final dry waterfall. Protected by a very steep and rocky

approach, the five-foot tall double ledge was enough to stop quite a few of the vehicles unless a winch or strap was employed.

When we got back to camp in the late afternoon, the tales of horror from the newest trail were sweeping through the campground. The trail is called Die Trying and it seems like a large number of driveline components had done exactly that. Accounts of numerous axles and even a couple of knuckles fragmenting abounded and word around the registration table was that about half of the twenty-some vehicles were still on the first 200 yards of the mile and a half long trail. By the following morning, the carnage was clear. Out of the twenty-two vehicles on Die Trying, six axles and two knuckles had succumbed to the rocks and the final vehicle rolled into camp at 10:00 p.m. after fifteen hours on the trail.

The BIG question was: Do we attempt Die Trying on Sunday or head for one of the lesser, but still extreme trails? The t-shirts and the eyewitness accounts of the trail made the choice for us. We came to crawl! We headed out at 7:00 am with a dozen vehicles. Less than an hour later, we were locked in, aired down, and up to our doors in rocks. Die Trying is Extreme!

The comment we heard over and over the previous evening, usually quite breathlessly, was "hardest trail I have ever done." "Hardest" is quite a subjective term depending on personal experience, weather, the particular vehicle you drive, the group you are with, and even the presence of the driving gremlins we all get once in a while. Is Die Trying the hardest trail that I have ever done? I'm not sure, but in my experience, I can't think of any more difficult. How to describe it? Take all of the tight, rocky horrors and ledges of Las Cruces' extreme trails (Patzcuarro's Revenge, Tobasco Twister, and Rocotillo Rapids) and cram them into one trail. Then make it as steep and as slick as Jackhammer in Johnson Valley. Okay, that comes close.

The first two hundred yard of the trail are especially tough. A quick examination shows why so many axles bite the dust in this "welcome" section. The size and arrangement of the rocks ensures that vehicles carve numerous arcs up and across hood-high rocks while trying to maneuver back and forth to make the tight turns. The low side axles are under tremendous stress and some just don't make it. A front Dana 44 long side, rear ARB, two vehicles, and five hours were on the dead list by the time we got clear of the killer initial stretch. The middle of the trail is "easier" or we at least we made considerably more measurable progress on it. Most of the sheet metal damage occurred here, as there are numerous tight turns and off-camber sections to force the corners into the ever-hungry rocks.

It was very late in the afternoon by the time we reached the final climb up and out of the canyon. The exit is, without a doubt, the most difficult section of Die Trying. The route is up a steep, rock-filled side canyon. About halfway out, a large tree has fallen, blocking the canyon. This obstacle necessitates a many-point left turn on a steep rocky slope, a climb up a near vertical rock slab, and then an exit over the trunk. Executed properly, the vehicle neatly pirouettes to the



right at the top of the slab and is deposited facing the next obstacle. Executed incorrectly... If you don't have the right line or wheelbase on the slab, it is winch time! Even after scaling the tree, there is a dry waterfall that requires a winch more often than not, followed by the final several hundred yards of steep, powdery dirt with innumerable basketball sized rocks hidden in the dust for added interest.

The sun was setting as we finally topped out on top of the ridge but we had done it! Our day on Die Trying will provide a new baseline with which to compare other trails. Of course that comparison will inevitably lead to questions about whether the trail is really as difficult as we remember it to be. The only solution to that is to hit the Montrose Memorial Day Madness again next year and challenge the new "king" of the challenge trails once again! After all, we came to crawl.

**DIRECTIONS TO JIM WERKMEISTER'S HOUSE:**



1620 Parsifal NE  
299-5771

**FOR SALE/WANTED:**

- **For Sale:** JKS Quick Swaybar Disconnect, 10.5" long, for YJ with 3.5" lift, \$45 Garry Brown 298-1303.
  - **For Sale:** 31X10.50X15 Wrangler tires. (2) fair tread, (2) worn. For sale free! Tom Flemins 891-2998.
  - **For Sale:** 1984 Jeep Cherokee, 4" lift, tube rear bumper, BFG AT tires and alloy rims. 4.56 ring and pinions, lock right locker in rear, new Centerforce clutch, 160k miles, 2.8l V-6, 5spd tranny, \$2600 OBO, call Jeremy Martinez @ 880-0864.
  - **Philips 486/DX2/66mhz laptop,** 820 meg hd., 24 meg ram, 1.4 meg floppy, 28.8 modem, color display, PCMCIA, 8x CDrom, new batteries, charger, \$400.00. Contact Pat Brady.
  - **For Sale:**
    1. MasterRac under rear seat tool box for \$100.
    2. 5 - 33x12.50 BF Goodrich Mud Terrain / Sniped. 4 used, 1 new. \$250. Contact Guy Conway. 344-6096(w) 294-1875(h)
  - **For Sale:**
    1. 4 factory Jeep five-spoke aluminum wheels & tires: \$59, 7-inch, 5 on 4.5 pattern, 5-inch backset, 4 BFGoodrich radial AT P235 75R/15 tires (2 tires excellent; 2 passable)
    2. 4 white 8-spoke steel wheels & tires: \$29, 7-inch, 5 on 5.5 pattern, 4 31x10.50R-15 Uniroyal Laredo radial AT tires
- Contact: Rem Hawes 505 466-0936 (Santa Fe)  
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- **94 Oak Creek Mobile Home.** 16X80, 3 bdrm, 2 bath. 1200sf, central air, 6X12 redwood porch, books @\$30,900. Best offer. Call Andy 822-9374 440-8801.

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## NOTE:

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## Meetings for the summer:

August 7: Bear & Deb Harrison

Sept 18: Mark & Joan Wolf

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## MEETING MINUTES:

- The meeting was called to order @ 1815.
- Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The Treasurer reported \$1238.92 in the bank.
- The Program Chairman held the raffle. Bear won.
- The Sheriff had no report.
- The President had no report.
- The SWFWDA delegate gave some info on the Summer Quarterly in Farmington.
- The Historian was a no show, again.
- New Business:
  1. There was discussion on the Highway cleanup. The Club voted to keep it. We need more participation.
  2. We are currently working on a play area in the Rio Puerco Resource Area.
  3. The Arnetts were voted in as members.
- Meeting adjourned @ 1900.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi fellow 4 wheelers, I am up and running on the web. I used to make fun of people when their computers crashed. I still do, but now I laugh with them.

This has been a very busy month with club elections, 2 scouts, and about 1400 square feet of sod. All this had to be done by the 25th of July and I hope we have a good showing at the Summer Quarterly in Farmington. The club will be conducting training for the Cibola Search and Rescue at Montessa park at 0800-1200 on Saturday the 14th of August. I will need some volunteers to help.

The August club meeting will be at my wife's house I just sleep there anymore. Just ask her. Anyway, here are the directions to the Harrison's:

**From Rio Rancho** find your way to Unser, go south to Bandolier, this is the first road you come to after leaving Rio Rancho. Turn right on Bandolier, go to barricade turn left. This is the only way you can go without locking hubs. Turn right on Capricorn Place, go to end of street. We are in the 2-story house at the end of the street. 10751 Capricorn Place.

**From I-25** exit on Paseo Del Norte and "go west" young man/woman to Golf Course Road. Go right or north to Paradise Boulevard. Go left or west to Lyon. There is an Allsup's convenience store at this intersection. Go right or north you should be able to see Rio Rancho. Continue north through 1 four way stop down through the arroyo and the very next intersection is Bandolier. Turn left follow to the barricade, turn left. At stop sign turn right go to end of street 2-story house end of street. 10751 Capricorn Place. If you have any Questions or you get lost call 792-0097.

BEAR.

## TRIP REPORTS:

**Overnite in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado!**

**August 13 - 15, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.**

This is not much notice, however here it is. My plans are to leave here Friday morning. At present there is one other CJ5 going with me, and another who may join us Saturday morning. We would do a trail Friday afternoon and then make camp in the trees and mountains south of Ouray. From my driveway to Ouray is about a 5 1/2 hour drive in my CJ5. If you could leave after work Friday, you'd arrive in the dark, but I'd leave a light on (as well as the CB) so you could find us, if you wanted to camp out in the trees. There is also a campground at the north end of Ouray; they have some tent sites but don't take reservations for them. If you have a RV they do. Go figure. Saturday we would do as much trail running as we wanted, with stops to get out and walk/hike/explore a little here and there. Plans for trails are not set yet, but possibilities include Black Bear and Imogene; Poughkeepsie Gulch and other trails in the Ouray area. Sunday we'd do a trail in the AM if anyone wanted to before departing for home. Anyone interested in coming along should contact me by phone or email no later than Wednesday, Aug. 11 to discuss meeting times and places. Don Miller 892-3925 [djm@thuntek.net](mailto:djm@thuntek.net)

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

**NOTE TO GUESTS:** If you've been receiving the Trail Tales, 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!

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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### Meetings:

Sept 18: Mark & Joan Wolf's home

Oct 8: host TBV (to be volunteered)

Nov 12: host TBV

Dec 11 (X-Mas Party): Mark & Debbie Werkmeister's home

## Meeting Minutes:

### Members present:

Arne Gjerner, Joshua Gjerner; Mark & Joan Wolf; Tom & Corinne Flemings; Tom Hurt; Bonnie Bannigan; Mark Werkmeister; Don Miller; Sheri & Derren Owen; Tim MacNab; Robert & Doreen Clark and the Clark boys; Ed & Lyn Kausche; Scott Giles; Jim Werkmeister; Jack & Stella Sierra; Rick Sierra; Scott "Mongo" Brunwasser & Michele Louise Bove; and Bear & Deb Harrison.

### Guests present:

Jim & Lori McLarty; Richard Capener; and Glenn Capener.

- ❖ The meeting was called to order @ 1837.
- ❖ Guests were introduced. The Capeners camped near the club over the Memorial Day weekend. The McLartys are prospective new members.
- ❖ Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- ❖ The Treasurer reported \$1557.42 in the bank. Actually, the new Treasurer did not get by the bank yet. **DUES are due by the end of August.**
- ❖ The Program Chairman was not available. Corinne Flemings helped by selling the raffle tickets. Oddly enough, Corinne won half of the \$49.00 collected.
- ❖ The Sheriff reported that in Farmington one member tore a shock mount while getting the Jeep off the trailer on Friday, proceeded to rub teal paint on the waterfall, and also tore the sidewall of a tire and a person helping cut their leg on a stud. Thus

for reckless endangerment the Sheriff presented Mark Wolf the esteemed *cowbell*.

- ❖ The SWFWDA delegate was not available, however, Mark Werkmeister reported on the meeting. It was voted that \$2500 be donated to United Land Use Fund and \$2500 to SWFWDA & Las Cruces vs. BLM *Robledo Mountain Closure*. It was decided not to adopt the resolution to levy surcharges for the land use fund. The first weekend in May 2000 the spring meeting will be held in Fredricks ranch, TX (near San Antonio). There will be a \$90 registration per vehicle and \$45.00 per day vehicle use since it is private land. The winter meeting will be held in Las Cruces, NM in Feb 23-27.
- ❖ The Historian had some pictures, but does not have the photo albums yet. The Historian suggested that a bulletin board would be a great way to showcase pictures at future meetings
- ❖ The Trip Chairman had no past trips to report, but mentioned the trip planned for the next weekend (**Aug 14-15**) to Ouray area, CO. Mark Wolf mentioned that a trip is planned for the last weekend in August (**28-29**) to the Malpais. It will be easy/moderate. Still working on the details, it will either be a long Saturday or an overnigher, but meet at the Flying J off 98<sup>th</sup> Street (out west of Abq – exit 153). Mark Werkmeister mentioned that the weekend after Labor Day (**Sept 11-12**) a trip is planned to Mt Blanca, east of Alamosa, CO (trip leader: Bear). Meet at 9 AM at the trailhead. It is a fairly challenging trail with suspension lift and lockers suggested, however, stock vehicles could be pulled through. Stay overnite at the Lake Como Camp (elev. 11,500) and leave by noon on Sunday. Usually see 15-20 vehicles per year and it is scenic and fun. **Oct 3** there will be a joint trip with Las Cruces FWDC to Caballo Lake camp, details will be provided later. **Oct 8-10** tentatively scheduled a trip to Jaws of Death (passable?). Mark Wolf will lead a trip to Hole in the Rock in Utah in the fall. The President mentioned that he will be picking people to do runs...
- ❖ The Director of Environmental Affairs was not available. (Congratulations Charlie and Susan!) Mark Werkmeister reported that the Blue Ribbon Coalition – National Forest Inventory needs help with the inventory and needs a leader for each National Forest in New Mexico to counter act the Citizen Inventory that's occurring now. Interested?

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## Picture Gallery



2/99 SWFWDA Winter Quarterly, Las Cruces, NM: Mark Wolf followed by Scott Brunwasser

5/99 NM4W Memorial Day Treasure Hunt: Paul and Mary Thompson





- ❖ The President discussed the Outdoor Channel and their PC incorrect sponsors. In October The Outdoor Channel will feature Rick Russell's Sidekick Specials and Saturday Night. Remember we are losing roads and hiking trails, and Sierra Club members are for conservation and NOT recreation. Bear also had Pull Pal Flyers available, and mentioned that the Points List is available and needs to be updated.

#### New Business:

- ❖ Jim & Lori McLarty ('97 Turquoise TJ) were voted in as New Members.
- ❖ Mark Wolf mentioned that the **Summer Quarterly 2000** event is open and that our club should host it. It was discussed that it will be held in Salida and that Mongo will be in charge of the organization.
- ❖ Nominations for the 4-wheeler of the year should be brought in for the next meeting. Who did most for our club? Attended most meetings, runs, leading runs, helped out environmentally? It will be a write in vote counted at the next meeting; the winner will receive a plaque.
- ❖ Still tabled is the Highway Clean Up. Still required is the commitment of cleaning two times per year, but still awaiting the decision to change it to one mile. Most likely the end of September will be next clean up, to be discussed during the September meeting.
- ❖ Next meeting at Mark & Joan Wolf's, where there will be Jeep parts for sale.
- ❖ Also mentioned a lady is selling a variety of Jeep/Willys stuff due to her grandfather passing.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned @ 1917.

### President's Report:

Hello again from the Harrison house. Lucky for me the fender cutting party lost some steam and we did not actually do any trimming. The meeting went well except for the president forgetting to solicit help for the Sandia Search and Rescue training. Thanks to all who helped and a BIG HAND to Mark Wolf who, once again, reminded me and made all the calls to the folks who helped.

Remember the last potluck meeting for the year is at the home of Mark and Joan Wolf on Sept. 18. I hope to see a big turnout.

The annual trek to Mt. Blanca is just a few weeks away on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. at 0900 we will start the ascent. I will more than likely camp at the base of the trail where there are trees so that I don't have to walk so far, if you know what I mean. If you have any questions, please call. If I'm not here call back or leave a message with Deborah or one of the kids. Well once again, I have rambled. See you all on the trails. BEAR

### Trip Reports:

#### Back of the Sandia's with Bonnie Bannigan

Meet at 9 AM at the Chevron, Central & Tramway Saturday September 25, IF there is NO Trash Pickup that day. If there is trash pickup on Saturday the run will be Sunday, September 26. Check with Bonnie or Don, or better yet come pick up trash and Saturday and wheel on Sunday.

#### The Needles; Canyonlands National Park, Utah Saturday October 9 thru Monday, October 11 (Columbus Day)

Plans call for departing Rio Rancho no later than 8 AM Saturday (7 AM ?) and convoying to Monticello, Utah where we would top up with gas. Speaking of gas, you'll need to carry extra if you have a small tank like the CJ.

The September 99 issue of 4WD&SUV magazine has an article by Mark Werkmeister that describes the route in fair detail. The main difference is that we will do the loop in a clockwise direction; Marks trip in reverse. We will likely camp at the Big Pocket overlook Saturday night. This is outside the park boundary as the backcountry camping fee within the park is \$25 for up to 3 vehicles for even just one night. Plus you need reservations unless you get lucky. Sunday night we'll camp out outside the park again, or drive out to whatever other arrangements (motels) you care to make.

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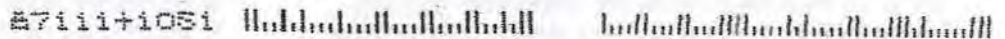
### For Sale/Want Ads:

- ☞ 1959 Willys CJ5, 4 cyl. Completely redone including custom soft top, new paint, new upholstery and carpet. Runs good. \$3,800 OBO. Call Keith @ 897-3870 evenings or 858-3726 work

### Directions to the Wolf's Residence:

From I 25 - go east to the second street east of Barstow. That is Red Sky Street. Turn left, go to the stop sign. Continue straight (it is now Red Sky Ct.) until you reach the end of the cul-de-sac. We're at 7019 Red Sky Ct. Find a parking place. Mark

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**Sept 18: Meeting @Mark & Joan Wolf's house.** 5pm.

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**Sept 25: Highway Clean up.** Tentatively scheduled.

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### Meetings:

**Oct 8:** Robert & Doreen Clark with the Clark boys.

**Nov 12:** Mongo Brunwasser & Miche Louise Bove!

**Dec 11 (X-Mas Party):** Mark & Debbie Werkmeister's home.

## Meeting Minutes:

(Thank you, Wolfie, for taking the minutes. -Miche)

### Members present:

Mark, Debbie, & Jennifer Werkmeister, Jim Werkmeister, Brandon Roby, Pat & Sue Brady, Mark & Joan Wolf, Don Miller, Bonnie Bannigan, Tom Hurt, Paul & Mary Thompson, Robert, Doreen, Cameron, Ian, Trevor, & Kieman Clark, Scott Giles, Berrett Harrison, Tom & Corrine Flemings, Garry Brown, Chuck Peeples, Kris Webb & Keely Bosch, Ed & Lyn Kausche, Wes & Monica Peyton, Tim & Sarah MacNab, & Carlos Ferrer.

### Guests present:

Don Tyler and Keith & Carol Cheshire.

### NM4W September Meeting Minutes

By Mark Wolf

- 👤 President Berrett Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.
- 👤 Mark Werkmeister distributed some economic surveys for SWFWDA and asked that all return them either tonight or sometime next week. Please send them to his home.
- 👤 Berrett introduced two guests: Keith & Carol Cheshire, invited by Bonnie Bannigan and Don Tyler, invited by Tom Flemings. Berrett welcomed them and hoped that we would see them often.
- 👤 The President decided to forgo the reading of last meeting's minutes, as there were none to read.

- 👤 Tom Hurt read the Treasurer's report. There is currently \$2,350.61 in the bank.
- 👤 The Program Chairman, Chuck Peeples, relayed he has stickers, patches, and decals for sale. He also has tonight's raffle tickets.
- 👤 Sheriff Bully (alias Vice President Jim Werkmeister) gave his report. He had the following fines to levy over the past two runs (Mt. Blanca and The SWFWDA Quarterly in Farmington, NM)
  - Pat & Sue Brady - \$.50 for severely damaging the Lady's edition ride.
  - Paul Thompson - \$.25 For ALLEDGELY breaking his locker.
  - Garry Brown - \$.25 For breaking a spring hanger (and not having a welder on board!).
  - Berrett Harrison - \$.00 for badgering the Sheriff while at the campfire, but not having to pay because he was suffering from the night before.
- 👤 The SWFWDA Delegate was not present, but Mark Werkmeister reminded everyone that Clayton, OK would be the location of the Fall Quarterly meeting October 16-18.
- 👤 The Historian, Tom Flemings, notified everyone he had a decoupage of pictures from the past few runs present. He also asked that members get him some pictures for use in the scrapbooks. He also said that Monica had the pictures from the past and he would take them home today.
- 👤 The Trip Chairman, Don Miller talked about past runs and asked if the Trip Leaders would talk about their runs.
  - Mark Wolf spoke about the run to the Grants, NM area to review the Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Plan for the El Malpais area. This was an easy run and covered great amounts of scenery for those that attended. He said that Phil & Carol Kennicott, Ed Kausche, Tom & Corrine Flemings, Don Tyler and himself were present for Saturday's run and only himself and Don Tyler were present on Sunday. The Chain-of-Craters and Cebolla Canyon areas were traversed for review. Mark will be putting together a comment letter for the BLM.
  - Mark also talked about the annual club's run to Mt. Blanca. Three vehicles went up the trail on Friday evening to allow them to take the grueling hike up to Blanca Peak. Twelve others

started up on Saturday morning and all made it to Lake Como at about 2:30. After everyone set up camp a few traveled up to the Blue Lakes to enjoy the scenery. No incidents were noted other than some broken parts on Saturday. Three members stayed late on Sunday and picked large amounts of trash and they were applauded for their efforts - Bonnie Bannigan, Garry Brown and Tom Hurt.

👤 Don then talked upcoming runs:

- September 19th - Tom Hurt will take over Charlie Wilson's trip to Pajarito peak tomorrow. Meet at the Texaco at Hwys 44 and 528 in Rio Rancho at 9:00 AM.
- September 25th or 26th Bonnie Bannigan leads a run to back of Sandia Peak. Meet at the Chevron station at Tramway and Central at 9:00 AM. (It was later decided that this run would be on Saturday, 9/25 as the trash pickup was rescheduled for Saturday November 6th.
- October 2-4 at Caballo Lake, Tom Flemins leading. Meet at the Caballo Lake campground Saturday morning.
- October 9-11 in Utah, Don Miller leading to the Beef Basin Loop near the Canyonlands area. He will leave Saturday morning at 7:00 AM.
- October 16-17 Carrizozo area - Mark Wolf will lead this trip. All participants are to meet at the Pinon Hills Campground approximately 8 miles east of Carrizozo on Hwy 380. (NOTE: A reschedule of this trip was talked about, BUT could not be set. Therefore, we are on for the original date. This is an easy to moderate run. Come down and see what's there!)
- October 22-24 Jaws of Death - Mark Werkmeister and Berrett Harrison will lead a trip to the infamous Jaws. Call them to arrange a meeting time and place.
- November 6th - Trash Pickup for the adopted highway section of Interstate 25.
- November 20 near Santa Fe - Mark Wolf will hopefully lead a snow run to the Sage Brush Flat Loop trail. A meeting time and place is yet to be determined.

👤 Don asked that other members step up to fill run schedules.

👤 The Environmental Chairman, Charlie Wilson, was not present. Joan Wolf relayed that Charlie has a job in Hanford, WA and will be out for a couple of months. He would welcome anyone that wanted to fill his post for the time frame he was out.

Old Business:

👤 Sue Brady asked if January would be a good time to volunteer Cuidando los Ninos. Most all agreed it would be a good time. She will contact them to schedule a work party on January 8th.

👤 Tom Hurt relayed that if you have not paid your dues as of tonight's meeting, you will have to fulfill the initiation steps to get back into the club. Tom had called and reminded everyone to pay up.

👤 Mark Wolf said he had a great candidate for the Cowbell. Seems that Tom Flemins came to the event with a broken axle U-joint. However, Mark admitted to running out of gas coming home from Grants and consequently would have to keep the bell a while longer.

New Business:

👤 Pat Brady explained that the "Big Ugly" (Not referring to Wes Moore or Berrett's Scout!) had made an appearance at this meeting. Be sure and look for it!

👤 Nomination's for Four Wheeler-of-the-Year were taken. Mark Wolf was the winner. Congratulations!

👤 Joan Wolf also talked about a past member's death, Jack Lobdell. It was reported that he was in a work camp in northern Alaska and died in his sleep. Condolences go out to the Lobdell family.

👤 Mark Werkmeister relayed that two people were killed while traversing the Mt. Blanca trail over the Labor Day weekend. He had not heard of any negative affects of this tragedy, but added that it could come up. He will ask everyone's support if something appears.

👤 (NOTE: On Tuesday, September 21st a concern from the Alamosa County Supervisor's Office was circulated via internet. The Supervisors are afraid they will be sued by use of this road and are considering closing it. Everyone needs to write the County Commissioners and show them your support for keeping the trail open. They were good enough to assert RS2477 rights to keep the trail open and now it's our turn to support them.)

👤 Mark Wolf relayed that he has a gift for everyone here tonight. A friend of his gave him a bunch of flashlights and everyone is welcome to take one before they leave.

👤 Robert Clark volunteered to host the October meeting at Height's Presbyterian Church, October 8th.

👤 Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

## President's Report:

HELLO from the House of Harrison, thanks go to Joan & Mark for hosting our last pot-luck of the year. I don't have a lot to say this month except "congratulations, Mark Wolf, 4-wheeler-of-the-year". I will have the plaque at the next meeting providing I can get to Carlos' shop and get

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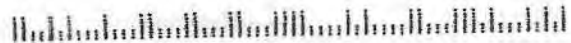
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**November 6: Trash Day.** Highway Clean-Up. Details to follow.

**November 12: Meeting.** Mongo and Miche hosting.

**November 20: Sagebrush Flat Loop Trail.** Mark Wolf leading and hoping for snow. Details to follow.

**December 4 Christmas Tree Run.** Mark Werkmeister leading. Details to follow.

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**January:** Jack & Stella Sierra

**February:** Guy Conway

**March:** Bear & Deb Harrison

**April:** Chuck & Ethel May Peebles

## MEETING MINUTES:

- The meeting was called to order @ 1906.
- The **President** was in El Paso. **Sheriff** was in Utah sporting the latest in neon spandex with other spandex people. Mark Werkmeister presided over the meeting.
- Guests were introduced.
- Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The **Treasurer** reported \$2477.11 in the bank.
- The **Program Chairman** held the raffle.
- The **Historian** had new pictures on a bulletin board.
- **Old Business:**
  1. Trash Pickup Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. One mile of I-25 between mile markers 244 & 245. Meet 8am Bernalillo exit. Lunch by noon.
  2. The club will be ordering extra t-shirts and sweatshirts.
- **New Business:**

1. Mongo reported the next Summer Quarterly will be held in Salida, CO. He still has all of the info from the last event there. He just needs help on the trails. Mark Werkmeister volunteered to help him.
2. Carlos showed the club a prototype for club keyrings.
3. Chuck Peebles brought up the possibility of the club doing a Toy-for-Tots-type of event.
4. Bobby J's has a petition going around to stop the closure of Montessa Park. They want to build houses.
5. 4-Wheeler of the Year – Mark Wolf.
6. The Cowbell went to someone who needed a u-joint, didn't have a spare in his toolbox and sells them to everyone... Tom Hurt.

- Meeting adjourned @ 1940.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello again from the Harrison hacienda. Once again it has been very busy for me this month. It seems the more responsibility I delegate the more I get at work. The trash pick up is a go on the 6th of November. If you have any questions call me. The club only has 1 mile to clean so I need a really good turnout or I will attempt to discontinue this event due to non-participation. I will be calling people up to the day before asking them to come out and help this very good community service continue. I apologize to all who went to the Jaws of Death expecting me but we all have had those days when you check everything before the run only to find at the gas station something is very wrong with your rig. My water pump that was 2 years old with a life time warranty decided to start spraying coolant all over. I turned the Big Blue Whale around and spent the best part of Sunday changing a water pump. Mongo and Miche have been working hard on the 2000 summer quarterly I tried to get the fairgrounds because it has electric hook ups and bathrooms but it is booked. That's OK because the pasture works fine for me. Well I have talked enough and I hope to see a lot of you at the trash pick up. Bear.

## TRIP REPORTS:

Trip Report for Carrizozo, by Mark Wolf

The roads and trails are to be mapped on either Forest Service maps or topographical maps. GPS can be a benefit, however not an absolute necessity if one's map reading skills are sufficiently strong. General terrain, road conditions, width, elevation changes, creek and stream crossings should be noted. There are printed guidelines being made available by the Blue Ribbon Coalition.

Yours truly is a volunteer coordinator for this project. My areas of specific focus are the Santa Fe and Cibola National Forests, these being closest to home. However, help is needed in each and every NF in the state. I'm looking for volunteers for any and all NF, and those willing to be coordinators for each of the yet unassigned National Forests.

There will be volunteer signup sheets at the November meeting for those interested and able to contribute a little time. If all you can do is work on a single trail, that will be appreciated. Volunteers will receive a royal blue commemorative T-shirt from the BRC at or near the end of the project. Volunteers must be 16 years of age to be eligible for the shirt; so says the BRC.

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#### Thinking About Safety, by Don Miller:

The same weekend I was in the Needles a single vehicle accident at Gemini Bridges, near Moab, claimed the life of a young man from Park City, Utah. Beau was only 19, and a member of a family deeply involved in 4 wheeling. The unfortunate accident was the result of a mechanical failure in Beau's Jeep.

In brief, Beau followed a Blazer out onto the natural rock bridge. His Jeep bumped into the rear of the stopped Blazer. He reversed off the bridge and then his vehicle began moving forwards again. Spectators could see him pumping his brakes. While pumping his brakes the Jeep went slightly to the side and started to drop off the edge of the arch span. He jumped clear of the Jeep before it was completely off the span, but landed on the shelf 155' below the arch span. The Jeep landed a distance away on the same shelf and came to rest against a large rock.

As we participate in our chosen form of outdoor recreation we do place ourselves in situations of potential danger from time to time. This is true of many sports; rock climbing, white water rafting and kayaking and flying ultra light aircraft come readily to mind. Driving to and from our chosen activities, on public roads may be even more dangerous.

It is not possible to foresee every accident or every mechanical problem that may arise. I suppose we must do our best to exercise as much care as we can, and to maintain our equipment. We must also hope and

pray that if something unexpected does occur, it does not endanger our lives or the lives of others.

I have taken driver education classes that were directed at survival driving on the streets and highways. These courses include a lot of looking ahead for dangers and taking steps to avoid them. None of the courses spent much time on methods to use in handling abrupt unforeseen equipment malfunctions. It's true, they are not as commonplace as the dangers presented to us by other vehicles sharing the road with us.

Experience is a great teacher. Since I began driving I've had five mechanical failures while driving (before all my fellow club members berate me for faulty maintenance, let me point out that 4 of the five occurred with employers trucks). Any one could have injured or killed me or others around me. Looking back I think it may have been a lot of good dumb luck that helped me survive. It might be helpful to all if a guide on how to handle life threatening mechanical failures of different types was available. Maybe there is and I just haven't seen it.

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Chuck and Wolfie want to go again, as do I. Only the next time we want to get to Impossible Hill earlier in the day, or to camp nearby. Anyone want to tag along?

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**HOW IT EFFECTS US:** The meetings are being referred to by the Forest Service as Town Hall Meetings. According to the Forest Service, these meetings will provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the proposed planning regulations by briefing the public on the major themes of the regulations.

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Look for this and other updates on the AMA StateWatch section of the AMA website.  
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The meetings will held as follows:

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**January:** Jack & Stella Sierra

**February:** Guy Conway

**March:** Bear & Deb Harrison

**April:** Chuck & Ethel May Peeples

## MEETING MINUTES:

- The meeting was called to order @ 1905.
- Guests were introduced.
- Minutes were accepted as written in the last Trail Tales.
- The Treasurer was not present.
- The Program Chairman held the raffle. Also has decals and jacket patches for sale.
- The Sheriff reported the following fines for the latest Jaws of Death run: Our fearless leader didn't make it to the run he was supposed to be leading for lack of maintenance (water pump died at the gas station. Either that or he didn't want to miss his favorite Saturday morning cartoon.) and fined \$0.25. Robert Clark was fined \$0.25 for not having enough u-joints. Brandon was awarded a window banner with the correct exit number to take for the Jaws. Wear it with pride Brandon!
- Under SWFWDA news, it was reported that the land that was going to be used for the Spring Quarterly has been sold. As of now, the event is cancelled unless a suitable alternative is found.
- The Historian needs pictures with the event name and the photographer's initials.

- The Trip Chairman reported the following runs:
  1. Sunday 19 Dec: TBA...somewhere in the Jemez. Don Miller leading.
  2. Saturday 1 Jan: Abiqui run with the Sandia Jeep Club. Moderate to Hard. Someone will lead.
- Old Business:
  1. Trash Pickup had a great turnout. 24 people showed up to do the 1-mile stretch of I-25. Our bank account got \$7.50 from the aluminum cans we recycled.
  2. Cuidando Los Ninos will be January 8<sup>th</sup>. We will decide what to do next meeting.
  3. The club t-shirts and sweatshirts are in. Contact Debbie Werkmeister.
- New Business:
  1. Raffle tickets are now available. See Wolfie.
- Meeting adjourned @ 1940.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello again NM 4-Wheelers. Not only was I late getting my report to the Secretary, I really don't have much to say. Mark Werkmeister, Don Miller, myself, and Leonard Harrison, my father, all went exploring at the Mesa Gallina area last Saturday. Just to make a long story short we ran into alot of folks that did not like us on their reservation. Mark is going to get some answers out of the BLM. So for the next month, please let Mark Werkmeister or myself know if you plan on going to the Jaws of Death or Mesa Gallina area. Remember the Christmas party/Club meeting is at the Werkmeister's on the 11th of December. NOTE: Please bring a dish like the summer meetings like finger foods and salads. That's all I have to say except I hope everyone has a happy holiday season. BEAR

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

For all club correspondence to the Secretary, use the following email address:

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## TRIP REPORTS:

### Trip Report for Sage Brush Flat, by Mark Wolf

Ten vehicles, with four visitors, met at the Outlet Mall in Santa Fe on Sunday, November 21 to run the Sage Brush Flat Trail that the New Mexico 4-Wheelers has adopted. The visitors were Stephanie & Brandon Rickerman, Susan & Glenn Bontly, Don Tyler & friend Charlie, and Byron Hodges (and friend as he didn't provide her name!). Members were Don Miller, Corinne & Tom Flemings, Tom Hurt, Diana & Mike Arnett with Amanda, and Pat Slattery. This would be an easy run as the snow I had hoped for was not going to happen. We headed south to the 599 exit and then west towards the dump. Once we got to the cattle guard on County route 62, we pulled over to air our tires down. We then headed to the corral and proceeded to open and close gates to get to the bottom of "Tom's Hill". Everyone started up and most made it without a problem. Stephanie and Brandon got a little cross ways on the hill and had to be strapped to prevent any damage. Their friends Corinne & Tom helped out. We then heard over the radio that Byron was having a little trouble. Seems one of his U-joint caps had come loose. He quickly fixed and up the hill we went. We then headed west to the road heading to Sage Brush Flat.

Once on the trail I reminded everyone that part of our duties to keeping this trail adopted was to pick up trash. Everyone pitched in and we picked up quite a bit of trash. The trail was very dusty in places, but remained an easy trail. We stopped for lunch just as we started to get back into the trees. Once that was over Mike & Diana relayed they needed to be at the Sunport before 4:00 PM as Amanda needed to catch a flight. They and Byron went first and managed to find their way out ok. I hope they made it. The rest of us went on easily and found our way back to the air down spot by 2:30 PM. This was a fast trail ride! There were no problems other than what was described and everyone decided it was an easy trail, but would have been lots of fun in the snow. If you missed it, sorry! Maybe next time.

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528 north through Rio Rancho.

Left on Southern Blvd.

Right on Unser.

Left on Pine.

Left on Willow.

1700 Willow.



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