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Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

Cover Picture

Matt Parkes a long time AZ Lo-Rangers member is starting up a Gate and 4wd fabrication business call him at 480-888-9581 and ask him what he can do for you.

Meeting Minutes

Two members, Steve Smith and Steve Graham and Anthony, John Griffin's friend. We ate dinner shot the bull and went home. The best part was after the meeting when Anthony bought my winch.

Calendar of Events

August ? –

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

September 7-9 – Annual Mingus Mountain campout and run call Steve @ 480-834-1171

September 26 – Meeting at 7pm location TC Luigi's

Trip Report

Like the last newsletter I have no trip report, if I don't go on the run I can't right up a trip report.

Items of Interest

New meeting spot!!!

Remember the club meeting is the last Wednesday of every month, 7:00pm at TC Luigi's, 1805 E Elliot Rd, southeast corner of Elliot and McClintock in Tempe.

DANCE & RAFFLE after Dinner!

CROWN KING FIRE DEPARTMENT

P.O. BOX 397

CROWN KING, AZ 86343

928-632-7163

Friends of Crown King,

The Crown King Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting their Annual Benefit Barbecue, Auction, and Dance on September 15th, 2007. This is our major fund raising event of the year, the proceeds of which supplement our annual budget and are utilized to maintain apparatus and provide matching funds for grants. Residents of the community, as well as Fire

Department Volunteers, help with their time and donations to make this barbeque, auction, and raffle a success.

The Crown King Fire Department responds to both medical and fire calls within our District and throughout the surrounding Prescott National Forest lands. During the last several years the drought and bark beetle infestation have lead to a serious condition of dead and down fuels, causing our wildfire threat to remain extreme. We will be focusing on raising funds for improving apparatus and to help fund our continued efforts to create defensible space around homes in our community. We would like to ask your help in publicizing this occasion. Please see the enclosed flier for details.

Crown King is a small mountain community located in the southern Bradshaw Mountains. Historically, Crown King was a mining town; now the economy centers on tourism. To get to Crown King take I-17, from Phoenix about 68 miles, to the Bumble Bee or Bloody Basin exit. From there you travel a 28 mile dirt road, which is narrow with turnouts and is passable for all passenger cars. This is the main road and is built on the old train bed from the mining days. Other access to Crown King includes the Senator Highway from Prescott, which is an approximate 3 hour drive and passable for 4-wheel drive and high clearance vehicles at this time of year. There is also a 4-wheel drive road coming up from Pleasant Lake - an extreme challenge for off road enthusiasts. This road has some very rough sections, and should only be tackled by experienced riders. We would like to suggest you use the buddy system and travel with another 4-wheel drive vehicle if you are not familiar with the route or terrain. Any of these routes will take the visitor past historic mining sites and offer some beautiful vistas of the southern Bradshaw's. Please remember, here as in other areas, vehicles do need to be registered.

Upon arriving in Crown King, you will find a general store, curio shop, two taverns and restaurants, rental cabins, and the fire station. There are 300 summer homes found in the surrounding area whose owners enjoy the cool pines and friendly atmosphere of our small town.

The Prescott National Forest Service has two improved campgrounds and a small lake located 7 miles from Crown King in the Horse Thief Recreational Area, as well as several unimproved camping areas located close to Crown King. Campers should call ahead of time to be aware of restrictions.

Crown King offers a true recreational alternative for those wanting to escape the heat and bustle of Phoenix. We would like to encourage both our old and new friends to visit, not just for our barbeque, but throughout the year.

Thank you for your time. Should you need further information regarding the barbecue or the Crown King Area please contact us at 928-632-7163, or call the General Store at 928-632-7911.

Sincerely,
Steven M. Lombardo
Fire Chief

Switchback to the past at the 2007

CROWN KING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL BENEFIT

Saturday, September 15

Young'n Stuff AUCTION 3:00 p.m. followed by OL' FOLKS AUCTION

BBQ

6:00 p.m.

All you can eat: \$12.00

Kids under 12 free

August run

Land Use Issues

Editors Stuff

Sorry about the late newsletters, I was hospitalized with a Deep Vein Thrombosis in my right leg. That's a fancy name for a blood clot.

I need anyone that goes on a run to take pictures and right up a short trip report or this newsletter is going to be real short and boring. It doesn't have to be complete sentences just a few notes jotted down; I'll fix it up and complete it. You can even dictate it to me over the phone or in person and I'll right it up. Come on throw me a bone.

Scott Nixon's done an excellent job of putting pictures up from our previous runs. Check out the webpage at: <http://www.azlorangers.org/images/index.htm>

Things you need but didn't know it

Warn 9.5ti winch complete except for mount. Used three times
New \$1,050; will take \$800

Back Rat hand winch; 3,500 pounds pull with snatch block.
Never used.
\$400 new; will take \$200

ARB Portable Air Compressor (RDCP) just rebuilt.
\$200 new; will take \$100

Master Flow Q89 chrome dual piston compressor puts out 150 psi and 72 Liter per Minute.
Two months old.
\$170 new; will take \$120

One Goodyear MTR 245x75r16; less than 1,000 miles.
\$200 new; will take \$80

E-mail stephenssmith@msn.com or call afternoons or evenings 480-838-5394

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

Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow.

Jeff Valdez

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