

September 2004



# Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

## Cover Picture

This month's cover is Saturday night's campfire on Mingus Mountain, there was no fire danger and in fact we had trouble finding wood that was dry enough to burn.

## August Meeting Minutes

Don Munzer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance: Steve Graham, Linda Luik, Dan Egge, Aaron McCarthy, Matt Parkes, Sean and Lynette Murphy, Don Munzer and Kids, Ed Lyons, Stephen Smith, Glenn McConnell, Ted, Loran and Jake Gersztyn, Scott Nixon, and Carl Feague.

Guests in attendance: Chad Walker

Ed Lyons gave the treasurer's report: \$4,360.40 balance in the checking account.

The t-shirt order was not ready as of yet. They should be done by Friday.

Trip Reports: August 20-22 Mingus Mountain camping trip. Linda Luik gave the trip report, 27 people and 2 dogs in attendance.

Matt Parkes has been working on building the boulder field on his property. He has invited everyone over on Saturday, August 28 to play. Contact Matt for address and directions.

Ted Gersztyn gave a report from the ASA4WDC quarterly meeting. Contact Ted at [tedg1@mindspring.com](mailto:tedg1@mindspring.com) for additional details. There was quite a bit of lively discussion regarding new trail rating/vehicle requirements. Go to the ASA web site for the description of requirements.

Scott Nixon made a motion to make the September club run the "Public Land Days" cleanup at Butcher Jones Beach. Steve Graham seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Glenn McConnell has offered free e-mail to club members. Contact him at

[glenn@uselessfurball.com](mailto:glenn@uselessfurball.com)

Glenn McConnell suggested that the club consider doing a Habitat for Humanity house.

Chad Walker was voted in as a new member.

Meeting was called to a close around 8:00 pm.

## Calendar of Events

September 18 – Coves clean up and wheelin' call Scott for info @ 602-482-8973

September 29 – Meeting at Round Table Pizza, 7pm NW corner of Rural & Ray

October ? – Club run

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

### Trip Report

Mingus Mountain Camp Out, August 20-22, 2004

Participants: Steve Graham and Linda Luik (trip leaders), Mike Tutor and girlfriend, and the Babcock, Couch, Gill, Munzer, Murphy and Nixon families. New club members whose names I forgot. (Ed. Jerome and son Logan Gill, Kirk and Katie Rundle) There were a total of 27 people and 2 dogs, Maggie and Scamp.

This was a very good turnout for the club. When this trip was scheduled I thought I was going to be able to acquire the Playground Group site, but it was already reserved. We had to use primitive camping instead. Steve and I arrived first on Friday and picked the campsite. It was one we didn't have a chance to look at on previous trips and it turned out to be the cleanest one we had seen so far.



A few hours later, the rest of the happy campers started trickling in and filled up the site. Kid less couples on the north side, families on the south side. This worked really well considering that Steven Nixon woke up those camping around him on Saturday with an early morning rendition of "Jesus Loves Me". The Couches, Munzers, Mike and his girlfriend showed up Saturday afternoon. The campsite was pretty full, but there was a smaller camp site about 20 feet away that worked nicely. The Couches and the Munzers went there.

Saturday was pretty much a day to kick back and watch the kids play. We had a lumberjack competition for the big kids. There was a large wet log in camp that needed a little trimming. Logan pulled out an axe and attempted to make a dent in the log. That didn't last too long.



Steve got out the splitting maul we brought with us and all the guys tried their hand at splitting the log. This took quite a bit of effort and was amusing to watch. Saturday night we had a nice fire, the kids had smores, and we all turned in pretty early that night.

The plan for the trip was to 4-wheel out through Martin Canyon, but on Sunday morning no one was in the mood to spend 3-4 hours on a bumpy trail. The Nixons and us were the only ones out there with 4x4s that were ready to go on a trail ride (big tires, lifts, dents and scratches). The rest of the 4x4's were either stock or still being paid for. So, on Sunday we all headed for home. The Murphys stayed behind for a while to enjoy the solitude.

Everyone had a good time.  
Submitted by Linda Luik

### 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.

### September Club Run

The club voted to join the Coves clean up Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> for the National Public Lands Day. Meet at 9am just inside the green gate at Butcher Jones Beach. We'll be joining

the AZ VJC, Arizona XJ, AZ Backcountry, and AZ Hummer Owners Group for the clean up so there should be a bunch-o-Jeeps there. The trails here can be run in any stock 4wd truck or there are obstacles for the extreme vehicles to test their mettle (metal) on. Bring trash bags and gloves. Check <http://www.azvjc.org/OldSite/Default.asp> or call Scott @ 602-482-8973 for more info. Hope to see you there.

### 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

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

Each problem that I solved became a rule which served afterwards to solve other problems.

**Rene Descartes**

**Enthusiastically Created by Charlie Babcock**