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Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

Cover Picture

Scott and family stranded on Mudsprings trail after tearing the crossover steering arm off the Dana 60 on the Big Ugly. That's me drilling/removing the broken off studs from the knuckle, I brought a bucket of tools. Luckily part of my previous career involved removing broken-off bolts from expensive equipment. We bolted the steering arm back in with the bolts I brought and Scott made it home under his own power.

July Meeting Minutes

Don Munzer was out of town; Scott Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Scott Nixon, Ted, Loran and Jacob Gersztyn, Matt Parkes, Steve Graham, Linda Luik, Charlie Babcock, Dan and Jennifer Egge, Mike Tudor, Ron Couch, Ed Lyons.

Guests in attendance: Stephen Smith, Jerome Gill

Ed Lyons gave the treasurer's report: \$4,033.40 balance in the checking account.

Trip Reports: July 17, 2004 Club run – Trip Leader Ron Couch gave trip report.

The Concealed Carry Weapon class is scheduled for August 7/8. Meet at Don Munzer's house at 7:30 am both days. (Ed. canceled)

August 21 & 22 Club trip to Mingus Mountain-Linda Luik trip leader. Linda and Steve are going to leave Friday afternoon. They will find a camping area that will accommodate plenty of campers. Contact Linda for additional information and maps.

Charlie Babcock is going to do Upper Woodpecker on Saturday 7/31.

Linda stated that Sandee McCullen had posted to the Virtual Jeep Club page a new Trail Rating. The listing was not notated as 'proposed'. It was suggested that this trail rating, if it is going to be used at Jamboree or for ASA functions, should be discussed and voted on at the next delegate meeting.

New T-shirt orders and money were taken. Contact Loran Gersztyn at

lorang@mindspring.com if you would like to order shirts. Below is the price list:

T-shirt, short sleeved, no pocket	7.00	xxl	8.00
T-shirt, short sleeved, pocket	8.00	xxl	9.00
T-shirt, long sleeved, no pocket	11.00	xxl	12.00
T-shirt, long sleeved, pocket	13.00	xxl	14.00
Polo, short sleeved, no pocket	13.00	xxl	14.00
Polo, short sleeved, pocket	15.00	xxl	17.00
Sweatshirt	13.00	xxl	14.00

Hat, all cotton, non mesh, silk screened	5.00
Hat, all cotton, non mesh, embroidered	8.00

Jerome Gill and Stephen Smith were voted in as new members.
Meeting was called to a close around 8:00 pm.

Calendar of Events

August 7/8– CCW class (canceled)
 August 20/22– Mingus Mountain wheelin and camp out, call Linda Luik @480-834-1171
 August 25 – Meeting at Round Table Pizza, 7pm NW corner of Rural & Ray
 September ? – Club run
 September 18 – Clean up in Prescott National Forest (possible overnight club run)
 September 29 – Meeting at Round Table Pizza, 7pm NW corner of Rural & Ray

Trip Report

Lower Ajax night run, 7/17/2004

1979 Bronco – Mike Tutor and Gale
 1976 Cherokee – Ron Couch
 198? Bronco II – Carl Feague
 200? Ranger – Steve Smith
 1976 CJ7 – Glenn McConnell and neighbor

Everyone met at 7pm at the intersection of Mineral Mountain Road and US60. Steve Smith followed along the road and watched the other trucks make their way through the tight rocky canyon. They said they had a great time and no one had any serious damage when I met up with them just before they left, see below.

Four Peaks Rescue/night run, 7/17/2004

1999 Suburban – Charlie, Becky, Shelby, Hailey, and Reilly Babcock
 1999 Durango – Rick, Brandon and Kailey Griffon, Jerome Gill

I was all packed and ready to wheel on the club run when I got a distress call from another Lo-Ranger. I had to instead go rescue Jerome off the top of Four Peaks with a dead battery. I loaded up the family, some tools and stopped and bought a new battery. We uneventfully made our way up the Four Peaks road. Everyone we passed and asked had seen the white Durango stranded but had their reasons for not helping. We found the Durango parked off of Pigeon Creek Road. Another guy and his son had stopped to help but had no tools, jumper cables or knowledge. He did stay for moral support though. I changed out the battery and the truck started right up. Jerome informed me that someone had stopped and tried to jump start the vehicle but after half-an-hour of trying gave up and left. We decided to leave down the backside of the mountain towards Roosevelt Lake. While they were stranded lightning had struck the other side and started a brush fire. On the way back in the dark we steadily got closer to the fire. As we approached the fire we saw, Javelina, deer, mice, and tarantulas fleeing the fire across the road. Trying to get a closer look at the hairy arachnids we got out several times to watch them.



One of the times the creature ran under the Suburban and couldn't be found. When we drove off Jerome informed us that we had squashed the poor guy.



We eventually made it to the road and turned towards Globe. In Globe we found the DQ and stopped for sustenance. We then made our way towards Superior and looked for the turn to Mineral Mountain road. In the dark Becky saw lights off the road and I made a quick u-turn and turned onto the FJ road. Here we met up with the startled Lo-Rangers crew. They thought we might be government agents coming to fine them for trespassing on State Trust Land.

What could Jerome and his brother-in-law Rick done differently to have made it home on their own? With a cell phone, plenty of food and drinks, their vehicle and guns they weren't in imminent danger. They should have had tools and jumper cables with them which would have allowed them to be jump started by anyone. Here's a tip, if a battery has a short in it or enough bad cells it can't be jump started through. If the cables are removed from the battery and connected directly to a good battery or jumper cables the vehicle can be started. Charlie Babcock

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.

August Club Run

This month's club run is a camp out and light wheeling on Mingus Mountain, August 20-22.

Linda Luik will be leading the run so give her a call if you want to go @ 480-834-1171.

Linda will be leaving Friday afternoon to go up, Mike and Ron will be leaving Saturday Morning from the CoCo's at I17 and Bell. Give Mike a call @ 480-786-5784 if you want to join them. Below is a picture of last year's camp sight, sweet. This is primitive camping so pack accordingly. The plan is to camp out either Friday and/or Saturday night and then do some light wheeling on the way out on the Great Western Trail section through Martin Canyon. This trail is a 2.5 if I remember right, any 4wd can make it through okay. Hope to see you there.



I'm going to Moab October 1-4, 2004 for a Blazer Bash if anyone wants to join me; give me a call.

Land Use Issues

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

Attached at the back of the newsletter is a letter and flyer from the Good Gun Foundation sponsored clean up in Prescott National Forest. Don Munzer will talk more about the club volunteering for this combined with a camp out club run at the next meeting. Read it and bring your input to the next meeting.

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.

For Sale: Pro Comp X-Terrains 35 X 12.5 X 16 mounted on American Eagle 589,8 lug, Chevy 1 Ton , Set of 5. 750.00, contact Don Munzer @ 480-839-9096

For Sale: 1976 blazer 12 bolt rear axle 3.73 gears, lock-rite locker, complete drum to drum \$500, contact Sean Murphy @ 480-821-4549

For Sale: 3 camper jacks 1000 # capacity that I had for my Alaskan camper, they'll lift high enough for a 4x4 truck. Also have a 36" cab high sleeper that fits a full size Ford '75 - '97, or Dodge up to '84, or Chevy / GMC up to '87. It's solid, has a roof vent, 4" foam mattress, and a lift gate. Made of 1"x1" framing, 3/8th Plywood, and covered with .030 silver aluminum, & lockable. Best offer on them. Want to get them outta here! Call Ed Lyons @ 480-921-1171.

Quote

Some national parks have long waiting lists for camping reservations. When you have to wait a year to sleep next to a tree, something is wrong.

George Carlin

Enthusiastically Created by Charlie Babcock



July 6, 2004

Arizona Lo-Rangers
936 E. Wesleyan Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Prescott National Forest is guardian of more than 100,000 acres of wilderness represented by 8 wilderness areas. There are over 20 recreational facilities in the Prescott National Forest within a few miles of Prescott. Summer visitors seeking relief from the hot weather of the desert come to the beautiful Prescott National Forest to camp, fish, picnic, hike and ride. Unfortunately, commercial dumping, littering, irresponsible shooting and careless camping are destroying this precious treasure.

The Good Gun Foundation is again giving its highest priority to participating in National Public Lands Day to help cleanup the Prescott National Forest, but we need your help to accomplish this goal. We are looking for groups like yours to commit their time to this great cause. Therefore, we need your help on Saturday, September 18 to take part in National Public Lands Day as we cleanup the Prescott National Forest. Each year, the country's largest volunteer, hands-on effort draws volunteers from every state to provide the "Helping Hands for American's Lands." This volunteer effort is a great way to give back to the American landscapes you love and will make a difference for future generations!

Wouldn't your group like to be part of the largest volunteer effort of its kind in the country? Please join us to help cleanup the Prescott National Forest on National Public Lands Day, September 18. You can sign up on our website at www.goodgun.org, call Debbie Backhaus at 928-776-8056, Ext. 235 or email us at volunteer@goodgun.org.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to partnering with you on what promises to be another fantastic event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Tucker', is written over a horizontal line.

Bryan Tucker
President
Good Gun Foundation

'I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found ways to serve.'

- Albert Schweitzer, Physician and Scientist

Working to improve our communities!

(928) 776-8056 Ext. 235 - 3009A North Highway 89 - Prescott, Arizona 86301
Email: info@goodgun.org - Website: www.goodgun.org

2nd Annual Tri-City Area Cleanup

We need volunteers to help organize and recruit for this year's National Public Lands Day cleanup effort.

Is that you??



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Last year, the Good Gun Foundation's NPLD cleanup of the Dosie Pit recreational area was one of over 500 sites nationally with thousands of volunteers, spending just one of their days "really making a difference" in the conditions of some America's most wonderful resources. Volunteers are needed so we can do it again!

Please join us on the ground floor of our next environmental cleanup event! Visit us at www.goodgun.org or call Debbie Backhaus at (928) 776-8056.

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