

September 2005



Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

Cover Picture

The club enjoying the high pines, power relaxing and chair wheelin. Mingus Mountain camp out in August, the weather was beautiful.

Meeting Minutes

Ron Couch called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Ted, Loran and Jake Gersztyn, Stephen Smith, Jim Sanford, Don Munzer, Steve Graham, Nick Sesma, Charlie Babcock Marty Boetel, Ed Lyons, and Ron Couch.

Guests in attendance: Jennifer Cline, Cory, and Tom Holloman

Treasurers Report: Ed reported that we have \$3,835.99 in account.

Trip Reports:

Charlie Babcock gave a trip for the Mingus Mountain camping trip. The weather was great. There were five families in attendance. Some clean up was performed. All had a great time.

Future Trips:

Official club run: Turkey Creek, September 24, 2005. Meet at the Denny's restaurant at the Southwest corner of I17 and Bell Road at 8:00 am. Departure from the Denny's scheduled for 9:00 am.

There was discussion of making Tucson Trail Dust Days a club function. October 7-8-9. More info to come.

There was a suggestion of having made a club flag or banner with only the club logo, in 3' x 3' or 4' x 4'. Loran will check with Major T's on pricing.

Loran is resigning as secretary due to scheduling conflicts. Charlie Babcock will bear up under the great responsibilities of secretary until another can be elected.

The ASA4WDC Jamboree has been moved to the first week in March.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Calendar of Events

September 24 – Turkey Creek Club run call Ron @ 480-726-8509

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

October 7-9 – Tucson Rough Riders Trail Dust Days club run

October 26 - Meeting at Round Table Pizza, 7pm NW corner of Rural & Ray

Trip Report

Mingus Mountain camp out August 19-21, 2005

1992 Ram - Steve and Linda Graham

1973 K5 – Charlie, Becky, Shelby, Hailey and Reilly Babcock

2005 Rubicon – Steve Smith

2005 Ram – Ron, Brenda, Jordan, and Cameron Couch and Maggie (dog)

2005 H3 – Jennifer and Brad Cline

The family and I made it to the junction and stopped for Taco Hell (where all the bad tacos go) for dinner. A short time after, we were off again and it sprinkled on us for 5 minutes. This cooled things off for the rest of the trip through Jerome. As we climbed the mountain, the air cooled off quickly. Becky and the kids were wishing for jackets but I was feeling great with the smell of pine trees in the air. I stopped at the turn off to air down (for comfort) and other things. We took off for the camp just ahead of a large group of teenagers. Soon we spotted the green Dodge and pulled to find Steve and Linda's tiny tent trailer set up. We found our usual tent spot and set up camp. Steve Smith had gone back to town for dinner and his hotel room. He was coming back later. Once we set up we all sat by the fire and watched a storm roll in. Steve came back and chatted for awhile. It rained a little and then the lightening started popping, we called it a night.



Steve and Linda's trailer is great, a single person can easily move it around.



Steve's Rubicon Unlimited, Ron's Ram and the Uber Trailer

Saturday morning was clear and beautiful, Steve returned and then Ron and crew pulled in with the ultimate tent trailer. Lifted, dual batteries and propane tanks, and a shower the trailer was sweet. Later that afternoon the Clines drove by missing us, Steve Smith chased them but they were too fast. Later the Clines found us and pulled in to camp with their new H3. Everyone had a long look suggesting mods they needed. Near dinner time the Clines headed back to town and the rest of us feasted. We had another camp fire with the wood everyone had gathered. The sky was a panoramic view of stars only blocked by the pine tops. Steve gave a beautiful oration of why diesels were superior to gas engines. We tried to burn all the wood but gave up and hit the sacks.



The Cline's H3 had everyone looking.

Sunday morning everyone slowly ate and packed up the gear. As Ron and I were looking for trash I spotted a small pet carrier next to the road. Jokingly I said there's probably a dog still in it. As we approached and looked closer Ron exclaimed that there was indeed a small dog skeleton in a bag of furry skin with the pink collar still on it. It's skull was gently resting on a small pillow. We don't know the story behind the dog but we mentioned it to a passing forest ranger and he dutifully drove in the other direction from which we had pointed him. One by one they drifted off leaving just the Babcock's. We were going to enjoy every minute of our trip to balance against the long journey there in the beast. It was overcast as we ate our lunch and finally left the serene mountain campsite.



The K5 looks so happy in the forest sporting its new Becky made soft top.

Thanks Linda for leading yet another excellent camping trip to Mingus Mountain.
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.

Hi All,

Over the weekend (Mingus Mountain trip) we talked about the Tucson Rough Riders Trail Dust Days (Oct 7-9). This is a great club sponsored 4-wheeling event that is now in its 12th year. It's a great way to see other parts of Arizona and to check out some trails near Tucson. Here's the link to the registration form.

<http://www.tucsonroughriders.com/Files/TDD%202005%20Reg%20Form.doc>

Bob Bozarth, the TDD Trail Master, was kind enough to provide a list of trails they will be running.

Friday: Miners Revenge, Copper Creek, Reddington Pass Tanks and Charouleau Gap.

Friday Night: Sutherland Trail and Burro Canyon.

Saturday: Magic Carpet Ride, Charouleau Gap, Copper Creek, Chimney Rock and Rice Peak.

Saturday Night: Poker Run

[Sunday - Raffle in the morning]

Regards,

Linda Graham

September club run

Turkey Creek run Saturday September 24th. Meet at the Denny's on Southwest corner of I17 and Bell Road. We're meeting at 8am if you want to eat breakfast at the Denny's or 9am if you want to just meet and wheel. Then proceed north on I17 to the trail head. The trail is rated at 3.0 which should be passable to most stock 4wd vehicles. None of us have run this trail so be ready for an adventure. Bring lunch and plenty-o-drinks. For more info call Ron @ 480-726-8509.

Land Use Issues

Editors Stuff

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.

For Sale: 1976 Jimmy, 35" tires, new 383 engine, rebuilt Xcase, Torsen front dif, gov lock rear, runs good, the air works good, \$2500 Call Charlie @ 480-812-9101

Quote

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