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# Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

## Cover Picture

This picture is from 2003 on Trail 42, we had 9 trucks on that run. I need to look into why Trail 42 hasn't been reopened.

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

Members in attendance: Charlie & Becky Babcock, Sean & Lynette Murphy, Steve Graham, Ron and Brenda Couch.

T.C. Luigi's gave our room away even though I had reserved it two days before.

We decided to meet somewhere else next time. Several people suggested meetings at member's houses. I suggested Steve G's barn, but would be happy to have it at my house and then rotate through the members that want to participate. Send me an email if you want the next meeting at your house and I'll send it out.

We talked about whether the president (myself) has signature authority for our bank account. Everyone agreed that I should check into it and if not get signature authority.

I told everyone that I was caught up with the newsletters' and would try not to let that slide again.

Ron told us about his adventures in the Washington mud bogs, he took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in his Cherokee.

We discussed why people left the club.

We decided that the May club run should be Mud Springs, our adopt-a-trail on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm

## Calendar of Events

May 16 – Club run to Mud Springs call Charlie @ 480-231-4565 if you're going

May 27 – Meeting at 7pm location TC Luigi's

June ? – Club run ?

June 24 – Meeting at 7pm location TC Luigi's

## Trip Report

There were still no club runs dang nab it.

## Items of Interest

**TOOLS EXPLAINED**

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh -- '

**ELECTRIC HAND DRILL:** Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

**SKILL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS:** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

**TABLE SAW:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**BAND SAW:** A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:** A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR:** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or

bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

**UTILITY KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**DAMM-IT TOOL:** Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'DAMM-IT' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

I believe one of the Steve's sent this to me.

### May run

Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> I'll be leading our adopt-a-trail Mud Springs. Let's meet at the parking lot for the Four Peaks turn off, south side of SR87. We're meeting at 8am; bring drinks, snacks and lunch, running this trail usually lasts most of the day. Mark your calendars and be there. Even if you are a former member lets go out and wheel together. RSVP to me, Charlie @480-231-4565 if you're going.



Here's a pic of the April 2003 run on Mud Springs.

## Rock Solid Fabrication

Don't forget if you need anything fabricated or anything done to your wheeler give Matt a call he's got a new business called **Rock Solid Fabrication** and he'll do a great job. Call him at 480-888-9581. He also does beautiful wrought iron gates.

## Land Use Issues

It's still there nothing to report

## Editors Stuff

See I'm on a roll this is the second newsletter in a row and on time.

## 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

## Quote

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."

- Mark Twain (1835-1910)

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