

October 2004



# Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

## Cover Picture

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Cove of Saguaro Lake during the Public Lands Day clean-up.

## September Meeting Minutes

Don Munzer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Steve Graham, Linda Luik, Scott Nixon, Matt Parkes, Loran Gersztyn, Charlie Babcock, Sean & Lynette Murphy, Don Munzer and kids, Ed Lyons.

Guests in attendance: none

Ed Lyons gave the treasurer's report: \$3,856.55 balance in the checking account.

The t-shirt order was delivered and handed out to those members present who ordered shirts

Trip Reports:

Club run for September was the Public Lands Day at Butcher Jones Beach. Charlie Babcock, Mike Tutor, Ron Couch and Steve Graham were in attendance. The cleanup went very well.

Sandee McCullen attended the cleanup at South Mountain.

ASA4WDC had a booth that Sandee helped take care of.

The third weekend of October is the ASA4WDC Jamboree. We will not have many members attending this year due to lack of running vehicles.

Steve Graham will be leading a trail run of Forest Road 4 (Telegraph Canyon) on October 9<sup>th</sup> with his Scout club. Contact him for more details at [scout4bta@msn.com](mailto:scout4bta@msn.com)

Matt Parkes will be leading a trip to Martinez Canyon on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to try out the new suspension on his truck before Jamboree. Meet at Cottonwood Canyon Road (Highway 79, toward Florence, the flagpole between milepost 144 and 145) Contact Matt Parkes for more information at 480-888-9581.

The club is looking for a couple of volunteers to attend the Arizona Site Steward Training. It will be held at the McFarland State Historic Park in Florence on October 9, 2004 from 8:30 until noon. Please RSVP to Sandee McCullen at [mccullen@writeme.com](mailto:mccullen@writeme.com)

(Ed. I volunteered to attend this; anyone else is welcome to join me)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30

## Calendar of Events

October 3 – Martinez Canyon run for details contact Matt Parkes @480-888-9581

October 9 – Forest Road 4 (Telegraph Canyon) contact Steve Graham @480-834-1171

October 14-17 – ASA4WDC Jamboree for more information go to

<http://www.asa4wdc.org/content/jamboreeReg/index.htm>

October 27 - Meeting at Round Table Pizza, 7pm NW corner of Rural & Ray

November ?– Club run

November 24 - Meeting at Round Table Pizza, 7pm NW corner of Rural & Ray

### Trip Report

Coves of Saguaro Lake Clean up 9/18/04

1973 K5 – Charlie Babcock

1976 Cherokee – Ron Couch

1979 Bronco – Mike Tutor

1992 W250 – Steve Graham



#### The clean up crew!

I arrived at the parking lot at Butcher Jones Beach and Steve was already there, as were a few Jeeps. Mike and Ron showed up a few minutes later followed by the grand entrance of the Hummers. Then the Hummers all decked out and ready for ... wheelin I guess, pulled in. There was a fourth Hummer parked next to us with 22" dubs and chromed factory coil springs. It left the highway when we headed for the dirt?? We listened to a short speech by the Forest service thanking us for our help grabbed our free garbage bags and then took off for the fun.

We pulled through the green gate and aired down the tires as everyone else passed us. We made our way towards the last cove planning on working our way back to the others. We had fun picking the hardest lines we could find, but with this group nothing was real tough. On the way we picked up all the trash we could see, this consumed most of the morning. At the second to the last cove we decided to stop for lunch and met a loan clean up Jeep who had beat us there. This lone Jeoper decided to head to the last Cove and we worked our way back towards the others, cove by cove.



We finally came upon the rest of the group at the 3<sup>rd</sup> cove; we jointly cleaned it and then headed back to the gate. The rest of the group continued on towards the last cove. On the way back we picked up a bunch of trash. The other group must have skipped the trash on the way to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> coves and just cleaned up the coves. By 3pm I had had enough of stopping and bending over in the heat. So I said my goodbyes and made a beeline towards the gate. Over the very next ridge I found a wrecked 90ish Toyota Forerunner. Other than the roll over damage it was only missing tires and the rear driveshaft. I'd say it couldn't have been there long.

I arrived at the green gate, aired up and the rest of the Lo-Rangers pulled up behind me, they'd had enough too. I was surprised at the low turn out for the Virtual Jeep Club. There was more garbage available than we could all pick up. In the past there were 30-40 vehicles that showed up.





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.

### **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>.

### **Editors Corner**

Special thanks goes to Loren Gersztyn for taking care of getting the shirts and hats for our club, they're the same great quality as before and at a super price. Thanks Loren!!!

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:** 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**

Determine never to be idle...It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.

**Thomas Jefferson**

**Enthusiastically Created by Charlie Babcock**