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Meeting Minutes:

Since this was a Christmas party at the Clark's, some folks were there but left before our esteemed President decided that it was a meeting and a small meeting was held. So listed are the people who signed the rosters.

Members present:

Glenn, Susan, & Stephen Bontly, Don Tyler, Bonnie Bannigan, Brandon & Stephanie Rickerman, Chuck & Sandy Bednarski, Preston & Melissa Garner, Paul & Mary Thompson, Glenn Capener, Ed & Lyn Kausche, Rich & Camille Capener, Tom Flemings, Bob & Michelle Kimbrell, Berry & Deborah Harrison, Mark, Deb & Jennifer Werkmeister, Mark & Joan Wolf, Robert, Doreen & Kids Clark, Chuck & Ethel May Peeples, Susan & Charlie Wilson, Ame Gjeming, Bob Telepak, Bob Norton, Phil & Carol Kennicott, Don & Karen Miller, Miche and *Pat & Sue Brady*

Guests present:

Michael Hiatt

The meeting was called to order @ 7: something p.m.

The President thanked Robert & Doreen Clark for hosting the Christmas Party in their lovely new home.

The Guest was introduced: Michael Hiatt has two Ford Rangers and an F250. He learned about the club through Preston.

Old Business

Cuidando Los Ninos - Sue reported that she found 5 projects to do on Saturday, Jan 13. Meet at 8:30 am at the 76 Station (NE quadrant of

University and Menaul) Bring basic hand tools and gloves.

Old Business

Farmington run led by Mark Werkmeister. Said that everyone should be back for SuperBowl game time.

Caja del Rio/Sagebrush Flat run led by Wolfie on Dec 31. Meet at 9 am at the Texaco at 528/the old 44.

Las Cruces Winter Quarterly is in February. Check out our website for trail details put together by Glenn Bontly. AND get your raffle tickets from Wolfie.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:40 p.m.

President's Report:

Jim ... again.

NM4W Work List for Cuidando Los Ninos

Submitted by Sue Brady

January 13, 2001 Meet at 8:30 am at the 76 Truck Stop on University between Menaul and Candelaria.

1. Install door closer for bathroom in conference area.
2. Add wood chips to landscape area 14 bags.
3. Replace loose tiles in kitchen
4. Move fence back 4 feet from swing.
5. Move box around nursery swing out 4 foot at the back

We need to come with gloves, drills, extension cords, hammers, saws. Call Sue Brady 898-6449 or Jim Werkmeister 299-5771.

WE NEED EVERYONE!!

Oryx Party at the Brady's

January 6, 2001 6pm - ??

There will be a variety of Wild Game dishes - no domestic critters. It will be a potluck-type affair, so please RSVP to see what side dish to bring. 898-6449. 5405 Tamariz NW, 87120

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Super Swampers TSL-SX steel belted 38.5 x 14.50 - 15, 200 miles of use \$700.00 Call Don Rodriguez 310-5392

I have 4 BFG AT'S 32X11.50X15 on American Racing Rims. They are off of a Jeep TJ. \$600.00 or best offer. Call Jim (505-332-1328) or email CHOPPERMUTT@AOL.COM.

Sunday Journal

Submitted by Don Miller

Many of you get the Sunday Journal delivered. In case you don't, or in case you missed today's...

Albuquerque Journal; Sunday; December 17, 2000

Lines in the Sand

<http://www.abqjournal.com/news/202506news12-17-00.htm>

Off-Roaders Say It's Clean Fun

<http://www.abqjournal.com/news/202507news12-17-00.htm>

A Contest

Submitted by your guess is as good as mine...

A contest! YAHOO!!! The winner to be decided at the very NEXT NM4W meeting.

Rules:

Numero Uno: Just WHO is THIS crazy, current New Mexico 4-Wheeler, willing to push the limits of back-country explorations - whom might show-up for/tackle a 4-wd trail in a street machine?

Numero Dos? Just WHEN, might you gather? Were YOU, NM4W member, born yet?!

Numero Tres? WHERE did this pictorial evidence of vehicular damage occur? No doubt, qualified for SIGNIFICANT FINES to be administered by our current Sheriff? That is, based on such blatant ignorance/ignoring of prudent NM4W's trail ride rules?

So the NM4W member closest to guessing whom, when, where was involved in this flagrant violation, gets the KUDOS at the next meeting! (Probably no mas! Ha, ha)



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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."

December 31: Sagebrush Flats. Mark Wolf leading. Meet at 9am at Texaco at the corner of 528/44. (moderate trail, but might be more difficult due to snow)

January 6: Oryx Party. Brady's house. Starts at 6pm, potluck affair. Please RSVP.

January 12: Meeting. Mark & Joan Wolf hosting.

January 13: Cuidando Los Ninos. Sue Brady in charge. Meet at 8:30am at the 76 Station (Menaul and University) Please bring your tools!

January 27-28: Farmington run. Mark Werkmeister leading.

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April 13: Miche, the NM4W secretary

Summer Potlucks (Saturday evening):

May: the Harrison's

June: the Bednarski's

July: the Owen's

August: the Kennicott's

September: the Werkmeister's

Meeting Minutes:

Members present:

Glenn Bontly, Paul & Mary Thompson, Pat Brady, Mark Werkmeister, Mark & Joan Wolf, Berry Harrison, Paul & Mary Thompson, Glenn Capener, Rich Capener, Bob Norton, Jeffrey Jacobson (?), Derren & Sheri Owen, Tom Hurt (oh, and he was at the Christmas party), Don Tyler, Brandon & Stephanie Rickerman, Robert Clark, Carlos Ferrer, Chuck & Ethel M Peeples, Preston & Melissa Gamer, Tom Flemings, Pat Slattery, Sandy & Chuck Bednarski, and Miche.

Guests present:

Tahoe Zahn, Michael Hiatt, Bryce Gilbert, Chad, Ken O'Neill, Monica Debevec, Frank G Whiston, Frank R Whiston, Michael Ferguson, Rick Ferguson, James Neil Wasson, Jay Kabler, and Daniel Szenasi.

The meeting was called to order @ 7: 05 p.m.

- ♥ The Guests were introduced. Brandon Roby "little boy" has a 47 flat fender in the making and a 92 Dodge, James Wasson has a International Scout, Ken O'Neill has a Toyota P/U, Chad has a full size Chevy, Bryce Gilbert has 78 CJ7 & 93 Dodge, Frank has a 94 Ranger and the other Frank has a 71 Bronco & TJ, Monica Debevec

has a 76 CJ5, and Tahoe Zahn has a 86 CJ5 (in pieces).

- ♥ The minutes were accepted as written.
- ♥ The Treasurer reported that we had \$1269.43.
- ♥ The Sheriff was out due to strep throat.
- ♥ The Environmental Chair was not available.
- ♥ The Trip Chairman was not available.
- ♥ The SW Delegate reminded us of the next Quarterly (Feb 21-24 "Chile Challenge") and that there are raffle tickets for sale.
- ♥ The Program Chairman sent around an order form for t-shirts, needs at least 36 for an order. (Derren Owen won the raffle and Sheri won the \$29.00)

Old Business

- ♥ Cuidando Los Ninos – Pat reported that Sue had the flu and that if it was snowing that the project would be rescheduled. Call to make sure all is a go if unsure. Meet at 8:30am at the Union 76 and bring shovels, hammers, chainsaw, etc
- ♥ SWFWDA Quarterly Event in Las Cruces – 300+ vehicles typically, trails all over scale, a Saturday evening meal, Business meeting Saturday morning, SWFWDA raffle creates half operating capital for year and helps with lawsuit against BLM. Sold 11000 last year, let's beat the record!
- ♥ UFWDA 25th anniversary will be in Farmington in conjunction with the SWFWDA Summer Quarterly event

New Business

- ♥ The summer calendar starting in May has been decided (as listed in the beginning of this newsletter).

The meeting was adjourned.

Poobah Musings

It's been a quiet time, at least outwardly, for the New Mexico Four-Wheelers lately. We are squarely in that period where we hunker down inside our garages to implement various improvements on our vehicles. The weather continues to be good for nothing else in terms of four-wheeling. Soon, however, we can all look forward to Las Cruces. This event is usually a coming-out party for the vehicles under construction/repair during the winter. Last year it was also a bit of a coming out for Chris, Nathan, Taylor, and their companions. (Don't be scared, Wolfie!)

With the return of Brandon, I have taken an inventory of many items at 1620 Parsifal NE. The initial numbers look pretty good...three jeeps, two pickups,

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Congratulations

Brandon Roby was awarded a beautiful item to hang proudly on his Willys at the last meeting. Mark Werkmeister presented to the young man who owns the only vehicle with 38s in the club a 38DD bra. We would like to see it flying proudly on the first trail that he runs, hopefully, this summer 2001!

(one of them diesel, arrgh) two rifles, one pistol, much camping gear, a couple of beat-up mountain bikes, and a John Birch Society T-shirt. It does not appear that we will be targets for Sierra Club recruitment anytime soon.

Thanks to all who showed up Cuidando Los Ninos. We enjoyed a pretty good turnout, and the work was done by mid-morning. Special thanks go out to Sue Brady for all the legwork she did getting the work party set up.

Jim

Cuidando Los Ninos

Submitted by Sue Brady

Cuidando Los Ninos workday 2001 went well. We had 16 people and four projects. Those present were L.P. How, Glenn Bontly, Mark Wolf, Jim Werkmeister, Bob Telepak, Robert Clark, Mark Werkmeister, Brandon Roby, Miche Bové, Carlos Ferrer, Tom Hurt, Berry Harrison, Bob Norton, Chad Fickas (guest), and Pat & Sue Brady. We arrived close to 9 A.M. and got started immediately on moving the fence and the "sandbox" around the swing set. Miche and I put out 14 bags of decorative bark around the "courtyard." Next came re-gluing some tiles in the kitchen done by Robert Clark and Brandon Roby, then a door closer for a bathroom done by Carlos Ferrer and Berry Harrison. We were mostly done by 10:30 A.M. It was cold which I feel contributed to the fast pace. Thanks guys! I will be sending a thank you card to Klinger along with pictures.



The Men...well most of them (the two women are taking the photos)

In the Next picture is proof that the men did work.



And of course we have Sue Brady and Pa Brady.



Pictures taken by Miche.

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"1998 Jeep Wrangler Sport, 5spd, 6cyl, 15k miles, AC, hard top, plexi top. For the most part, the modifications are minor, but the white jeep is quite capable on the trail with 32" BFG TA KO's, ARB rear and 4.56 gears. Numerous helpful add on's, like Tomken rocker sliders and rear bumper, QuickAir2, CD and CB. Also has Rancho 9000 w/2" suspension spacer lift. **Special lower price for club member.** Call Scott Giles at 922-6033."

WANTED: Steel door to fit 82 CJ7. Call Glenn at 344-2656.

I am currently running 2" springs plus 1.25" spacers on my TJ. Total lift is barely 2 inches because of the sagging of my 3-year old springs. I plan to get a "real" lift maybe this summer, maybe a 3.5" RE Extreme Duty! :o) But for now, I would like to replace the springs with some "slightly used" 3-inch springs. Anyone got some or know someone who has a set for sale? If so, please call me at 286-4851 or 286 4861, or send me an e-mail. gdbontly@msn.com Glenn Bontly

On the Web

I just finished posting a list of the prizes that will be awarded during the Chile Challenge Raffle (thanks to Rich Capener for the idea, and to Wolfie for providing me with the info). If you need any help selling raffle tickets, in the way of letting folks know what prizes will be awarded, just direct them to our web site at www.nm4w.org. The link for the prizes list is in the Special Interest Item box on the main page (it's a .PDF file).

Glenn

(It is included in this newsletter, also - M)

Albuquerque Journal Letter to Editor

Submitted by Robert & Michelle Kimbrell

Following is a direct quote from the Op-Ed Page of the Albuquerque Journal from the December 30, 2000 issue.

Its content contradicts everything I've witnessed as a 4 wheeler for the past ten years. Specifically, it accuses Mile Hi of violations that I find hard to believe. Although I have no personal knowledge of the club, I cannot accept that a member of a club as credible as Mile Hi would behave in the fashion described.

Two weeks ago, the same paper published companion articles about family friendly four wheeling and environmentalist issues related to 'wheeling. They were both on the front page... If you'd like to respond to the Journal, their email address is opinion@abqjournal.com

Copied from the Dec 30, 2000 Albuquerque Journal

"Clubs don't Always Show Off-Road Wisdom

IT WOULD BE nice if irresponsible off-roading could be blamed primarily on uneducated renegades. Unfortunately, my experience as a landowner with four miles of boundary with the national forest tells me otherwise.

Many of the off-roaders who cut through my family's property are members of organized 4WD groups. This exacerbates the problem because they often post "trail reports" on their club's Web sites, which encourages others to drive in the same area. They document irresponsible behaviors that have led to everything from oil spills to rollover accidents.

In May of 1999, a group of 15 vehicles from the Mile-

Hi Jeep Club ignored our signs and cut through more than a mile of riparian wetlands, emptying a crankcase full of oil into our stream along the way. One member of that club, ironically, was named the 1999 "Environmental Four-Wheeler of Year" by the United Four Wheel Drive Association, a national organization.

Perusal of club literature suggests that it would be a mistake to depend on these organizations to educate their members.

For example, a board member for the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition recently wrote, "Do I ride in closed areas? ...If a sign explains why a road or trail is closed and it makes sense, I will always obey it." Otherwise, "...I have decided that civil disobedience is my right."

Clearly, self-policing is not the answer. Increased funding for enforcement, combined with a strict "closed unless marked open" policy is the only realistic solution.

M.B.E. Boslough
Albuquerque"

Michele Reed

Submitted via E-mail by Michele Reed

From: MReed88693@aol.com

Subject: Update - please share with the club.

Hi Glenn,
its Michele Reed. I got your message last week, sorry I have been real busy and unable to get back to you. I hope you and your family enjoyed the holidays. I had a really nice Christmas, but I am sure glad its over!!!

My home information remains the same. I have not gotten married yet (I wonder where that came from). We decided on a wedding date last weekend. We are scheduled to get married on April 21, 2001. His name is Steve Picchione and is the most wonderful person I have ever met.

I am not sure if the club knows but in September I was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer. I had been feeling bad for quite a while and the doctors kept telling me that it was my allergies. I finally found a pulmonary doctor who took me seriously and took care of me finally at the end of August. I have been in chemo since then and am doing okay, but definitely don't have the energy that I used too. I have cancer in both lungs, the membrane surrounding my lungs and my hip bone. I will be starting a new drug in about

three weeks from now and hope that it will shrink the tumors. I am spending time at home relaxing with Steve and my dogs. I never realized how common lung cancer is.....and that it is usually found so late. I have done so much research since I was

diagnosed. I hope that everyone is safe and taking care of themselves. I have been in and out of the doctors offices for over a year now, and wish I knew then what I know now.

I didn't pay my dues this year, and will probably not be active in the club, but I do enjoy reading emails and all the updates on the what's going on in the four wheeling world. I would appreciate staying on the mailing list if that is possible.

Thanks, take care everyone,
Michele

ARB solenoids-if you got 'em READ THIS!

Submitted by Rich Capener

Hi guys,

I have a wonderful tip that I'd like to share with my brothers and sisters. If you have an ARB air locker you probably already know how dependant you are on those solenoids. I know lots of people who carry spares. Well, the Queen of Research has done it again...

This past week we have been getting the 4Runner ready to go on a 5 day wheeling trip. Well, I'll spare you the long details, but both of my solenoids would not close, they just bled the air right out of the compressor. So I thought eh, no biggie, ARB people carry spares, so these solenoids must be readily available and not too expensive... This is Wednesday... I get on the phone. End up trying to find them in Denver. I figured as much. First off... no one had them in stock, and IF they had them the price was between \$45 and \$60 EACH! I was thinking they might be around \$25 HA! Well, I need these things replaced for our trip, or I'm going "open". I get a great idea... Nowhere on these solenoids does it say ARB. They get them from another supplier (inexpensive) and then turn around and sell them for bookoo bucks because they are for an ARB. So on my solenoids it has the mfr.'s label, and on this label it says all the info about it including the model number. I call the mfr., and get the name of my local supplier - which happens to be in Denver (surprise surprise). I call, and give the guy the model number etc... For those of you who don't know, they can be separated. The black box with the wires is the coil, and the blue metallic painted metal part is obviously the valve. It's hardly ever the coil that goes bad. It's the actual valve. It is very sensitive to dirt, dust, or anything foreign getting in there PERIOD. If they get dirty they stick in the "open" position. It is not very practical or easy to clean them and fix them. So that's why all of us shell out that HEFTY \$50 each time. Well I asked the guy if he had 2 of these in stock... oh yeah sure. I didn't want him to ship them without me seeing with my own 2 eyes if they were right. I didn't have any time to waste. So on Thursday I went down there... Well, they were exactly the same thing, except they didn't have a sticker from ARB on them :) (I guess the newer solenoids that you would buy from a 4x4 place don't have the mfr.'s label on them, there's a ARB label with ARB's numbers and info on them. So I ask how much... the whole assembly is \$17!!! Or if you break it down, the valve is \$10, and the coil is \$7!!! Well I bought 2 complete assemblies. I also got new 'exhaust mufflers' that go in hole #3. If you remember right, the way these mufflers that ARB supplies you with are designed, and how close

they are when attached to the air compressor is a pain and sometimes awkward. Well, the new mufflers are waaay smaller, and are almost flush with the fitting. No more clearance problems!

OK ladies and gentlemen, here's a source for you all to buy your solenoid valves at. You no longer have to shell out around \$50 each, and now everyone can afford spares! You can either order them from this place and have them ship them to you, or find a distributor near you. Made by Mac Valves, Inc. 1800-MAC-VLVS in Wixom, MI. Website <http://macvalves.com> You can call here to get a distributor in your area, or use the web site to find one. Here's where I got mine. Fiero Fluid Power, Inc. They have 2 locations. 5280 Ward Road Arvada, CO 80002 303-431-3600 or 800-638-0920 or fax 303-431-3611 ask for Jim Kavinsky and tell him June sent ya! 2nd location: 2155 South Main SLC, UT 84115 801-467-4622 or 800-828-4252 or fax 801-467-4635 They also have email and a web site. <http://www.asgusa.com/fiero> fiero@fierofp.com Visa/MC or AMEX accepted. Now down to the nitty gritty... what are the part numbers! The whole assy (both coil and valve) 35A-AAA-DDBA-1BA Valve only - 35A-AAA or Coil only - DDBA-1BA stubby exhaust muffler - description F18, mfr. code ALWM price each .64c

So for 2 complete assemblies plus new mufflers I paid a total of \$37.96. Still way less than you'd pay for just one from ARB or a 4x4 parts place! The only thing you'll have to do if you replace your coil with a new one is cut off the connector and re-attach it to the wire leads on the new coil. My coils were actually fine, So I put my old coils on my new valves. VIOLA! I'm back in business again! I sure hope this helps you all, and lots of you can take advantage of the much lower price, and by all means - carry a few spares!

Your pal,
June Bennett
TLCA 2942
Queen of Research

Just in case he is still looking...

Submitted by Kris Webb

Hey everybody, it's Kris just checking in. I am in kind of a bind, I can get a hold of a trailer long enough to hold two vehicles. The only problem is I have nothing to tow the trailer with. If anybody is interested or if anyone knows anyone interested in helping me get towed down to Cruces than I can split the gas and you get a trailer to use out of it. If you are already towing than, maybe just maybe can we use my trailer so I can get towed? If anyone can help me in this situation that would be greatly appreciated since I don't think I will be attending unless I can get trailered (I don't think my truck is up to it right now).

Thanx a lot,
Kris Webb

Joys of Winter

Submitted by Bob Norton

Some of you "city-folks" miss all the excitement! Yet another "interesting" commute home to the East Mountains after the New Mexico 4-Wheelers meeting this evening.

The usual 45 minute drive nearly doubled in duration. Why? Snowflakes. BIG SNOWFLAKES! I am on the interstate in Tijeras Canyon, 3 lanes + broad shoulders wide and I use it all... dang, where are those lane markings? I cannot see where I am going... so why are all the cars and trucks and 18-wheelers flying by? INDY-bound, no doubt. At the Tijeras exit: signs of "fun" to come? A car has slid off the steep embankment. The "Gendarme" in attendance is scratching his head, puzzled just how to get the unlucky (but very lucky) motorist oughta/free of this predicament.

The next leg of the commute requires heading southbound on ole route "South 14". (The NM Highway Department can strip away such a designation, giving it some sterile State Route 3xx numeration... but locals & the Sheriff Deputies ain't-a-gonna-change! Still South 14 to most of us.) Slick. Over 25 mph and the "tail-end" of my Cherokee seemed prone to "wagging". By now, I was now really longing for a good slug of whiskey at the end of this journey.

Finally, I am at my rural mailbox, only 1 1/2 miles from home. Mail retrieved, I tried to continue. No go. In four-wheel drive, tires are only a-spinning. OK, time for those "\$pensive" ARB lockers! Engaged. Still no go... 4 wheels churning in place. Embarrassing (if there were any witnesses) in front of my very own mailbox! (Hmm... Reminds me of the time when I lived east of Santa Fe and thrashed the side of my S-15 pick-up on my mailbox there, in a very similar situation. Alas, another story! Ha, ha!)

Well, a little bit of rocking back and forth, and I continue my "journey" home from the 4-WD meeting. Perhaps 2-3 inches of fresh snow, no big deal typically, but this stuff is over ice. Hockey teams all across North America would love this stuff! I DREAD the waiting climb up my very own steep driveway. (I suppose, about a 80-100 foot vertical rise twisting upward from the county road to the house.) I have been stymied several times in the past and have had to park the 4x4 at the bottom.

But the enhanced Cherokee makes the climb, clawing and digging and flinging snow, successfully to the top. I await the garage door opener, pleased with myself that I did not have to park and hike after this "testy" commute.

But, it was not over yet. Trying to proceed the LAST FEW FEET into the safe confines of my own garage, the Cherokee (in 4-WD) only slid and clawed sideways, heading directly for a direct "confrontation" with my parked F-150 4x4!!

Alas, the front and rear ARB lockers were again engaged and I was able to successfully travel the last few feet to "roost".

Ahhh... sometimes extreme 4-wheeling, 4 + challenges arise when least expected

Did You Know???

Submitted by Bonnie Bannigan

In 1942, when Willy's sold the first Jeeps to the Government, they sold them for a mere \$738.74 each? - Manuel Conley, "The Legendary Jeep." American History Illustrated

Before the GPV (General Purpose Vehicle) was named the "Jeep", the army used the term "Jeep" to describe lazy soldiers and poor machinery? - Michael Clayton. Jeep

In 1991, Jeep reported that "The typical Jeep Wrangler buyer had these characteristics: average age: 29; average yearly income: \$34,000; they were most often single and male." Does that describe you when you bought your Jeep? - Robert Ackerson. Standard Catalog of 4x4's.

Future Members

Submitted by Bonnie Bannigan

Sorry I missed the last meeting everyone, didn't want to give the whole club Strep though. There are a few people who have obtained their points needed to be voted in as members and I just wanted to let them know so hopefully we can vote them in at the next meeting. You probably already know who you are and are anxiously awaiting but here goes:

Joseph Alderete
Michael Hiatt
Kevin Cox (again!)

We have several others who are at 3 or 4 points!!! I see new growth for the New Mexico 4-Wheeler's in 2001!!!! Hope to see you at the meeting!

Rio Puerco

1-14-01

Submitted by Don Tyler

I have the shake down on the last Rio Puerco (1-14-2001) run. This time I didn't even wait a month and half to turn in the points either. It was a nice day and fun was had by all. I broke a hub on my Jeep and Tim bent the heck out of out of one of his front springs.

In attendance was:
Don Tyler trail leader
Mike Hiatt-guest
Preston & Michelle Garner
Brandon & Steph Rickeman
Bob Kimbrell
Tim MacNab

Trip Report - Sage Brush Flat Loop Trail

Submitted by Mark Wolf

This year I decided to hold the annual Sage Brush Flat Loop Trail run on December 31st. Only because it sounded like a good day and it would allow one extra day before everyone had to return to the doldrums of the work place. Thirteen vehicles lined up to head towards Santa Fe and out on the Caja del Rio area for a little fun. It had snowed on Christmas day so we were hoping to find some of the stuff remaining on our trail. Find it, we did! It added to the fun and it turned out to be a great day! This is an easy to moderate run that is usually not a problem for stock vehicles. Today, it would be better to have some equipment, especially some good tires for snow running.

We met off at the Texaco at Hwys 528 and 550 in Rio Rancho at 9:00 AM. The train pulled out with three people pulling their rigs along for the ease of getting up La Bajada hill. In line were members Tom Hurt with his friend Chris Johnson, Glenn, Susan and Stephen Bontly, Chuck and Ethel May Peeples, 'Bear' Harrison, Preston and Melissa Garner, Tom Flemings, Carlos Ferrer with his niece Jaynee, Paul and Scott Thompson, and Pat and Sue Brady. The guests today were Joseph and Cindy Alderete driving a fairly stock Toyota extra cab, Matt Riley in a stock 80 CJ-5 and Doug Otts, Commando owner extraordinaire. We pulled off of I-25 onto the Santa Fe bypass road and found the local gas station for those that had to top off their tanks. Once that little duty was taken care of, we proceeded on to the west side of the Caja dump and aired down our tires.

The first thing we headed for was "Tom's Hill". Once we got through the myriad of gates at the corral (man, those gates get narrow after all that holiday food!), we headed for the hill breaking new snow as we went. The turn up the hill was hard to recognize, but the fearless leader found it without having to back up. Only slight problems were experienced getting up the hill and once on top, it was an easy glide over to the Sage Brush Flat Loop Trail. The snow at this point was about 6" deep, but we were following someone else's tracks, so no problem.

We turned off onto the Sage Brush Flat trail and headed west. We would run the trail backwards today as that is the shortest way to go once you top "Tom's Hill". We ran about half of the trail before we decided to stop for lunch. Someone else had broken the snow to this point, so all you had to do was run in the previous tracks and you'd have no problem. However, we discovered at the lunch spot that no one had gone beyond where we were. The trip was about to get interesting!

Once everybody got reloaded, we headed out. The "fearless" leader went about 100 yards before he headed off the trail. Glenn Bontly called out (after the leader admitted he couldn't see where the trail was) that the trail should be a little to the east and north according to his GPS unit. (Glenn had GPS'd the trail last year and kept the download. Thanks, Glenn!) Tom Hurt was second in line and he found the trail again in seconds. Once ole "fearless" returned to the head of the line, we got going again. Plowing about 8" of snow made the trail hard to recognize. The further we went, the deeper the snow got.

The Commando had no difficulties though. It kept plowing right through and the trail was really turning into a lot of fun!

We stopped in a little meadow before a long hill. There we regrouped and Tom Flemings changed his flat tire. Tom still hasn't figured out how he got that flat! A few snowballs were thrown and everyone got out a little to relax in the warm sun. It was a beautiful day on top of everything else! The trip up the hill is where all the fun started.

Ole "fearless" lead up the hill with the Commando scraping, biting and fighting it's way to the top. No one but Tom could see all of the fun I was having! The hill had a couple of tight turns up hill in about 12"-14" of fresh, untracked snow! The rear locker and limited slip front were getting a work out! Those BFG mudders were also helping! Once I made it to the top of that hill, I pulled up enough for as many as possible to fit. It didn't take but a few seconds for a call to come over the CB that someone was stuck. Pat & Sue Brady said for us to wait, but they were sure they could get the stock 80 CJ of Matt Riley's up the hill. Pat said that getting in front of Matt, on an uphill, through unbroken snow (14"-18" deep), was the most fun he had all day! Lucky for him he didn't mess up the "Ladies Edition" Mazda. Pat had no problem getting the CJ up the hill thanks to his preparing Suzie's Mazda with a rear locker and limited slip front. Once we got to the top of that hill, we headed for the next! Of course it had been a year since being on the trail, so ole "fearless" opens his mouth and tells everyone it's all down hill from here! Wrong!!

The next hill provided about as much fun as the first, but everyone made it up. Carlos and his niece had a great time with that little 4 cylinder Scout of his! That thing tore up those hills! I think it's safe to say Carlos was very pleased with the performance of his little 800. He never had to be pulled once!

We finally headed out to the road and back to the air-down spot. From there everyone said goodbye and have a Happy New Year and headed home! The very successful and fun run was over by 3:00 P.M. I think everyone had a great time and I'm sure I'll want to lead that run again every year, especially if there's snow on it!

Updated Member List

A list will be available at the next meeting. If you will not be able to attend, I can mail the list to you via snail mail or E... just let me know. Miche 268-3887 or secretary@nm4w.org.

SPOTLIGHT Mark Wolf



Sorry Joan, I know you hate this picture! At the January meeting, a presentation was made to Mark Wolf. If you missed it, you probably didn't realize that Mark was voted "Four Wheeler of the Year" for the second year in a row! He also won the award for accumulating the most points last year as well as the year before. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of meeting Mark and his wife Joan, you are really missing out on a great couple who has brought new strides to the New Mexico 4 Wheelers. Mark held the President's position for 2 years and has also been the Events Chairman for the Southwest Four Wheel Drive Association for several years. I would have included a picture of Mark and Joan's Commando but I found that this picture would remind everyone just what a great leader Mark is! Mark always provides fun around the campfire until that clock strikes the chime of 9 o'clock sharp and then he

is out like a light bulb and people can hear him from miles away. Before Mark painted his Commando, it was appropriately named "Aesthetically Challenged" because of its' multiple colored and pieced together body. Now it looks and works like a great trail rig! We all know that behind every good man is a Great woman, and that describes Joan through and through. You'll normally find Joan hiking up any trail that Mark might be driving. We think it's because she likes to hike and not because she is afraid of riding with him, or at least that is what he told us! And to let everyone know that the New Mexico 4- Wheeler's are still a family organization...this picture was set up when poor Mark missed his bedtime while on a camping trip with the club. Let that be a lesson to anyone intending to participate in an overnight trip! Thanks Mark for all of your hard work, dedication, fun, and laughter you bring to the club. And thank you Joan for putting up with him and keeping him

A Contest...and the winner is...

Answers:

Numero Uno: Just WHO is THIS crazy, current New Mexico 4-Wheeler, willing to push the limits of back-country explorations - whom might show-up for/tackle a 4-wd trail in a street machine? **Bob Norton**

Numero Dos? Just WHEN, might you gather? Were YOU, NM4W member, born yet?! **July 1975**

Numero Tres? WHERE did this pictorial evidence of vehicular damage occur? No doubt, qualified for SIGNIFICANT FINES to be administered by our current Sheriff? That is, based on such blatant ignorance/ignoring of prudent NM4W's trail ride rules? **Yankee Boy Basin Trail, near Ouray, Colorado (tore panel below rear bumper and dented oil pan)**

So the NM4W member closest to guessing whom, when, where was involved in this flagrant violation, was **Mark Wolf**. He won a nice little certificate put together by Bob Norton!

2000 Annual Raffle Prize List

4X4Now	3ea Rock Crawler videos, 5ea Sidekick calendars
Advance Adapters	3ea \$100 gift certificates towards product
Ancra International	24prs 1" ratchet straps and 20ea anchors
Anchor USA	2ea tie down straps, 2ea tie down anchor rings, and 2ea tie down tracks
ARB/Southwest Four Wheel Drive	1ea gift certificate for an ARB air locker unit
Auburn Gear	1ea gift certificate for an Auburn limited slip unit
Auto Custom Carpets	1ea gift certificate for a set of custom floor mats
Auto Ventshade Co.	1ea gift certificate for a set of Ventvisors
Bestop	1ea gift certificate for a 'Sunrider' top
BF Goodrich	1ea gift certificate for a set of 4 tires (All Terrain 'KO' or Mud Terrain)
BORLA Industries	1ea gift certificate for 50% off a complete exhaust system
Core Marketers	2ea truck bed tie off anchors
Cross Enterprises	1ea rear bumper
Currie Enterprises	1ea tire inflator/deflator tool and 20ea T shirts & hats
Dunlop Tire	1ea gift certificate for a set of 4 off road tires (Rover A/T, M/T, or RV), can coozies
Durango Truck & 4X4 Outfitters	4ea 3" X 30' tow straps and 1ea tree protector
Energy Suspension	1ea gift certificate for \$50 towards purchase of product
Explorer Pro Comp	2ea 2" X 30' tow straps
Firestik	2ea 4' CB antennas
Flowmaster	2ea T shirts and 1ea Hats
Forrest Tool	1ea certificate for 50% off a 'Max Multipurpose Tool'
Get Serious! Off Road	1ea custom bumper
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	1ea gift certificate for a set of 4 tires
Go Rhino!	1ea gift certificate for a set of black SUMATRA 4000 series side steps, 3 T shirts & 3 hats
HELLA	1ea set of series 1000 off road lights
Hi Lift Jack Company	1ea Hi Lift Jack
Hy Tech Automotive/ARB	1ea ARB air Compressor and 1ea ARB Tow Strap
Jack Key Motor Co.	1ea hat, 1ea T shirt, 1ea Polo Shirt, 2ea MOPAR off road light kits, and 1ea gift certificate for \$250 of MOPAR accessories
Kayline	1ea gift certificate for a complete top kit
K&N Engineering	1ea gift certificate for \$100 towards merchandise
KC Hi Lites	1ea set of 100 watt 6" Daylites
Klune V	2ea \$250 gift certificates towards purchase of product
Meguiar's	2ea Classic Gold Car Care Kits
Mile Marker	1ea gift certificate for a set of locking hubs
M.O.R.E.	1ea 1" body lift kit for a Wrangler
MSD Ignition	1ea coil and 1ea 6A Off Road Ignition system
PIAA	1ea set of 110 watt Ion Driving Lights
Powertrax	1ea gift certificate for a Lock Rite locker
Pull Pal/Premier Power Welder	1ea gift certificate for a Pull Pal or \$250 off a Premier Power Welder
Ramsey	1ea Platinum 9500R winch

Randy's Ring & Pinion Service	1ea gift certificate for a Detroit Locker
Superlift Suspensions	1ea gift certificate for a Superlift video and 1ea gift certificate for \$500 off a complete suspension system
Tejano 4 Wheelers	1ea Tow Strap
Tiny Bits of Silver	1ea set of ear rings and 1ea charm bracelet
TOMKEN Machine	3ea \$100 gift certificates towards purchase of product
TRACTECH	1ea gift certificate for a TrueTrac or a Detroit Locker
Transgo	1ea FORD E40D and 1ea GM 4L80E transmission shift improver kits
TSM	2ea \$100 gift certificates towards purchase of rear disc brake kits
Tuffy Security Products	1ea gift certificate for \$200 towards purchase of product, 4ea SIDEKICK Calendars
WARN Industries	1ea HS9500i winch

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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."

February 9: Meeting. Andy Schulze hosting.

February 21-24: Chile Challenge. Las Cruces FWD Club hosting the SWFWDA Winter Quarterly.

March 9: Meeting. Preston & Melissa Garner hosting.

April 13: meeting. Miche hosting.



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Note:

Starting in **October**, the meetings will be held at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, located on Academy and Moon, just east of Wyoming. The meetings are held the second Friday of the month and will be in Room 407 in the Adult Wing. The host provides snacks and drinks. The meetings will start at 7pm. (Except as noted.) **Remember in May starts the potlucks at members' homes. Details next newsletter.

Meetings:

March 9: Preston & Melissa Garner.

April 13: Miche, the NM4W secretary

Summer Potlucks (Saturday evening):

May: the Harrison's

June: the Bednarski's

July: the Owen's

August: the Peeple's

September: the Werkmeister's

Meeting Minutes:

Members present:

Glenn Bontly, Mark Werkmeister, mark Wolf, Arne Gjeming, Bob Norton, Rich Capener, Glenn Capener, Michelle Kimbrell, Pat Brady, Don Tyler, Bonnie Bannigan, Stephanie & Brandon Rickerman, Ed Kausche, Jack & Stella Sierra, Preston & Melissa Garner, Tom Hurt, Wade Hicks, Andy Schulze, Chuck & Ethel May Peeples, Marcia Duggar, Taylor Tracy, and Miche Bove.

Guests present:

Roger & Jayne Fladung, Michael Hiatt, Chad Fickas, Joseph Alderete, Frank Whiston, Jeffrey Jacobsen, Nate Schuit, Tahoe Zahn, and Anita Ransom.

The meeting was called to order @ 7: 05 p.m.

☘ **The Guests** were introduced. Michael Hiatt has an '84 Ford Ranger for sale, Nathan Schuit has a Stealth (his rolled), Roger Fladung has a 2001 TJ, Frank Whiston has a 71 Bronco & TJ, Chad Fickas has a full size Chevy, and Neil Wasson has a International Scout.

☘ The minutes were accepted as written.

☘ The Treasurer reported that we had \$1431.63.

☘ **The Sheriff** fined the Poobah for not giving a report for the Trail Tales twice, 50 cents each and another 50c for no gavel. On the trails: she fined herself \$1.00 for cussing on the CB twice, Taylor Tracy for stealing the landscape and the rock that made a gash, 50c. A credit of 50c to Glenn Bontly towards future fines since he winched 5 up hill. Also, there is an updated points list. Please note that the most points is also the member with the most breakdowns: Don Tyler.

☘ **The Environmental Chair** was too busy at work but though he thought he might leave chair was convinced to stick it out since potlucks are just around the corner.

☘ **The Trip Chairman** mentioned that people can leave together for the Chile Challenge in 2 weeks, time to shakedown the vehicles..

☘ **The SW Delegate** reminded us of the next Quarterly (Feb 21-24 "Chile Challenge") good trails from easy to extreme (and mind you, he showed up in his Miata). Spring SWFWDA May 4-6 in Gilmer, TX (east) recently purchased by OHV. June 8-10 Kansas Krunch in Dighton, KS (4-wheeling in KS?? Yes, they have "badlands")

☘ **The Program Chairman** sold tickets and Ethel May won the \$24.00.

☘ **The Historian** proudly mentioned that it has been another month of history.

Old Business

☘ **SWFWDA Quarterly Event** in Las Cruces is a great event, Saturday nite dinner, raffle (put together by Mark Wolf) list of prizes available, 65% of SWFWDA funding is through the sale of tickets.

New Business

☘ **New Members** voted in: Anita Ransom, Joseph Alderte, Jeff Jacobson, Kevin Cox, Neil Wasson, and Michael Hiatt.

☘ **Treasurer** mentioned that the bank imposed \$7.50 charge. It was decided that the board (read Tom) take care of it and find free checking.

☘ **Drive Lines:** a new list needs to be sent to update who gets the issues.

☘ **Trash Pick-up:** March 31st on Saturday, meet at the Park and Ride at 8am for cleanup of the 1 mile stretch north of big gypsum plant. The place to meet is on the south side of the NM550 (Cuba) exit.

☘ **Memorial Day Campout:** May 26-28, Bonnie coordinating.

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Aluminum Cans: Our club saves and recycles aluminum cans. Bring your aluminum cans to each meeting, and Tom Hurt 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!

Submission Due Date:

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Picture of the Month!



Pat Brady's Pig, taken on December 4 by Marcia Duggar
This is from the Rio Puerco run.. Pat gashed the tire on the sidewall trying s new route. Don Tyler ad Rich Capener in foreground... (Rich perhaps thinking, "I'm glad that's not MY Bronco!!")

☘ Garage sale? Guess it was tabled...
The meeting was adjourned @ 7:30pm.

Poobah Musings

It goes by many names: SWFDA Winter Quarterly, Chile Challenge, etc, but to the New Mexico Four Wheelers it is simply known as Las Cruces. It's the premier four-wheeling event for our club in many ways. The location is close, the trails are incredible, and the event is always well-organized and well-attended. After nine years existence, this event is still as good as any four-wheel drive gathering. Many thanks go out to LCFWD for hosting and organizing this event year after year. They do a great job.

As usual, the New Mexico Four-Wheelers showed up in strong numbers for Las Cruces this year. Our vehicles ran the typical gamut of breakage and body re-sculpting, but rather than go into a litany of the damage here, I'll let Sheriff Bannigan address that in detail. However, I'd hate to be Wolfie at our next meeting. It's not everyday that one of our members has diapers applied to his vehicle.

Speaking of Wolfie, hats off to he and Joan once again. For the 5th(?) year in a row, Mark ran the big raffle that occurs as a part of this event. Contacting all the sponsors, organizing the ticket sales, and running the raffle itself is a daunting task, and Wolfie once again pulled it off. THANKS, MARK!

Even associate members of NM4W like to show up at Las Cruces. Our own Grammy-winning musician, L.P. How, was seen at the event not in a jeep, but on a motorcycle. I would think that a guy with three four-wheelers might at least drive one of them, but this was not the case. It seems that he has many toys to choose from, and sometimes chooses oddly.

Grand Poobah

Newest Official NM4W Members!

Submitted by Bonnie Bannigan

Wow! What a great meeting in February! We have 6 new families that were voted in as new members. Here they are:

➤ **JEFFREY JACOBSON:** Jeffrey heard about us through Derren Owen at Desert Rat and has been attending meetings off and on since last summer. He has several FWD vehicles to include an 87' Wrangler, 81' CJ8, and a 49'

Willys. He has been wheelin for over 10 years and his favorite trails are around the Moab, Utah area and best/worst trail experience includes a roll over on Mickey's Hot Tub there. Ouch!

➤ **JOSEPH ALDERETE:** Joseph drives a 99' Tacoma and boy is it always clean! Joseph heard about us through Southwest Four Wheel Drive and called me anxious to do some wheelin! Within a month he had accumulated his points to be voted in. He is definitely gung-ho about his four wheelin! Joseph has been wheelin only since he bought this truck but is in it for the long run. So far he has learned to love the Rio Puerco but also enjoyed the snow run Wolfie led to Sagebrush Flats.

➤ **NEIL AND SHAWNA WASSON:** Neil and Shawna heard about us through Carlos Ferrer and they have been wheelin for about 2 years. They own not one, but TWO scouts. A 74' Scout II, and a 78' Scout II. (I think the club has met their limit on how many scouts are allowed! Just kidding!). Neil and Shawna don't have a favorite trail yet, as they are just getting started.

➤ **ANITA RANSOM:** Anita was tired of gardening in her yard so she went out and bought a white 95' Cherokee. She heard about us through Augies who gave her Chuck and Ethel May Peoples number. Since she bought her Cherokee, she has lifted it 4 inches and put 31's on it. She used drive an 18 wheeler so she is ready for some fun! She hasn't been able to attend any trail rides yet but she is going to ride with Michelle Kimbrell in Cruces. Watch out for her when she returns as I am sure she will have the bug!

➤ **MIKE, KYLE, AND TYLER HIATT:** Mike heard about us through Preston and Melissa Garner. Mike and his two sons, Kyle and Tyler can't wait to go on the many camping/wheelin trips that the club will be conducting this summer. Mike currently drives a 84' Wrangler but is trying to sell it to buy something a little more roomy, like an old Bronco. Mike has lived in Albuquerque all his life and has been enjoying this sport for over 10 years. Mike has only had the pleasure to wheel the Rio Puerco where his trial leader (won't mention any names, Don Tyler...) misguided him and he nearly rolled. He'll just be observing in Cruces this year but intends on driving next year.

➤ **KEVIN COX:** Kevin has been in the club previously and let his membership go. He has now accumulated enough points to be a member again. Unfortunately due to his work, he doesn't get to attend the winter meetings. He usually drives a CJ 7 but sometimes shows up to runs in something different. Welcome back Kevin!

When you see these new faces, take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them to the New Mexico 4-Wheelers!

For Sale/Want Ads

Ads will be run for one newsletter. Please let Miche know if you need it to run one more time...
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1998 Jeep Wrangler Sport
BLACK HARD TOP AND BLACK DENIM SUN RIDER SOFT TOP,
3" BDS LIFT W/DISCONNECTS, TRAIL MASTER SSV SHOCKS,
33X12.50 BFG MUDDERS, JACOBS PRO STREET
ELECTRONIC IGNITION SYSTEM W/ELEVATION MODULE,
WET OKOLE SEAT COVERS (RED AND BLACK), KC
DAYLIGHTERS, KENWOOD REVERSIBLE FACE CD PLAYER,
SONY X-PL0DE 6X9 AND 4 1/2" SPEAKERS (4 1/2 SPEAKERS
ARE IN SOUND BAR 6X9 SPEAKERS ARE IN BOXES IN REAR)
FRONT AND REAR GENUINE STEEL TUBE BUMPERS W/ SIDE
NERF BARS, 2 1/4" EXHAUST PIPE, K&N AIR FILTER, AIR
SCOOP
CLINOMETER, FIRE EXTINGUISHER, DARK TINTED
WINDOWS
EXTREMELY CLEAN AND WELL TAKEN CARE OF.
THE REASON I'M SELLING IT IS SO I CAN BUY A CJ-7 (TIME
FOR A NEW PROJECT)
Jeep is located in Clovis, NM
Photos available at below link.
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Contact Dave (505)763-9010
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DANA Model 20 rear axle, narrow track with Moser one-
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And the Grammy goes to ...

Best Small Ensemble Performance (with or without Conductor)

Shadow Dances (Stravinsky Miniatures - Tango;
Suite No. 1; Octet, Etc.)
Orpheus Chamber Orchestra
[Deutsche Grammophon]

Ok, what does that mean?? In a NM4W newsletter I mention the word "orchestra"? Since I am the editor and have nearly been able to get away with publishing pictures of 4-wheeling cats (and now 4-wheeling dogs), I figure that this should be shared news. We have on our list (as previously mentioned by Poobah) a grammy winner. L.P. How is a member of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra since 1980. This violinist has toured throughout North and South America, Asia and Europe. However, winning a Grammy apparently hasn't gone to his head since he will still hangout with the likes of Poobah.

Congratulations, L.P. How, and the other members who make Orpheus a Grammy winning Chamber Orchestra!

The Valles Caldera Listening Session

Submitted by Mark Werkmeister

As you can see below, there will be several opportunities for us to make our desires on the Valles Caldera (the old Baca Ranch in the Jemez) known to the new management group. Unfortunately, the ABQ meeting was while we were all out playing in Las Cruces.

The next best opportunity appears to be next Thursday night, March 8th, in Santa Fe. I intend to attend that meeting and would encourage all of you to do the same. If you want, we may even be able to arrange for some car-pooling to keep camaraderie high and expenses low.

Let me know if you are interested in attending and I will work on THE PLAN.

VALLES CALDERA LISTENING SESSIONS
The Valles Caldera National Preserve Board of Trustees will hold a listening session tonight (February 22) in the Jemez Valley. This is the second of a series of sessions providing the public an opportunity to address the Trustees and offer comments and suggestions on the future management of the Valles Caldera National Preserve (formerly the Baca Ranch).

Tonight's session will be between 6:00 and 9:00 at the Jemez Valley Community Center which is between Jemez Pueblo and the High School.

Future sessions are scheduled as follows:
March 8, 6:00-9:00 p.m., The College of Santa Fe in "The Forum." The College is in Santa Fe off of St. Michael's;

March 9, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Betty Ehart Senior Center, Los Alamos. The Senior Center is between Fuller Lodge and Mesa Library and behind the library parking lot.

March 10, 1-4 p.m., Ghost Ranch in the Social Center. Ghost Ranch is near Abiquiu and between mileposts 224 and 225 on U.S. Highway 84.

The next formal meeting of the Board will be at 1:00 on March 9 in Los Alamos at Fuller Lodge.

The Board of Trustees maintain a web page on the Santa Fe National Forest web site at www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe. If you need to contact the Board, please call Denise McCaig at 505-842-3234. You may also mail Denise at:

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Thank you for your interest in the Valles Caldera,
Jim Whittington
Valles Caldera National Preserve
Interim Management Team

The Valles Caldera National Trust (Baca) Planning

Terry Rust

The second meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for NEXT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, at the SF Community College in Santa Fe on Richards Avenue. It'll be in the Jemez Room in the main Building from 1 - 5 PM. The primary focus of the meeting is the proposed special elk hunts this fall, however other topics will also be addressed and they will take general public comment. For more information contact Denise McCaig at 842 3234 or check the web page: www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/

I would really like each local club to have a presence (small) with one "spokesmodel" to introduce the club and offer help and encouragement to the board. In essence, make sure they know we are here and are watching, but in a cooperative way. I introduced the association at the last one and offered help educating the staff and board as to what we do, what we want, etc. I also mentioned our preliminary work with the Jemez District to map existing roads, use RTF grants for maps, kiosks, etc. I would think a similar message from the local clubs, represented by new faces, would serve to reinforce our commitment and our intention to be accommodated. Each local club (at least) should follow up with a letter identifying a point of contact. I'll forward what I send from SWFWDA when I get it ready. Ideally the clubs might offer diverse representatives (ideally at least one with small kids) to reflect the diversity of the hobby. I don't want them to think all 'wheelers are fat, middle aged, guys like me.

Second, and perhaps more important: the listening meetings are set, these will require a much larger presence and a much more involved presence by our membership. We need to be heard giving each meeting the same message as to what we expect out of this chunk of our public land. I would propose the following as key points, feel free to expand:

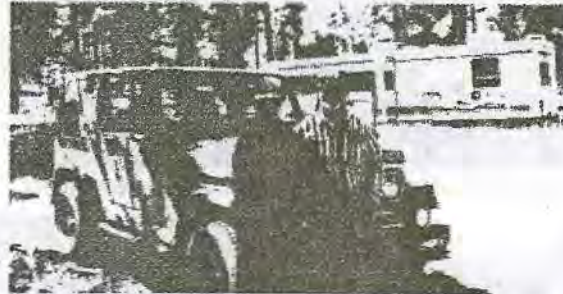
- 1) diversity in type and difficulty, parallel routes to a destination are alright if they appeal to divergent visitors.
- 2) Loops, including a few instances where destination roads are linked through new road work to create loops, advantage is an overall decrease in use of a given road segment.
- 3) OUR INVOLVEMENT in planning the recreational road system so that we can ensure our needs are met.
- 4) Our input on proposed closures and the opportunity to mitigate problems or potential problems before they close anything.
- 5) the opportunity for dispersed camping along the roads

6) access in and out from points other than along NM4, for example, the lipeline road in Los Alamos runs directly into a locked gate, the road continues and could provide alternative access and reduce the traffic along NM4, similar options undoubtedly exist from Coyote or Gallina and along the west side (I know they are there, I've turned around at the fence)

SPOTLIGHT

Chuck and Ethel May Peoples

Submitted by Bonnie Bannigan



This is a picture of Chuck and Ethel May at the New Mexico 4-Wheelers annual Memorial Day Treasure Hunt in 1999. This was one of their first official club events and I remember their dogs more than anything! I think the dogs were more excited than Chuck was to go four wheeling. Chuck served as the Program Chairman for a year and helped sell lots of club paraphernalia. We even found the two of them helping out with the ticket sales at the Chile Challenge again this year. These two retired folks love to go camping (in their motor home, of course) and four wheeling as often as humanly possible. Their residence resides in Los Lunas but you will hardly ever find them there. They drive a teal TJ that is set up pretty efficiently for wheelin purposes. You'll usually find Chuck with one eye behind a camcorder recording every trip he can of the fun we all have. Now, as I hear it, Ethel May, you will find riding in the passenger seat somewhat quiet until Chuck puts her on the downhill side of an off - camber obstacle! Besides meeting these two at their first ever club meeting, my most fond memory was when Chuck joined a few of us on a camping trip in October of 99' up around the Capitan area. Saturday was a beautiful day of seeing the colors in the trees change to fall. Then we woke up to several feet of snow on Sunday morning. My zipper to my tent was frozen shut and my jeep still had the top off. Chuck was real quick to get me to town via Tom's jeep and get me some hot chocolate....then nicely offered to take turns driving my jeep home! Of course I didn't let him but it was a nice gesture, and he got video of my craziness to bring back fond memories anytime I care to see them. Sure glad to have the two of you!

Chile Challenge Picture Gallery

Most pictures were probably taken by a Bontly, some by Miche.



All smiles for Aphrodite and Bruno, what a weekend!



Robert Clark's Scrambler and a green bronco (sorry, owner unknown)



Bonnie Bannigan



Brandon Rickerman



The line up for Sandia Guich (hard)... is that Cherokee with them?



Glenn Bontly



Rich Capener



Robert Clark's Scrambler with a couple of hitchhikers!



Robert Clark



Chuck Peeples



Rich Capener following red Jeep (owner unknown).

Because I didn't want to leave a page "intentionally blank."

Every now and then, I don't get enough input to actually do a full newsletter, so I try to fill it with what ever else I might have at hand. However, sometimes my eyes are so crossed that just to print this out will be relief! So this time, I am tired, it is late, and I am just going to ramble on about a few things... because I can. The power of being "editor" is pretty cool sometimes.

As far as the next meeting scheduled for April goes there might be a conflict between Good Friday and us at the church. Sue Brady is kind enough to look into this, but I also offered that I might just go ahead and have the first potluck meeting earlier than usual. Of course, if that does come about, you'll just have to share your snacks with my little dogs out back.

I have an idea that I would like to share. I was at a meeting where they had a drawing with those tickets with numbers. Their money went to their treasury 60/40 and they didn't stop there either, they went on to draw for t-shirts, gift certificates (I won a \$15 gift certificate to Chick's H-D), food, all sorts of goodies which were all donated. Not that I thought, "Hey, I'd like more free stuff (I didn't win anything in Cruces, as we all know that was reserved for Tom Hurt and Sue Brady... haha) It is not a bad idea, of course, it is bugging the businesses to give up a little something for us monthly. I am willing to give it a go.

Other stuff that I have seen in newsletters, but don't know if it is of any interest to the group, is birthday and anniversary lists. Had I had a list, I would have known it was going to be Bonnie's birthday and that would have explained the Stallion incident. Oh, you didn't hear about the horse? If not, I will let Bonnie divulge the story. I am still trying to think of a punchline. (I am still waiting on pictures, too.)

Well, goody, I have filled up this page, which I just couldn't leave blank!

Miche

Actually
Sue called
a meeting
will be
on the
13th.

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March 8: Valles Caldera Listening Session. College of Santa Fe "Forum" 6:00 – 9:00pm

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March 31: Trash Pick-up. Meet at Park & Ride (south side of the Exit for NM550) at 8am for the 1 mile stretch of I-25.

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Guests present:

Bryce Gilbert, Dee Comiskey, Darin MacKenzie, Chris Johnson, Frank Whiston, Tahoe Zahn, Jerry Thompson, Cody Dimmitt, Ken O'Neill, Justin Phillips, Monica Debevec, Michael, Jamie, & Angelita Villanueva, and Jane Bell.

The meeting was called to order @ 7: 05 p.m.

☛ **The Guests** were introduced. Darin MacKenzie is from Oregon and is here for an Intel Project, he

drives an 83 CJ7, Frank Whiston has a TJ and Bronco, Cody Dimmitt is from Los Lunas (Toy Truck Accessory Shop) drives a 56 CJ6, Jerry Thompson has an early Bronco and Toyota, Ken O'Neill has 84/85 Toys, Dee Comiskey drives a 92 Bronco, Monica Debevec has a 76 Jeep, Tahoe Zahn was tired of introducing himself, but he has a Jeep, Justin Phillips has a 78 GJ20, Bryce Gilbert has a 78 CJ7 and 93 Dodge, and Chris Johnson has a 53 3B Jeep Wagoneer (he's Tom Hurt's neighbor, but we won't hold that against him).

☛ **The minutes** were accepted as written.

☛ Spent 10 minutes torturing Wolfie.

☛ **The Treasurer** reported that we had \$1404.63

☛ **The Sheriff** had Kyle Hiatt show off his "Happy 4-Wheelers Day" poster which will be put in the scrapbook. FINES: Jim Werkmeister fined .50 for a picture which revealed that his spotter, LP, was missing. Robert Clark fined .50 for "flowery" seat covers and another .50 for matching roll bar padding. Brandon Rickerman fined .50 for letting Stephanie trail for the first time in the Pickle Barrel. Don Tyler fined .50 for being a bad spotter and allowing Stephanie hit twice. Riche Capener received the Ooh – Aah Award for a nice set of dented rockers and fined .50. Ethel Mae said obscenities around the jeep, however, Chuck was fined .50 for putting her in that position. Don Tyler fined .50 for breaking motor mount and starter. Mark Wolf was given a \$2 flat fine for a diaper covering the oil pan, trying to bribe the Sheriff to forget about it, and environmental damage. Pat Brady presented Mark Wolf with the rest of the diapers incase of further incontinence. Bear Harrison fined .25 for breaking axle on Pickle Barrel. Glen Bontly was fined \$1.25 for environmental damage when he trailed over a yucca tree. Preston Garner was presented the "woody" award then fined .50 for letting air escape into the environment, .25 for upsetting Melissa, .25 for not listening to the Sheriff and .25 for no CB.

☛ **The Environmental Chair** was working tonight.

☛ **The Trip Chairman** was not available.

☛ **The SW Delegate** forgot his notes. Mentioned a small new Texas club. There is a flyer in the mail regarding the Robledo Mountains since the Land Action Fund is nearly depleted. Wilderness Advocacy has joined BLM in lawsuit. Apparently the Judge involved up and dies, so awaiting the appointment of a new judge.

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- ‡ **The Program Chairman** reminded us that he needs **36 T-shirt orders** before they can be done. Tickets were sold and Melissa Garner won.
- ‡ **The Historian** proudly mentioned that it has been another month of history.

Poobah Musings

Its springtime once again. That time of year when destinations like Farmington, Moab, and Montrose are on every four-wheelers mind. Damage and breakage from Las Cruces have been repaired, and tops have been taken off for the year. The garage season is behind us for another year, and the trails season looms in front!

It's also the time of year when the New Mexico Four-Wheelers start heading to each other's backyards for the monthly meetings. That's right...Potluck Season! Only one more month of meetings at the church, and its back to the grazing trays. The first of the summer potlucks were to be held in May at the home of that world-famous potluck enthusiast, Berrett Harrison. However, he realized that his family has some graduation conflicts that weekend, so we are currently looking for volunteers to host that meeting.

Thanks go out to Bonnie Bannigan and Sue Brady for setting up the highway cleanup. We experienced a decent turnout, and finished our section of I-25 by noon. Robert Clark gets the award for finding the most interesting items this year. See him for details.

Jim

Memorial Day Treasure Hunt Campout!

Submitted by Bonnie Bannigan

May 26-May 28

To be held in the beautiful Jemez Mountains conveniently located only 45 minutes from Albuquerque!

Cost is \$30 per family or \$15 per person. Please send your entry fee to

Bonnie Bannigan
490 Cherish Ct
Rio Rancho, NM
87124

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 892-4458 or work 262-1871.

There will be more info in the next trail tales and at the May 11th meeting. The fee covers dinner for

Saturday night and the many fun and games that will be happening! Hope to see you all there!

For Sale/Want Ads

Ads will be run for one newsletter. Please let Miche know if you need it to run one more time...
secretary@nm4w.org or 268-3887 opt 2

Does anybody have, or know where I could get, a spare 8x15 wheel (5 on 4.5) that would fit my YJ? I would like to have an extra. Paul Thompson
pathomp@MyRealBox.com

On the News

Our own Michele Reed was on the news on KOB-TV channel 4 Friday night. Introduced by Greg Mocker as beautiful and young, she braved the media to tell her story. She is 28 and has advanced lung cancer. Her fiancé, Steve, an APD officer was there by her side, his head shaved in support. She showed us a glance of her calendar which had appointments with her doctors and a decorator for her April 21 wedding. Michele told her story of how she had started smoking as a teenager but would roll her eyes when people would mention cancer. Now she wants her message to be heard, that cancer can and does happen, so don't smoke.

Game Day in Western Rio Rancho

Submitted by Mark Wolf

The "Game Day" event was held on the western most sand dune on the escarpment west of Rio Rancho once again. This year, the participants were asked to congregate at the "parking lot" just past the end of the road at 9:00 AM, Saturday March 24th. Tom Hurt, visitor Chris Johnson, and I met early at the JB's to get breakfast and then went out to the dunes to get the course set up quickly. We got there about an hour early to get the thing set up and completed it in time to allow the people to get on with the event. I met the participants at the "parking lot" and after everyone aired down, we got underway. Unfortunately, I missed the turn and will no doubt pay dearly for that little error. We eventually got over to the hilltop and it looked like the weather was going to cooperate. Actually, there was plenty of sun and most people ended up with a little sunburn for the day.

Pictures of the Game Day

Submitted by Mark Werkmeister.



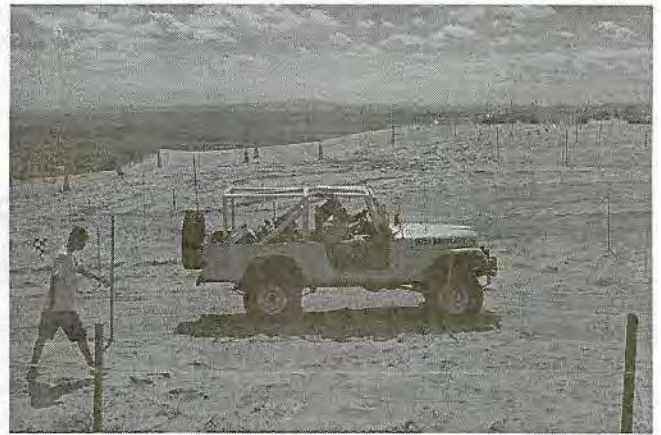
NM4Wer's and friends gather for a day of fun in the spring sunshine on the Rio Puerco escarpment



Where are all those kids? Doreen Clark enjoys the serenity of the Blindfold course.



People brought out the chairs and shade and made a day of it in the brilliant sunshine.



Robert and Doreen Clark pilot the Scrambler through the Blindfold course. Is this the only time Doreen listens to Robert?



The man with the plan for fun! Mark Wolf gives us our instructions for the day.

Our first event was the reverse course where the participant took off in forward only to have to turn around and go backwards after about 200 yards for the remainder of the course. We decided NOT to time this event and instead gave everyone 20 points to start with. We deducted one point for every cone or stake that was hit, one point for every time they changed direction when they shouldn't have to, and ½ point for causing a cone or stake to lean. Oh yeah, we deducted 3 points for going off course. I don't know how Pat Slattery does it, but once again he made a perfect pass! And the person with the fewest points after this event was none other than Sheriff Bannigan! She almost lost more points than she was given to start with! I know better than to say something about women drivers, so I'll just say she must have gotten very little sleep the night before (you owe me now!).

The next event was the take-the-can-from-the-stick-and-put-it-back event. This time the winner was once again Pat Slattery, except his passenger had no seat belt! We still haven't figured out what to fine him, but I'm sure Sheriff Bannigan will figure out something. This time the person with the least points was none other than the guy with the most points in the club – Don Tyler! Of course Sheriff Bannigan was his passenger so that probably had something to do with it. They only had 1 ½ points left after they completed the course. I haven't figured out how much to deduct for them putting the cans on the wrong stakes yet, but maybe we'll just call it even and say they had no points left!

The last event was the Divorce run (or blind driver's). This where the driver is completely blindfolded and the passenger tells them where to go. It's fun to hear what is being said when the married couples are going around the course! Sometimes the words are not repeatable, but most everyone laughs! The winner of this event was a tie between Brandon and Stephanie Rickerman and Carlos Ferrer (with Tom Flemins at this side). They lost only 4 points a piece. The person who holds the lucky position of last place was once again Don Tyler. I'm sure I don't have to say who was leading poor Don around the course, do I?! I think everyone had fun and got to go out and do some four wheeling.

I would like to thank all that came out to help with this event. Tim McNab helped set up the last few stakes and flags along with Tom and Chris. A special thanks goes to Mr. Guy Conway for lending us all of those cones and fiberglass poles to set up the course. I also want to thank all of the visitors who showed up and participated. Kevin, Dee, Cassie, and Kaylee Mauer in their 93 Grand Cherokee, Chris Johnson in his 53 CJ3B, Mike Rickerman and his wife in their 85 CJ7, Clint in his "Thing" (Bronco frame and ???), George in his 77 F250 Ford, Jim Hurt in his

96 Grand Cherokee, and Henry Werkmeister in his 91(?) Cherokee. Members present were Tom Hurt, Tom Flemins, The Clark gang, Mark Werkmeister, Don Tyler, Bonnie Bannigan, Brandon and Stephanie Rickerman, Mike Hiatt and son, Carlos Ferrer and his nephew, Bear Harrison, Preston Garner and his friend, Pat Slattery, Tim McNab and friend, and myself. Miche showed up, but had to leave early and could not participate. Until next year, happy wheeling!

Newest New Mexico 4-Wheeler

By Bonnie Bannigan

Please help me welcome Nate Schuit as our newest member of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers. Nate heard about the club through Kris Webb. Nate drives an 83' CJ7. His favorite trails include Rocatillo Rapids. His Jeep is lifted 4" with the help of Superlift and has 33x12.50's keeping on the dirt. He anticipates getting Dana 44's in the future and of course, lockers. If you see him on the trails, give him a hard time and give him the true NM4W welcome!

Next meeting's eligible inductee's

Submitted by Bonnie Bannigan

Unfortunately I won't be at the next meeting (unfortunate for everyone else, not me, I'll be in Moab!) so I am listing the people who have met the points requirement and are eligible for membership and will let our esteemed Pres conduct the votes. Here they are:

Kevin Nauer
Ken O'Niell
Monica Debevec
Frank R. Whiston, not to be confused with Frank G. Whiston!

Spotlight Member of the Month

By Bonnie Bannigan

Glenn, Susan, and Stephen Bontly

The Bontly's have been a great family to have as part of the NM4W family. For those of you who always wondered who updates our club website and makes it look so fantastic, these are the people! Because Glenn does so well with the website, we will let him get away with the fact that he drives something with round headlights! Along with the title of Webmaster, Glenn is our Program Chairman and is responsible for selling all of those tickets at the meetings as well as other club paraphernalia. Glenn and Susan have been with the club for almost 2 years and moved to Tijeras from Ohio (one muddy place to another). Actually Glen remembers back in Ohio when car wash places actually hung out signs stating, "NO MUDDY JEEPS!" Glenn and Susan have been married almost 20 years, have a great 14 year old son, Stephen and have a massive passion for four wheelin! Glenn is a Major in the Air Force and Susan operates her own online bookstore. When I asked Glenn what his most fond memory of the club was, he actually gave me memories of his old club in Ohio so I guess we haven't impressed him enough yet. He said they used to conduct "Novice Rides" to introduce the inexperienced wheelers to four wheeling. He enjoyed it when their faces would light up when they tackled the smallest of obstacles that would compare to a speed bump to most of us! Maybe Glen could lead one of these for the NM4W's someday! Keep an eye out for the Red TJ with the upcoming 4 to 1 kit out on the trail! P.S.....just to show you how seriously Glenn takes his four wheeling, we caught him making verbal entries into a tape recorder on the way home from Cruces's Chile Challenge this year of all the changes he wants to make to his Jeep, now that's serious! Congrats to Glenn for getting his first article published in a magazine too, sorry I can't tell you which one but he can when you see him! Nice having you Bontly's around!



Trash Clean-up Pictures

Pictures submitted by Mark Werkmeister.



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Guests present:

Ken O'Neill

The meeting was called to order @ 7: 15 p.m. (which was a little late because Carol Kennicott wouldn't sit down then proceeded to brag about living in two different states. I was just told to "note" these ongoings – MLB)

- 👉 The minutes were accepted as written.
- 👉 The Treasurer reported that we had \$1300 and some odd pennies which he figured to be 31 cents.
- 👉 The Sheriff was unavailable (and there was applaud, but we won't say who).
- 👉 The Environmental Chair was working tonight; however, Phil Kennicott filled us in on the BLM resource advisory council of NM. OHV Management is the highest priority and will have a set of recommendations by June 6-8 in Santa Fe where comments are welcome (Standards

Public Meeting during day at the Holiday Inn) Contact Mary White in Santa Fe 438-7404. Then Aug 8-10 Voting to be held in Taos. Call Phil Kennicott for strategy. BLM still need Ranchers as appointed members. A Sierra Club member would like to ride with us sometime.

- 👉 There were some portapotty comments.
- 👉 The Trip Chairman was not available.
- 👉 **PLAY DAY** was discussed by Mark Wolf. There were 15 vehicles which played on the last sand dune. Pat Slattery knows his CJ5 well. Sheriff Bannigan needed to be fined for misleading a reasonable person, almost completely disqualified, caused extra work to place the cans on the correct stakes, decided she owes \$2. Thanks to Guy Conway for the stakes and such, Tom's dad for cutting the stakes and help.

- 👉 The SW Delegate not available.
- 👉 Program Chair not available and Tom Hurt selling the tickets. Ken O'Neill won the raffle getting around \$15.

👉 Historian not available.

Old Business

- 👉 Trash day collected \$9.25 in aluminum cans. 21 people showed and were done by noon. Doing again in the Fall (Oct). Sue go the bags and such to do it.

- 👉 Bear unable to host May meeting since daughter is graduating therefore **May 19 at the Bontly's** at 5pm for the first "grazing night" Saturday night potluck, which is quite the buffet, and more kickback than the formal church meetings, bring pig plates, utensils, beer, lawn chair and a dish to share.

- 👉 Memorial Day Campout information, map will be in the next newsleterr. It will be in the Jemez Mountains, please send in your money.

New Business

- 👉 Freebies were brought in by Wolfie, and whatever was left was tossed.
- 👉 New Phonenumber to be included in next newsletter.
- 👉 Moment of Silence was observed for the premature loss of the Shruken head. Marcia Duggar said that it has been replaced (and it could be on a rig near you!)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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Poobah Musings

Ah, the progress that the passage of time brings! It seems that it was only yesterday when Wolfie showed up with the first set of 35" tires in the club. At the time Pat Brady was heard to make a disparaging remark about those tires being "too damn big". Nowadays when I show up for some hard-core wheelin' with a 35"-shod vehicle, I always feel a tad undersized. It seems that the game has already moved on to 38" Swampers, or bigger.

Support equipment is another category. Just a few short years ago if you showed up at an event with your jeep on a trailer, you were automatically a Big Dog, even if that trailer was drawn by a 15 year old Ford with a few dents and a ½ plate welded into the bed. Now when you show up in rig like that, you have to slink past a long row of 40' diesel pusher motorhomes to go pitch your tent around back.

What's the point to all this? Nothing. No point at all. The 90's were good to a lot of folks, and the sport of fourwheeling happened to mushroom at about the same time. Its fun to see people enthusiastically pump their talents and finances into their recreational passions. And its still fun to see that guy with a well-prepared, well-engineered \$8,000 sleeper out there running with the competition buggies.

Jim

Memorial Day Treasure Hunt Campout!

Submitted by Bonnie Tyler

May 26 – May 28 Cost is \$30 per family or \$15 per individual. Cost includes main course for dinner on Saturday night, fun, games, and maybe treasure, if you find it! Everyone bring a side dish to share for the dinner on Saturday, potluck style! **For those of you still trying to call my old number....note that it has changed! 892-4458 is the new number.** After pre-running to the Jemez this past weekend, we found that everything is still closed, therefore we are going to hold it in a new location just west of Cuba. I will have directions and a map at the next meeting...as well as when I receive payments from people, I will give them a confirmation call with any additional info. Please send checks payable to NM4W and send to 490 Cherish Ct. Rio Rancho, NM 87124.

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1986 Jeep Cherokee, v-6 w/rod knock. tranny and drive train in good shape; suspension has gas shocks with overload leafes on rear. Some body damage. Wish to sell as unit for \$500.00 o.b.o Ted Romanik @ (505)983-4756

I'm in the process of building myself a new rear bumper/trail rack/tire carrier/jerry can holder for my TJ. Therefore, my old rear bumper/trail rack/tire carrier/jerry can holder is for sale! It should fit all TJ's; not sure about YJ's or CJ's, though. Mounts to frame with 10 bolts. Trail rack will hold at least 200 pounds of stuff! Zero stress on the body or the tailgate. Asking \$400. I'll even help with the installation! If you, or anyone you know, is interested, please e-mail me or call me at 286-4851 or 286-4861. Attached are a couple of pictures. Glenn Bontly (Glenn@nm4w.org)



Pro Comp 130W driving lights, stainless, never used, \$50. Passenger side front axle assembly (inner & outer shaft w/ujoint) for Dana 30 with vacuum disconnect, \$50. Ring & pinion, 4.10 for Dana 30 reverse rotation (from Jeep YJ), \$50. Class II receiver hitch, \$40. Leaf spring u-bolt skid plates (set of 4) for YJ, \$20. Contact Paul Thompson, 293-8390, 844-7094, pathomp@myrealbox.com

Directions to the Bontly's

I-40 east, exit #178 (Zuzax). This is the first exit after the North 14 exit. Turn left and go over the interstate and turn left onto North Frontage Road. Go 0.5 miles and turn right onto Gutierrez Canyon Road (just after the green Tijeras Village sign). Go 1.7 miles and turn

right onto Hobart Rd. Go 0.6 miles down into the canyon and back up onto the next ridge. Turn right onto Rattlesnake Ridge. At the top of the ridge, take the far right gravel road. Our house is the first on the left after going through the gate. 21 Rattlesnake Ridge

And the race for the most points is on!

Submitted by Bonnie Tyler

Ok...we are nearing the July mark of end of the fiscal year which ends the points contest. For those of you who aren't aware, the person or family with the most points at the end of the fiscal year get an award and \$50 gift certificate to Desert Rat. You receive a point every time you attend a club event. If you lead a meeting or run you obtain an additional point. Here are the top 5 leaders and their point status so far:

1st: Don Tyler 24 pts
2nd: Tie between Garners and Bonnie 21 pts
3rd: Mark & Debbie Werkmeister 18 pts

and the Bontley's, Brady's, and Rickerman's are at 17 pts hot on the trail!

Note: Wolfie won this award for the last two years and he currently has 16 pts, still contending! I will have the updated points list at the next meeting.

Next meeting's eligible inductee's

By Bonnie Tyler

Ok, missed last meeting but I hear that no one was voted in because they didn't go, so here are the people who have met the points requirement and hopefully can be voted in at the next meeting!

Kevin Nauer, Ken O'Niell, Monica Debevec, Frank R. Whiston, Chris Johnson, Bryce Gilbert, and maybe Tahoe Zahn (I don't know if he attended april meeting or not)

*Editor's note: Ken O'Neill was at the last meeting and knew that we just spaced having him voted in. He was ok with this since he won the 50/50 raffle.

Spotlight on Tom Hurt

Submitted by Bonnie Tyler



I just love this picture of Tom, although you can hardly notice that it's him in that Red (really it's Orange...but don't tell him / told you that!) 76' CJ5. This picture was taken on the clubs annual Mt. Blanca trip in 1997. Tom left camp that morning very unhappy with his Jeep because it was having some troubles running and was smoking badly. Come to find out, it was not a problem with the Jeep, but a problem with the gasoline that the owner (this would be Tom) put in the Jeep.....it was Diesel...you know, the one that has the *green* handle at the pump so you won't mistake it for unleaded! We kept him in the back of the line so he wouldn't smoke everyone out the whole day but it never kept him from having fun at all. Tom has been a member of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers for at least 6 years and has held almost every office in the club except President. Hmmmm. Currently Tom keeps track of the club money and of course takes the aluminum cans in to be cashed in for more money, fun job he has! Tom's Jeep is set up very well and has tackled many trails with his mere 31" tires, even trails that require 33's! He's also working on some other vehicle in his back yard but has been since I've known him so I don't know how much work he is actually getting done on it! Ask him for yourself next time you see him. Thanks Tom for your dedication to the club.

Who Stole Our Crown Jewels?

By Del Albright

What do these have in common: the Rubicon; Utah's Escalante; Glamis dunes; Death Valley's Surprise Canyon; the Mojave; and Yellowstone National Park? Well, first of all, they ARE our Crown Jewels of motorized recreation. Secondly, they've been stolen (or are nearly in the hands of a thief)!

Who stole our crown jewels? Who put a gate across Surprise Canyon? Who told snowmobilers they were about to become extinct in National Parks like Yellowstone? Who shut down the Mojave Road? Who on earth closed off so much of Utah to us? And just who in this world thinks they have the right to close the Rubicon trail? A thief; that's who.

These locales represent some of our best and most precious wheeling, dirt biking, snowmobiling and ATVing in the world. We hold these (and of course a few more like Farmington and others) in the highest regard. Many of us thought we'd never see the day when the world famous Rubicon would be gated. Well guess what! A gate was considered and has been suggested by a few radical environmental groups. It hit the email networks like a wind-driven wildlife in dry grass.

As of this moment, the Rubicon gate idea is off the table because motorized recreationists have banded together to work with Placer County in keeping the trail open. See my web site for the latest update (www.goldrush.net/~jeepndel/). But how could anyone think they could take down the Rubicon (or at least attempt it)??? It's literally shocking to some of us.

Further, to close the icon of snowmobiling, Yellowstone. My goodness, who would have thought? Our Crown Jewels being taken right from under our noses. So who is this thief? Who is this person or group that is taking away, piece by piece, our best recreation opportunities? ME!!!! That's who. I confess. I did it. It's my fault.

That's right. I'm telling the world. The "famous" Del Albright, land use guy and access advocate, let these crown jewels slip right through my hands. I turned my head and BOOM! they were gone. But at least I was not alone in this caper.

Oh, you ask? Who was in on this with me? YOU! That's who. We did this together. We didn't work hard enough; we didn't write enough letters; we didn't make enough political hay; we didn't get

enough folks to join motorized recreation; we didn't.....

Ok, enough of this sarcastic stuff. Let's be honest, many of us worked our TAILS OFF on land use and public land access. Many of us have done way more than our share. But yes, it's us, the users, who really have to stand up to the fact that we, as a whole, just didn't do enough. It's time to change that. It's time to really STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.

Yes, we have had a few crown jewels slip through our hands. But we have tons more to keep open and useable. We've got to take this attack on our prime recreation sites as a WARNING and a precursor. I've mentioned in other columns not that long ago, that under this new Administration, the attacks on our recreation will increase. I CALLED IT. Back in January of this year I predicted this would happen. The radical enviro's have stepped up their efforts. And now they've started really getting high profile (our crown jewels). I told folks that because this new Administration would NOT be as friendly to their radical causes, that they would HAVE to intensify their efforts in order to justify collecting dues money from their members. And they have.

The bad part is that most of us who work part time in land use and access (nights and weekends on the computer) cannot possibly keep up with the onslaught any more. We are over-loaded with agency documents, meetings, email networks, and just plain old local issues of land use/access. It's time to get more folks working full time; paid; on land use and access issues. We need more like Don Amador, Adena Cook, Carla Boucher, Don Klusman, Jeri Ferguson, and ??? Oops. I just ran out of names. I know I missed a few folks; but this is our list of full time, paid staff who do land use stuff for a living. Given that I missed a few, do you see that we can list our full time folks in a very short paragraph?

For me to turn around and list the full time, paid, radical environmental staff would take an attached zip disk! We're terribly out-numbered. And yet we still have wins! And those wins come in when you jump in and help!

So where do we go from here? FIRST, we get more folks to jump in and JOIN our recreation groups. SECOND, we start working towards a future of more full time, paid staff to take on these issues for us. THIRD, we do OUR part – write letters, adopt a trail, ride alongs, meetings, scoping, etc. Visit my web site for more ideas on how to get involved in land use/access (www.goldrush.net/~jeepndel/). The future is in our hands. The time is now. Let's not lose another Crown Jewel.

Writing Congress is so easy

now.

By Del Albright

If you haven't tried it, writing to congress is so easy now via shortcuts on the Internet. Both Blue Ribbon Coalition (www.sharetrails.org) and my Home Pages under www.goldrush.net/~jeepndel/landuse.htm have short cuts to the Rapid Response Resource Center. It CAN'T be any easier.

You enter your zip code and bingo, up comes your elected reps, their committees, addresses, interests, etc. You click and compose a message and it's gone. BRC has even set up some messages for you. CHECK IT OUT PLEASE.

This is the simplest tool for whipping off a message (or just for getting info on your reps) that I've ever seen. It works.

Preston Pictures

Pictures submitted by Glenn Bontly



June 9 Meeting

This is just a "heads-up" for the next meeting location. It will be at the Bednarski's home. These are the directions, and of course, I will run them again in the next newsletter.

Here are the directions to our house for the June meeting.

We are in Rio Rancho, in the Enchanted Hills Subdivision, close to Bernalillo. From the corner of Hwy 528 and Enchanted Hills Blvd (approximately 1 mile south of Hwy 550 (old Hwy 44)). West to Montreal Loop (first left), right on MacKenzie (first right) and left (first left) onto Aldan Drive. We are the corner house: 7433 Aldan Drive. Phone number: 771-1835.

If you need any more info, just let us know.

Sandy and Chuck

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Ferrer, Carlos	505-275-6773
Flemins, Tom	505-891-2998
Garner, Preston & Melissa	505-286-4352
Giles, Scott & Pam	505-899-9431
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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

May 4-6: SWFWDA Spring Quarterly. Gilmer, TX

May 19: Potluck Meeting. Bontly's home. Please bring a dish to share, utensils, plate and a lawn chair.

May 26-28: Memorial Day Campout. Bonnie in charge.

June 8-10: Kansas Krunch. Dighton, KS.

June 9: Meeting. Bednarski's home.



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Note:

Starting in **May**, the meetings will be a potluck affair at various members' homes. The host provides the drinks. Everybody else brings a dish (main course, salad, dessert, etc...), a chair, plates and utensils. The meetings will start at 5pm.

Meetings:

June 9: the Bednarski's @ 5pm

July: the Owen's

August: the People's

September: the Werkmeister's

Meeting Minutes:

Big Thank You to Sue Brady for taking the minutes since I was exceptionally late to the meeting! - Miche

Members present:

Pat & Sue Brady, Preston & Melissa Garner, Tom Flemins & guest, Carlos Ferrer, Tom Hurt, Glenn, Susan, & Stephan Bontly, Stephanie & Brandon Rickerman, Bonnie & Don Tyler, Tim McNab & daughter, Mary & Paul Thompson, Sandy & Chuck Bednarski, Bob Norton, Kevin De Nauer & daughters, Leon & Marcia Dugger, Bob & Michelle Kimbrell, Mark & Joan Wolf, Ed & Lyn Kausche, Andy Schulze, Miche Bové, and at the very last minute, the Robert Clark clan.

Guests present:

Frank R. & Donna Whiston, and Jane Bell

The meeting was called to order @ 6:07 p.m. after a great pig-out!

- Eligible and voted in for membership: Frank R. & Donna Whiston, and Jane Bell.
- No reading of the **minutes** from the last meeting.
- **The Treasurer** reported \$1316.81
- **VP Bonnie Tyler** report – not much, please check point list for point update.
- **The Environmental Chair** was unavailable.
- **Utah** has passed a maximum vehicle height law for any kind of driving in the state. Measure 24" from the bottom where the bumper hooks to the frame to the ground. Any higher, if caught, you will be fined.

- **The Trip Chairman** was not available. Bonnie gave a very brief report of the Easter Jeep Safari, all members had a great time.
- **The SW Delegate**, Bob Norton, and please call him for more info – help GPS the Manzanos this summer.
- **Program Chair** had to wait until Miche brought the tickets to sell.
- **Historian** Don Tyler had no new additions to the club scrapbooks,
- **Old Business**
- **Memorial Day Campout** maps available, should have a good turn out. More after the event and Bonnie does the trip report.
- Several members have not been receiving the SWFWDA newsletter. There was some discussion about using the internet, but the best method is for the secretary to send an updated list to Rowena Archer every 3 months.
- **New Business**
- **Upcoming officer elections in July.** So far the nominations/volunteers are: Trip Chairman: Mark Wolf, President: Bonnie Tyler, Treasurer: Tom Hurt, Historian: Melissa Garner, VP & Sheriff: Andy Schulze A motion was made to check the S.O.P. of our club to create a new position of Webmaster and Glenn Bontly to be the first and also the next uncountless years!
- Pat Brady & Mark Werkmeister have finally convinced the BLM to give us a play area. Trails will be hard and the trail building to start Sat. June 2. It will be limited to 5 vehicles but more man power will be welcome. Needed will be gloves, pry bars and lots of H₂O. Call Pat Brady @ 898-6449 or work email pat.brady@philips.com for more info.
- **Upcoming Trips:** July 21-22 SURVIVOR weekend led by Don Tyler and Brandon Rickerman. More info in June or July Newsletter. August 4-5 DURANGO/SILVERTON led by Don & Bonnie Tyler. More info in next newsletter. Sept 22-23 RED RIVER led by Don & Bonnie Tyler, more info later. Oct 27-28 MONTICELLO CANYON led by Don & Bonnie Tyler, more info later.
- **A reminder** by Tom Flemins, a \$2 fine was levied on Ms. Sheriff at the last meeting from antics on last Play Day. I hope they were paid cuz Don won the "lottery".
- **A new club flyer** will be at the June meeting to be reviewed/approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

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Convince someone to nominate you

(I can almost guarantee that you don't have to twist any arms!)

SIDE NOTE: (and a friendly reminder) Quite a few members are aware that I have a food allergy, but I think at times they just can't remember exactly what I am allergic to. I want to thank everyone who has made a special meal for me at the potlucks (especially Sue Brady). I am allergic to onion, garlic, asparagus, chives, leeks and sarsaparilla. It is amazing how many foods have onion and garlic in them (usually listed as the generic word "spice" on ingredient lists) so I don't blame anyone for not being able to accommodate my special need. Again, thanks to everyone who has gone out of the way to feed me! Miche

Poobah Musings

Geez, I hope everybody is having more fun this spring/summer than I am. My poor, neglected little jeep sits forlornly in the garage while I sit forlornly at work.

At least I know Bob and Michelle are having some fun. They got to go to "Memorial Day Madness" in my stead. That, in and of itself is fine. The tough part is that I had the misfortune of following them down a section of I-25 when they were on their way out of town and I was on my way to work. Talk about getting kicked when you're down. Is anything worse than seeing a fellow four-wheeler heading out of town to participate in a great event while you're heading to work? Yes, its when that fellow four-wheeler is using your registration to the event because you had to work.

Speaking of work, there are opportunities coming up over the next several months for plenty work...the good, honest, physical kind. The club has the opportunity to put in a few new trails under the leadership of Pat Brady and Mark Werkmeister. However, much volunteer labor is needed to make these trails a reality. This is a great way to enhance the state of four-wheeling right here in New Mexico, and have a bit of fun while doing it. Contact Pat or Mark for details.

Jim

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For Sale: '91 Jeep Wrangler, 2.5 L, ARBs front and rear, 4.56 gears, 33" BFG M/Ts with full spare, 10" Boyd wheels, CB, CD, red with gray top, needs some work. \$5500.00 Please call Michele Picchione @ 323-5397. MReed88693@aol.com

The only reason I am selling it is to go to Tijuana for treatment. It needs some work, but is still in good condition. I am so attached, its like selling my first born!!!

Six kittens will be needing homes around mid June. Please call Tim or Sarah 994-8215 if interested. They are all different colors, so lots of variety.

Blazer Hood for sale would fit full-size Blazer 73-79. First Offer takes it. 994-8215, Tim or Sarah

Memorial Day Campout

Glenn Bontly

WOW! We had a GREAT time at our first Memorial Day Campout; last year's event was cancelled because of the fire hazard, if you remember. Susan, Stephen, & I left Friday afternoon around 3 p.m., after Stephen's "portfolio presentation" at his school (an 8th grade graduation requirement). The previous week having been quite hectic, Susan & I seemed to have forgotten how hard 8th grade was! ;o) Anyway, despite my AR tendencies, we weren't very prepared for this trip. Although I knew quite well that we would be camping at an elevation in excess of 9,000 feet, we failed to bring adequate clothing. Luckily, it didn't get too cold. Then, thinking I knew exactly where I was going, I set our course for the Cochiti Lake/Bland Canyon vicinity on SR 22 vs. the La Ventana/Cuba area on SR 44/US 550 (despite the fact that I had personally posted the directions on the Club web site)! I tried to blame the faux pas on my navigator, but she wasn't fallin' for it--oh well. We arrived at our destination shortly after dark, set up camp, and enjoyed the company of our fellow Jeepers around the campfire.

Saturday, we awoke to a beautiful morning. Around 10-ish, approximately 2 dozen vehicles departed for our day's adventure—a "poker run". At the first stop, we were asked a trivia question (which I nailed) gaining us 2 poker cards—an ace and a two—not a bad start. Then came the paint ball shoot—I didn't realize Stephen was such a good shot; he hit the smiley face right in one of the eyes! We got another 2 cards--way to go! Finally, we excelled at "bowling with a tire", and Frisbee golf (actually, Stephen did both of these as well), which finished us off with a full house (aces high) poker hand—we wondered what our prizes would be. The losing poker was produced by Paul & Mary Thompson, which netted them a little electronic poker game. When Stephen realized that all the great prizes we won with our full house were of little or no value to him personally, he set out to see what the Thompsons would be willing to trade. They settled for a tow strap, which they promptly sold to Tom Hurt for 5 bucks. That left us with a Truck Air 12v compressor, a glow-in-the-dark air pressure gauge, an oil change from J&J Automotive, a large Rubbermaid storage box, and of course a little electronic poker game—excellent! Don and Brandon slaved over the hot coals that evening to BBQ us up a ton of chicken, pork chops, and brauts. Along with the salads and deserts others brought, everyone had more than enough to eat.

Sunday morning was just as sunny and inviting as the day before. After another easy, but very scenic ride through the forest, including a picnic at Kettle Rock, we returned to camp. Later we were

challenged by the Egg Run. The object was for your co-rider to balance a raw egg on a plastic spoon, hold it outside of the vehicle, and keep from dropping it while the driver navigated a short, but very bumpy trail. Everyone who still had an intact egg that evening was rewarded with a prize. In fact, even those who broke their egg got something neat! After dinner, we enjoyed another campfire among good friends.

The only bad part of the weekend came Monday morning, when we had to pack everything up and go home. Oh, yea; and also the \$1.80/gal cost of gas over the holiday weekend (greedy oil companies)! Refusing to pay those prices, my plan was to drive until I ran out of gas, then use the spare 5 gallons in my Jerry can. I made it to within a hundred yards of our house before having to tap into my reserve. Sure enough, the price was nearly 30 cents cheaper per gallon at the base gas station the next morning! Anyway, a VERY special thanks to Bonnie, Don, Brandon, & Stephanie for hosting a really terrific weekend!

Balancing an Egg

Miche

I couldn't decide what I wanted to do for the four days that I had off from work. I wanted to Harley it up to Red River, camp it with my dogs in the Jemez, tootle the winding highways of Colorado, pay homage to my Uncle at AngelFire, and I just didn't know if I had time, or energy. Well, I some how managed to Red River it (which I will save for the other newsletter) and then I grabbed my big dogs and went to my cabin in Regina and then checked out an area we hadn't been lucky enough to explore yet. What a spectacular camp area with a creek that the Tyler's scoped out for us lucky four-wheelers! After sitting back and watching Tom Hurt eat a pizza (yeah, we're camping and he's cooking frozen pizzas), I took the dogs for a jog around the camp area (and picked up over a dozen cans and other trash).

It was amusing to watch the Saturday night dinner get under way. I knew that it was getting closer to dinner time by the amount of men hanging around the barbecue. Of course, I think only two actually were holding any "barbecuing tools". Although I was unable to eat the barbecued food (and, boy, it smelled so good!) I wanted to send praise to Joan Wolf and her fruit salad!

The next day was the kicker, for me though. I needed to get back to Albuquerque via Santa Fe but didn't want to leave too early. I am very happy that Carlos invited me and my crew to go with him in his Scout. What a great time I had! What beautiful scenery (too bad, as of this printing, it is still sitting in

my camera). Kettle Rock reminded me of Arches NP in Utah. But later that day I wasn't looking at the scenery as much as I had my eyes peeled watching a fragile, dirty, injured egg balance helplessly on a plastic spoon as Carlos navigated his Scout, not the smoothest ride, over a crazy obstacle course. Up and down and twisted and avoiding branches, and a spider that decided to put a web on me and the egg, I guess to hold it on better. That was fun! And oddly enough, Carlos and I won a first-aid kit and a certificate for a radiator flush (or something like that).

By the time I did get back on the road to continue my harried pace (as I did visit the Memorial the next day, but never made it to Colorado) I was about 4 hours behind my schedule. But all in all, I had a great time, glad I sneaked in there for the Memorial Day Campout.

Good job to everyone who helped out (I know it is a lot of work, and I wish I was there for the "poker run" too).

Jeepin' Kokopelli Guys

By Glenn Bontly (edited)

I don't remember exactly who the few people were who asked me where I got the stickers on my Jeep--the little Jeepin' Kokopelli guys. If you don't know what I'm talking about, check out the new picture on the main page of my web site at www.webejeepin.com



Anyway, I got the stickers from "The T-Shirt Shop" in Moab. They come in 3", 7", & 10" sizes, in numerous different colors, facing both right and left. Their phone number is 888-883-5271, web site is at www.moabtshirts.com

The have tons of stickers and T-shirts with designs related to Moab, Indian Culture, Kachinas, Petroglyphs, Jeepin', Rafting, and Mountain Biking.

UFWDA 25th Anniversary & SWFWDA Summer Quarterly

Webmaster Glenn Bontly

I know it's still early, but I just posted the registration form for the UFWDA 25th Anniversary & SWFWDA Summer Quarterly in Farmington, 6 - 8 Sep 01, on the club web site at www.nm4w.org. It's under the Special Items section on the main page. The .pdf file is about 350K, so give it just a little time to load (it's 6 pages long). If you don't have Acrobat Reader, or if you have any trouble accessing the file, please let me know and I'll see if I can help.

Stolen Cherokee

Bob and Michelle Kimbrell

Sad to say, Michelle Kimbrell's 4 wheeler was stolen from the parking lot of the Tiwa building at 401 Broadway Monday evening.

It is a gray 1989 Cherokee with 34x9.50 swamper tires and 6" of lift, license plate 611-MST. If you happen to see it around town or (more likely) out in the boonies, please contact us at our e-mail address rbkimbrell@hotmail.com or home phone: 342-9388.

As the Cherokee was such a beater we chose not to insure it against theft, so our only hope at this point might be to salvage parts.

Thanks in advance for any info.

I-25 Trash Clean-up

Sue Brady

(Sorry this fell behind my desk, but better late than never! - Miche)

There were 21 club members for the spring I-25 trash pick up held on 3-31-01, a good turn out but it should be better. Those present were Berry Harrison, Marcia Duggar, Glenn Bontly, Jim Werkmeister, Rich Capener, Preston Garner, Bonnie Bannigan, Robert Clark, Mark Werkmeister, Mark Wolf, Don Tyler, Chuck & Ethel May Peeples, Charlie Wilson, Bob Telepak, Miche Bové, Jack Sierra, Sarah McNab, Paul Thompson, and Pat & Sue Brady.

We started at 8:00am mile marker 244 to 245 both sides and the middle. We finished at 11:30 in good shape due to anti-histamines! We always have a good time commenting on some of the odd assortment of trash and of course, all the aluminum can go into the club treasury. Many thanks to those who were there, those who were not, well, we'll do the same thing this fall ...

June 9 Meeting

Here are the directions to our house for the June meeting.

We are in Rio Rancho, in the Enchanted Hills Subdivision, close to Bernalillo. From the corner of Hwy 528 and Enchanted Hills Blvd (approximately 1 mile south of Hwy 550 (old Hwy 44)). West to Montreal Loop (first left), right on MacKenzie (first right) and left (first left) onto Aldan Drive. We are the corner house: 7433 Aldan Drive. Phone number: 771-1835.

If you need any more info, just let us know.

Sandy and Chuck

Smudge

Glenn & Susan Bontly

We need some help. We have 4 cats; three of which get along extremely well. The fourth one, however, is really having a hard time getting along with the others. Smudge is a gray female, a little over 7 years old; she's "fixed", and very healthy (we have all of her medical records since we adopted her as a kitten). Smudge is very affectionate (with kids and adults alike), enjoys sitting on our laps while watching TV, and sleeping with us at night. She's an indoor/outdoor cat, and always stays close to the house while outside. However, she's also quite content being indoors. She is trained to stay off of most furniture (except for our bed and the sofa); and not to scratch on anything except her scratching post.

Smudge is in need of a GOOD home, where she is an "only" pet. She would make a wonderful companion for any family who would like a mature, well-trained cat. If you, or someone you know very well, might be interested, please let us know.



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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."

June 8-10: Kansas Krunch. Dighton, KS.

June 9: Meeting. Bednarski's home.

July ? : Meeting. Owen's home.

July 21-22: SURVIVOR WEEKEND. Led by Don Tyler & Brandon Rickerman.

August 4-5: Durango/Silverton Led by Don & Bonnie Tyler.

Sept 6-8: UFWDA 25th Anniversary & SWFWDA Summer Quarterly Farmington, NM

Sept 22-23: Red River Led by Don & Bonnie Tyler.

Oct 27-28: Monticello Canyon. Led by Don & Bonnie Tyler

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Aluminum Cans: Our club saves and recycles aluminum cans. Bring your aluminum cans to each meeting, and Tom Hurt 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!

Submission Due Date:

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Poobah Musings

Well, another year has slipped past, and it is again time for a new slate of officers to be elected. Many thanks go to the outgoing officers, and also to the folks who have allowed themselves to be nominated for the coming year. It's this sort of continuous support and interest that has always made the New Mexico Four Wheelers what it is.

We have another fine year coming up, with lots of activities planned. I hope to see you on the trail!

Jim

Directions to the Owen's

MEETING on July 14 at 5pm.

In Rio Rancho, take 528 to Southern Blvd west, continue west beyond the Rainbow Pool on right, make a LEFT turn on Sunflower, then turn RIGHT (first right) on Aster. Address is 109 Aster.

For Sale/Want Ads

Ads will be run for one newsletter. Please let Miche know if you need it to run one more time... secretary@nm4w.org or 268-3887 opt 2

Dana 44 flanged rear axle for CJ5. Newly rebuilt at a cost of more than \$1,000. Receipt available. New 11" disc brakes. Asking \$400 or best offer. Call me at 505 954 5307. Xen Stanhope

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It's a Boy!

Derren and Sheri Owen



Two "No"s and an "Okey-Dokey"^(not her words)

Marcia Duggar

I'd like to graciously decline the nomination for Secretary, and to accept a nomination for Historian.

Melissa Garner

I need to withdraw my nomination for Historian please. I won't be able to commit to it.

Officer Nominations

Just so there is no confusion

President: Bonnie Tyler

Vice-President: Andy Schulze and Brandon Rickerman

Trip Chairman: Mark Wolf

Treasurer: Tom Hurt

Historian: Marcia Duggar

Secretary: Miche Bove

Program Chairman: Bob Kimbrell

Environmental Chairman: Mark Werkmeister

Memorial Day Campout

Bonnie Tyler

Well, a little late is better than never...Glenn Bontly and Miche Bove already shared their stories from the Memorial Day Campout so I thought I would fill in the spots they might have missed! We decided on the beautiful camp spot of Resumindero, outside of Cuba this year. Many thought I had shucked club tradition for a "new place" but in all reality, the NM4W's have been going to Resumindero for years. There are pictures of the club camping in what they called, "their favorite spot" dating back into the 60's in the club scrapbooks. With it's open fields of daisies, the slightly flowing stream that ran throuh it, and the new porta-potties, Resumindero gave us a quiet spot of serenity for the three day weekend everyone had so anxiously awaited.

Members attending this year's events were: Mark and Joan Wolf, Tom Hurt, Tom Flemins, Carlos Ferrer, Marcia Duggar, Miche Bove, Andy & Amanda Schultze and son, Glenn, Susan, and Stephen Bontly, Rich & Camille Capener, Robert & Doreen Clark and kids, Pat Slattery and Pam, Ed & Lyn Kausche, Paul & Mary Thompson, Stephanie & Brandon Rickerman, and Don and Bonnie Tyler. Guests attending were: Mike Conway, Carol & Keith Cheshire, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Hunt, Kenny & Brenda

Royce, George Darrough, Mike & Priscilla Rickerman, & Mark Harrison. We were also graced briefly, by members Charlie & Susan Wilson, who stopped by long enough to inform us of an old mine in the area!

Everyone started to arrive late Friday night and Tom Hurt was quick to warn people to camp across stream, away from us loud and crazy ones, although the people who did camp nearby had no complaints! Everyone retreated to their camps for the evening fairly early as they were still trying to unwind from the work week which preceded. Saturday found us leaving camp around 10:30 to start our trek up our first trail of the weekend. The trails in this area are very scenic and not very challenging, so we set up our own "obstacles". Saturday was set up as a poker run and at each obstacle you received one card if you didn't pass the challenge and two if you did. The first challenge was a trivia question. Questions like: When was the first Jeep built, Name 3 4-wheel drive vehicles that have round headlights, Who is the current President of the NM4W, and so on. Everyone did fairly well on these! The next stop was a paintball shooting using biodegradable paint...quite fun for those who had never done such a thing! Next came the off-road bowling. Using a tire, without the wheel, to knock over all of the bowling pins. No one conquered this game and believe me, the kids kept trying! Last was frisbee golf. Everyone had 6 tries to get their frisbee into the hula hoop up in the trees. This one seemed a bit easier as everyone succeeded. We decided to have lunch in this meadow as people twisted their vehicles for picture opportunities on the eaten-up part of the trail. Made it back to camp around 3 ish where everyone relaxed, played games, read, and took naps while the men started the cooking for the big meal! Don Tyler cooked 74 chicken breasts, 24 pork chops, and 15 braughtworsts with the help of Brandon and Mike Rickerman. How they did it with all of those hungry onlookers beats me! (I think I got the chicken that Wolf was drooling on!) All the potluck-side dishes were wonderful and made for a complete awesome dinner! After dinner everyone handed in their cards and the Bontly's won the main award while the Thompson's won the electronic poker game to help them play better next time!

Sunday found us leaving camp around 10ish again and heading up an easy route through the forest and led us to lunch at Teakettle Rock. After Teakettle Rock, we searched for the mine that Charlie had told us about and found little remnants of it remained. From here, everyone went about their own directions searching for interesting trails and stuff. About 4ish we met back at camp for the egg run. We had found a short but challenging logging road for this event and it served it's purpose. We had a lot of good egg handlers out there, I was surprised! Everyone received some kind of prize in this event. We had

toys for the vehicles, toys for the kids, and for the people who dropped their eggs we had the "Yolkgo-Ohno" award... a little trophy with a broken egg on the top. There was so much food left from Saturday night's dinner that we had leftovers on Sunday...ummmm....good!

Monday found everyone routing their unique ways home to enjoy what was left of the weekend. We decided to stick to the hwy, which was good because the center pin of my ARB decided to choose that day to explode about 2 miles outside of San Ysidro and we had to wait for Stephanie's gracious brother to bring the flat bed out to rescue my Jeep! Although Don had been under his Jeep all weekend, and mine was being carted home unwillingly on a flatbed, we still had a wonderful weekend with friends enjoying what we love the most.

I'd like to thank a few people who really worked hard at helping me with this event (as well as helping me keep my sanity!) Brandon, Stephanie, Priscilla, and Mike Rickerman for the help cooking and pre-running the trails. Bear Harrison for getting the grill for us again although he couldn't make it this year. And especially, my husband, Don for putting up with me and running all the last minute errands and cooking all that great food! (Boy, I feel like I just won an academy award!)

Special thanks going out to the following local businesses who donated gifts for our give-aways! Please visit and support them and let them know they are appreciated!

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Work Weekend in the New Trail Area

Leon Duggar interview (Thanks Marcia!)

It was hot already. We met at 8 a.m. at Paseo de Volcan exit off I-40 for a work weekend. Bear Harrison, Mark Werkmeister and Jennifer, Bob Kimbrell, Pat Brady and myself in attendance. We drove about 20 miles on black top, and then another 20 - 25 miles on dirt road, with the only real landmark being barb wire fence and 2 "mucho grande" Brahma bulls.

We got to work on the trail that would come to be named "Middle Rock". We had brought wrecking bars (long pieces of solid steel) and started working on the trail. The trail was so named because Pat Brady (a.k.a. test pilot) and "The Pig" had to be pried off of

a certain rock with wrecking bars and manpower. How many rocks were there, you ask? About 2 billion. Well, lots, anyway. Big ones, too. We went back to the trailhead for lunch around 12:30 or so. It had gotten hotter by now, and the biting bull gnats were a concern. But we were having fun. The area has great potential. The rock is a mixture of black volcanic and sandstone formations. We moved a lot of them so we had lots of chances to study them. Mark, the second test vehicle, had to winch up a slope using a rock as a winch point that was, oh, about the size of Rhode Island. The area's fairly scenic, sort of like Las Cruces but tighter squeezes for the vehicles. Despite that, we had no body damage, except for maybe some duct-taped fender flares. We had dinner out in the open, and sat around for a while but didn't stay up very late. Something to do with moving all those rocks. But it sure beats unloading trucks of swamp coolers. This was good fun, and it felt good to be doing "community service" - service to the 4-wheeling community, that is.

The Dainty Daisy trail is the next area to be developed. I encourage everyone to come out, lend their muscles, and explore.

Father's Day Run

Mark Wolf

Six vehicles met at the now famous Texaco at highways 550 and 528 in Rio Rancho to take a little stroll through the Jemez mountains or an easy day of four wheeling. Out of these vehicles, three fathers were out to have fun in their choice of ways. Chuck and Ethel May Peebles, Rich and Camille Capener (with their two daughters), and Chris Johnson without his two children. The remainder of the participants were Tom and Andrew Hurt (official tailgunner), Brandon Rickerman carrying along with him the Jeepless Bonnie and Don Tyler (do I sense a fine here somewhere?), and myself. It was going to be an easy run or so I thought!

We headed off towards the Jemez for a run that began at the ridge road and turned west towards the Pega Mesa road and eventually out onto FS road 534. We stopped at the usual air down spot and after a few minutes we were aired down, hubs locked (well, most of us anyway) and ready to go. We turned up the ridge road and made our way up the road. All was going well until Tom radioed that Chris was having a little trouble with his Wagoneer. Seems the transfer case chain (quadratrac) was jumping and making horrible noises. That was extremely disappointing as he just finished overhauling the case! We made it part way up when Don Tyler pointed out an old cabin just west of the roadway. After we all stopped to see this historic place for awhile, decided to venture on. Just as I topped the

top of the ridge, Tom radioed that Chris was not able to move any more. It appeared that either his transfer case had quit entirely or there were differential problems. After Chris took out the rear driveshaft, the Wagoneer rolled freely. It was the transfer case. I really felt sorry for Chris as this was his only vehicle operable at this time.

Rich and Chuck finally got Chris to the top of the trail and we hooked the tow strap to Chuck's TJ to allow him to pull him out the Pega Mesa road. From there, Tom took over and pulled Chris out to the tunnels. Tom had brought along his cell phone that day and was able to call his father to bring his truck and trailer to perform rescue operations for Chris before we ever got off the ridge road. That meant they wouldn't have to wait long.

From there the remaining four vehicles ventured off to travel the road leading across Pega Mesa and eventually out onto FS route 534. No problems were encountered and everyone enjoyed little dust and a shady spot in the woods for awhile. We eventually made our way to FS 534 and aired up our tires. Once aired up we headed East on FS 534 back towards the tunnels.

Were just about to pass the Bales Seep area when off to our right we stopped to witness one of the most blatant displays of illegal off road travel there is. Two vehicles had been playing in a bog area of a meadow. There was definite resource damage and no FS Officer available. I think all of us were ready to hang those guys right there on the spot. This is exactly the type of damage that gets our roads closed. I made sure to tell them that the FS does not appreciate this type of abuse to the land and it would be appreciated if they would stay on the roads. They refused to make any other comments after I told them that.

I called the Cuba District office of the Santa Fe Forest the very next day to report this damage and let them know that I believe the area needs immediate fencing to halt further abuse. I also volunteered NM4W's help in assisting with fencing of the area. They told me they would get back to me. I'll probably call again to close with them on this issue, as I was mad beyond a reasonable state. Those types of people don't deserve to use the roads available, as they have no respect for them or the forest.

In case you're wondering, Chris fixed his transfer case that next day thanks to Tom having a spare chain in his goodies at home. Chris will tell you that those super duty chains from 4WPW are not what they're cracked up to be.



The New Mexico 4-Wheelers



The New Mexico 4-Wheelers was established in 1958, making it the oldest four-wheel drive club in the state. As a family oriented, trail-riding club, all makes/models of 4WDs are welcome, ranging from stock everyday commuter vehicles to the extremely modified and specially equipped rock crawlers. The trail riding activities include day outings, overnight camping trips, and longer out-of-state trips. The trails range from mild to WILD! When planning the yearly slate of activities, all levels of experience are included. We are also involved in land-use activities, community service projects, and lots more.

Our club is dedicated to promoting an understanding, appreciation, and protection of our environment while enjoying a rich outdoor experience. Active involvement with both the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service maintains and improves recreational opportunities for future use.

The New Mexico 4-Wheelers holds membership to UNITED FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION, THE BLUE RIBBON COALITION, and TREAD LIGHTLY!, Inc. and a charter membership to the SOUTHWEST FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION. Working through these memberships, our club is seeking to help shape public policy and perceptions to include and promote our chosen form of outdoor recreation.

Visitors are welcome at any of our activities and our monthly meetings, which are held at 7:00 PM on the second Friday of the month at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church (just east of Wyoming on Academy) during the months of October thru April. During the summer months, meetings take on a pot-luck atmosphere and are enjoyed at various members' homes, usually starting at 5:30 PM on the second Saturday of the month. We offer a monthly newsletter, "Trail Tales", and you can find us on the Internet, WWW.NM4W.ORG.

Why don't you join us at our next event! We think that you will really enjoy your off-road adventure with the New Mexico 4-Wheelers!!



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OBD-II Diagnostic Tester

Carlos Ferrer

In case anyone may ever have the need, I am now a proud (and poorer) owner of an OBD-II Diagnostic Tester. So if that stupid "Service Engine" light comes on your 1996 and newer vehicle you can find out why. Sort of.

Recovered Cherokee

Bob and Michelle Kimbrell

The Cherokee was recovered this morning at Barelás and Marquez streets. The thieves took the winch, radio, cb, and some tools and damaged the steering column for the hot-wire. It still runs and drives ok. Thanks to everyone that called/e-mailed to offer help or express concern.

Stolen Flower Basket Van

Kris Webb

Unfortunately my mom's delivery van got stolen last week and regrettably it still hasn't turned up. If any of you see it abandoned out on the trail or driving around please give my mom (Kathy Webb) a call at 298-0980 or 259-3167. It is a white '94 Dodge fullsize van with "Flower Basket" written on the sides in bright pink.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Brochure Enclosed

Miche Bove

I tried to send Glenn the enclosed brochure four times, with four failures. I decided to just take a big chance and go ahead and "print" the brochure. Actually, what you have is your very own "original" which reproduces very well on a regular xerox copier. So make a few copies (or more) and start passing these out and placing on windshields of Rav 4s and Kia Sportages, because we don't have any members that drive those yet. Ok, I am just being a little fecitious. But if you see a nice rig which deserves to see some rocks, just place on windshield (or in the door handle). Have fun, be creative, and do your club a favor and show how proud you are of your club.

Newest Members

Bonnie Tyler

You'll have to accept my apology on being a little behind on these. Between conducting the Memorial Day Campout in May and having my sinus surgeries done this month, I am a little behind! So here we go on the catching up train.....

At the May meeting we had two families voted in as our newest members:

Kevin, Dee Nauer and daughters drive a red 93' Jeep Cherokee. If you haven't seen it, it is very nice! It's equipped with ARB's front and rear, Teraflex 3" with 33x12.50 BFG's. It has lots of goodies so take a look when you get the chance. Kevin works at Sandia National Labs and has been four wheeling for over 5 years. He says his favorite trail is the Golden Spike in Moab Utah (I'll take the credit for this one, I talked him into that trail!). His worst trail experience was in Western Maryland Frozen Ridge and I don't know if he meant that was the name of the trail or that was what his bad experience was, ask him for yourself!

Frank and Donna Whiston drive a 1971 Ford Bronco and are enjoying the retired life...ready to travel with the best of the four wheelers! They have too many favorite trails to list but say they had a bad experience on the 3D trail in Moab, Utah when they broke their wheel studs. Donna has a TJ that they hope to get equipped just as much as the Bronco! Won't be too long before we see Donna pulling Frank out of the backwoods with a proud smile on his face! Want to know more about Donna and Frank's vehicles, introduce yourself, welcome them to the club, and ask them!

At June's meeting we voted the following people in but I'll have to get their specifics to you in the next Trail Tales (someday, I might catch up!)

Monica Debevec, Ken O'Neil, and Chris Johnson.....again, help welcome them when you see them!

Oh yeah, and the cutest new member of the New Mexico Four Wheelers is the newborn son of members Sheri and Derren Owen, appropriately named, Derren Owen, Jr. Congratulations going out to them and the new addition to their family!

Next month's eligible members are:

Mike & Priscilla Rickerman
Jane Bell
Bryce Gilbert
Kenny & Brenda Royce
George Darrough

New Club Rogue

Glenn Bontly, Webmaster

Boy, you really gotta get caught with your "pants down" to end up on the Club Rogues' Page! Check out the latest addition at http://www.nm4w.org/club_rogues.htm

Fun in the Desert X

Submitted by Mark Wolf

Victor Valley 4 Wheelers will be hosting our 10th annual Fun In The Desert on October 6 & 7, 2001, in Johnson Valley CA. For more info www.vv4wheelers.com. These are double locker runs with 33" tire min. (HAMMER TIME)

Member's Web Pages

Submitted by Webmaster Glenn Bontly

I have a section on the Links Page of the Club web site for Members' Personal Web Sites. Do YOU have a web site? If so, please let me know the URL!

I already have the following member sites listed on the Links Page:

Glenn Bontly
Berrett Harrison
Don Miller
Brandon Roby
Mark Werkmeister

User Conflict: The Final Solution?

Submitted by Mark Werkmeister
By Dave Skinner

One hears a lot about "user conflict" on public lands these days. Everywhere one turns, there's another place where user groups are at each other's throats, whether it's Vail Pass in Colorado, or the White Clouds in Idaho. While in this grumpy day and age "user conflict" seems to need no definition...sometimes it is important to get an idea of

the history of such terms when they shape public policies.

"Use conflict" is a term contained in Richard Nixon's presidential executive order, EO 11644, later modified by Jimmy Carter, plus a short selection from the Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR 295. All the documents pertain to managing the use and impacts of off-highway vehicles on public land.

A careful reading of the executive orders reveals that Nixon's original order sought "minimization of conflicts among the various uses of those lands." "User" is mentioned, but only in a safety context. Carter added a section to Nixon's order that authorized emergency closures if and when it was determined "that the use of off-road vehicles will cause or is causing considerable adverse effects on the soil, vegetation, wildlife, wildlife habitat or cultural or historic resources [...]." The 36 CFR 295 regulations are the bureaucratic translation of the presidential orders. They mandate annual analysis of ORV use, "including public input," and if such study "indicates that the use of one or more vehicle types off roads will cause considerable adverse effects on the resources or other forest visitors," then a closure may be enacted.

The crux here is that "use" conflict is rather different from "user" conflict. There are certainly "uses" that are incompatible from an objective standpoint. For example, a ski run and a mine cannot operate in the same place at the same time...it is physically impossible and therefore a clear "use conflict."

But there could be a case where a mine is located next to a ski hill and both can operate without interference, with no genuine use conflict. Whether there is a "user conflict" or not depends primarily on user attitudes.

And there's the rub. Professional Greens have latched into the concept of artificially-elevated "user conflict" -- distinct from the "use conflict" the executive orders actually sought to minimize.

As evidenced by Idaho Sierra Club's website, which posts a 1991 draft "citizen handbook for off-road motor vehicle regulation" Greens have and are enthusiastically taking advantage of the regulatory loophole handed them by the "other forest visitors" language in 36 CFR 295.

The handbook: "By using the information given in this section, we will be successful without having to go to court. Environmentalists are not suit-happy. We earnestly desire that conflicts be resolved in an amicable way."

A Thank You

Bonnie Tyler

I just wanted to take a minute to thank John Bell of Southwest Four Wheel Drive. When I called recently letting him know that I blew up my ARB and asked how much one might cost me, he told me to call ARB because I should be able to get a better deal through them as it is a defect with the early model ARB's built for the Dana 35. John saved me approx \$400 by having me call ARB directly. Thanks John for knowing your business and not taking advantage of those of us who don't!

"Creative use of this regulation [36 CFR 295] will be encouraged in the section of this handbook titled 'How to Close an Area or Trail Anytime.'" To do that, "[g]o forth with your camera. Snap a photo [...and send...] a copy of the photo with a letter which details the location of the resource damage and uses the phrase, 'Please immediately close this area to ORMVs as required under 36 CFR 295.5.' Send the letter to the Forest Supervisor and the District Ranger in charge."

"Remember, one adverse effect is 'user conflict' [sic--even Greens put the term in quotations]. We are advising a wonderful, legal tactic. Next time you're on a hike and a dirt bike roars by, get 40 friends to all call or write to the Forest Supervisor and say, 'We demand immediate closure of the trail to dirt bikes because user conflicts indicate that considerable adverse effects are occurring.' The trail might be fine, the biker may have stopped and waved with all five fingers, but that's not the point: "The effect is to publicize the 'user conflict' aspect of ORMV use on public lands, which the regulations stipulate shall trigger action from the managing agency."

In plain English, "user conflict" is simply a method of creating "crisis" situations in need of "resolution" that will, of course, favor the outcome sought by wealthy, foundation-funded professional Greens...the elimination of "conflicting" uses (and users) in what the handbook calls "areas which would otherwise be our nation's finest Congressionally-designated additions to the National Wilderness Preservation System."

Motorized recreation, like grazing, timber, energy and mining, establishes use patterns and therefore user constituencies that have a lot to lose from wilderness designation, and therefore oppose such designation.

As a staunch supporter of multiple use among mutually respectful user groups, this "user conflict" issue reminds me of ethnic cleansing. Greens seem to want everyone walled off in their little Balkanized areas. But there's no peace in the Balkans, is there?

Whitefish, Montana writer Dave Skinner doesn't have a dirt bike, but doesn't hate those who do.

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Meeting Minutes:

Members present: Jim Werkmeister, Miche Louise Bové, Bob Norton, Glenn Capener, Rich Capener, Glenn & Susan Bontly, Arne Gjerner, Carlos Ferrer, Neil Wasson, Derren & Sheri Owen, Jeffrey Jacobson, Mark & Joan Wolf, Bob & Michelle Kimbrell, Ed & Lyn Kausche, Pat & Sue Brady, Anita Ransom, Ken O'Niell, Brandon Rickerman, Don & Bonnie Tyler, Chuck & Sandy Bednarski.

Guests present: Stacey McCoy, Dave Trappett, Keith Plunkett, Eric Toolson, Mike & Priscilla Rickerman, Ken & Brenda Royce, Kathleen Leon, Alan & Debra & Madison Berry

The meeting was called to order @ 6:05 PM.

Guests were introduced. Mike Rickerman drives an 85 CJ7, Kathleen Leon has a 01 Wrangler, The Berry's have a 97 Rover, Dave Trappett has a 98 TJ, Keith Plunkett drives an 83 CJ7, and Eric Toolson has a Tacoma.

The minutes were read in condensed form and accepted.

The Treasurer reported \$1347.01. DUES ARE DUE at the end of August! \$30 family and \$15 associates.

VP Sheriff Tyler the final updated point list is available. FINES: Brandon e-mailed a last

minute trail invite, 50c fine for not calling people who don't have e-mail. Don gets a 50c fine since truck is still broken (and it was "advertised" otherwise)

The Environmental Chair was unavailable.

Program Chairman held the 50/50 which Ken O'Neill won about \$30.

Trail Chairman was not available. Pat Brady spoke about the Cimarron area where the two trails are being completed, Middle Rock and Dainty Daisy (the easiest trail) maybe mid-August next work day. BLM gave the 5 square miles out west in Valencia to NM4W after 3 years of writing back and forth, Pat had a letter from BLM.

Historian didn't have a report.

Old Business

Fall quarterly FWD-FWD raffle purely for the SWFWDA land action fund, looking for donations from businesses and clubs. All the money goes to land action fund Robledo Mountain area. Greenies have taken Government side. Two tow straps to be donated for the giveaway donated by Derren and Desert Rat, and NM4W voted that we spend \$60 + tax on something to help out.

SWFWDA/UFWD 25 years anniversary - Farmington, and updated roster to be send to SWFWDA.

Elections were held.

New Business

New Members: Rickerman's and the Royce's were voted in.

Albuquerque Journal lists us in the newspaper for club runs and meetings.

Durango/Silverton trip, Aug 4-5, call Bonnie, they will be staying in a motel since overnight trip.

Thanks to the Owen's for hosting the meeting!

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.

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President Report

Well, here we go into another fiscal year for the New Mexico 4-Wheelers. Thanks to all of you who showed up at July's meeting to elect your next officers and thanks to all the folks who expressed interest in being an officer.

Special thanks going out to Jim Werkmeister, our own "Grand Poobah" or a.k.a. "President Spandex"! For those of you who weren't aware, congratulations are in order for Jim. Not only for successfully keeping our organization afloat for the past year, but also for being promoted to Vice President of Klinger Construction! He even had his mug shot in the paper and for once, there was no Jeep in sight!!

Congratulations to the New Mexico 4-Wheeler of the Year, Pat Brady! Pat's been promoting our sport as well as our organization, working to obtain land from the Forest Service for our use-thanks Pat. More congratulations to our outstanding member with the most points for the year, Don Tyler. Don led and attended the most club events this year, which landed him this award. You too, could earn either of these awards in the next year! Thanks Pat and Don for your outstanding participation.

Well now that I got my rear-end all put back together in the Jeep I am ready for our trip to Southern Colorado the first weekend in August. After 6 years of driving my Jeep everyday to work and all over the countryside for fun (123k miles)...it finally broke. Yep, I finally experienced that feeling of waiting on the side of the road for a friend to come rescue my faithful blue Jeep, (not to mention very sunburned husband and friends who stayed with me!) "It's all part of the game," they told me. Yeah right, remember that next time I'm around and you break down! So with new axles, new ring and pinion, and a new air locker I'm ready to go!

I'm looking forward to the next year of serving our organization, take note that I do refer to it as "our organization". We are all here for the same reason, the love and passion of 4-wheeling. Everyone has their own idea of what their 4-wheeling "passion" is. For some it is purely the love of getting out of the city limits to enjoy quiet time and historic sites that you wouldn't typically be able to see. For others it is the adrenaline and challenge of who can climb the biggest rock or can use their equipment to help them climb virtually anything they want. No matter which form of 4-wheeling you enjoy, we all face the same issues and share the same goal, to have fun! So I hope to see you all out on the trail sometime very soon!

Bonnie Tyler

Directions to the Peeples'

MEETING on August 11 at 5pm.

Chuck and Ethel may Peeples
03 El Cielo, Los Lunas
866-1185

I-25 south to Los Lunas Exit (East) cross river, first right (south) Edeal Road, this dead-ends into Hwy 47, go right (south) one block, left (east) San Fernandez Rd (by adobe wall, horse ranch).

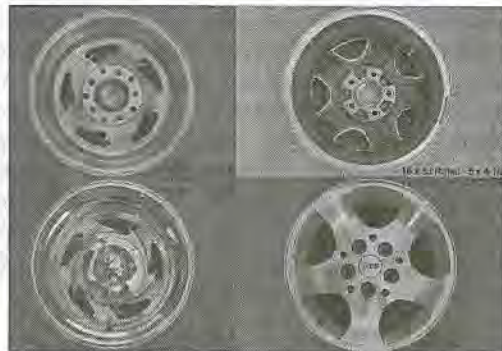
We live on a private road, feel free to bring bikes or outside entertainment for kids.

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Truck tent, fits full size, wide, short bed pick-ups.

Was \$100 new. \$30 OBO Contact: CARLOS FERRER by e-mail CARLITOS67@prodigy.net or call 275-6773

Both rims are a set of 5. Stock rims used for 10K miles; Original cost -\$169ea. After market rims are like new (less than 200 miles); Original cost - \$129ea. Need to sell; 1st reasonable offer will be taken. Contact Robert by email rreed@bigjllc.com



'46 - 1986

1987 - current

For Sale: Call Robert Reed
@ 269-4239 to make offer.

I have a 1996 TOYOTA TACOMA SX 4x4 for sale, if anyone in your 4x4 club would be interested, please pass along the following information.

One Owner - Powertrain is still under warranty, only 26k miles.

Location: Socorro, NM

4cyl, 2.7L, 5-speed manual w/overdrive, PB, PS, CC, AC, radio, tilt wheel, ALARM system, clock, tach, tripmeter, air bag, headlamp on warning buzzer, SX

package-chrome exterior trim/grille/fr & rr bumpers, 15x7JJ alloy wheels,31x10.5 tires,cloth bucket seats with separate headrests, center console box,am/fm radio w/2 speakers, passenger vanity mirror,sliding rear window, exterior graphics, all weather guard package-heavy duty alternator,battery,heater, receiver hitch,SNUGTOP custom fiberglass shell, exterior color: Paradise Blue Metallic; interior/Gray. Excellent condition.

Call 505-835-9382 for additional details, or email me at dfoster@nmt.edu (DFoster)

Ford 7.5L Powerstroke Diesel vs. V-10 Triton

Glenn Bontly

Susan & I are back early from a very miserable trip to Colorado. Yes, the scenery was pretty, that which we were able to see through the &*\$%#-ing rain!! After camping in a tent and/or tent trailer for the past 30+ years, getting wet when it rains, sweating when it's hot, and freezing when it's cold, we have decided it's time for a little upgrade! Immediately upon our arrival back home, we started looking for a pre-owned Class C motor home, which we will use to flat-tow the Jeep to the good Campin & Jeepin places. Anyway, most of our travels will be in the mountains and we THINK that we want a diesel engine. But after hours and hours and hours of searching RV classifieds on the Internet, we've come across only a small handful of diesel-powered rigs. However, there are HUNDREDS of rigs with Ford V-10 Triton engines available, at REALLY good prices. Does anyone have any experience with a V-10 Triton in a tow rig (either a truck with a camper, or a motor home)? Should we continue our laborious search for a diesel, or will we be happy with a V-10?

DUES are DUE

Tom Hurt

Dues are due by August 31, 2001.

Please mail dues to:

Tom Hurt
478 Apache Loop SW
Rio Rancho, NM 87124
(Instead of Club P.O. Box)

REMEMBER it is \$30.00 Voting Member and \$15.00 Associate Member. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Tom at 505-994-2515.

Just so you know...

Smudge did find a wonderful home.

Spotlight on Bonnie Tyler

By Joan Wolf

It's fitting that incoming President Bonnie Tyler's most memorable four-wheeling experience was the first time out with the NM4WD Club. "My brand-new '95 Wrangler still had the stickers in the windows" remembers Bonnie. That Rio Puerco run six years ago hooked Bonnie into four-wheeling and the Club. Bonnie recalls her delight at making a hill that no one else could. "The guys were quick to point out it was because my Jeep was so light," recalls Bonnie, "but I thought it was cool anyway."

It didn't take long for Bonnie to get involved in the Club by leading runs, holding the offices of Historian and then VP/Sheriff, writing newsletter articles, and being an all-round four-wheeling advocate. She has attended to such behind-the-scene tasks as responding to inquiries about the Club, providing member profiles, and submitting meeting notices to the Albuquerque Journal's Outdoor section.

As incoming President Bonnie says her goal is to "promote fun and safe four-wheeling to last long enough for my kids and their kids to enjoy. I want to help the Club get more into the political scene so the roads stay open." Bonnie continues, "I want to encourage new members and the less active members to serve on committees so that it's not the same few people doing all the work."

For you gearheads, Bonnie's blue Wrangler has come a long way since the first run with the window stickers. It now sports air lockers front and rear, 456 gears, 33" tires, and Superlift 3-1/2" suspension. The next upgrade (and there's always a next) is a TeraLow 4:1 transfer case. Bonnie looks forward to testing the new gear on her all-time favorite trail, the Golden Spike at Moab.

An Ohio native, Bonnie lived in Artesia before moving to Albuquerque in 1993. She completed the NM State Police Academy but decided the work was too risky. She worked as a Santa Fe prison guard and for private security firms before landing her current position as a Staffing Supervisor at Excel Staffing Company. Being named Employee of the Year in 2000 evidences her job enthusiasm. "It's an especially worthwhile honor because your fellow employees pick the winner," says Bonnie, who specializes in placing clerical and medical staff.

In her spare time, Bonnie and husband Don enjoy Jeeping, camping, hiking, volleyball, dancing, and playing with their two puppies. Even with such a busy life, Bonnie always finds time for four-wheeling and the Club. "I'm glad to be a part of the oldest and largest club in New Mexico. It's a great social outlet and a fun group."

For the kids to color



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Meeting Minutes:

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IMPORTANT: The date of the next club meeting has been changed to Sept. 15th due to a number of conflicts. It will still be at the Werkmeisters.

President Bonnie Tyler called the meeting to order

Guests introduced themselves:

- Dottie & Glenn Stone, 96 YJ
- Kathleen Leon, 2001 Wrangler
- Rudy came with Jack Sierra and drives a 79 CJ
- Chuck's daughter Charlene

Members in attendance: Anita Ransom, Chuck & Ethel May Peeples, Bonnie & Don Tyler, Bob & Michelle Kimbrell, Rich Capener, Jack & Stella Sierra, Garry Brown, Ed & Lyn Kausche, Pat Brady, Mark & Deb Werkmeister, Glenn, Stephen & Susan Bontly, Brandon Rickerman, Ken & Brenda Royce, Chuck & Sandy Bednarski, Mary & Paul Thompson, Preston & Melissa Garner, Robert Clark plus two kids, Chris Johnson, Tom Hurt, Miche Louise Bové, Marcia Duggar.

A motion was carried to dispense with the reading of last month's meeting minutes.

Treasurer Tom Hurt reported the club balance is \$1,826.07 and reminded members that dues need to be paid by 8/31. (editorial comment – if they are not

paid by 8/31, members must earn 5 points before restoration as a voting member)

Sheriff Brandon Rickerman assessed a number of fines:

- Rich Capener was fined \$1.00 for a Bronco on its side in a parking lot and empty beers on the trail.
- Jack Sierra was fined \$1.00 for showing the beginners a great example by dropping a muffler.
- Brandon fined himself \$.25 for losing his temper and grabbing his windshield wiper control so hard he broke it.
- Bonnie Tyler was fined \$.50 for lacking a club sticker on her Jeep: while Don Tyler was credited \$.50 for doing a great job on the beginners run and then Bonnie was fined another \$.50 for dumping power steering fluid on the trip back from Durango.

The Sheriff will begin keeping a ledger of assessed fines for the club historical record.

Environmental Chair Mark Werkmeister passed out some copies of an article from the Journal and letters from Scott Riebel. Mark encouraged the membership to do research on their own and take action based upon that research. He said the opposition is predictable and we all need to tell our politicians that we don't need more wildernesses.

Trail Chair was not present.

The Beginners day was very well attended and went well

Bonnie reported on the Durango/Silverton/Ouray trip. They encountered a nasty storm in Imogene that caused a rockslide. Unfortunately, Brandon's Jeep got in the way and he suffered a nasty dent in his passenger side door. It's a good thing the door was on, though, since Stephanie was in the passenger seat. Due to the storms, Black Bear was closed the following day.

The annual club run to Mt Blanca is 8/25. Because the Blanca Peak 4 Wheelers are having a show on Sunday, the plan is to leave the trailhead at 8 and drive up and down on Saturday. If anyone wants to camp at the top Saturday, they're welcome to. Anyone needing directions to the trailhead should contact Mark Werkmeister. Mark reports the trail as hard, but not extreme; there are a couple of places

without bypasses and he recommends at least one locker.

The UFWDA 25th Anniversary and Summer Quarterly quarterly will be held in Farmington Sept 6 to 9. Runs in Silverton will begin the weekend before the meetings begin. Contact any club member for more information. Mark Werkmeister could use some help with so call him if you can offer it.

September 29 another work day will be held at Cimarron Mesa. Meet at the Freightliner parking lot just north of the Paseo del Vulcan exit off I-40 at 8 a.m. Please call Pat Brady the night before if you plan to go. Bring gloves, pry bars, bug spray, saws and gallons of water. The trails will be passable by vehicles with 33s & lockers.

Program Chair Bob Kimbrell mentioned that we need to find a new vendor that can fulfill smaller apparel orders. Miche and the Werkmeisters will pass along information to Bob for further investigation. \$52.00 worth of raffle tickets were sold, and Brandon Rickerman took home \$26, with the club gaining \$26.

Marcia Duggar will be coordinating a caravan up to the Women's Rockcrawling Championship in Farmington beginning Sept. 22. Contact Marcia if you want to join the convoy. As Historian, she also mentioned that she welcomes videos and will be doing an easel for meetings, etc.

Secretary Michelle Kimbrell reported that although numerous SOP changes have been approved over the years, they have not been incorporated into the SOP. Please refer to the enclosure for specifics. Club agreed to review proposed changes and vote at next meeting. If you are unable to attend the September meeting and have comments about the changes, please forward them to any officer.

A proposal was made to change the day of winter meetings (October thru April) to other than Friday night. Sue Brady will check with the church to find out if either Tuesday or Thursday will work for them.

Chuck Peeples mentioned that at the Scrambler Rally, he found out the roof is gone from the Buffalo Boy Upper Tram House. He proposed the club providing the labor for its replacement. After a lot of discussion, it was agreed that much more information is needed. The work would probably need to be done next July. We may be able to get a plaque saying that NM 4-Wheelers did the work. Concerns about safety, insurance, project management and time required were expressed. Club agreed that more information is needed.

Wolfie wants to set a date for cleaning up our little stretch of I-25. There was some discussion as to whether or not we should continue this effort. A vote was held and we will continue the highway clean up efforts. Plan on October 6 for a clean up day and Robert Clark will coordinate the vests, bags, etc.

Meeting was adjourned.

Directions to the Werkmeister's

Meeting: September 15 @ 5pm
Directions to their house in Rio Rancho. North on Highway 528 to Southern Blvd. Left (west) on Southern Blvd to Unser Blvd. Right (north) on Unser Blvd to Pine (first paved road AFTER Northern Blvd stoplight). Left (west) on Pine to Willow Road (1st Dirt road). Left (south) on Willow Road to 1700 Willow Road (only house on Willow!). Call us at 891-0296 if you can't find it.



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President Report

By Bonnie Tyler

Let's see, here we are already into the month of September! Everyone's racing to get their vehicles ready for the southwest quarterly in Farmington which is right around the corner. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend this one but I know of several members of the NM4W who are planning on attending. I hope everyone comes back with lots of great stories that don't include any serious breakage, body damage, or roll-overs (unless it's a story like Rich Capener had at the last meeting)oh, wait a minute, we *are* talking about Farmington, NM aren't we??? Ok, scratch everything I just said. Have fun in whatever manner you would like, take lots of pictures, and please share your excitement with the less fortunate ones who cannot make it (otherwise, write it up for the Trail Tales!!!)

So, now on to the important stuff. If you didn't get to make the last meeting at the People's house, you not only missed out on some great food but some great topics that will be voted on at the next meeting. The board members met and discussed some changes to the SOP's that were proposed. They are listed in this edition of the Trail Tales and everyone will have their chance to discuss them and vote on them at the next meeting. I think you'll find that the changes are some that are well overdue and others are good to give some thought to. Remember, if your not there to vote you can't complain about the changes later! Ok, maybe you could complain but no one will emphathise much.

While we've had a few good runs lately, there hasn't been much close by. It looks like there is a busy schedule for September and October which is greatly appreciated. As much as I don't want winter to come to quickly (housework is constant with the word "winter"), I am exited about having more 4-wheelin this winter than what we had last winter. I am feeling the fever of some really excited wheeler's out there and I know they are itching to find some new areas to take us.

Ok, in closing of my ramblings for the month I just wanted to remind everyone of what Mark had to say about the environmental issues at the last meeting. He mentioned finding something you are particular to....a trail, an event, anything to keep our sport alive. Do something without waiting for others to do it first. Write letters to our congress, write thank you letters to the cities that the trails are located in, do whatever it takes to show that we are out there and that we want to be able to continue our sport. Mt. Blanca is a good example. It took a major fight to keep that trail open and it is still causing a lot of controversy, write the city of Alamosa, the Forest Service in the area, the Mayor, whoever you feel like so you can tell them how much fun you had exploring our history.....it will mean something. Have a great month and I'll see you on the dirt.

For Sale/Want Ads

- FOR SALE: 2.4 Hurricane complete motor, runs good, 134K, out of '83 CJ&, \$400. Radiator for a 4-cylinder CJ, \$50.00. Call Preston Garner 286-4352 or email cj7garner@qwest.net.
- Chevy Blazer Hood fits very good condition; would fit 73-79 Chevy First Offer takes it. Sarah 994-8215 or email: smacnab@nmir.unm.edu
- For Sale: FULL-TRACTION SUSPENSION Bolt-on Shackle Reverse Kit. Fits 87-95 Jeep Wranglers: 2 inch lift, enhanced axle articulation. (The manufacturer was a supporter of the "Fight Back! 2001" fund raising raffle.) See kit description at bottom of page http://www.full-traction.com/new_page_5.htm at: http://www.full-traction.com/new_page_5.htm Is new-in-the-box and sells for \$240. I am asking \$150, shipping additional if applicable. Contact: Bob N. @ 281-5315 or n5epa@flash.net

Hole-in-the-Rock Trail trip in October

Submitted by Bob Telepak

For any interested NM4W members/friends/family, Bob Telepak will lead a trip on the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail in southwestern Utah October 18-21.

October 18 will be a travel day from wherever you come from to a group camping site (the halftrack) several miles southeast of Hall's Crossing, UT.

We will drive the historically famous Mormon pioneer Hole-in the Rock Trail Friday Oct. 19th to the end of the trail and camp there. We will do a side trip to the Rincon if there is interest and it is "open".

Saturday Oct. 20th we will return to the "halftrack" camp area. Those who wish can camp there. Others can go to Hall's Crossing if they wish gasoline, supplies, and a more developed camping area. Return home Sunday Oct 21.

This is a VERY remote, spectacularly beautiful, historically very significant, and fairly difficult trail in places (due to washouts and erosion), but not as bad as Mt. Blanca if you have done that. Lockers help a lot, but aren't absolutely necessary if you are OK to accept occasional help. This is a SUPER trail, my overall favorite. I have done it 10 times, and don't tire of it at all! I don't know anyone who has done this trail who does not think it was one of their BEST 4-wheeling experiences, ever. Hope to see you there!!

If interested, contact Bob Telepak at e-mail rtelepak@unm.edu, home 869-8117, work 272-0930 Aug 29-Sept 7 or Sept 25-Oct 5. Limited e-mail access during Sept 8-20 when I will be in California.

Red River

Where: Red River, NM
When: Weekend of Sept 22 & 23
Type of Wheelin: easy
Cost: Gasoline

As you come in to Red River on Hwy 38 take a left at FR 597 (Mallet Creek Rd). It will come up quickly after you pass the gas station. Follow Mallet Creek Rd approx 1 mile heading north and the road will take a sharp left turn. When it takes the sharp left, stay to your right and go past the wooden fences and through the creek. Camping will be all around in a big meadow. There are no facilities available. You can shower at the RV park in town for a small fee if needed. Fishing is available as well.

Call Tom Hurt if you have any questions. 994-2515.

4-Wheel Drive Beginners Day

Bonnie Tyler

After July's meeting with several guests who were very excited about just getting their 4-wheel drive vehicles and ready to get them off of the pavement, Don Tyler decided to arrange for a beginner's day in our backyard, the Rio Puerco. All he had to do was mention his plans and as usual I began taking over. Not something I meant to do but it just seems to come naturally for me, I tend to be a pushy broad at times! Although I started running with the plans I did let him take charge when we got out there, except for the occasional "Are you going to tell them this?" questions. So 7 vehicles lined up at the Walgreen's ready to go..First was Don and I in our 95' Wrangler, then guest's, Eric Toolson in his Toyota Pickup, Alan & Debra Berry in their Land Rover Discovery, Kathleen Leon in her 2001 Wrangler, and members Anita Ransom in her 95' Cherokee, Jack & Stella Sierra in their CJ, and Brandon & Stephanie Rickerman in their 94' Wrangler.

We started out in the arroyo just explaining the whole "air down" process and taking some time to go over the basics. Don made mention of how important it was to carry water with you at all times and admitted that we had neglected to do. Luckily Anita gave us a "leader's gift" of water. After answering some questions we decided to drive down the arroyo a bit to a hill climbing out of the wash. I

was riding with Kathleen who was quite impressed after being able to climb the hill with little resistance from the Jeep. I saw everyone having fun on the hill until they starting getting stuck and required backing down. After Alan got a little sideways on the hill, Jack Sierra decided to demonstrate the correct way to back down a hill. Everyone seemed to catch on to this concept pretty quickly...if it wasn't done correctly, they could roll their vehicle!

We drove down a dirt road a bit to get to another area but had to make a brief stop so Jack could demonstrate how to put your muffler back on your Jeep when it falls off. This was also another good example of why it's a great idea to wheel with others. Someone else noticed Jack's muffler before he did. But, hey what can you say for a man who hadn't been out wheelin' since Cruces in February?

Next was a tight canyon, which proved good off-camber practice. Everyone seemed to like this (see the pictures) and I even remember someone mentioning that it felt like they were on a Jeep commercial! We all went down a steep section where Kathleen had to get a tug from a strap because she got high centered (now she can say she's officially been stuck!). Then I turned around and Stephanie knows her vehicle is so tall that she can race over anything! She was already down and out of the obstacle. I don't think Brandon was too excited about this one, but that's what he gets for taking her out on sport bikes before. Have to exercise a little lower-gear training with this one!!!

A few of us decided to take a side route that the more equipped vehicles demonstrated the difference between having lockers and not having them. As everyone watched Brandon winch himself out of between a rock and a hard spot they learned winching techniques. After Brandon got out of this situation, Jack and I showed the difference that two lockers and another line could make. I think I overheard Anita saying something about her Jeep going in to the shop the very next day for Air Lockers, hmmm!

We finished up the day with a rock hill that showed the great traction that aired-down tires tend to have. Everyone made it up this one as well as the rutted out hills on the way out. I remember one person asking which hill was the hardest and Don responding "the one on the right", then I saw most all of our newcomers attempt and conquer the hill to the right. I think they're hooked!

Trail's End for OHV Recreation

Submitted by Terry Rust

Good opinion piece in the San Diego Union Tribune by Roy Denner of the San Diego Off-Road Coalition. (Okay, it's not Utah, but it is a big

change for San Diego to get positive press)

http://www.uniontrib.com/news/uniontrib/thu/opinion/news_1e16denner.html

Trail's end for OHV recreation?
By Roy Denner

August 16, 2001

The movement to curtail off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation became publicized in 1994 when California Senate Bill 21 was passed. That bill closed about 32,000 acres of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA), commonly known as the Glamis area, to off-highway vehicles.

Many OHV enthusiasts conceded that, if unique species of plants and animals really do live only in the dunes, this closure was necessary to protect those species. There would still be around 100,000 acres left for OHV recreation in what is probably the most popular OHV area in the world.

Southern Colorado

Submitted by Bonnie Tyler

The weekend of August 4&5 proved a great weekend for four wheeling in the southern Colorado area of Silverton and Ouray. On Saturday 3 vehicles met at the Silverton visitor's center. Bonnie and Don Tyler in our 95' Wrangler, Brandon & Stephanie Rickerman in their 94' Wrangler, and Anita Ransom with her grandson in their 95' Cherokee. (I hear the Clark's made it to the visitor's center about an hour later but we missed them!)

After a short detour through historic Silverton we got back on the main hwy and headed towards Ouray where about 3 miles south of the town was the trail head for Engineer Pass. We aired down here and followed Engineer to the top and back down to Lake City. On the way was several old mines and a lot of beautiful scenery. In Lake City Don and I went through their museum while the others walked the small strip of stores for ice cream. We traveled our way back to Ouray on Cinnamon Pass and after a brief stop at the old town of Animas Forks headed back to town. We had decided not to camp since it had been raining in the late afternoons and we didn't have anyone else to camp with (it sounded like a good excuse at least). So back at our small, very small, motel room we decided to gather around outside to talk big with others who had even bigger stories to tell. At some point in the evening we were invited to go to Montrose the next day but thought better of it since our Jeep was already having problems with the power steering pump and we had no tow vehicle.

On Sunday I proved to be a bad trip leader and didn't go to Silverton since we knew that Anita wasn't going to be joining us for the day...and of

course the Clark's were on time! Darn, we missed them again. So the Rickerman's joined us for our trip up Black Bear pass. Out of the 6 years I have been wheelin in southern Colorado, I had never been able to complete this trail...it was always closed! This time was the absolute best! Not only was I able to complete it but the views were spectacular! There were miles and miles of wildflowers and mountains on the horizon. I just can't explain how wonderful it was. The waterfalls seemed to never end. On the descent into Telluride the switchbacks got quite tight but wasn't anything too bad. While Stephanie and I were enjoying the heck out of this part of the trail, the guys were ready to get down the mountain. This is not a trail for those weary of heights! After taking pictures of Bridal Veil falls and going through Telluride long enough to stop for lunch we headed back to Ouray through Imogene Pass. Imogene had some great historic spots including Tomboy Mine, which Stephanie happened to be reading a book about that one of the miner's wives had written back then. It started raining pretty good when we got to the top of Imogene and we encountered a rock slide where a good sized boulder rolled into the side of Brandon's passenger side door. It also hit the mirror and if the door had been off it probably would have broken Steph's ankle. We were ready to get down the mountain. At this time it was lightening, thundering, raining, and hailing. When we got down to the main road by Camp Bird Mine, the road had been washed out and approx 25 passenger vehicles were stuck up there with no way to pass over the wash out. Luckily we were able to traverse the terrain with no difficulties. After the rain subsided we were all happy to hang out in the Hot Springs in Ouray.

All in all it was a great trip even though we had to stop in Durango so Don and Brandon could change out the Power Steering Pump in our Jeep...notice before it broke down so much it was always my jeep but now since he is forced to work on it so much I have to say it's "ours"...that's ok, he deserves that much I guess. I have to say that of all the times I have done these trails I had never enjoyed them as much as this time...I had with me Charles Well's "Guide to Colorado Backroads & 4-Wheel Drive Trails" which not only gave exact directions on how to get to these trails but great history with the names of the mines too. I guess I'll have to thank him too.

Fall 1-25 Clean-up

Submitted by Robert Clark

Trash Pick-up: October 14th on Sunday, meet at the Park and Ride at 1:00p.m. for cleanup of the 1 mile stretch north of big gypsum plant. The place to meet is on the south side of the NM550 (Cuba) exit

Pictures from the Beginner's Day



Eric



Stephanie



Stella



Alan



Anita

Pictures of Colorado



Animas Forks

"Ode To Ouray"

For the weekend, to Colorado we went.
To head for the mountains, on our Jeeps money was spent.

Up Engineer Pass,
And to Lake City.

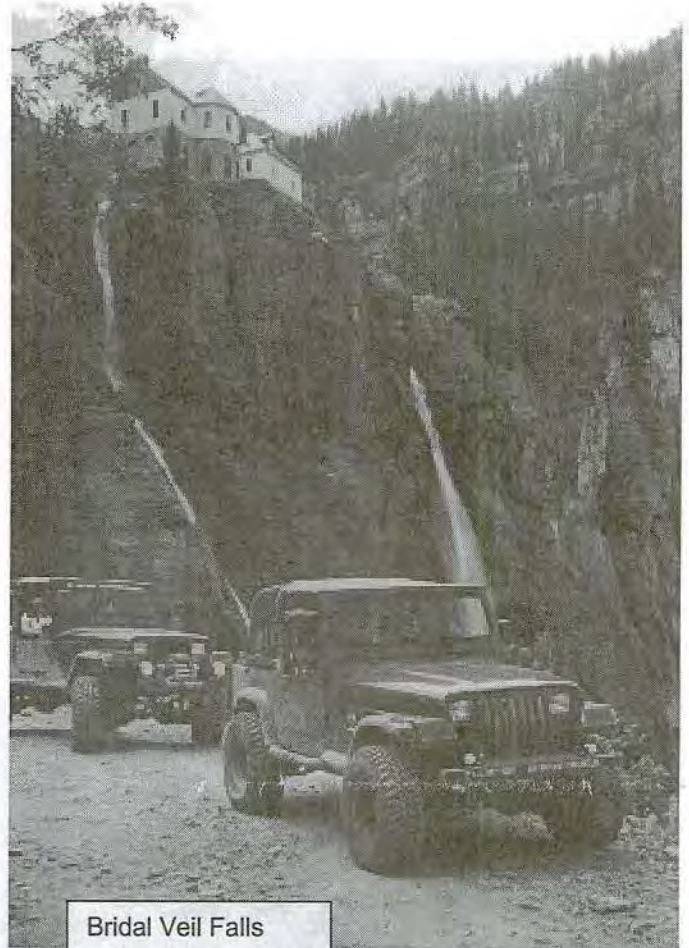
Where the ice cream was good,
And the history was plenty.

Headed to Ouray via Cinnamon Pass,
To Animas Forks where Bonnie showed us her a...
Black Bear Pass is not for those weary of heights,
But Bridal Veil falls is sure a beautiful sight.

And upon the mountain we descended,
Thinking how lucky we were that our lives hadn't ended.

We headed back up the mountain on Imogene,
Where the rain, hail and lightening was the worst we'd ever seen.

And back on the asphalt in two wheel drive,
To Ouray Hot Springs to be thawed and then dried.



Bridal Veil Falls



Engineer

Summary of Proposed Changes
to the
Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
Supplement to the By-Laws of the
New Mexico 4-wheelers, Inc.
As of 8-11-2001

Article I. Dues

This proposal dates back quite some time. I'm guessing 1993 or before. Add the following item B. The current items B, C and D are moved to C, D and E, respectively.

D. Proration of dues. Based upon the month in which membership the in club is approved, prorate the payment of dues according to the following schedule.

	Voting Membership	Associate Membership
<i>August</i>	\$ 30.00	\$15.00
<i>September</i>	27.50	13.75
<i>October</i>	25.00	12.50
<i>November</i>	22.50	11.25
<i>December</i>	20.00	10.00
<i>January</i>	17.50	8.75
<i>February</i>	15.00	7.50
<i>March</i>	12.50	6.25
<i>April</i>	10.00	5.00
<i>May</i>	7.50	3.75
<i>June</i>	5.00	2.50
<i>July</i>	2.50	1.25

Article II. Membership Policy

This proposal was voted on at the September 10, 1993 and July 16, 1994 club meetings. Except as noted, all items reflect September 1993 discussions. The current Items B and C are moved to C and D, respectively. B is proposed to read:

B. Prospective Voting Members shall attend three (3) meetings and two (2) trips or a combination of meetings and trips totaling five (5) points as determined by a majority vote of the Members. Prospective Voting Members must make written application for membership and must be approved by a majority of Members present at any meeting. Eligibility for Associate membership is determined by distance alone, which shall be defined as a minimum of thirty (30) miles from the I-25/I-40 interchange in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the exceptions being that prospective Voting Members will be required to maintain Associate membership status so long as the Voting membership remains at sixty (60) families, and that Associate membership may be imposed as described in Article II.C. of the SOP. Eligibility for Voting membership shall not be restricted by distance.

Points shall be awarded as follows:

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| 1. Attendance at a club meeting | 1 point |
| 2. Attendance at a club-sponsored day trip | 1 point |
| 3. Attendance at a club-sponsored overnight trip | 3 points |
| 4. Hosting a meeting | 1 point |
| 5. Leading a trip | 1 point |
| 6. Helping in a special event | 1 point |
| 7. Sponsoring a new member | 1 point |
| 8. Organizing an event | 3 points (July 16, 1994) |

Bonus points, not to exceed 1 point per occurrence, may be awarded by vote of the members for volunteer work not otherwise addressed.

Accumulation of points will be based on the fiscal year, the exception being that it will begin with the club meeting on September 10th, 1993 for this first year.

Points will be awarded on a family unit basis.

A record of points accrued will be maintained by the Vice-President. A \$50.00 gift certificate to Desert Rat will be awarded to the family unity accumulating the most points for the year.

Article III, Duties of Officers

This proposal was voted on at the July 4, 1993 club meeting. Add text to existing Item B to read:

B. The Vice-President will be designated as "Sheriff" and carries the authority to levy fines of \$.25 against members for infractions deemed detrimental to club unity and contrary to responsible 4-wheeling. The "Sheriff" responsibilities may be delegated to appointed deputies, in the absence of the Vice President.

This proposal was discussed at the July 31 Officer meeting and the August 11 Membership meeting. Replace existing item F with the following:

F. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, shall keep an accurate list of names and addresses of all Members, and shall conduct the correspondence of the Corporation. (S)he shall transmit all records to the successor in this office.

Create new Article IV, Duties of non-Officer Positions

This proposal was discussed at the July 31 Officer meeting and the August 11 Membership meeting. Existing Articles IV, V and VI to become Articles V, VI and VII, respectively. The following items and text have been recommended:

- A. The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for publishing and mailing a monthly newsletter to the Members.
- B. The Webmaster shall be responsible for development and maintenance of the Club web site. (S)he shall periodically revise and/or update the website such that it will provide a benefit to active and potential members. (S)he shall also ensure that the Club's domain name and web hosting service is renewed annually, or as required.

Calendar of Events:

Please help me improve this system with your suggestions!

When	Where	Who	Contact	Level of difficulty	Cost	Details
Sept 6-8	Farmington	UFWDA 25 th Anniversary & SWFWDA Summer Quarterly	Check out the website for the registration form	Various	Check the Web	Check the Web
Sept 15	Rio Rancho MEETING!!	Mark & Debbie Werkmeister	891-0296	Dirt driveway uphill	Potluck	NM4W Meeting at 5pm
Sept 22-23	Red River Overnight	Tom Hurt	994-2515	Easy	Gasoline	Listed in this issue
Sept 22	Women's Rock Crawling Championship	Marcia Duggar	822-9590	Just watching	Gasoline \$??	Call Marcia
Sept 29	Cimarron Mesa	Pat Brady	898-6449	33s and Lockers	Blood, sweat and tears (bring H ₂ O and tools)	Meet 8am at Freightliner north of Paseo del Vulcan off of I-40
Oct 6-7	FUN in the Desert X	Victor Valley 4 Wheelers	Check out www.vv4wheelers.com	Various		
Oct 14	I-25 Clean-up	Robert Clark		Easy	Volunteer Time	Meet 1pm at Park & Ride (Southside of Exit for NM550)
Oct 18-21	Hole-in-the-Rock Trail	Bob Telepak	869-8117	Lockers help	Gasoline/food	
Oct 27-29	Monticello Canyon	Don & Bonnie Tyler		Easy to moderate ?	Gasoline and \$?	

RV Incident

Submitted by Glenn Bontly

I picked up our "new" camper last week!! Everything went great, except for that "little" accident I had within the first few hours during the drive back home. I was on I-40 and the traffic was light. So I set the cruise control, got up to go to the bathroom in the rear, and BAM! I guess I still have a lot to learn about RVs . :o)

Rockcrawling for Women



Farmington, NM September 21-23

50 women will test their driving skills and vehicles for two days over challenging terrain in their quest to earn the title of *Queen of the Rocks*. The courses won't be painted pink and the rocks won't be soft! This is for those women that love the 4x4 sport and want a unique challenge. It's the real deal and it's about time!

Entry is limited to 50 teams. Teams consist of a female driver, a spotter (male or female) and their vehicle. This event will be run similar to the already established National Rock Crawling Championship. The scoring stages will be very challenging and award those that enjoy very technical rock crawling. If you're looking for an event that intentionally pushes vehicles and people into dramatic rollover situations, you won't find it here. This event is designed for you, the driver, and no one else.

We're very excited about the first ever Skyjacker National Rock Crawling Championship for Women and hope that it helps expose an important aspect of this sport – the women that love to 4 wheel! And we know they're out there. It's HER turn now!

Entry Fee

\$350 per team. Includes custom sandblasted rock plaque for driver, embroidered event hats for driver and spotter, embroidered safari-style event shirts for

driver and spotter (2 each), event t-shirts for driver and spotter, event decals for vehicle, dash plaque, awards dinner for driver and spotter, all land use fees.

Prizes

1st place: \$2500, Detroit Locker, \$500 Skyjacker Gift Certificate, \$350 Advance Adapters Gift Certificate, \$500 MuddyTires.com Gift Certificate

2nd place: \$1250, Detroit Locker, \$250 Skyjacker Gift Certificate, \$250 Advance Adapters Gift Certificate, \$300 MuddyTires.com Gift Certificate

3rd place: \$750, Detroit Locker, \$150 Skyjacker Gift Certificate, \$150 Advance Adapters Gift Certificate, \$200 MuddyTires.com Gift Certificate

Information taken from Sports in the Rough website at www.spotsintherough.com

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Website: www.nm4w.org check us out



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Note:

For **October** and **November** meetings: meet at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Rd NE (at Moon). From the corner of Academy and Wyoming, go east on Academy and turn right (south) at Moon. Then turn left into the parking lot behind the Church. While standing in the parking lot (facing Academy), we are in the back room of the building to the far right, on the Second Friday of the month at 7 PM. **December** we have a party at hosting members house. In **January** we will start having meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Meetings:

October 12: Don & Bonnie Tyler hosts

November 9: Andy Schulze host

December 15 @ 7:00PM: Clark's hosting Club "Christmas" party at their home

Meeting Minutes:

New Mexico 4-Wheelers
Minutes, Club meeting 9-15-2001
Secretary Michelle Kimbrell

President Bonnie Tyler called the meeting to order at 6:20.

Guests introduced themselves:

- Kevin Cox – Jeep(s)
- Steve Gilley - 97 Cherokee
- JIM WERKMEISTER
- David Trappett & Stacey McCoy - 98 Wrangler
- Kathleen Leon – 2001 Wrangler

Members in attendance: Anita Ransom, Bonnie & Don Tyler, Bob & Michelle Kimbrell, Rich & Camille Capener, Ed & Lyn Kausche, Pat & Sue Brady, Mark & Deb Werkmeister, Glenn, Stephen & Susan Bontly, Brandon & Stephanie Rickerman, Mary & Paul Thompson, Preston & Melissa Gamer, Robert & Doreen Clark & a number of children, Chris Johnson & son Stephen, Tom Hurt, Miche Louise Bové, Leon & Marcia Duggar, Phil & Carol Kennicott, Andy Schulze, Kevin DeNauer, Tim & Sarah MacNab, Michael Hiatt, Mark & Joan Wolf, Frank & Donna Whiston, Bob Norton, Arne Gjerming.

A motion was carried to dispense with the reading of last month's meeting minutes.

Treasurer Tom Hurt reported the club balance is \$2,068.58. A motion was carried to reimburse Miche \$68.58 for printer cartridges for printing the newsletter.

Bonnie presented Sheriff Brandon Rickerman an official sheriff's badge. He also assessed a number of fines:

- Michelle was fined \$1.00 for allowing the word *beer* to show up in the newsletter. (Secretary's note: having just reviewed the SOP and its revisions, I found nothing to suggest using the word beer, or BEER, or Beer as a finable offense....)
- Rich should be fined for making his dad have another operation as a result of the parking lot rolling incident after just having had knee surgery.
- Paul Thompson was fined \$2.50 for rolling over on Mary's side.

Environmental Chair Mark Werkmeister suggested members send letters to urge clearing the backlog of RS2477 assertions. Mark will email all club members with a sample letter. At the United convention in Farmington, the Association presented a 100 year plan, which is the same approach being taken by our opposition.

Trail Chair Mark Wolf reminded us that the Red River run is next weekend – Tom Hurt is the contact. Marcia will not be coordinating a convoy to the Women's Rockcrawling Championship, as she is going to Red River. Pat Brady reminded us of the September 29 workday at Cimarron Mesa; meet at 8 a.m. at the Freightliner just North of I-40 at the Paseo del Vulcan exit; bring big tires, pry bars, gloves, chainsaws, tools & water. Please let Pat know if you plan to attend. 10-18 to 21 Bob Telepak will be making his Hole in the Rock run. 10-27 to 29, Don & Bonnie are planning a trip to Monticello Canyon. Mark Werkmeister reviewed the trip to Mt Blanca, on which a Toyota had rolled at Jaws 2 and our crew spent about 4 hours, 4 winches and 5 Jeeps retrieving him. For the Farmington meetings & 'wheeling, many vehicles were helped by club members (including a flopped Hummer) and they served 242 people at the barbecue dinner.

The Program Chair Bob Kimbrell reported he still has had no luck at finding the source for club stickers. There was \$32.00 in the kitty, and, as our hosts just

President Report (cont.)

time back I had purchased a TeraLow 4:1 and after a few months of it being a kitchen centerpiece, (it made for good dinner discussions) Don and Brandon installed it with little complications. I took it out the next day and I swear it took me 15 minutes to go all the way up and back down one of the sand hills in the Puerco! It was really neat to see it climb the boulders and not have to do the toe on the brake, heel on the gas foot dance to get it to go. The lower gears in conjunction with the thumb throttle definitely helps to keep the Jeep from stalling. I'm ready to take it out to the new trailing building sessions this weekend and give it some more practice!

Finally, I wanted to thank a few people for a few things. First, I'll congratulate Mark Werkmeister for being awarded the Four Wheeler of the Year from the SW4WD association! Great Job, Mark! Thanks for being so dedicated to the club. Thanks also go out to Miche for the "Trail Tales" she been putting out for the last few years and especially the last edition which had some awesome graphics! Thanks going to Michelle for writing up all the proposed changes to the SOPs in last months "Trail Tales" as well as writing up the new SOPs and getting them out to everyone, and thank you to all of you who were at the last meeting to vote on these changes.

Ok, one more "finally" then I'll be done for the month! Best wishes and prayers out to Chuck Peoples who was recently in the hospital. Take care of yourself and we'll see you when you're feeling better.

See you on the dirt - -
Bonnie

A Note of Thanks

WE WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR THEIR THOUGHTFULNESS, CONCERN AND PRAYERS FOR CHARLIE WHILE HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH HIS SURPRISE SURGERY. HE IS RECUPERATING WELL AND THE PROGNOSIS IS VERY GOOD. WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU VERY SOON.

THANKS AGAIN.
SINCERELY,
ETHEL MAY AND CHUCK PEEPLES

For Sale/Want Ads

- FOR SALE: Dana 300 transfer case out of an '83 CJ7, \$350. Call Preston Garner 286-4352 or email cj7garner@qwest.net



- WANTED: New TJ Bumper. My brand new 2-month-old jeep (2200 miles) got violated. Today, I was towing two four-wheelers to a local park for an afternoon of mud ;-). On the way some redneck wasn't paying attention swerved towards my Jeep. I jerked the wheel to miss him which starts the trailer swinging behind me, My jeep gave way I did a 360 across a 4 line highway/on coming traffic. Stopping sideways in a ditch with the trailer jackknifed against my bumper. Good old redneck though didn't even stop. In fact, he honked and waved and smiled. He was pretty proud of himself. Luckily, the only damage was to my heart and to my rear bumper. I don't have much money but I am willing to buy someone's undamaged rear TJ bumper, if you are willing to part with it.

Please email Amber directly at amber.lucas@home.com

What Really Happened at the September Meeting

By Joan Wolf

Testosterone levels soared at the September 15 meeting held at Mark and Deb Werkmeister's Rio Rancho residence. The only thing missing was razors so the guys could see their way through the new growth!

After the official stuff (potluck and business meeting), the fun started at the weight scales Arnie brought. It was like seeing little kids at Christmas as the boys lined up to weigh their toys. They meticulously weighed and recorded left and right sides, front and rear axles, and then calculated the total weight. There was even a contest to guess the weight of Pat Brady's "pig".

The real excitement came after the vehicle weigh-ins when Mark rolled open the doors to his 40'x60' auto repair center/fabrication shop/RV parking garage. It was a big boy's paradise with workbenches, pipe bender, engine hoist, crane thing, and two vehicles-under-construction.

Guys ogled at the arc welder, mig welder, vice, table saw, air compressor, and too many tools to count. They drooled at two shiny-new, heavy-duty, ultra high-dollar axle thingies and other gearhead paraphernalia. Several members lingered, reluctant to leave the testosterone den.

If any women out there question this synopsis of the September meeting, ask your significant other what he remembers--the environmental report or Mark's shop?

The Jeep That Ate the Man

By Brandon Rickerman

It all started innocently enough...One hot summer day I lent my wonderfully air-conditioned truck to my wife to drive to work, she swapped me for her stock little 4-banger jeep. After driving it for three days, I realized that it needed a new stereo and speakers. And this is when OUR (I have to put our, because the parts and work are mine, but the original jeep is hers) jeep began to grow teeth. We'd taken the jeep out wheelin' before and although my wife had talked about having me lift the jeep a bit it wasn't a huge priority until...Don Tyler, after telling us many a NM4W story, finally dragged us to a meeting and some official runs. After the first run it was apparent that my life was about to change. I started off thinking that a little bit of lift and 31" tires would get me a long way (for most people it probably would, but not me). I wheeled like this for a while, but with the Chili Challenge looming in my future and the stories of possible (definite) body damage and the need for a locker I knew I had to spend some money. With a lock-right installed, a new front bumper and rocker panel protection, we headed off for Las Cruces. Once we arrived in Cruces, someone asked how I liked the event, and I replied, "I feel like a little fish in a big big pond." I was already a wallet and an arm into this jeep and the whole leg would have to follow to give this little fish a bigger bite.

Now I was at the point where I knew the next step was going to cost a LOT of money (the whole right leg, kidney and some liver). After getting the okey-dokey from the little woman I set out on a most excellent adventure. I surfed the web and devoured off-roading magazines comparing prices with packages and parts lists. I decided what to get and got the money (and necessary body parts together). In a matter of 3 days I went through a huge chunk of change (and I got everything shipped express). It only took 8 hours for me to transform our jeep into a very capable trail jeep. I told my wife I'd be happy with this stuff done and we would just wheel and enjoy for a while...I lied. On our first outing I realized I needed a slip-yolk eliminator kit. At this point I knew I'd have to get on my knees and beg (hard to do with both legs sunk into the jeep as it is), so I sat Stephie down and explained the necessity to her in as close as I could get to her language. It went well! Little did I know how she would get me back for all of this, she's pregnant ya know and talkin' about painting the nursery and buying a new jeep with 4 doors, among other things.

I have since added a winch and telescoping track bar and revolver shackles. All purchased at Desert Rat with Derren's smokin' deals (Stephie is

threatening to call him and remind him about the new daddy spending rules) I still have many plans and visions of parts and trail rides to come clouding my mind, but for now I still have one leg to stand on and one but cheek to keep my empty wallet against. I've had lots of excellent adventures in the jeep and under it but I now know that soon I'll have something different to consume my time with and someone new to suck the money out of my wallet. And I'll be happy to teach my child the joys of wheelin' in THIS GREAT COUNTRY and the history of the people who built the trails and the trials of those who now fight to keep them open.

Monticello Canyon

Bonnie and Don Tyler leading

Here is a little information on Monticello Canyon: we'll leave the campsite at 10am on Saturday. We may do another run on Sunday but it's undetermined at this point. It is mild 4-wheelin but beautiful and has some history. We are staying at the Caballo Lake State Park, which costs \$3/night, has bathrooms and fishing. However, I won't have the directions until after I prerun it next weekend. I will have a hand out at the meeting but anyone who won't be at the meeting can call me at 892-4458



Jeep eating Man

Spotlight on the Bradys

By Miche Louise Bové

Personally, I don't quite remember when I truly realized how intimidating Pat Brady can be, but I know I was driving my White YJ. Of course, I already knew the Bradys, but during those times I never drove my own, I was just a happy passenger. I was descending a rocky hill on a "Charlie" run when Pat approached my vehicle and asked if I was going to put it into 4WD any time soon. I am a smart girl; I learned to listen to that man. If he says a smidge to the left, it is wise to go that smidge to the left. I am not so intimidated anymore (and not just because you hardly ever see me on any of the runs). I just know that Sue really keeps him in line. For this "Spotlight" I spoke with Sue for the "real scoop".

Pat and Sue have been involved with the club for fifteen years. Sue has been both Historian and Treasurer, while Pat has led the group as President, Vice-President and Trip Chairman.

They currently have the "Pig" (Bronco) and the "Lady's Edition" (Mazda Truck). Tailer is their 4WD companion. When I was gathering the pictures for this, I was really hoping to find the one I have of the Lady's Edition. Pat gave her a flat during that run, I think since he has dinged her, too. Sue is probably not too happy about that. The pictures I did find are old and to be honest, I have no idea where they are at either, but I am sure that either of the Bradys can fill in the blanks.

I asked Sue about a funny story that she could share. Now remember, these people are avid hunters, so she has quite a few of those to share too. But she did share this: Just out of Santa Fe, most likely being led by Charlie and Joel Wilson, about 8-9 years ago, they headed up a washed out power line road in the Bronco. Going through a dip the Bronco was suddenly off-camber. So off-camber that Pat told Sue (and Mugsy) to stay still and he radioed for help. Unbeknownst to them, their passenger side was caught and they weren't going anywhere although it felt like that the Bronco was just going to tumble down the side of the mountain. The rest of the group came quickly to aid them, but thought it was Sue who cried for help. (I guess that proves how scared Pat was.) Sue has a picture of Mark Werkmeister standing under the tire that was air-bound. (Wow! That's off-camber!)



Pig pulling Whale



Pig climbing waterfall

Red River Trip Report

Submitted by Jim and Nancy Hurt

(Ed. Note: This was a forwarded e-mail thru the Secretary to me, so I sure hope that this was OK to publish – at any event, it's nice to see someone else's perspective)

As most, if not all of you know, we left last Friday, 21 Sept. for a little R & R away from the daily routine. Left Rio Rancho at 8:30 AM, headed for the high country of New Mexico, namely Red River. We were driving our Jeep as we wanted to take part in some off road trips with Tom's 4 wheel drive club. Met up with Tom at the intersection of 528 and 550. He was driving his big suburban and towing a flat bed trailer with his CJ 5 Jeep on it. It took about 4 hours of driving to get to Red River, slow going on 2 lane roads, must of taken 30-40 minutes to get through Taos, NM lots of traffic there.

Got checked in at the Best Western Motel, unloaded Tom's Jeep from the trailer. Nancy made Tom and I sandwiches as we were getting our fishing gear in the Jeep, ate the sandwiches as we were leaving town for Goose Lake. Goose Lake is only about 7-8 miles from Red River but it is all up hill on a rough and rocky road, takes about an hour to get to the lake. The lake is at elevation 11,700 feet above sea level. I'm sorry to say we didn't catch any fish,

good thing we were not planning on having fish for supper. We did get snowed on for a few minutes. We fished until about 4:30 PM, while we were getting our gear back in the Jeep, I looked up on the ridge line above the lake, (Gold Hill at 12, 700 feet) and saw something standing on the ridge. I thought it might be a bighorn sheep. Tom got his binoculars out and confirmed that was what it was. It is very rare to see one of them and here we were looking at one from about 1200 yards away.

Back down the mountain over the rocky road to Red River. Tom went to the Forest Service campground to see if anymore of his club members had showed up yet. I took a shower and cleaned up, watched the news and then went out to eat dinner, Tom wasn't back yet, so we said he could fend for himself. Tom showed back up at the Motel when we got back from dinner. He had been over at another condo, visiting with some friends, so he went back over there and had dinner with them.

Saturday morning up at 6:30 AM, why I don't know, as we were not to leave out for the trail until 9:30 AM. Temperature was around 28 degrees, heavy frost on everything. Went over to Shotgun Willies diner for breakfast, had big plate of eggs, meat and hashbrowns and a couple of cups of coffee. Back to the motel and got the cooler packed with what we would need on the trail that day. Drove over to the City Park where everyone was to gather for the run that day. There were 11 vehicles all JEEPS, some old some fairly new. The oldest was a W.W.II, Ford Jeep. We got under way at 9:30 AM and started up the mountain to Goose Lake, part of the group had been to the Lake before but several had never been up there. With as many vehicles in a line going up it took about 1- 3/4 hours, Tom was leading the group and stopped quite often to give information on different mines etc by CB radio to the group. At the lake everyone ate lunch and some of us went fishing and some went mountain climbing. other just laid in the sun. My son-in-law Fidel and Eli our 7 year old grandson hiked to the top of Gold Hill and back down. The sign said it was 1-1/2 miles to the top by a switch back trail and you went up a 1,000 feet in elevation. We were going to try and do Middle Fork Lake Trail that afternoon but ran out of time as it was close to 4:00 PM when we got back down to Red River. Some of the group still had to set up camp at the Forest Service camp ground (just a meadow). At 6:30 PM we had a potluck dinner for everyone at the campground. Lots of good food, good beer and good company that evening. Us 2 old folks went back to the motel at 9 PM to get rest up for the next day of fun.

Sunday morning, up again at 6:30 AM. Had a bagel and doughnut along with coffee at the motel. We were to meet at the City Park again at 9:00 AM for a trip to Greenie Peak, elevation 11,300 feet. At 8:30 AM we drove over to the condo where Brenda and the grandkids were staying. She got checked out and was ready to leave when we noticed that the

right front tire was flat on her truck. No problem I said, we will just put the spare on. Sent Nancy in the Jeep on over to the City Park to tell them we might be a few minutes late. Well it took longer than I thought , the spare was flat also. It was a brand new tire never been on the ground and it was flat. My air compressor was in the Jeep, Brenda borrowed a bicycle pump from the Condo manager and between the 3 of us we got the spare pumped up to about 20 psi. Got over to the park about 9:15 and Tom used his on board air compressor to air up both of her tires. No punctures in either tire but both valve cores were leaking. Tightened them up and they quit leaking.

Off we went finally, toward Greenie Peak. I don't think the road was as rocky as the one to Goose Lake but still fun to drive on. Most of the time you could drive in 4-wheel high, only on the rough stuff or down hill did I have to go into low range. We had one vehicle that had fuel problems on the way up, but they got it fixed and came on up to the top, about a half hour after the rest of us. We took a lot of photos at the top of Greenie Peak as the view was exceptional this time of the year, the camera just doesn't capture what your eye can see. I'll attach a few photos that were taken a top of Greenie Peak. We stopped and had lunch in a meadow about half way back down. After lunch we went the rest of the way down and went to the campground, there we aired our tires back up to highway pressure, for the trip home. Tom got his Jeep loaded back on the trailer and we headed out, I followed him all the way to Taos, he needed to get gas in the truck. I had enough to get on back home so I went on ahead. We stopped in Espanola, NM at daughter Brenda house. She had left with the 2 boys about 40 minutes ahead of us. Only stayed about a half hour and the headed on home. Arrived home around 6 PM, and was wore out. The hot tub sure felt good to soak in that night.

After getting rested up, we are ready for another trip next month. Where and when we don't know yet.

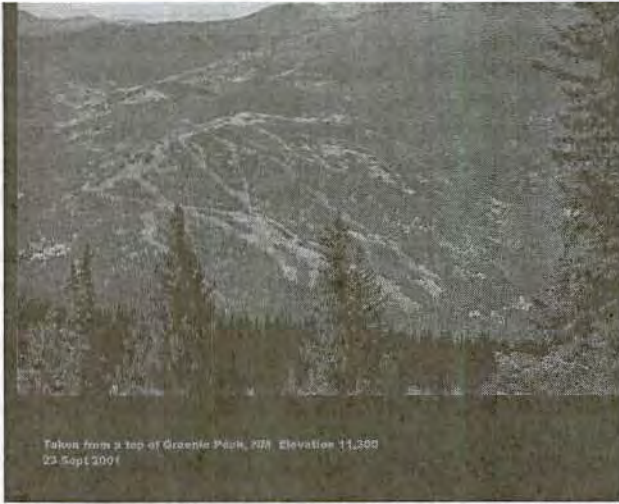


Birthdya Boy:
Tom Hurt!



Pictures from Greenie Peak

Submitted by Jim Hurt (*I think - ed.*)



Taken from a top of Greenie Peak, NM Elevation 11,300
23 Sept 2001



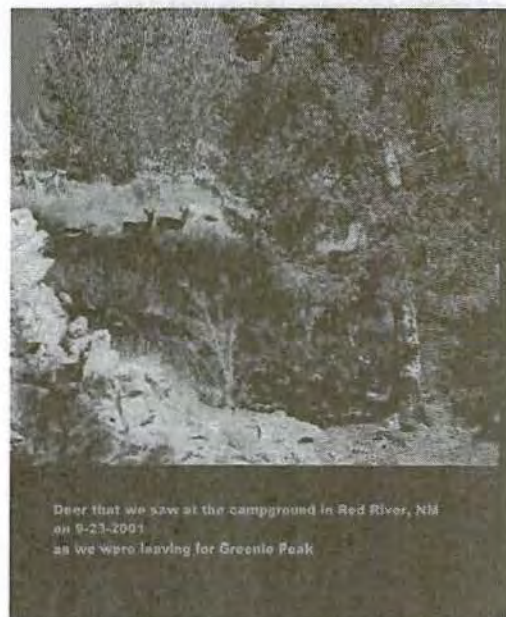
Taken from the top of Greenie Peak, NM on 23 Sept 2001



Greenie Peak, NM taken 9-23-2001



Greenie Peak, NM 9-23-2001



Deer that we saw at the campground in Red River, NM
on 9-23-2001
as we were leaving for Greenie Peak



Red River Pictures

Submitted by Glenn Bontly

I'd like to point out that in this picture, there are nearly every Jeep produced! From left to right :1950-something CJ-3B, Ford Ranger Pick-Up--disregard this one ;o), Grand Cherokee, YJ Wrangler, Cherokee Classic, Full-Size Wagoneer, TJ Wrangler, CJ-5, and a 1943 Ford GPW !!!



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Calendar of Events:

When	Where	Who/What	Contact	Level of difficulty	Cost	Details
Oct 6-7	FUN in the Desert X	Victor Valley 4 Wheelers	Check out www.vv4wheelers.com	Various		
Oct 18-21	Hole-in-the-Rock Trail	Bob Telepak	869-8117	Lockers help	Gasoline/food	Listed in Sept 2001 (Aug minutes) issue
Oct 12	Heights Church	MEETING	Don & Bonnie Tyler (hosts)	Pretty much all pavement	A few bucks for the 50/50 drawing	
Oct 27-29	Monticello Canyon	Don & Bonnie Tyler	892-4458	Mild	\$3/night for camping	Handout at next meeting
Nov 9	Heights Church	MEETING	Andy Schulze (host)	Easy	\$ for 50/50 and a couple of stickers	
Dec 15	Clark's Home	Party/MEETING	797-9745	Dirt road	Potluck and maybe a gift for exchanging	Details in later issue
Aug 1-3, '02	Fairplay, CO	SWFWDA Summer Quarterly	Mark Wolf 856-8539	Just a twist of the arm	Volunteers right now	Details in later issue

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Official Newsletter of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers

Note:

For the **November** meeting: meet at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Rd NE (at Moon). From the corner of Academy and Wyoming, go east on Academy and turn right (south) at Moon. Then turn left into the parking lot behind the Church. While standing in the parking lot (facing Academy), we are in the back room of the building to the far right. **December** we have a party at hosting members house. In **January** we will start having meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Meetings:

November 9: Andy Schulze host

December 15 @ 7:00PM: Clark's hosting Club "Christmas" party at their home

Meeting Minutes:

New Mexico 4-Wheelers
Minutes, Club meeting 10-12-2001

President Bonnie Tyler called the meeting to order at 7:06.

Guests introduced themselves:

- Bobby & Susan Miller, 98 Cherokee
- Paul & Mary Thompson's nephew
- Trent & Tammie Ridder, 98 Cherokee and 02 TJ

Members in attendance: Anita Ransom, Bonnie & Don Tyler, Michelle Kimbrell, Rich & Glenn Capener, Pat & Sue Brady, Mark Werkmeister, Glenn Bontly, Mary & Paul Thompson, Robert Clark & a number of children, Tom Hurt, Miche Louise Bove', Marcia Duggar, Andy Schulze, Mark & Joan Wolf, Bob Norton, Carlos Ferrer, Ken O'Niell.

A motion was carried to dispense with the reading of last month's meeting minutes.

Treasurer Tom Hurt reported the club balance is \$1,968.14 and that dues have been sent to SWFDA for 53 members for \$527.00.

Sheriff Rickerman was ill. Marcia did mention that while she was at Red River, Leon's Bronco broke a couple of miles from home (disintegrated fan shroud).

Fortunately, a fellow club member in a Jeep happened by and towed Leon home - Leon is fined \$.50. The Brady's were fined for almost strangling their defenseless dog on the trail - the fine was a wonderfully crafted paddle that reads, "Shut Up Pat".

Environmental Chair Mark Werkmeister provided a copy of a brief explanation of RS2477. The document can also be viewed at

<http://www.rs2477roads.com/2simpexp.htm>. Mark will email a sample letter that he encourages the membership to mail to Gail Norton.

Trail Chair Mark Wolf reminded us that the I-25 road clean up is 10-14 at the Bernalillo Park and Ride at 1 p.m.

- October 27 and 28, Don & Bonnie Tyler will be making a trip to Monticello Canyon. They'll be leaving Friday for the Riverside Campground. November 9th to 11th is the Warn Rockcrawling event.
- The Christmas tree run will be 12-8. Permits are available at the end of October or early November and will likely be in the Jemez west of Los Alamos. Wolfie will be the contact.
- Glenn is planning a trip to the South 14 Loop (Cedro Peak) November 17th. Meeting place is 9 am at the Sandia Ranger Station on Hwy 337 (aka South 14), about 1 mile south of I-40.
- The Hole in the Rock trail in Southeast Utah will be run the weekend of 10-19. Contact either Bob Telepak or Mark Werkmeister. Trail is moderate to hard.

The Program Chair Bob Kimbrell was at work, so Bonnie reported for him; no one knows where we originally got our stickers; club members can get discounts at Southwest (5%), Desert Rat will offer a discount that varies by product and it was reported that All Jeep gives us a 10% discount. Mark Werkmeister brought a sample of a t-shirt that had been printed based on a digital copy of an older t-shirt. He'll field test it for a month and let us know how it held up at the next meeting. \$49.00 of tickets were sold, and Tom Hurt took home \$24.00.

Historian Marcia Duggar reported that the club pictures from Cruces have been added to the scrapbook.

Our Southwest Delegate, Bob Norton, had nothing new to report.

Old business: Don Tyler was presented with a gift certificate in recognition of being the club's point leader for the year. Pat Brady was given a plaque made by Carlos to commemorate being elected 4 wheeler of the year. Carlos has key chain fobs for \$5.00.

For October and November, meetings will be the second Friday at 7:00 p.m at the church. Meeting hosts this year will be:

October, Don & Bonnie Tyler

November, Andy Schulze

December, Party at the Clark's, tentatively scheduled for Dec. 15th at 7:00.

New Business: Tom reported that there were 12 vehicles, 2 flats, snow and a messed up fuel pump at Red River. Cimarron Mesa was the subject of much discussion, Pat has concluded the trails are rated moderate to extreme; Glenn mentioned his GPS indicated they traveled ¼ of a mile.... PLEASE give your trip reports to Brandon so he can keep track of everyone's points.

Much thanks to Don for hosting the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

President Report

Wow, it seems like just yesterday that I wrote my President's report for the last edition of the Trail Tales! Days seem to be flying by into weeks and weeks into months....and so on. Don tells me the typical, "Time flies when you're having fun" story which means life is going quite quickly because I am having a blast! I hope that each and every one of you

are also living life to the fullest and having a blast. So even though everything is going so fast and we're having so much fun, I find myself sitting down after a wonderful weekend of camping and wheelin to write this report that Miche so kindly reminds me to do every month. I don't know about all of you but when I spend a weekend like this it certainly is hard to come back home and sit in front of a computer again...especially when you know you have to do it for another week straight!

So I told you I've been busy. I think I am correct in saying the New Mexico 4 Wheelers have been busy. Since the last edition of the Trail Tales, we had our monthly meeting, a trail building session in our new area, a trip to the Hole In-The-Rock, the highway trash pickup, and the weekend trip to Monticello Canyon. Now that is an active club that I am proud to be a part of! Thanks to everyone who led, organized, and participated in these activities. I think we had great success with the highway cleanup....one of the quickest ones yet. Due mostly in part of us having such a great turn out of members and even guests but also due to the fact that we actually held to our contractual agreement which says we'll do this twice a year. It really does make it a lot easier this way. Thanks again everyone. So with this newsletter we find ourselves entering into the month of November. The holiday season is upon us and this is when it gets even busier for everyone. While I am wishing you and your family all the best for this Thanksgiving (we all have a lot to be thankful for)....I hope you'll take a day or two to spend with NM4W, either at the next meeting or on Glen's trail ride to Cedro Peak.

See you on the dirt,

Bonnie



The famous Hole in the Rock historical site

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Aluminum Cans:

Our club saves and recycles aluminum cans. Bring your aluminum cans to each meeting, and Tom Hurt 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!

Note to Members:

Think about saving a tree and some club funds by letting the Secretary know that you would like to read your Trail Tales on the Web.

Submission Due Date:

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Middle Rock

Bonnie Tyler

8am was an early start to meet on the west side of town for a day of "trail building" in our newly acquired play area. That's ok, I had been itching to get on a "Big-Dog trail" since I first started four wheeling. Now that I had my Air Lockers, 33" BFG's, and finally a Tera-Low, I thought I'd give it a try. Being that it was rated a "Moderate" and all. Now I've been on runs led by Pat Brady before and I have to give it to him, he is one patient man. Just the road leading out to the canyon was long, flat, and riding behind Wolfie, Don and I thought his head was going to fall off because of how bumpy the ride was! (Picture the little bobbing dogs that people put on their dashboards and imagine Wolfie-ha! Yes, we laughed pretty hard ourselves.) So we arrived to the point where Pat asked us who wanted to go "down under" into the "canyon of moderate trails". The "easiest trail out here". Of course I wanted to go. I was one of four that decided to drop down into the canyon. First there was Pat, then me, then Glen Bontly, and Rich Capener. After watching Pat and Sue's dog try to hang itself (they have the right idea with a harness instead of a collar) we were all in the canyon. Wolfie, Marcia, Frank, Don and Sue were very helpful in the tons and tons of rock moving that they had volunteered their Saturday to accomplish. Pat informed us that we were the first people with 33's to come down this trail therefore it needed much help to make it accessible. All that I really remember is lots and lots of rocks. Big rocks. One rock that was in the middle of the road. Hence, the name, Middlerock. I remember seeing Pat in front of me putting his passenger side tires on that rock and still hitting his rocker guards. So of course I'm thinking, wait a minute here...I am smaller than him, smaller tires, less clearance, stupid nerf bars instead of the rocker guards...I better try a different line. Maybe to the right. Ok, here goes...I swing way around to the right and slide into the rock they call Middlerock. Damn. Guess I'm going to have to try to go over it and take a strap if I get stuck. Ok, here goes, same line that Pat took, scr-a-pe! Boom! Ah-yes, I am off the rock without getting the ole' strap and without too much damage! (Note: by this time my better half was wondering verbally how he was going to get to work since this was to be his ride...I told him we'd be fine and Pat would take care of us.) Next up was a little "V" obstacle that I was told not too many people could make it through on the last trip up this way. Then I watched Pat as he tried to roll his Bronco. Yes, the same Pat that I had entrusted my life with at this point. "So Bonnie," he says...take a different line. "Ok Pat, sure thing," I say as I wipe the beads of sweat from my forehead and hands. My clutch foot at this time is shaking tremendously but I make it through the obstacle with a little rear quarter panel

damage. Ok, Pat has a flat at this point and somewhere behind me Glen and Rich are using their winches and Glen also has a flat. We decide to bug out here since there were more sharp rocks left than spares. All in all it was a fun and exciting day and I did enjoy it immensely. I think I'll leave the "Nobigdog" sticker on my Jeep for now.

RS2477 Sample Letter

Mark Werkmeister

Club Members:

Most importantly, review the RS2477 information that I gave (www.rs2477roads.com) and then send a letter asking the BLM follow the law and deal with the many assertions under RS2477 that have been made.

Below is the sample letter that I promised. It is to Secretary of Interior Gale Norton encouraging her to re-establish a method for dealing with the thousands of RS2477 assertions that have languished (illegally) under her predecessor's regime. Please use this letter as a sample/template and reword it as necessary to reflect your own feelings on this issue.

Mark Werkmeister

NM4W Director of Environmental Affairs

[Insert Date]

The Honorable Gale Norton
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Norton:

I am writing to encourage you to undertake action that will save your department and the public a great deal of wasted time and money while also serving to rebuild the relationship between the department and the public.

As you undoubtedly know, your predecessor, Mr. Babbitt, directed the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Offices to disregard all RS2477 assertions unless specifically ordered otherwise by the courts. This policy has resulted in numerous instances of costly and contentious litigation and incalculable wasted resources by both the agency and its constituents. Even more importantly, it has served to dramatically erode agency stature in the eyes of both the public and local governments.

I ask that you lift your predecessor's order and direct the BLM to immediately begin considering and resolving all pending RS 2477 assertions.

I also encourage to set expectation to consider and resolve all future assertions within a specific time of their receipt by the agency.

I feel very strongly that this simple action can yield enormous benefit for all concerned and in a relatively short timeframe, simply resolving the numerous pending lawsuits could save considerable resources for all the litigants.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter. I look forward to continuing to work with your department towards the mutually beneficial management of our public lands.

Sincerely,

[Insert Name]
[Insert Address]
[Insert Phone Number]

Hole in the Rock

Bob Telepak

5 club members managed to make the Hole in the Rock Trail run this year: They were Bob Telepak, Arne Gjerner, Mark Werkmeister and friend Bill, Anita Ransom, and Mike Coe. Don Miller was unable to attend due to a work conflict, but he wanted to come! Hopefully next year. We met the afternoon of Oct 18th at a camping site in the desert where there is an old abandoned WW II halftrack not far from Hall's Crossing, UT.

The weather was absolutely perfect, sunny with blue skies and temperatures during the day in the 70s. The accompanying photos do not come close to capturing the typical October views in Utah, with vivid colors and huge, awesome views of the Canyonlands country. All 5 vehicles had ARBs front and rear and so made pretty quick work of the obstacles. The bottom leaf of one of Mark's springs broke, and Bob's CJ-5 had trouble shifting the D-300 transfer case due to a linkage problem, but this did not slow things down appreciably.

In general, the trail has gradually been getting somewhat harder each year due to continuing erosion of the sandy areas. The water crossing in Lake Canyon was quite muddy, the worst any of us have seen it. The view of the big bend of the San Juan River was as breathtaking as usual, but uneventful. A few years ago Bob and Arne were "buzzed" at this place by a B-1 bomber on maneuvers. This year, I'm pretty sure the B-1 was probably much closer to Afghanistan!

We made it all the way to the end of the trail by sunset (almost 27 miles) and camped there with a nice campfire to warm us. This place is one of the most remote in the continental 48 states. Since there are no lights of "civilization" visible (except occasional airplanes) the number of stars visible at night is more than you have probably ever seen. The Milky Way looks like a white carpet across the sky. We awoke to a fabulous view of the Hole in the Rock itself on the west side of Lake Powell, lit up by the morning sun. This is the place where the Mormon pioneers lowered their wagons and horses down the red rock cliff walls 120 years ago.

Mark and Mike took the opportunity on the way back out to drive the Rincon trail segment. It goes all the way down to Lake Powell and has

great views of some huge rocks with spiral patterns on them, and then goes down one of the longest dugways in Utah to the lake.

Special congratulations to Anita Ransom! While she is relatively new to the club and to serious 4-wheeling, she has progressed to more difficult trails very rapidly indeed. Her '96 Cherokee has been prepared very well by Derren Owen of Desert Rat, and she drives it extremely well. Her 20 years experience of driving an 18-wheeler truck I'm sure helps.

How many great grandmothers do you know of who start "wheeling" at her age! Truly a unique lady!

1-25 Trash Pick

Robert Clark

Fall 2001 Adopt-a-Highway trash pick was again a success. Thanks to all the members who participated: Bob and Michelle Kimbrell, Mark Werkmeister, Andy Schulze, Pat and Sue Brady, Bob Norton, Bonnie Tyler, Leon and Marsha Duggar, Glen Bontly, Mark and Joan Wolf, Ken O'Niell, Tammie and Trent Ridder. As usual there was plenty of trash for us to find in the weeds as well as some additional prizes. Andy found a 6 foot choker chain in good condition and Marsha picked up a fine pair of hand cuffs. Beware! Between the two of them, you may find yourself locked up with no way out. I found what looked like a weather beaten \$20. It had to be sent to the treasury in El Paso to be checked for authenticity.

Christmas Tree Run

Christmas Tree Run - December 8, 2001

Fellow 4 Wheelers! Remember that the Christmas Tree Run requires that you obtain a permit application from your local Forest Service Office IF you plan to cut a tree when we go up to the Jemez to cut trees. You do not need to cut a tree just to go 4 wheeling that day. We will ask for a permit in the area immediately west of the Bandalier National Monument (look for Forest Route 289). If you have questions about filling out your choices on the permit application, call me. These permits are first come - first serve. So, get them in early! The permits should be out any day now and are usually \$10. The run will be an all day event, so be prepared with lunch and a saw to cut your tree. Also, please have your permit prior to our heading out that day as I think the FS said last year that none will be available through any means but mail order! See you at the meeting location, NM 528 and NM 550 (formerly 44) at 9:00 A.M. on the 8th of December!

For Sale

Wagoneer Model 20 rear end complete from drum to drum. It has one piece axles and 2.72 gears (I know, worthless!), but it's a good one for someone who needs one. I'll take \$100.

1978 Ford 2WD T-18 transmission, good shape. Complete except for shifter. \$80

Narrow Dana 44 rear end, 3.73 gears. \$100

1987 Ford 5.0 Litre engine complete with computer and Fuel injection (and engine accessories). 150K miles, ran great when pulled from the Lincoln. This NOT a roller motor. \$400 OBO

All items OR TRADE! Contact Mark Wolf.

Cedro Peak Trail

South 14 Loop (Cedro Peak) Trail

Leader: Glenn Bontly

On Saturday, 17 Nov, I will lead a ride on the South 14 Loop (Cedro Peak) Trail. Meet at 9 am at the brand new Sandia Ranger Station on Hwy 337 (a.k.a., South 14) about a mile south of I-40 in Tijeras. We will depart the Ranger Station around 9:30-ish, which will give you some time to check out their new facility. The trail is rated as "easy" and will take only a few hours or so to complete, depending on the number of vehicles and how often we want to stop. There are also a couple of "play" areas that we will stop at for those who want an additional challenge! After the ride, we will return to the Sandia Ranger Station and visit the remains of the Tijeras Pueblo, for those who are interested. The pueblo was inhabited by as many as 400 people during the 14th century. Today, illustrated trail signs, scale models, and your imagination bring the pueblo back to life. The self-guided foot trail is approximately 1/3 mile long. Hope to see you there!

Jemez Mountains

Carbon base life forms,

I would like to plan to lead a day trip next Saturday (11/10/01) in the Jemez Mountain, if the weather doesn't get bad. We will meet at the Texaco gas station at Rio Rancho and Bernalillo (528 and 550) at 8:15am to 8:30am. At 8:30am we will head up to San Ysidro then turn onto state highway 4 and

pass the Jemez Pueblo. We will then turn onto 485 and head to the Gilman tunnels. Just before you get to the Gilman tunnels, the road/trail we will start off on will go up and over the tunnels. I don't know if this trail has a name but Wolfie said they call it the Gilman rim road. After that we will get back to the main road and head up to Schoolhouse Mesa. This road lets out onto state highway 4 (I think). It will be a full day so be ready. The road/trail would be classed as Easy. I think even a stock JEEP could make this trip (it's a bronco joke, you wouldn't understand). I hope it will be a nice day for a picnic. Call me the night before if the weather gets drastically colder or if we get rain or snow.

Hope to see you there.
Rich Capener 899-2367

My friend

Miche Louise Bové

I was driving back home one windy March day from Santa Fe to Albuquerque. The wind was so strong that it made my Jeep shake, not surprising for New Mexico. When I got home, I wasn't shocked that something from my Jeep was missing. I didn't think much of it after that.

I should have been there to help with the Highway clean-up; however, I had a pumpkin strapped to the back of the Harley and didn't get home at a decent time. Lucky for me, Glenn was there and was able to salvage the item that was ripped off my Jeep that day way back when. Unbeknownst to him, the Marvin the Martian antenna do-hickey was mine. He was thinking he found a gift, when instead he was actually reuniting me with my lost friend. So, thanks Glenn for being a great guy and not poking Marvin in the head with that stick thing you carry for clean-up.

About Maps...

Miche Louise Bové

There is a saying: "*Wherever you go, there you are.*" That should be the motto for any run led by the Tyler's. Why? You might ponder. Because, even with a map they don't have a clear sense of direction, but none the less, it is always amusing. Now, now...remember, it is Bonnie who said, "The club is going to give us a map as an award." So she must agree with this.

Monticello Canyon (which will no doubtedly get reported in full by Bonnie in the next issue) is beautiful. We did find the ruins where Geronimo was arrested, however, were unable to determine where he jumped from.

Perhaps the only big deal (for me) is that now I am a rogue. I worked hard to be given the honor of being placed on the web by eating a cucumber. Cucumbers are low-calorie good-for-you kind of food. Thank goodness I didn't bring any bananas for breakfast or carrots for lunch. Lord knows what the group would be thinking...

Oh, and the ducks...ask Brandon.



Pictures from Hole in the Rock

Submitted by Bob Telepak



Arne Gjerner
on one of the
climbs



Anita climbing a steep area



Anita going up the Chute with
Mark spotting for her



the old WWII
halftrack at our
1st night
camping spot

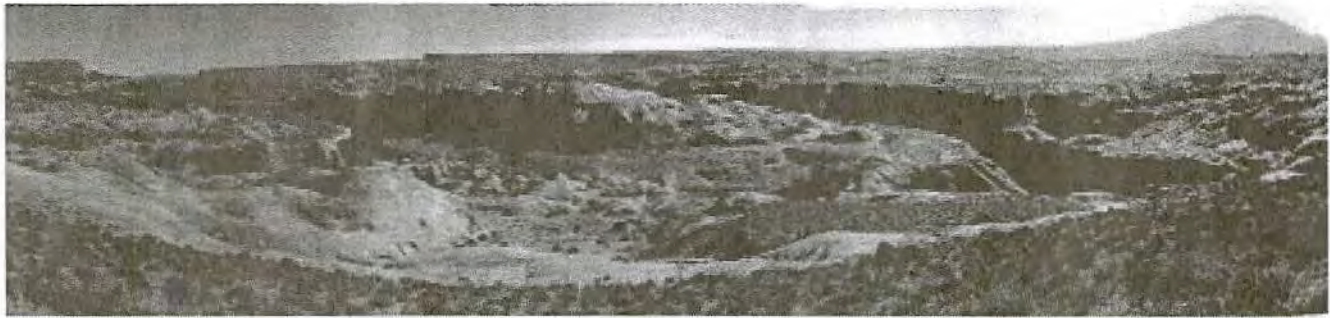


The attendees (left to right Arne Gjerner, Mark
Werkmeister, Anita Ransom, Mike Coe, Bob
Telepak)



Mark coming down a steep slickrock
"step"

Additional Pictures



the big bend of the San Juan River (5 wide angle digital photos combined into a panorama with a digital "stitching" program)



Wolfie thinking way too hard (Bonnie Tyler)



Pat's flat on Middlerock



Bonnie on Middlerock

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Calendar of Events:

When	Where	Who/What	Contact	Level of difficulty	Cost	Details
Nov 9	Heights Church	MEETING	Andy Schulze (host)	Easy	\$ for 50/50 and a couple of stickers	This issue
Nov 10	Jemez Mountains	Gilman Rim Road	Rich Capener 899-2367	Easy	Gas \$	This Issue
Nov 17	South 14 Loop	Cedro Peak	Glenn Bontly	Easy	Gas \$	This issue
Dec 8	Jemez Moutains	X-Mas Tree Run	Mark Wolf	Easy (depends if snow)	Permis (\$10) and picnic lunch	This issue
Dec 15	Clark's Home	Party/MEETING	797-9745	Dirt road	Potluck and maybe a gift for exchanging	Details in later issue
Aug 1-3, '02	Fairplay, CO	SWFWDA Summer Quarterly	Mark Wolf 856-8539	Just a twist of the arm	Volunteers right now	Details in later issue

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Official Newsletter of the New Mexico 4-Wheelers

Note:

December we have a party at hosting members house. Please see inside for directions. From January - April we will start having meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 PM at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Rd NE (at Moon). From the corner of Academy and Wyoming, go east on Academy and turn right (south) at Moon. Then turn left into the parking lot behind the Church. While standing in the parking lot (facing Academy), we are in the back room of the building to the far right.

Meetings:

December 15 @ 7:00PM: Clark's hosting Club "Christmas" party at their home

Jan 10: Brandon Rickerman

Feb 14: Marcia Duggar

Mar 14: Rich Capener

Apr 11: Pat & Sue Brady

Meeting Minutes:

New Mexico 4-Wheelers
Minutes, Club meeting 11-09-2001

President Bonnie Tyler called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Guests introduced themselves:

- Bobby & Susan Miller, 98 Cherokee
- Trent & Tammie Ridder, 98 Cherokee and 02 TJ
- John & Charla Impallomeni, 2000 TJ
- Mark Mitchell, 83 CJ7
- Eric Toolson, 2000 Tacoma
- Kathleen Leon, 2001 TJ
- Steve Gilley, 97 XJ
- David & Stacey McCoy, Toyota and TJ, I think

Members in attendance: Anita Ransom, Bonnie & Don Tyler, Bob & Michelle Kimbrell, Rich & Glenn Capener, Pat & Sue Brady, Glenn, Susan & Stephen Bontly, Guy Conway, Mike & Priscilla Rickerman, Mary & Paul Thompson, Doreen Clark, Miche Louise Bove', Marcia Duggar, Andy Schulze, Carlos Ferrer, Frank Whiston, Jeffrey Jacobson, Stephanie &

Brandon Rickerman, Preston & Melissa Garner, Berry Harrison.

A motion was carried to dispense with the reading of last month's meeting minutes.

Treasurer Tom Hurt was hunting, so Bonnie reported the club balance at \$2,039.14.

Sheriff (ducky) Rickerman made up for being sick last month. He first fined himself for being sick & skipping the trash pick up. And proceeded to fine Pat Brady for not reminding him about it. Then the Thompson's got a .50 credit for loaning their hand held CB at Monticello. The U-Turn Tylers were fined .50 for no CB, .50 for showing a left on a map that should have been a right, and a quarter for each U-turn (3). Eric got a credit for his excellent map. An APB was issued on a duck, details are sketchy. Finally, due to the ducky that is soon to arrive, Brandon will begin a baby pool in January.

Environmental Chair Mark Werkmeister was absent, spotting at the Rockcrawling event.

Trail Chair Mark Wolf was absent, hunting. Others provided trip reports:

- At Hole in the Rock, Anita was voted one of the guys and was presented a memento of her new found maleness. Suffice it to say, she now has a 'buck' Cherokee
- Monticello Canyon included wonderful colors, many U-turns, fines for the Tylers, parking in the middle of the creek and missing Hot Springs. Bonnie was presented with a plaque reading, "Bonnie U-turn Tyler; directionally challenged trail guide. Real women don't need GPS."
- November 10, Rich had a run in the Jemez
- Glenn will be leading a run 11-17 to Cedro Peak. Meet at 9 at the new Ranger station at 337 (aka South 14) in Tijeras. Trail is easy and he plans to visit the remains of the Tijeras Pueblo.
- The Christmas Tree run Dec. 8 needs a leader - Thanks, Preston & Melissa for leading this. Permits are \$10 and can be gotten at 2113 Osuna NE, Ste A. Hours are 8-4:45 and the telephone number is 346-3900. Plan to meet at 8:30 at the Texaco at 550 & 528.
- Dec 7 to 9th there is a Superlift Adventure in Gilmer, Texas. Michelle has the flyer if you're interested.

The Program Chair Bob Kimbrell reported that a re-order of our current stickers from Stubblefield will cost:

Background	100 stickers	250 stickers	500 stickers
White	\$665.10	\$740.25	\$868.50
Clear	\$693.00	\$812.25	\$1,008.00

A suggestion was made to check with Genesis Signs for their rates and minimum order requirements. Club agreed that due to the cost for the Fairplay event, we couldn't order stickers at this time. The prototype for the iron on for shirts is still undergoing testing. Anita suggested flags for our 'wheelers when we're at events. Pat has an old one laying around that he'll bring to the next meeting. The collection plate had \$48 and Stacey McCoy (I think) won half of it.

Historian Marcia Duggar reported that the club pictures from Red River and Monticello have been added to the scrapbook. She asks that if anyone sees a photo of himself or herself without a name, let her know so she can add it.

Our Southwest Delegate, Bob Norton, was absent. However, Sue & Pat Brady had some information on the Fairplay event. Berry had checked with the campground in Fairplay and they have a barn with PA, bathrooms with showers, and 10 RV sites with electric & water. The 4H is willing to do breakfast burritos and sack lunches. Extra Porta Potties run \$90 each. Berry is making a cooker and could roast a pig, but the club felt that could be a liability issue. There is a motel next to the campground with a dump station. Bob Kimbrell will investigate cost for dash plaques. Glenn & Susan are planning to have the packets ready in time to circulate at Cruces. The club approved \$825 to secure the fairground. A suggestion was made to try to set aside club funds in anticipation of this kind of expense in the future.

A suggestion was made that volunteer events such as Cuidando Los Ninos and the highway clean up earn double points was made. After discussion, we agreed that if a change is made, it should be effective when dues should be paid.

Cuidando Los Ninos. Sue is trying to get with Jim to visit and figure out just what can be done. Plan is still for January 19th.

Party at the Clark's December 15th, 7 p.m. Bring something for everyone to munch on and an adult gift for exchange if you like. If you're bringing children that would like to participate in the gift exchange, please remember to bring a gift for them, too.

www.toledocelebratesjeep.com is a website working toward getting a Jeep museum going.

For January through April, meetings will be the second **Thursday** of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Meeting hosts next year will be:

January 10, Brandon (ducky) Rickerman
 February 14, Marcia Duggar
 March 14, Rich Capener
 April 11, Pat & Sue Brady

Much thanks to Andy for hosting the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

President Report

As I sit here eating leftover pecan pie, I'm hoping that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving like I did. Unfortunately, I think I'm going to have to put a new lift on the Jeep because I believe that after everything I ate this week it might have made the springs sag!!

I hope everyone will make it out to the Christmas Tree run and continue traditions with their families and the NM4W. If it's not been a tradition, why not start now? Thanks to Wolfie for leading this trail ride and gathering all of the information. I'll be out of town that weekend but intend to go up the following one to get one of those sneeze-causing trees myself; it's just not the same if you buy one!

Since I have nothing too real to write about this month, I thought I would share something with any fellow Jeep collectors out there. Being that it is the Christmas season, for any of you who truly take your love for Jeeps as seriously as I do...there are a whole lot of Jeep ornaments out there. Some of them are really nice, some pretty plain. If you're interested, check them out on Ebay. They're a lot cheaper than buying the real thing!

Enough of my babbling for the month, hope to see you at the Clark's for the Christmas meeting, and hoping you and your families have a wonderful holiday season.

See you on the dirt,

Bonnie

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Aluminum Cans:

Our club saves and recycles aluminum cans. Bring your aluminum cans to each meeting, and Tom Hurt 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!

Note to Members:

Think about saving a tree and some club funds by letting the Secretary know that you would like to read your *Trail Tales* on the Web.

Submission Due Date:

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Monticello Canyon

Bonnie Tyler

The weekend of October 27 & 28 proved to be a great relaxing weekend in Southern New Mexico. We had 8 families meet at Caballo Lake State Park for a weekend of camping and mild four wheeling. Members attending were Brandon, Stephanie, and unborn Rickerman, Glenn, Susan, and Steven Bontly, Paul and Mary Thompson, and Miche Bove. Guests at the time were Steve and Sandy Gilley, Eric Toolson, and John and Charla Impallimini. All following the illustrious trail leaders, Don & Bonnie Tyler (*what were they thinking!?!?*)

Since I was awarded with a name tag at the last meeting that reads, "Bonnie U-Turn Tyler; President, NM4W and Directionally-Challenged Trail Guide (real women don't need GPS!)" I think I'll explain.....

We were heading to the campgrounds on Friday night and we were following a map that I provided. My first mistake was trusting the NM park service's website, I *promise* that's where I got my directions! Anyway, this was the point where we made U-Turn #1. Don had been asking me for a couple of miles if anything looked familiar and of course I thought it all did so we kept going a little further before we turned around. Needless to say, we found the campground but Miche wasn't so lucky. She spent the night at another campground then found us in the morning. When we arrived Friday night all we heard from Brandon was complaints about a duck that wouldn't shut its beak. He seemed to have some kind of fetish with it because I saw him walking around all night with his night vision goggles looking for the duck.

On Saturday we all left camp around 10 am, although we were awoken by the famous duck very early. Darn duck. So we were more than ready to hit the trail. We were all lined up and ready to go and yes, ok, we being the trail leaders did *not* have a CB in the newly acquired Cherokee so the Thompson's were nice enough to loan us an extra portable one that they had. As we head back north approx 15 miles everyone was wondering why we camped so far from the trailhead but when I explained how nice the showers and restrooms were, they agreed. We met Eric Toolson at the exit to Monticello and headed in what we believed to be the correct way. About two miles later was the point

of U-Turn #2. We're not even off the pavement at this point. Eric so generously provided us with a more en-depth map and we found our way to Monticello and to the canyon. It had been a few years since I had been down this way but it was just as beautiful as the last time. The colors were changing and the water crossings were fairly deep at some points. The last time I went on this trail someone counted 100 water crossings but this time a lot of the crossings were combined into a long stream. No one had any troubles in the canyon and we all stopped to enjoy our lunch while Steven played Spiderman on the cliffs. We headed out of the canyon and stopped briefly to look for some hidden hot springs that are supposed to be around, but never found them. We continued out to the main road and I told Don that I thought we might have missed the ruins where they captured Geronimo. I remembered them being in the arroyo. We looked at the map, which showed the ruins, Ojo Caliente, off of the main road. So, we took a right and went a few miles where we had to take U-Turn #3 and head back the other way where we went way too far and took U-Turn #4. Finally Eric stopped at a house along the way and asked. For once, my memory was correct and the ruins were back down in the arroyo. We proceeded to that point and explored around the ruins while some read an article that I had brought regarding Geronimo's arrest.

We headed back to camp where I can proudly say that we didn't make *any* U-turns! When we got back to camp we noticed that our hot dog buns and marshmallows had been stolen by what appeared to be a deer. We really think that Brandon's duck rode on a pogo stick that had deer prints on it to fake us out. (Boy, were we stretching things here) Dinner and campfire talk was as great as always! Charla brought the best snacks and goodies to eat ourselves into a sugar frenzy, while Miche preferred her cucumber. We won't go there. We all left Sunday and took our time heading back to town. All in all it was a great trip, even with the U-turns!

Cedro Peak

Glenn Bontly

After a few days of rain (and even some snow) in the East Mountains, I wasn't sure we'd be able to ride the Cedro Peak Trail. But the

morning of 17 November turned out to be brisk and sunny. Eighteen vehicles met at the Sandia Ranger Station in Tijeras, with the number of guests slightly outweighing regular members in attendance! Preston was quick to point out that when Bonnie led this trail, she drew 22 vehicles. I attribute that to the fact that Bonnie is prettier than I am, and therefore able to attract more guys (which is just fine with me, Preston . . .

honey)! ;o) I was happy to see so many near stock vehicles for this excellent novice trail. After a short driver's meeting, we proceeded to the trailhead to air down. The road leading to the trailhead was nicely built up,

graveled, and graded this past summer. So it wasn't the mud-fest that it was last year.

I can't say the same for the actual trail itself, though. It turned out to be much wetter than I had anticipated. Which wasn't totally bad; it's fun to slip and slide in the mud, but I really wanted to keep the trail damage to a minimum. The back side of the trail is already pretty deeply rutted. Early into the

trail, we came upon Bontly Hill. It was slightly wet, which I thought might provide for a little better traction than the typical loose rock and sand. I was wrong. Me, Brandon, and Rich all made the steep descent down into Chimisoso Canyon. Preston rode down with me; and between the seatbelt, his white-knuckled grip on the chicken bar, and his butt cheeks clenched down on the passenger seat . . . he did pretty good! :o) Anyway, we weren't as successful during the ascent back up the hill. After several futile attempts, Wolfie finally yanked out my winch cable for me. Brandon and Rich didn't fair any better. Actually, I don't think Brandon tried very hard at all; his was itching to try out his new winch anyway—and it



Brandon winching himself up Bontly Hill



John, Charla, and daughter Emily "playing" in the mud

worked quite well! We stopped for lunch at the back end of the trail, in a large field near Tablazon Canyon. Although the temperature never broke the mid-50s, the sun and lack of wind kept us warm. Moving on, we wove our way through the tight wooded area along the back of the trail, and finally emerged from the forest near the top of Cedro Peak. Towards the end of the trail, we came upon the "steps" near

the power lines. These steps are really deceiving, in that they look much easier than they actually are. Several people had problems getting up due to the damp ground. The ride back down to the highway was uneventful, except for the short time when we lost Joan Wolf, who *hiked* the last mile and a half of the trail (man, she can walk fast)!

I'm not sure if anyone stopped to visit the Tijeras Pueblo on the way back, as planned. But I had an appointment to show my tent camper to one of our guests after the ride, so we left early. I, for one, had a great day and really enjoyed everyone's company! And I look forward to doing it again sometime soon!



Christmas Tree Run

Christmas Tree Run - December 8, 2001

Leader: Mark Wolf

All: Your illustrious Trip Chairman will lead the run on that day. I have unfortunately passed out misinformation about the permits. Please read below for the straight scoop.

The US Forest Service changed their routine this year completely. The permits are only

available from a Santa Fe Forest Service office for the area we want to go to. Therefore, I have discovered that the office at the Walatowa Visitor's Center (Red Rock Gas Station) will be open that day and that's where we'll all stop to get a permit. I think (there I go again!) that the permits are \$10 each. Bring your money and your saw IF you intend to cut a tree (don't forget your lunch!). If you're not cutting a tree, bring yourself and some lunch/snacks. We'll leave PROMPTLY at 9:00 AM from the Texaco at US 550 and NM 528 in north Rio Rancho. We need to get to the visitor's center to get a permit and that will take time. (I will meet anyone there if they want to leave early and go straight to the visitor's center.) We'll be cutting trees in Area 'B', which is near Los Alamos (FS 289) south of Hwy 4. It will be an all day event, so be prepared for snow and getting stuck! The kids always have fun and getting wet is part of it. So be prepared! I look forward to seeing you there!
Wolfie

For Sale/Wanted

2 BFGoodrich All terrain T/A's. 33/12.50R15, Great condition. \$75 for both.
Frank Whiston 299-2046 Leave message please.

Ski Coupons

Bonnie Tyler

Hi All, for those of you who are ski or snowboard fanatics.....All Chevron stations are offering \$10 off coupons to Sandia or Santa Fe with 3, 10-gallon fill ups. They are only offering the coupons through December 16 but they can be used all season. The slopes have a tendency to be expensive so any little bit can help!! Good luck and remember not to hurt your clutch foot so you can still go to Cruces in Feb!

And speaking of Skiing...Glenn Bontly is leading a Sandia Peak Ski/Snowboard Trip on Jan. 13. Meet at the Sandia Ski Area at 8 AM for a day of

skiing and snowboarding. The cost will depend on whether you have equipment or need lessons. Please checkout Sandia's website at www.sandiapeak.com. The best deal, as noted by Glenn is the beginner's packages. Which is \$60 a day for wither ski or snowboard.

Beginners: A Newbie Jeeper's Guide to Off- Roding.

For Glenn Bontly

CHECK IT OUT: On Glenn's own website he has put together several lessons (suggestions) for Beginner Jeepers. Click on: www.webejeepin.com

What? No access to the web? I am sure that if you ask someone would be happy to print it out for you and get it to you. Don't hesitate to ask!

Directions to the Clark's

Robert & Doreen Clark
10900 Florence Ave NE
505-797-9745

Nifty maps by "Mapquest" can be checked out on the Member's Only Page on our website, but for those of you who would like the written directions, here 'tis:

I-25 to Paseo del Norte, go east on Paseo, turn north on Eubank, continue straight through Modesto Avenue, turn west on Florence Avenue. The house is on the south side of the street and the Clark's promise to have their lights on. I would say look for the other 4x4s, but if you are the first one to arrive...well, anyway.

The festivities start at 7 PM. Please bring a dish to share and if you would like to participate in the gift exchange bring a gift, if you are female bring a gift for a female, male bring a gift for a male and if you have children PLEASE bring a gift for them to open.

Moab Easter Jeep Safari

Glenn Bontly

Greeting Jeepers!

Believe it or not, the 36th Annual Moab Easter Jeep Safari is only a little over 4 months away. Last year's event was our first visit to Moab, and we learned that the campgrounds fill up really quick. So this year, Susan & I made our reservations early. We will be staying at the Slickrock Campground on Hwy 191 in Moab, on the north side of town. We will arrive in Moab on Saturday evening, 23

Mar and return home the following Sunday, the 31st.

Cost for full RV hookups (water, electric, & sewer) is \$26/night; tent sites are less than \$20/night. The only hitch is that you must pay for at least 7 nights. But that's still less expensive than 3 nights in a motel in town during that week! Anyway, if you are interested in staying at the same location, click on the link below all the details about the campground. As soon as the registration forms become available, I'll send out another message to see who wants to do a group registration to ride the same trails.

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When	Where	Who/What	Contact	Level of difficulty	Cost	Details
Dec 8	Jemez Moutains	X-Mas Tree Run	Mark Wolf	Easy (depends if snow)	Permits (\$10) and picnic lunch	This issue CHANGES
Dec 15	Clark's Home	Party/MEETING	797-9745	Dirt road	Potluck and maybe a gift for exchanging	This issue
Jan 10	Heights Cumberland Pres Church	MEETING	Host: Brandon Rickerman	Easy	\$ for a t-shirt maybe	Lost? Please call our president at 892-4458
Jan 13	Sandia Peak	Ski/Snowboard Trip	Glenn Bontly 286-4851	Get to the Ski Area	Depends	Some in this issue
Jan 19	Cuidando Los Ninos	Volunteer Time	Sue Brady 898-6449	Easy	Your time and abilities	Next issue
Feb 14	Church	MEETING	Host: Marcia Duggar	Easy	\$ for 50/50	
Feb 21-23	Las Cruces	SWFWDA Chile Challenge				Watch for details
Aug 1-3, '02	Fairplay, CO	SWFWDA Summer Quarterly	Mark Wolf 856-8539	Just a twist of the arm	Volunteers right now	Details in later issue