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Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

Cover Picture

Matt built a beautiful buggy; this is it with the rear steer activated at the base of the Miner's Revenge water fall.

Meeting Minutes

We voted not to have summer meetings due to lack of members, the heat, fuel prices, etc. so there aren't any minutes or newsletters for these months.

Calendar of Events

September 26-28 – Mingus Mountain camp out and 4wd call Steve/Linda @480-834-1171

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

October ? – Club run

October 29 – Meeting at 7pm location TC Luigi's

Trip Report

No official Lo-Rangers runs were run from May through August.

Items of Interest

September 26th-28th the long awaited campout on Mingus Mountain. We have the group camp site reserved so show up anytime and have a great camping spot. There's pit toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, a swing, garbage dumpster and one duplex outlet. You can park trailers here or pitch tents, come for one or two nights or just stay for the day. It's a beautiful dense pine forest here and it's cool in the evenings. If you're going to attend call Steve or Linda Graham @ 480-834-1171. I'm sad to miss this run again this year; we've got a 7 day canoeing trip that was planned earlier in the year.

October runs

I want to run this trail again.

**Name this trail?**

I'm leading a run on the Log Corral trail from SR87 to the east side of Bartlett Lake. We're meeting at 9am on Saturday October 11th. Drive past the Four Peaks turn and then up and over the ridge. At the bottom of the hill you will see a sign for Mesquite Wash (it's the first bridge at the bottom) Mile Marker 212 and turn left just after crossing the bridge over the wash. Cross the south-bound lanes and follow the dirt road on the West side of 87 down into the trees. For those that want to this can be a one day trip. The Babcock's and Murphy's are camping out at the lake Saturday and Sunday night, driving out on Monday October 13th. Everyone's welcome to join us camping or just come for a day run. It's a challenging trail and a lot of different wheeling, rocks, canyons, sand, brush, and the works. It's not for stock vehicles and modified rigs might still need a tug to get through. Please don't just show up, call Charlie at 480-231-4565 if you're going to go.

Land Use Issues

It's still there, nothing to report

Editors Stuff

The club had a sabbatical over the summer; I'm ready for some wheeling. Between fuel prices and the heat I think it did everyone in. I got my Diesel Jetta running again so I don't have that hanging over my head. The water pump broke, which made the timing belt skip a

few teeth which bent 6 of the 8 valves. After 3 months (I'm a slow worker), \$1200, and a lot of work it's good as new. I'm now very knowledgeable about VW diesel engines.

Things you need but didn't know it

This stuff is going to set some kind of record for longest running classified ad.

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

'You are lukewarm and I shall spit you out.' Moderation is for sissies."

[Dan John](#)

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