

April 2004



Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

Cover Picture

Here's Mike Tutor's Bronco on Miner's Revenge trail back in 2002. I just got access to the website where 108 pictures from this trip were at. That's the most water I've seen flowing over the waterfall.

March Meeting Minutes

Don Munzer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Don Munzer and kids, Sean & Lynette Murphy, Charlie Babcock, Scott Nixon, Dan & Jennifer Egge, Ted, Loran & Jacob Gersztyn, Ron Couch, Mike Tutor, Aaron McCarthy, Micah Coleman & Jonette Martin and kids, Marty Boetel and kids, Jack & Sandee McCullen, Steve Graham, Nick Sesma, Glenn McConnell, Roy & Terri Conner.

Guest Jim Sanford was introduced. Jim and his daughter own a 1984 Jeep CJ7 which does have some scratches. Don Munzer announced that he has the ASA4WDC cards, badges and state trust land permits available.

Treasurer's report: \$4,042.28 balance in the checking account.

Trip Reports: March 20, 2004 – Sandee McCullen asked to have a new trail inspected with the prospect of using it for the Jamboree. The trail is between Table Mesa and Lake Pleasant. 4 trucks were in attendance. Don Munzer gave the trip report. The trail is a 3 or 3.5 rating depending on which direction it is run, approximately 16 miles and about 3-3 1/2 hours. It starts on Forest Service Road 17V and goes to 21A, 21E, 21C, 21G, 21D, 21E, 19N, 19L and on for another few numbers. Sandee said the trail needed a name, so the club decided on "Crap Shoot". Nick Sesma gave a trip report for the Sunflower Mine trip. No one else showed so he ran the easier parts of the trail and busted a spring.

Glen McDonnell reported on his trip to the CALROCS Boulevard Brawl near Jacumba, CA. Go to pirate4x4.com to view pictures of the event. CALROCS is going to become WERC (We Rock) World Extreme Rock Crawling with possible events in Australia, New Zealand and other countries. ARCA has joined UROC.

New Business: Sandee McCullen reported as follows: There is an EIS (environmental impact statement) in the works for Snowbowl in Coconino Forest. If the statement is not passed Snowbowl will not be able to continue operating and the Native Americans from that area will try to regain ownership of the land. We are being asked to back alternative 2 of the statement. Sandee will get more information to Ted Gersztyn and he will forward it on to the club members.

Sycamore Creek- There is a meeting at the Mesa Ranger District on April 19 at 6:30 p.m., to discuss ways to keep this area open. Bodies are needed in attendance. The Ranger District

wants to work with the different groups to keep this area open. Ted Gersztyn will forward the information on to the club members. The Phoenix District of BLM want to close rock crawling courses until the RMP (road management plan) is completed. Sandee may be asking for a letter writing campaign to keep the areas open. ASA has pledged 2500 hours to assist the Phoenix District with signage and trails maintenance. So when the call comes in, please respond. Sandee has also pledged another 826 hours. There is an ongoing raffle of four wheeling stuff – proceeds to help fund political and land-use issues through the ASA4WDC. AZOHV Coalition is hiring an Executive Manager. The first annual meeting will be held in June 2004. The coalition is hoping to get member clubs to help with political action and land use issues. Membership is approximately \$100.00 per year. Bulldog Wash – Every vehicle MUST have a permit to be in the area. Permits are good for 6 months. Tonto Forest Service may begin opening their office on Saturdays to accommodate the increased demand for permits. ORBA – Off-Road Unlimited will not be joining. The association is trying to get Randy Ellis and Campbell Enterprises as members.

Glenn McConnell reported that the web hosting company will be giving us free access indefinitely since he works with them. The company is Total Choice Hosting.

Go to www.azlorangers.org/forum to register with the discussion group.

Jim Sanford presented Scott Nixon a 'pickax' made from a rock found on the new Crap Shoot trail and a used hammer handle.

The ASA4WDC convention will be May 15 in Tucson. All delegates' dinners are paid for. All ASA4WDC members are invited to attend.

Next Club Run – April 17, 2004. Sandee will find another trail that needs to be pre-run for the Jamboree. Meet at Table Mesa Road and I-17 at 8:00 a.m.

There is a cleanup scheduled for the Annihilator trail on April 3 at 9:00.

ASA4WDC bought 5-5gallon buckets of 'Peat Sorb' (*by Zorbit Technologies Inc.*)(This is a substance for absorbing and breaking down oil spills on the trail.) and will be distributing it to the clubs.

Marty Boetel made a motion for our club to purchase one 5 gallon bucket of the Peat Sorb and distribute it to our club members. Glenn McConnell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Micah Coleman offered to pay for 'Pink Pads', also used for absorption of oil and gasoline spills.

Glenn McConnell will be gathering some bottles to be used for the 'Pink Pads' and Peat Sorb for each of the member families.

APRIL 3 - Charlie Babcock's Birthday Run to the Coves. Let Charlie know if you are going to attend.

APRIL 9, 10 & 11 – Mike Tutor will be camping out in the Table Mesa area. Please contact him for more information.

Jim Sanford was voted in as a new member.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

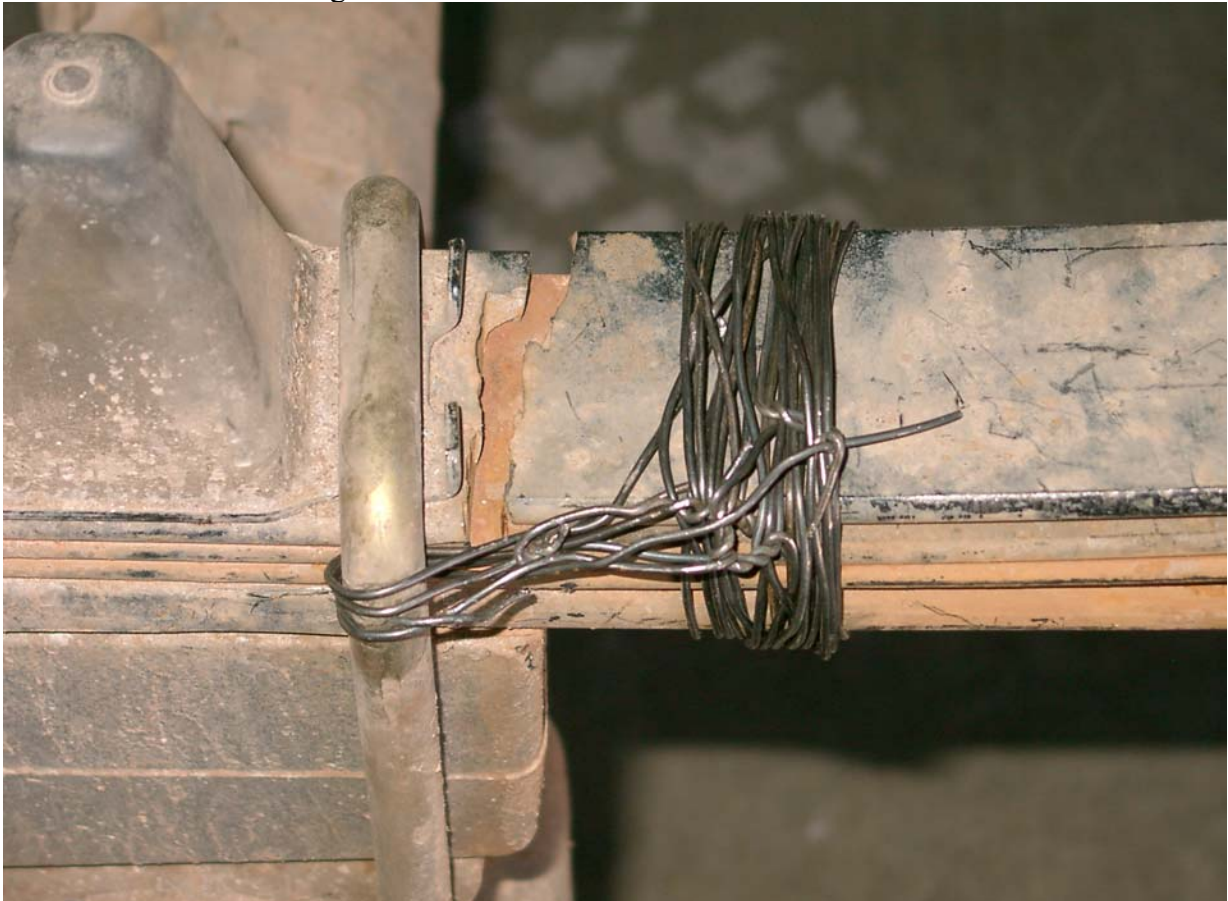
Calendar of Events

April 3 – Annihilator trail clean up contact Sandee McCullen @480-832-8132
April 3&4 – 4th annual Coves BBQ/Overnighter contact Charlie @480-812-9101
April 9-11 – Campout & wheeling at Table Mesa area contact Mike Tutor @480-786-5784
April 17 – Club run to new trail in Table Mesa area contact Don Munzer @480-839-9096
April 28 – Meeting at Round Table Pizza, 7pm NW corner of Rural & Ray
May ? – Club run to...several people recommended Mud Springs (our adopted trail)
May 26 - Meeting at Round Table Pizza, 7pm NW corner of Rural & Ray
June ? – Club run to... Scott mentioned running Trail 42 at night.

Trip Report

Sunflower Mine – March 6, 2004

I went to Sunflower Saturday, having not read the cancellation notice. There was no snow, just mud and not much of that. The weather was perfect. I got to Sunflower on FR25A. Right after leaving the mine headed North, I broke my right rear main leaf. This made things a little squirrely, with the axel moving a little and the broken spring scraping the gas tank. So after using a large amount of bailing wire I crawled back 6 miles to the first flat road and rewrapped the original repair and came home. I hope to be ready when you guys go again. I don't think I was on the right trail.



Thanks, Nick Sesma

Table Mesa Road - March 20, 2004

Trail Difficulty- 3 – 3.5

Don Munzer and kids- 76 CJ7

Nick Sesma – 1993 Toyota Extra Cab

Scott Nixon- 1989 K3500

Jim Sanford- 1984 CJ7 (guest)

We all met at Table Mesa parking lot #1. The four vehicles sat ready to go with a little map to get us out and back that Sandy had faxed to me. As we searched for the starting point, we passed the road to Terminator on our right and Raw Deal to our left. We missed the starting point and found where at this time was the end of the trail (wooden telephone poles). After a little back tracking we believed we found Black Canyon Trail 17V. First you go up a gravel hill to the power lines then working your way to the South you come down a hill you have a choice to go right or left. You need to go right as you work your way around the hill then go left for there it goes fairly easy. Just when we thought it was time to start going right to 19P from 21 E, it wasn't there. There is a trail on the right that goes to the top of a dead end but keeps going south till you pass the movie screen on the left (not Kansas). Then you can drop into the wash to the right through the gate. Then start heading north. We climbed it and went left and up a steep hill road to Wild Burro Mesa. (Dead End) On the way down Scott lost yet another tire. Heading north we found the exit point for Armageddon. Scott and I went for a not so short hike less than a mile for there is a very steep rock ledge. We all made it with the right spotting by Scott. What a fun run. The weather couldn't be any better. It was a 3.0 trail with open meadows for camping in the forest.







The secret map to the buried treasure... I mean the new trail Crap Shoot.

Don Munzer

Items of Interest

Remember the club meeting is the last Wednesday of every month, 7:00pm at

Round Table Pizza

9920 S Rural Rd

Tempe, AZ

It's located on the northwest corner of Rural and Ray. If you visit

<http://www.roundtablepizza.com> you can get discount coupons on pizza to use at the next club meeting. Come early and eat with the gang.

April Club Run's

Camping and wheeling on April 9-11 in the Table Mesa area. Mike and Ron are camping and wheeling over the Easter weekend. Call Mike Tutor for details and to let him know your going @ 480-786-5784.

April 17 Sandee is going to find another trail that needs to be pre-run for the Jamboree in the Table Mesa area. Meet at Table Mesa Road and I-17 at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. This should be a fun trip on a 3-3.5 trail. Bring lunch, drinks and sun block. Call Don Munzer for details and to let him know if you're going @ 480-839-9096. Hope to see you there.

Land Use Issues

UP DATE on RULES FOR PERMITS for use of BULL DOG WASH on Tonto National Forest

As a result of massive abuse regarding the permit and combination for Bull Dog Wash entry, the NEW REGULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
As per the Mesa Ranger District Supervisor, Art Wiertz..... 3/30/04

EVERY VEHICLE ENTERING MUST HAVE A PERMIT. These permits MUST BE OBTAINED BY THE ACTUAL PERSON SINCE THEY ARE SIGNED AND YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE THIS PERMIT WITH YOU WHILE INSIDE THE GATE. You will be asked for a picture I.D. at the time of signing the permit.

1: Each individual vehicle must have a permit. i.e.: A club 4x4 run plans a trip into Bull Dog Wash: EACH vehicle must have a permit. If the rig is towed in on a trailer the tow rig, trailer and vehicle would be under one permit.

2: A tow rig and THREE quads or bikes may apply under one permit. I.e. if a family has a tow rig with 5 quads/bikes they would require 2 permits; two tow rigs and 9 bikes/quads will require 3 permits. One tow rig with 5 bikes/quads would require 2 permits.....

We need to be responsible on our trails and help police those that are abusing the rules..... They will cause ALL OHV to lose trails and rights.

Thanks for your help in making this a smooth transition. Please don't scream at the Rangers..... They didn't do this to us..... WE did this to ourselves!
Sandee

Please send any land use issues that you want included in the next newsletter to the editor at: <mailto:charles.h.babcock@intel.com>.

Editors Corner

If you're going to go on a club run make sure to call the trip leader. If the meeting time or location is changed or canceled then he can call everyone that's going and let them know. If you don't call then it's your own fault if you miss the run.

Classifieds

If anyone has anything for sale just type it up and email it to me at <mailto:charles.h.babcock@intel.com> and I'll put it in the newsletter.

PAY THE CLUB DUES.

You can pay at the next meeting or send your \$40 to Ed at:

Ed Lyons
936 E Wesleyan Dr
Tempe, AZ 85282

Make sure you tell him what it's for.

Quote

"When I make a mistake, they don't penalize me 15 yards, they take me away in an ambulance" - Richard Petty on whether racecar drivers are athletes.

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