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Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

Cover Picture

I had no pictures from this month so I grabbed one from the past. This is Ron and Scott's trucks posing on the Powerline Trail November 23rd, 2002.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Ed Lyons, Jim Sanford, Marty Boetel, Steve and Linda Graham, Don and James Munzer, Charlie Babcock, Nick Sesma, and Matthew Parkes.

The group discussed the problems with ASA losing trails in Flagstaff and other forest roads.

Marty's brother saw a wolf on San Francisco Peaks. Steve thinks they should outlaw buggies and such (LOL). Charlie said what's wrong with no bikes on the dirt roads (LOL).

Don said if everyone has their own state trust permits then what is ASA doing? Glenn handed out 675 discount coupons to UROC. We get \$2.00 for everyone that was used. Good Job Glenn! We discussed succession from ASA, maybe joining United and/or Blue Ribbon Coalition. Louisiana is part of Southwest Association. That's good because Skyjacker, Superlift, and Interco are from there.

Matt gave a trip report for Martinez Canyon. Marty and Matt elaborated on the past Log Corral run where Matt's truck broke. The run lasted from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., night run. Marty vacationed to the Hot Springs in Idaho. Linda will send out a map for next month's Mingus trip. The smoke was bad in Payson during Cave Creek Complex fire. Jay Kopycinski ran Skull Crusher outside of Payson. He destroyed his front driveshaft on the first obstacle. Marty drove 3000 miles on his big trip and got 18.5 mpg. Don told a story about his experience at the emission station with his Jeep. They did the test with the parking brake on and he passed anyway.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Calendar of Events

August 19-21 – Mingus Mountain Club run and camp out (details next month)

August 31- Meeting at Round Table Pizza, 7pm NW corner of Rural & Ray

September XX – Club run

September 28 - Meeting at Round Table Pizza, 7pm NW corner of Rural & Ray

Trip Report

Martinez Canyon Night Run 7/16-17/05

1966 FJ40 – Matt Parkes

1980 CJ5 – Aaron McCarthy

1993 Toyota – Nick Sesma

Matt arrived at Arizona Farms road about 8pm, unloaded the Cruiser and parked right at the highway so everyone could see him. Somehow Nick missed everybody even though he was there from 8:05 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Friday Night. Somehow they missed each other. The group went through Box Canyon and then on to Martinez. Matt had a leak, Aaron was there but had electrical Gremlins, and a Jeep got stuck. Jeremy brought his 4 Runner and his friend's Toyota broke all 4 U-Bolts and the rear axle shot out. Jeremy ran for parts and the rest extracted the truck. It was 2:30 a.m. before the truck was out. Matt got back home at 6:30 a.m. the next morning. No photographers were present so you'll have to imagine all the gory details.

Verbally given by Matt Parkes

The Babcock family spent 7 days near St Johns Arizona. We traveled down many forest roads in and around the White Mountains. Exploring the Salt River at the bottom of the canyon and driving as high as 10,200' to the top of Greenspeak. One our favorite pass times is to take random primitive roads exploring for new and exciting locations. One such area we found in the Blue Range Primitive area south east from Alpine. The Blue River runs through the middle of this area and the wildlife is everywhere. The kids love to walk down the river catching crawdads, frogs and fish. We stopped for lunch near the river at a beautiful campsite. We've been to this area 4 or 5 times and only once saw a single vehicle stopped there. This would be a great light wheeling club run/campout but its 4+ hours from here.



Submitted by 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.

To get a state trust permit go to:

http://www.land.state.az.us/programs/natural/rec_offroad_permit.htm at the bottom is the link to the form at: http://www.land.state.az.us/programs/natural/rec_permit.pdf.

Here's a funny anecdote that Matt found and forwarded to me.

Nobody Is Available Right Now

I was going to bed the other night when my wife told me that she could see from the bedroom window that I had left the light on in the shed. As I looked for myself, I saw that there were people in the shed taking things. I phoned the police, who told me that no one was in this area to help at this time, but they would send someone over as soon as they were available. I said OK, hung up, and waited one minute, then phoned the police back.

"Hello, I just called you a minute ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have hurry now cause I've shot them all." Within five minutes there were half a dozen police cars in the area, an Armed Response unit, the works. Of course, they caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the officers said: "I thought you said you shot them!"

I replied with "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

August club run

4th ANNUAL MINGUS MOUNTAIN CAMPOUT AND 4x4 TRIP

DATES: AUGUST 19-21, 2005

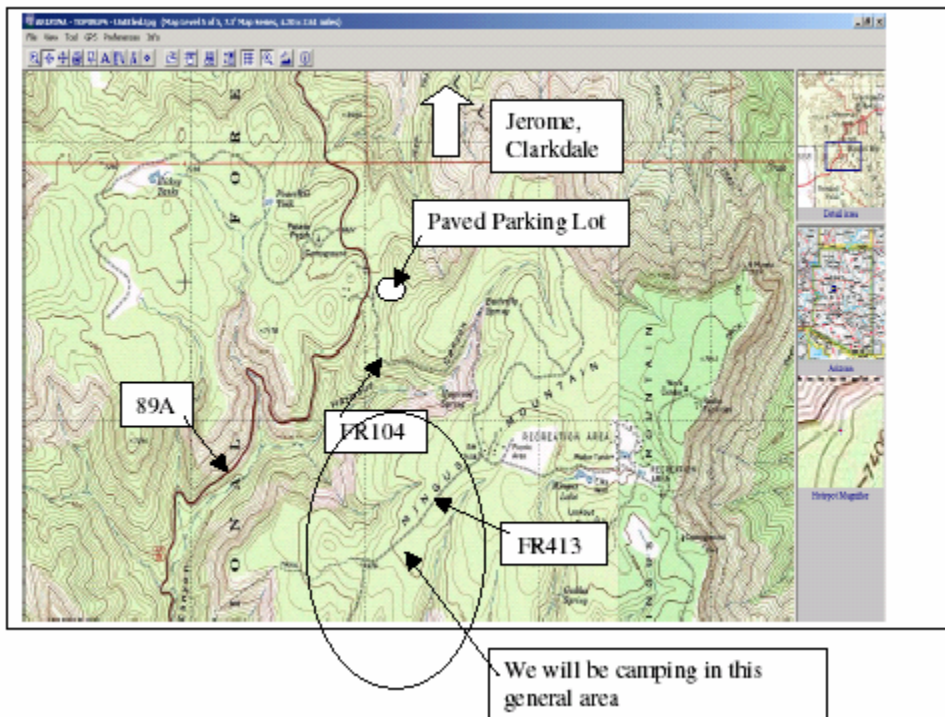
Steve and I are leaving Friday morning to get a good spot large enough for the club.

If you are interested in convoying up with us, meet us at the NE corner of Carefree Hwy and I10 at 10:00am. We will be hauling the Venturcraft so look for the big green Dodge hauling a tiny white trailer. Please RSVP if you plan on coming up with us on Friday so we know who to wait for. Email scout4bta@msn.com or call 480-834-1171.

If you are coming up later, the camp area is really easy to find. The easiest way to get there is to take I17 north to Cottonwood exit, 279. Head toward Cottonwood-Clarkdale. Head west on Alt 89 (89A) to Jerome. Travel through Jerome and make a left on FR104. There is a paved parking lot w/restrooms at the intersection. Make a left there. Follow FR104 and then turn right on FR413. After that, keep an eye out for Steve's Dodge, and a tent trailer with bright blue canvas.

We plan on running a section of the Great Western Trail on the north side of Mingus Mountain on Saturday afternoon. This trail is rated 2.5 but could be a little tougher after all the rain and snow we had earlier this year. A stock 4x4 shouldn't have any trouble with it.

Bring a little firewood along. We might need it. The mountain gets a little chilly at night.



Land Use Issues

Editors Stuff

Here's a message I got from Glenn about the money making deal from UROCC. In case you forgot we were to hand out discount coupons to the UROCC event here and the club would receive \$2 for each coupon used to get in.

"I passed out the coupons, and my wife and I used the ones we had in hand. All total, I passed out around 675 of them. To call me disappointed is an understatement. To call me late for food is just mean.

All of them were marked well enough that it was clear who they go to.

Additionally, the clubs that were marked similar to us also had very few returned at the ticket booth... I received a list of who all got what, the largest was like \$15. Really not a good campaign.

As I told some folks previously, I think that the \$17 for two people and parking was still too high, even with the \$10 total off.

-Glenn"

Glenn said him and his wife each used a coupon accounting for all coupons returned with the Lo-Rangers name on it. None of the other 675 coupons were used???

Things you need but didn't know it

For Sale: 1948 Civilian Willy's Flat fender, front narrowed Dana 44 with locker, rear narrowed Ford 9" with locker, Dana 20 Transfer case with adapter (\$450), SM420 Tranny-new rebuild, power steering, hydraulic clutch, 33" TSL tires, complete soft top plus bikini top, Rhino lined tub, diamond plate rear corners, 2 1/2" body lift, new springs all around, set up for small block Chevy - some assembly required, hood and fenders needed to be extended 3", asking \$5500.00. Call Ken Phillips @ Work- 520-432-1203 or Home- 520-432-3679

For Sale: Chevy TH350 transmission \$50 obo call Scott for more information @602-482-8973

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

Most men lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them.

Henry David Thoreau

Created by Charlie Babcock