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Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

Cover Picture

Nick Sesma finally finished his solid axle conversion on his Toyota. He did a beautiful job and it ought to take any abuse he throws at it. It was a lot more work than he envisioned (that describes every one of my projects☺).

Meeting Minutes

Started meeting at 7:00 p.m., said the pledge.

Members in attendance were as follows; Nick Sesma, Steve Smith, Ed and Nancy Lyons, Marty Boetel, Linda and Steve Graham, Scott Nixon, Charlie Babcock, Matt Parkes. One guest Lars Ambrose, wife, and son were present.

Nick explained his front axle swap on his Toyota. Scott described his Michelin Military tire purchase and install. The pizza place told me over the phone that it would cost us \$50 to use the room but when we arrived they told us they meant for people not buying food. Ed said we have balance of \$3898.59 in the pot. Marty described the Flagstaff campout club run. I accused Steve Smith of starting one of the forest fires with his cigar. We discussed Axle Alley as club run. Steve Smith mentioned Tucson Rough Riders 13th annual Trail Dust Days. Marty's going to Moab 2nd week of October. Steve and Linda have a 800w generator for sale.

Scott motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Steve Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Calendar of Events

July 22 or 29– Maybe Axle Alley at night call Matt @ 480-888-9581

July 26 – Meeting at 7pm location La Belle Pizza

August 25-27– Club camp out on Mingus call Linda @ 480-834-1171

August 30 – Meeting at 7pm location La Belle Pizza

Trip Reports

Flagstaff Campout 6/15-18/2006

2004 F350 - Marty Boetel, family and dog

Only Marty showed up on his run. Scott and I would have been there but we had inescapable things going on in our lives. The camping area was pretty deserted. The mountain bikers were friendly but the forest service guys he ran into weren't. He actually ran a trail in his truck, which barely fit through the trees. The weather was great 30's at

night, rain, and thunder and 80's during the day. Marty came back on Saturday cause the battery in the trailer kept going dead, he ran the heater at night cause he his family was cold in the pop up tent trailer, his dog whined. He saw lots of Aspens and even some rocks to drive on.

Items of Interest

Remember the club meeting is the last Wednesday of every month, 7:00pm at La Belle Pizza & Pasta, North West corner of Rural and Ray in Tempe.

July run

Matt's setting up a run to Axle Alley at night on one of two Saturday nights, either July 22nd or 29th. Axle Alley is a 4.5+ trail with mandatory winching involved. It's a short trail and is good for spectators. So if you don't think you can run the trail you can still go and hang with the club and watch the fun. Evenings in the desert are beautiful. I once had a Gila monster run into my foot while I was standing out on Woodpecker trail in the dark looking at the stars.

Scott's ride got a new 2 pairs of shoes. Those are about the smallest Michelin military tires you can buy at 38+” tall and close to 200 lbs each mounted. He said they ride like a dream and they look super gnarly.





The 55 Willy's pick-up project I'm working on for a friend of a friend and \$\$\$ is within a few days of being finished. The Becky and I are looking forward to having the garage back.

Land Use Issues

Editors Stuff

If we weren't going to have much of a club run in a particular month, June is a good month to not wheel in Arizona. Everyone was either moving, sick, in the middle of a project, or just kind of eh.

Things you need but didn't know it

Free for the taking:

* Non-tilt steering column from a 1980 J20. It has the ignition key and GM-style wiring. The steering wheel is pretty generic. It doesn't say "Jeep" or AMG so it won't be embarrassing to put in any vehicle.

* A flywheel for an AMC 360 engine. Weld some legs on it to make a nice little patio or accent table. Just kidding! It's in good shape. call Steve or Linda Graham @ 480-834-1171

For Sale 800w generator call Steve Graham @ 480-834-1171

Quote

I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.

Henry David Thoreau

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