



Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

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Meeting Minutes

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Called to Order by Marty at 7:02 in our new/possibly temporary home Round Table Pizza at Ray and Dobson. MUCH better food, but less space. Just the regulars filled the place, imagine if we have several guests.

Don Munzer and Charlie Babcock went to Payup Draw (spelling?) with AZ Dust Devils. Told us about it, but the food was too good to pay attention. Heard something about it being a good solid 4 rating. Since John Tash was not along, there was no rain, nary a cloud in the sky.

Treasury Report, Ed Lyons: We have money. To the tune of \$3986.51

Newsletter: Everyone seems to be getting it, if not, then no sense telling you here, cause you're not getting it.

Ted has successfully gotten the ASA website updated so we can now view the newsletters here:

<http://home.mindspring.com/~tedg1/orangers/ttales/tales.htm> The start page is here:
<http://home.mindspring.com/~tedg1/orangers>

Ted is also looking for content... trip reports, pics, classifieds, and announcements... Help him help us by sending stuff in. If you need a picture scanned, Glenn has a few scanners at his disposal, and will return them at

the following meeting or something like that. Or email pics to (Ted's email address tedg1@mindspring.com

The big question... Is there going to be a jamboree?

Apparently Bob Carney has just filed for a Special Use Permit. This means that, if there is going to be a permit, then it will be issued very near the dates for Jamboree, if in time at all. There are also some questions as to Vendor's Alley. As onsite sales will cause the permit to have to be Commercial, which is not cheap, or easy to get.

A show of hands makes it appear that few, if any, have pre-registered.

There was also a noted statement of loss of confidence in our current ASA leadership. If you want things to change, you have to get involved and make sure your delegates know how you feel. Lo-RANGERS delegates are Ted G and Ed Lyons, and have done right by us for a good amount of time.

United Convention coming up in London, Ontario, Canada. Those going mentioned that the fee structure is confusing at best. Hope it turns out to be a good time.

All lands are open except those directly around the fires and the Grand Canyon. Otherwise, our wheeling areas are open.

Also, an area of land south of the San Tans is open, for how long, though, remains to be seen.

Severe fire restrictions, including no smoking outside of your vehicle and no open flames or non-gas stoves.

ASA Quarterly at Happy Jack Lodge on Aug 17. Could be a fun time to go up and get out of this heat. Cabins and camping are available.

Rain...er... John Tash is gearing up for a run. It will be Aug 24-25 With second day activities available to those that meet Sunday morning.

Day 1:

Go to Four Peaks then hit "Edwards Peak Trail" which is a 10-mile in and back. Two mines are along the way which are rather treacherous. Parents are strongly advised to keep a tight leash on children and pets as there is little to protect them from falling in. Rating is 3-3.5, very difficult for a stock rig.

Meet Saturday the 24th at Bush Hwy and Beeline (87) Camping will be at the Sunflower Trail

Day 2: Not sure the plan, but should be fun.

Meet at the same place and time as Saturday Bring SCUBA gear, as this is a John Tash Torrential Downpour Trail Run.

Sandee witnessed Game & Fish breaking their own rules: Smoking in the vehicle then tossing it to the ground unextinguished. Guess what happened next.

There is a Bill on Capital Hill that has language, which introduces a No-Logging situation. All states included, except South Dakota. Senator Daschul, the author of the Bill, is from South Dakota. Write your congressman with you opinion of this.

Motion made and passed to have two runs for August, the first being led by Scott Nixon on August 17.

I'm leading a trip to DuPont cabin this Saturday, August 17th. We'll be leaving from the intersection of Bush/Beeline Highways 8:30AM sharp. Trail is a 3.0-3.5, a little brushy but not too bad. I'll be up front in a full-size pickup knocking it all down anyway. :)

Planning on camping at the cabin in the early afternoon, and then doing a bit of hiking. There are a few trails that branch off from there if anyone wants to go exploring on foot or otherwise. If I can find the right road Sunday, we'll stop at a cave that is filled with Indian ruins. Any questions, lemme know. scnix1@cox.net or 602-482-8973.

Last piece of Arizona's section of the Great Western Trail is opening and will be dedicated on September 14th. The location will be about 30 miles West of Flagstaff.

We are trying to get a club run together to have a show of presence up there.

Was motioned, voted and passed that Lo-RANGERS will donate \$100 to Great Western Trail.

RCAA (formerly ACRA, same pronunciation) Finals in Johnson Valley, CA (The Hammers) in mid September. Visit www.rockcrawler.org for more information.

RCAA also joined United 4WDA

Cal-Rock and RDAA joined forces to have RCAA sanction Cal-Rock events. This should really help to promote the sport.

Glenn will have State Land Permits at the next meeting, if he is not able to get them to you via snail mail. He needs to have folks make sure that their mailing addresses are correct to avoid lost time. Please check with Glenn before or after the next meeting to make sure your address and other information is correct.

Sandee is going to get info to members about a possible land grab situation coming from Tucson BLM office. There is verbiage that implies Tucson would be

able to "swap" the land they want to impose upon for the Florence Junction area. This will effectively give the BLM free reign over any land they want to attack in the state.

We need to get letters and such to BLM officials to get the "Land Tenure" verbiage removed from the RMP. Respectfully submitted,

Glenn E. McConnell

Calendar of Events

August 17, ASA4WDC Quarterly Meeting Happy Jack Lodge
 August 17 -18 Overnight run to Dupont Cabin Scott Nixon
 August 24 - 25 Camping run 4 Peaks John Tesh
 August 29 monthly meeting Round Table Pizza

Items of Interest

Meeting Information

Round Table Pizza

9920 S. Rural Rd

Tempe, AZ.

On the North West corner of Rural and Ray

Hey everyone

We get 10% off at Round Table when we mention that we're with the LoRangers in the meeting room! I'm sure we'll have to remember to ask for the discount. I forgot to tell y'all this the last time we met. Charlie Babcock

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Land Use Issues

What's good for Daschle...

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle has seen the light. People --specifically, people who live and vote in his

home state of South Dakota -- must come before plant life. This sudden insight was illuminated by the glare of 50,000 forest fires, which have burned through nearly 4 million acres across the country so far this summer, threatening residents and firefighters alike. Daschle wasn't going to let some ridiculous gubmint regulations get in the way of protecting his vulnerable Black Hills from the flames. So, as The Washington Times reported earlier this week, the Sierra Club-backed Democrat slipped a special exemption from environmental rules into a defense supplemental spending bill. The exemption allows logging in the forests of South Dakota to reduce the fuel supply and snuffs out environmental lawsuits that have obstructed timber projects for the past two decades.

Not a peep has been heard from the green attack dogs at the Sierra Club, but lawmakers in other tinderbox states are rightly voicing their outrage. Rep. J.D. Hayworth, R-Ariz., said: "It certainly can only be described as blatant hypocrisy on behalf of the Senate leader to claim on one hand to be the champion of the environment and then on the other hand to cut a special deal for his home state." Republicans in both the House and Senate plan to introduce legislation extending logging and lawsuit exemptions to federal forest lands in every other state at risk of catastrophic wildfire.

That is a good start. But we need to take this bold, new Daschle principle -- people before obstructionist environmental rules -- much further. What's good for Daschle and South Dakota must be good not only for the rest of the country, but also for the U.S. military.

As I wrote on Tuesday, the House this week rejected a request by our armed forces to allow the Navy to conduct training exercises at sea without the constant threat of marine mammal "harassment" lawsuits. The military also faces opposition to a broader request to exempt some military training grounds from the Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which currently contains no exemption for national security.

Now, more than ever, preparing our men and women in uniform for combat in the most realistic circumstances possible is imperative. That's hard to do when soldiers must tiptoe around the habitats of endangered desert tortoises, sidestep hundreds of species of plants, and refrain from nighttime exercises, beach exercises, amphibious landings and live-fire training exercises -- lest they be sued by the nearest anti-military environmental group.

The Department of Defense isn't asking to run roughshod over the environment. It has owned up to past pollution and eco-sins, and invests billions of dollars and thousands of man-hours in environmental protection and mitigation measures. The exemption request is focused narrowly on military readiness. It seeks to preserve training grounds in places such as Fort Bragg, N.C., where the designation of 14 critical habitats has severely

limited where recruits can camp, fire weapons and dig. The story's the same at the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, Coronado Naval Amphibious Base and San Clemente Island in California, at Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Polk, La., and at Farallon de Medinilla. The latter is an uninhabited island in the West Pacific that served as a critical firing range for the Navy and Marine Corps until it was shut down this spring by an environmental lawsuit over migratory birds that might be unintentionally harmed during exercises.

The plaintiffs have also targeted Navy bombing exercises at the site. As military experts point out, the Farallon de Medinilla ruling could potentially put at risk a wide range of aviation, telecommunications and live-fire training activities nationwide.

Tom Daschle supports the need to "avoid costly, time-consuming lawsuits" over environmental rules when wildfires threaten the lives of South Dakotans. Why doesn't the Democrat leader do the same for American soldiers and sailors, who deserve the best training possible before being sent to face enemy fire around the world?

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Editors Corner

Another month has come and gone and here we are approaching the end of summer. Soon the weather will begin cooling and we should start doing more wheeling, and sending in trip reports.

Hope you enjoy this issue! If you go on any trips club, Association or wild cat write up a short summary. I can always use more content.

The electronic and hard copy newsletters will also get a new copy of the roster. The web site will not. This will ensure a little more privacy.

Until next month happy wheelin' to you!!

Respectfully Submitted



Humor

You might be a four wheeler if-
10 -you think SPAM Shish-ka-bobs on a Phillips screw driver taste good.

- 9 -you have ever had 2 wheels off the ground and said "We're in good shape."
 8 -you have ever "nuked" a microwave burrito on an intake manifold.
 7 -your favorite cologne is "Eau de Unleaded" (91 octane).
 6 -you have ever heard a counselor say "no I don't think 38" Boggers will work well under your wife's Ford Fiesta."
 5 -you like mud cause "its high in minerals."
 4 -every dent you put in your vehicle pops 2 dents out.
 3 -you have to get the wheel barrow to clean your drive way off after you wash your vehicle.
 2 -you think "protection from the elements" (i.e. a top) is for wussies.

And the #1 sign you might be a Four Wheeler is:

- 1 - you have driven a vehicle for 10 hours straight ...and never exceeded 3 mph.

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 Signs that you're a hard core Four wheeler:

- You find that you need a new house because you've outgrown your garage and the neighbors are threatening violence if you park one more vehicle on the street or in the front yard.
- The requirements you give your real estate agent are (in order of importance):
  1. 8 car climate controlled garage with an attached shop, 8' high doors.
  2. Outside parking for 6 cars, a motor home, a crew cab dually, a 28' enclosed trailer and a 34' 5th wheel.
  3. 3 phase 220V outlets in the garage for your welder.
  4. A grease pit.
  5. Convenient to a hazardous waste disposal site.
  6. Deaf neighbors.
  7. Across the street from a paint and body shop.
  8. Some sort of house with a working toilet and shower on the property somewhere -or- hookups for the motor home
- Your email address refers to your truck rather than to you.
- You buy new parts because you don't know where you put the spares.
- You're looking for a tow vehicle and still haven't bought furniture for your house!
- You measure all family acquisitions in terms of the number of parts that could have been purchased.
- You look at the purchase of tools as a long-term investment.
- Your garage holds more vehicles than your house has bedrooms.
- You have enough spare parts to build another truck.
- You have truck parts in your cubicle at work.
- Your Christmas list begins with another set of BFG MTs and E-Z Locker

- and your 'significant other' knows what they are
- After your answer to "What did you do this weekend?" the next question is always: "And you do this for fun? Right?"
  - You have a separate drawer for 'garage clothes'.
  - People know you by your "off's". "Oh, you are the one stuck in the mud at Fishing Creek last weekend!"
  - You talk to other cars on the road, calling them by the manufacturer's name.
  - Your criteria for selecting a significant other include auto repair skills. Air tools optional.
  - You plan your wedding around the club schedule.
  - You astound the clerk at Sears by bringing in a snapped breaker bar every other week or so.
  - You give out 4 wheel Parts Wholesalers number when a friend asks for the best hardware store.
  - You hate long distance driving, but you will gladly drive 800 miles to the trail.
  - You save broken car parts as "mementos".
  - You know the exact story behind every one! (see above)
  - You would choose a roll bar over air conditioning if it were an option.
  - Your idea of a good time is sitting around figuring out gear ratios and the ideal crawl ratio for given situations.
  - When someone refers to "The Good Book", you think of "The Jeep Owners Bible"
  - You own five Trucks and only one of them is street legal.
  - There's a poster of Moab up on the wall next to the family portraits.
  - Your video collection contains more wheeling videos than regular videos.
  - Your friends call to tell you they found another way into the woods rather than to see how your doing.
  - You refer to "Friends" by the type of truck they drive rather than names.
  - You filled out the Top Truck Challenge Voting card but threw away the Census 2000 forms.
  - 90% of you work e-mail is wheeling related
  - You keep trying to coerce your significant other to allow you to remove the doors on the mini van.
  - You refer to the local construction site as "The testing ground".
  - You can remember how to get to every trail you've been on but get lost going to your in-laws.
  - "The Big Question" refers to Bogger or TSL.
  - When someone says someone is Biased you immediately think of tires.
  - Your truck no longer fits in the garage.
  - Your truck has gone to super model status and doesn't leave the garage for any trail less than a 4+.
  - Your daily driver is considered a mild trail rig.
  - Drivers behind you can see the car in front of you, under the truck.

- The term "Open with Attitude" is tattooed on you, or you're thinking about it.
- You base your next vehicle purchase on it's crawl ratio and what's available for it in the after market.
- People see pictures of your truck flexed out and ask "Is it broken?".
- You stopped washing your truck cause it shows off the scratches.
- Your boss asks you not to bring the truck to work anymore because it won't fit in the parking garage without the antenna scraping the ceiling.
- You've actually replaced a fluorescent light in the parking garage cause your antenna hit it.
- Your club web site is your home page.
- You are in search of a house that borders state forest and refuse to buy anything that's not even remotely close to it.
- You'll drop a couple grand on new axles but the kitchen sink still leaks.
- The vacation pictures are all off road.
- You ALWAYS have your drinks on the rocks!
- You look at an open are in the woods and can determine the best line.
- You base your social class on your recent RTI score rather than how much money you make.

- Working on your truck is considered relaxation.
- Every time you see a lowered truck you wanna get out and slap the driver silly.
- You look at other cars and think to yourself "I can crawl over that".
- You consider Rubicon as the holy land.
- Tellico no longer scares you.
- You carry more parts to the trail than home.
- You've installed or though about installing a lift on the lawn mower.
- You consider anything without 4wd-Useless.
- Your ideal vehicle is a Unimog.
- Your truck cost as much as an Italian sports car.
- When someone mentions "Xtreme" your eyes light up!
- Motivation involves someone saying "you can't make it".

And the #1 Sign you're a hard core wheeler:

It's not considered a good trail ride if nothing breaks!

