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Trail Tales

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA LO-RANGERS 4WD CLUB

Cover Picture

Steve Smith wheelin on Mingus Mountain with Marty's big Ford right behind him. It's beautiful forest to wheel in. Join them this month.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Steve Graham, Charlie Babcock and crew, Steve Smith, Andy Armstrong, Kirk Rundle, John Griffin, Anthony, Nick Sesma, Scott Nixon, Lars Ambrose and Son. The meeting was started at 7:01 p.m. said the pledge; Steve brought a nice flag in a stand. Charlie will send out a map from Linda to Mingus Mountain. Some people didn't receive it. Steve described how to get to Mingus. Steve made a joke about Anthony using his hair dryer at the camp spot. There's one duplex there. Some people are staying in a hotel in Cottonwood. Charlie volunteered to lead a run to Log Corral in October. The date is yet to be decided. October meeting will be the 24th due to All Hallows' Eve. Steve talked about the back way to Lake Pleasant closure in Maricopa County. Coronado Forest Service is having an open house. Landfill planned for Florence. Steve handed out CD's of road closures in Coconino National Forest. Lars described Matt's work on his jeep. It was excellent work.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Calendar of Events

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

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

October 13-15 – Log Corral run and or campout call Charlie @ 480-231-4565

October 31 – Meeting at 7pm location TC Luigi's

Trip Report

As has been the trend there was no trip report although some people did go wheeling. You'll have to come to the meetings to get the verbal report on the trips.

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.

September run

Steve and Linda are leading the Annual campout and run up on Mingus Mountain. They have the camp ground reserved for the weekend and they're heading up Friday morning. Feel free to show up anytime or caravan with other people. It's beautiful up on the mountain and Linda promises to lead a mild 4wd trip on Saturday. If you're interested in going on the run please RSVP the Grahams at 480-834-1171.



The campground on Mingus last year

October run

The editor is leading a run on the Log Corral trail from SR87 to the east side of Bartlett Lake. We're meeting at 8am on Saturday October 13th at east side of intersection of SR87 and Bush Highway (Saguaro Lake turn off from SR87). For those that want to this can be a one day trip, if Steve Smith goes he'll make it a day trip. The Babcock's and Murphy's are camping out at the lake Saturday and Sunday night, driving out on Monday October 15th. 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. The worst spot is shown below, so let that be your guide in whether your vehicle will make it or not. It's not for stock vehicles and modified rigs might still need a tug to get through. Call Charlie at 480-231-4565 if you're going to go.



Land Use Issues

Editors Stuff

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

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 must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.

Mahatma Gandhi

Created by Charlie Babcock