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Forney Museum of Transportation, 4303 Brighton Blvd, Denver, CO 80216. Come see all the cool vehicles in the museum. please rsvp the president@hightrails.org so we know how many to expect. Lunch will be meat/cheese trays.

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The Newsletter staff would like to thank everyone who sent articles, but we are always in the need for more. If we cannot fit every submitted article in the current edition, we will hold for the next edition. If you do not find it in the next issue, please contact us and let us know so that we can make sure that we have it. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this newsletter, please feel free to contact us at: *newsletter@hightrails.org*.

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Northern District Land Use Update by Adam Mehlberg

Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

Seasonal road closures are now in effect.

Boulder Ranger District:

Seasonal road closures are now in effect. Kingston Peak FR353, Caribou FR505, Middle St. Vrain FR114, Coney Flats FR507.

Coney Flats FR507 -The dried pond by the Coney Creek crossing is seeing more impact from vehicles driving through it. More carsonites have been installed and downed trees have been used to block access. In 2017 the Trailridge Runners 4WD Club will be installing a full buck and rail fence to enforce no motorized access into the dried pond.

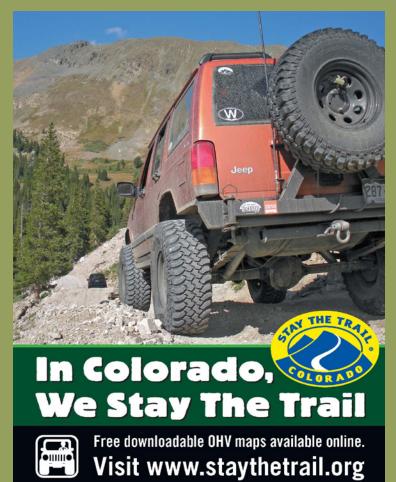
Lefthand Canyon OHV Inventory - Forest Service is now working with Trails Unlimited, internal group, to do inventory of what remains, and what has changed in the Lefthand OHV area after the flood. Work may begin in the summer of 2017





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Adopt-A-Road / Volunteer Projects, by Adam Mehlberg

The total volunteer hours for the 2016(FS fiscal year) is over 17,200 hours, of that 345 hours were reported late and are from the 2015 season. The total 17,200+ hours have been reported to the public lands managing agencies. The adjusted hours will be used to calculate each clubs hours per member number for the annual awards.

Hours reported this year are shown in the summary chart below.

** Deadline for 2017 hours is September 15 **

Any hours reported after this date will go into 2018 and will be reported to the managing agencies late, which will not help them in their annual reports.

Enter the hours on the Hightrails web page at:

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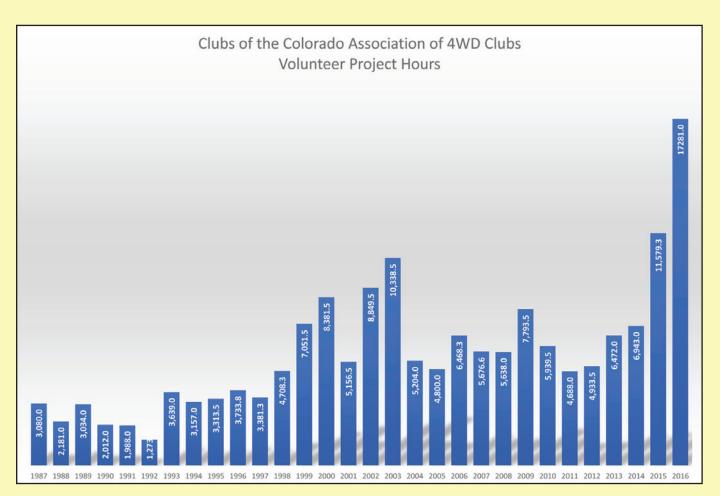
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970-669-6979, and tell me the project name, public lands you worked on, date, number of volunteers and hours for each day. drive time to and from the project counts.

Remember that the drive time to and from the project counts.

You can document hours your club members meet with the public land agencies to do planning for on the ground projects, or time spent interfacing with the public as a volunteer for the Forest Service or BLM. You may also document hours for hosting 4WD roads and running trail patrols, or doing Highway Cleanups.

Thank you for your volunteer efforts!



COLORADO HIGH TRAILS

Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs Inc. Adopt-A-Road / Volunteer Project Hours to date

Dec-16

Club	Project	Hours	Total
Adopt-A-Road Committee	Documentation	35	3
Big Horn 4X4 (Colo Spgs)	Saran Wrap, FR370.D	0	
	Eagle Rock Road, FR370.C	0	
Rin Hann Jaan Club	Halu Cross City ED750.4	0	
Big Horn Jeep Club	Holy Cross City, FR759.1		
Big Thompson 4 Wheelers	Johnny Park Road, FR118	0	
	Storm Mountain FR153	0	
	Switzerland Trail	0	
	Pole Hill, FR122, FR247	0	
	Kelly Flats, FR168, FR172	0	
	Greenridge Trail, FR177	0	
	Lefthand Canyon	0	
	2013 Flood cleanup Loveland Water Way Cleanup	0	
	Pierson Park FR119	0	
	Therson Park FICTIO	v	
Boulder County Trail Riders	Lefthand Canyon Cleanup	0	
*not a member club**	BRD OHV meetings	12	
	Bunce School Road, FR115	0	
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NCC Four Wheelers	Ellis Jeep Trail, FR500	168	16
colorado 4 Wheelers	China Wall, FR204, FR212	0	
iciciado 4 Mileciero	Old Stage Road	Ő	
	Badger Flats Kiosk	0	
	Longwater Gulch, FR221	16	
	Hackett Gulch, FR220	36	
	Metberry, FR205	0	
		1 470	
Colorado Rockhoppers	Independence Trail Penrose OHV	170	2
	Femose Onv		2.
Colorado Springs	Mount Baldy, FR 379	0	
Christian 4-Wheelers	Gold Camp Rd., FR370	0	
reeper Jeepers Gang	Blanca Peak, FR975 Elwood Pass FR667	148	
	Hwy 550 Clean up	63	
	Middle Mountain	0	
	Black Bear Pass, FR648, FR823	88	3
ront Range 4x4	Barbour Fork	0	
*not a member club**	Devil's Canyon	0	
Frand Mesa Jeep Club	Jumbo Reservoir to Kitson	209	
*not a member club**	BLM meetings	452	
	Meetings	0	
	Leon Lake Trail	210	
	GVTA meetings	16	
	Forest Service meetings	425	
	Calamity Mesa	363	
	Pace Lake Paradox Trail	276	
	Coon Hollow	335	
	C Road Cleanup	200	
	Bangs Canyon	31	
	Billings Canyon	0	
	Granite Creek	131	
	Sheep Creek	141	
	Garvey Canyon	0	
	Bull Canyon/Willow Creek	0	
	Speers Loop	28	
	Tabequache Trail	584	
	Tabequache Trail Spring Creek Trail	0	
	Tabequache Trail		

Grand Mesa Jeep Club Continued	21 Road Rim Rock Trail	127	
	Stony Pass	0	
	Poughkeepsie Gulch, FR876	0	
	Guston Road, Cnty31	0	
	Reno Divide, FR642	0	
	Taylor Pass, FR761	0	
	Schofield Pass, FR317	0	
	Milk Creek, FR578	0	
	Imogene Pass, FR869	0	
	Mineral Creek, FR585	0	
	Blanca Peak, FR975 Battlement Mesa, FR847	5	
	Rabbit Valley	210	
	Forest Service Moab, meetings	126	
	Coates Creek	10	
	Fish Ford	9	
	Gold Bar Rim	400	
	Fins N Things	384	
	Sego Canyon	480	
	Steel Bender	70	
	Golden Spike	99	
	Buckhorn Draw	55	
	Temple Mountain	63	
	Black Dragon	40	
	Dome Plateau	189	
	La Sal Loop	100	
	Top of the World	64	
	Ryan Creek Steamboat Mesa	11	6344
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High Country 4 Wheelers	Transfer Trail, FR602	1680	
ingit country i tricoloro	Lead King Basin, FR314, FR315	910	
	Battlement Mesa, FR847	650	
	Bowen Loop, FR631	360	
	Crescent / Mackinaw, FR616	500	
	Schofield Pass, FR317	350	
	Huntsman Ridge, FR517	120	
	Red Rim, FR534	50	
	Hubbards Cave, FR535	360	
	Power Line, FR532.1	200	
	Cunningham, FR538	370	
	Hubbard Mesa	480	
	Squirrel Mesa	50	6080
Hillbillies 4X4	Caribou Flats, FR505	0	
not a member club	Kingston Peak, FR353	0	
	North Sand Hills	0	
	BRD OHV meetings	0	0
Hooligans Offroad Club	Chihuahua Gulch, FR263	0	
not a member club			0
	Kelly Flats, FR168, FR172	0	-
Larimer County 4WD Club			
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Larimer County 4WD Club	Seven Mile, FR225	0	
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	Webster Pass, FR121	0	
	Bill Moore Lake FR183.1	30	
	Rio Grande Planning Meeting	12	
	Birdseye Gulch	0	
	Mill Creek Road, FR171.3	0	7
	Mill Creek Road, PR171.5	<u> </u>	,
Nissan Off Road Association of CO	Bunce School Road, FR115	416	
	Iron Clads, FR216	0	
	Kingston Peak, FR353	141	
	Caribou Flats, FR505	237	
	Mammoth Gulch	265	
	BRD OHV meetings	58	111
Predator 4WD LLC.	Longwater Gulch, FR221	0	
	Hackett Gulch, FR220	0	
Rising Sun 4WD Club	BRD OHV meetings	2	
*not a member club**	Cement Creek and Reno Divide	0	
	Argentine Pass, FR724	38	
	Rollins Pass Cleanup	0	
	Jenny Creek, FR808, 502	11	
	Middle St. Vrain FR114, Coney Flats FR50	62	
	Bunce School Road, FR115	9	
	Pole Hill, FR122	32	
	Caribou, FR505	64	
	West Magnolia, FR355	11	
	Switzerland Trail, FR93	10	
	Yankee Hill, FR175	492.5	
	Cumberland Gulch, FR271	10	
	Kingston Peak, FR353	43	
	Mammoth Gulch, FR176	27	
	Loch Lohman, FR701	33	
	Chinns Lake, FR174	35	
	Bill Moore Lake, FR183	24	
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	Red Elephant Hill, FR171.3A		
	Spring Creek/Silver City FR712.2J	36	
	Pickle Gulch, FR718	0	
	Cascade Creek, FR710	0	
	Kelly Flats, FR168, FR172	0	
	Red Cone, FR565	63	
	Webster Pass, FR285	68	
	Georgia Pass, FR355	43	
	Gold Rush Gulch, FR GH09	14	
	Summit Gulch, FR GH32	6	
	Rampart Range	16	
	Slaughterhouse Gulch, FR105	58	
	Holy Cross City, FR759.1	0	
	Iron Mike FR110J, Half Moon Creek FR11	46	
	Mosquito Pass, Cnty12,3	0	
	Hagerman Pass, FR105	0	
	Lost Canyon, FR398	0	
	McAllister Gulch, FR708	8	
	Tin Cup Pass, FR267	0	
	Chinaman Gulch	70	
	Lenhardy Cutoff, FR376	49	
	La Salle Pass, FR44	19	
	Taylor Pass, FR761	0	
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Trailridge Runners 4WD Club	Middle St. Vrain, FR114	238	
	Nugget Hill, FR509	0	
	Coney Flats, FR507	252	
	Lefthand Canyon OHV, FR286	10	
	Mammoth Gulch project	0	
	Miller Rock, FR252, FR253	160.5	
	Photographer Volunteer	98	
	Gold Lake, FR372	0	
	BRD OHV meetings	48	
	Elk Horn Mountain, FR508	45	
	Caribou Flats, FR505	0	851.
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Western Slope 4 Wheelers	Montrose Public Lands office	0	
not a member club	Poughkeepsie Gulch, FR876	0	
	California Gulch	0	
	Hurricane Pass	0	
	Picayne/Placer Gulch	0	
	Black Bear Pass, FR648, FR823	0	
	Corkscrew Gulch, FR886	0	
	Roubideau Jeep Road, FR544	0	
	Crystal Lake	0	
	Wave and Edge Loops	0	
	Boulder Canyon Trail	0	
	Camp Bird Road	0	
	Calamity Canyon	0	
	Smith Mountain Jeep Road	0	
	Iron Springs Campground	0	
	Forest Service meetings	0	
	PLP meetings	0	
	State representative meetings	0	
	Animas River workgroup	0	
	County meetings	0	
	BLM Alpine Loop NCA	0	
	BLM Southwest RAC	0	
	BLM Uncompangre meetings	0	
	Dry Creek / Dominguez-Escalante	0	
	Monitor Mesa, FR533	0	
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Wild Bunch 4WD Club	Governor Basin, FR853.1C	0	
	Ophir Pass, CR8, FR630	0	
	Engineer Pass, FR878	0	
	Yankee Boy Basin, FR853.1B	0	
	Black Bear Pass, FR648, FR823	0	

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Letter From the President - Ige Gustavson

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and either spent time with their families, or out four wheeling, or better still...both! A close friend and I both are living in Colorado sans family, so that meant the long Thanksgiving weekend was spent enjoying the bitter cold outdoors and It was worth every second. As I'm writing this, I realize that I have been lucky enough to wheel over a month combined this year! It's been awesome to see so many new trails and places!

I returned from wheeling over Thanksgiving weekend, worked three days, then turned around and headed back out to the south western San Rafael Swell for four more days of wheeling with some of my Land Cruiser friends. Four days of fun chasing the paths of Everett Ruess (look him up, it's an interesting story), camping in below freezing weather, shooting guns, and blowing stuff up. Does it get any better? Nope!

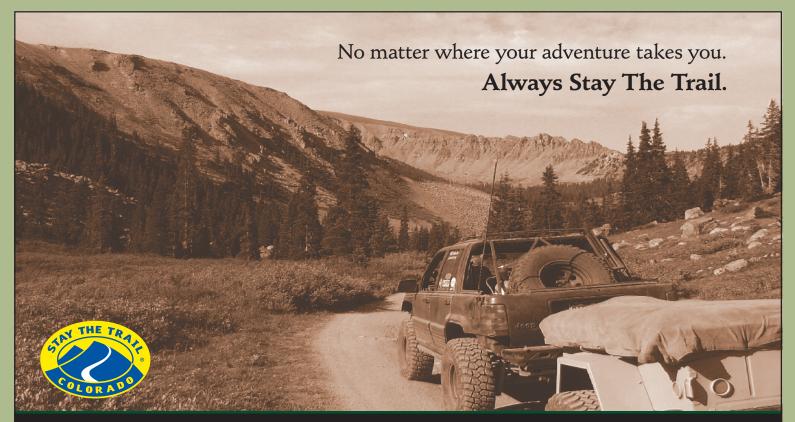
I'm gearing up for another good year of wheeling too. 2017 will hopefully be epic for me and I hope you also are getting ready to go out and explore all the west has to offer. There are so many states that don't have the public lands we do and more and more our access is being taken away, so go make your memories and see all the west has to offer while you can!

But I haven't been completely screwing off. I have managed to dig up and scan an entire manual on how to write a grant that our webmaster Jim is converting to host on the website. This is



in response to what one club felt would help make us a better value for them. In addition, they wanted to know what exactly we have to offer, so I worked up a bullet list of why you should be a member. And they asked for instructions of forming a club. So, by gawd, I worked that up too. Hopefully Jim Dixon has gotten that on the website by the time you are reading this, but if not, just send me an email and I'll shoot it off to you.

For the instructions on starting a club, I did a ton of research, but it's been two decades since I was actively involved in helping a club form, so you if you see any errors, please, feel free to correct me! More importantly, if you think there's something we need to do, let us know!



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Ballard Road Clean U

As many of you already know, the Mountaineers have decided to add Ballard Road to our list of Adopt-a-Trails since we have a growing membership and the ability to help more trails in our area. Along with Ballard Road, which consists of FR 129, FR 129A and FR129B, we will also be taking care of the portions of FR 154 and FR 154C that are connected to Ballard Road since there is no other access to them it only seemed logical.

On Sunday, October 30 we set out to preform our first initial clean up of the trails in that area. We began to gather at the normal location of King Soopers on N. College and Wilox at 8:30 a.m. and left promptly at 9 a.m. to the sound of the Oooga horn with nine vehicles in tow. We made our way through Fort Collins and around Horsetooth Reservoir to meet out southern group in Masonville and acquired an additional 4 vehicles to complete the trip to CR 44H. It was decided to air down near the Moody Hill Trail head to respect the private property owners near the start of Moody Hill.

It was planned to break up into 3 groups once there so we could conquer the clean up and learned the real advantages of the HAM Radio with one in each group. The first Group broke off onto FR 154 to start that portion. The other two groups continued on until they reached the FR 129A turn off and the second group started up that route. The remainder of the group continued on FR 154 until the end and proceeded up FR 154C to the top.

The original plan was for all three groups to meet in Surface Meadow for lunch, but thanks to the constant HAM Radio Communication it was realized that this was not going to happen. It seemed that the years of not receiving any trail clean ups proved to be a large task for the beginning portions of the trail that are easily accessible by most vehicles. By the end of the clean up we managed to fill approximately 30 fifty-five gallon trash bags along with some bed springs and such, and added 156 volunteer hours to our tally.





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The information on this page is the most current information that we have on each club. If you do not see you club name or if any information is incorrect, please contact Shelly Surface *membership@hightrails.org.*



NoCo4Lo News, by Kerry Beach

Well, we started out with a very dry and warm fall but it was inevitable that we would eventually get to winter, and we did with a vengeance. Now that we are into the winter months of the wheeling season and are limited on the trails we can run, but as always we will make the best of it. There have finally been some significant snowfalls in the high country, accompanied with high wind that has made some pretty deep drifts across the trails. Just remember that even the easiest trails can become extremely dangerous in the winter and traveling alone should never be attempted unless you are prepared for anything. You don't always know the conditions where you are going and how quickly they can change for the worst so always go prepared with the proper recovery equipment and enough survival gear (including food, water, extra clothing and blankets) to last you a minimum of 72 hours just in case your vehicle become incapacitated in a remote area.

So, I will continue to be the Northern District VP on into 2017 as long as need be or until someone would like to take over the position. I hope to become more involved within the district and on the state level as we go into the new year as I have not been so much since I was the "Grand Puhba". Even though I have been involved in the COA4WDCI as a BOD member in various positions throughout the years, I would like to get myself and other members (new or old) motivated to get more involved. We need to work together in order to achieve our long term (and short term) goals and be proud to be a member of such a great organization. Just like with new leadership in the recent election has stirred the passion of some to "make America great again", let's continue and "make the COA4WDCI great again" as well! (stepping off my soapbox now)

Speaking on getting more involved, I (we) would love to see a huge member (or even non-member) involvement at the upcoming 1st Quarter Delegate's Meeting in Denver. There is more detailed information in this edition of the newsletter. This is a great opportunity for those all along the Front Range to see what's happening and ask questions or maybe even find a place that you could fill in where help is needed. I hope to see YOU there!



In the meantime, Happy Trails!



Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc 4th QUARTER Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - Ige Gustavson

Pledge of Allegiance- All

Roll Call - Brian O'Connors

Introductions - Ige Gustavson

Review and Approval of the 3rdQtr Meeting Minutes

Correction was made to the minutes to read "The Wild Bunch is looking for help with the County on permits for running the Black Bear Backwards event, not to have another group take it over.

Review and Approval of the 3rd Qtr Treasurer's Report No Report

Report of Officers and Clubs

President – Ige Gustavson

Northern District VP – Kerry Beach and Clubs present:

Central District VP: - Ige Gustavson and Clubs present: Big Horn is still working on the Raffle License and its related issues.

Southern District VP – Jeff Stemas and Clubs Present: Big Horn will be attending the Chili Challenge and is palnning a trip to Moab in May and the Rubicon in late August. Rock Hoppers – All our rigs are broke

Western District VP – Mike Welch and Clubs Present: Wild Bunch - rWild Bunch Christmas Party was December 3 and they ran the 21 Road. Wild Bunch does not like that we no longer have a printed version of the High Trails newsletter. Also, the current on line format is hard to read.

Committees

Adopt A Road – Adam Melberg

Need your Volunteer Hours!

Land Use/COHVCO – Jerry Smith

Request was made to send updated COHVCO Economic Study out to the clubs so they will have the current information on how the motorized community contributes to the local communities.

Jerry also shared that they are working on

the Rim Rocker trail and there will be new trails for this year's Rock Junction event

Jerry Smith stated he needed to step down as the COHVCO Representative to concentrate on his United and ORBA "One Voice" duties.

United Four Wheel Drive Association – Jerry Smith

Question came up again if the United dues had been sent forward?

Club Membership – Shelly Surface No report.

New Member Application None

Associates & Supporting Membership– Joel Vanderberg No report.

FEAT - Michael Hirschman

The issue of keeping FEAT or letting it separate and become it's own 501c3 has been resolved and Brian and Ige are now on the board of FEAT.

Background checks have begun using verified volunteers

Stay The Trail & Tread Lightly – Mike Paris - No report.

Old Business

Website – Jim Dixon

Still need your clubs events and other events for the calendar! We need your clubs information along with websites and Facebook pages to help promote clubs. Need articles to post from Member Clubs. The website and newsletter are what our members make it!!!!

Committees page and bod contacts are missing/out of date, can we get pictures of the committee and board members for the contact page

Raffle vehicle

Update on the Raffle License progress from Raffle Chair

Newsletter – Kerry Beach

Article Deadline to Kerry is the 1st of the previous month, next deadline is December 1st, 2016 for the January 2017 Electronic edition Need someone to contact advertisers to get them to pay for their adds for 2017, and maybe 2016 that are in the newsletter.

Recommendation was to go back to a print format and have the issue voted on again at the January meeting.

Club Grants

No applications submitted

Scholarships

None at this time. Scholarships get awarded at 2nd quarter meeting, if you have children getting ready for college, get them writing!

New ideas for COA4WDCI to attract new members and increase attendance at meetings

Transition meetings from the way they are currently conducted to a shorter 1.5-2 hour meeting to conduct business followed by a training seminar to help improve member clubs. Training seminars would vary in material to include anything from improving social media pages, website construction, grant writing, trail etiquette, safety and so forth.

Increase presence of BOD members, especially district vps at Member Clubs

To help move the meeting around the state, transition meeting host from clubs to District VP's responsibilities. To help with this process each of the District VP's could get each of their Member Clubs involved in different aspects of the meeting to increase participation and attendance.

Ideas from gmjc

Grant writer, There will be a copy of an old book on grant writing, but do we have someone who is willing to help clubs or write a cheat sheet on grant writing.

Ige found a "Grant Writing" book and has scanned the pages so that Jim Dixon can upload it to the website for clubs to access

Atty to help with legal needs and club setup – right now, I don't feel we are financially able to do this. Do we have someone who could volunteer to help write a step by step on the club 501c.

www.hightrails.org

No Action

Provide accounting services to keep clubs compliant with state and federal licenses. Again, I don't feel we are not financially viable to do this, but we may are looking into having the state books audited and could discuss with the group we choose about helping clubs either pro bono or at a discounted rate

No Action

Find a product to sell and have the clubs compete to see which can sell the most, split the profits between the state and the clubs. Maybe trasharoos with the state logo? High quality clevis hooks?

Discussion of having a Members Only logo products and then other swag for sale to the general public.

Restart End O Summer – Will Do

Trail building/maintenance fund that can be borrowed from and replenished when grants are received. This might not be a legal option, but a reminder that the association has a landuse grant clubs can apply for

Making sure that all clubs receive their membership cards and stickers. We can do that – Done, cards will be a 2016-2017 Membership Card as soon as Brian has a copy of all the Club Rosters.

Rather than a vehicle, raffle other items like winches, roof top tents, fire extinguishers, tires, recovery kits, etc. Excellent idea.

Umbrella liability insurance to cover clubs and their events- This one is extremely difficult. I've been a member of larger associations that have also had issues recently with skyrocketing insurance costs making it near impossible, but we will inquire when we find potential options. – This need more research. – Needs more research

Build a COA4WDCI Trail Head Sign that is metal that can be taken to events, trail projects, meetings, etc. and then have club patches or logos on magnets that can be placed on the sign showing what clubs are involved with the event.

Put on educational clinics

Develop a State Association Tri Fold to be used to promote the organization

New Business

Public Lands Day for COA4WDCi

Begin planning for 2017

There is a National Public Lands Day that has been coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation https:// www.neefusa.org/public-lands-day for the past 23 years. Next year's event is scheduled for September 30, 2017.

Christmas for Kids and Caravan for Kids events – Lincoln Tech, Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Elections

President – Ige was elected President

Treasurer – Larry McGimsey was elected Treasure

Western Vice President – Mike Welsch was re-elected

Central Vice President – Ige remains in this position as there was no nominees or volunteers.

Parliamentarian - Patty Beach

Request from the Wild Bunch

Have COA4WDCI and or COHVCO look into assisting the Wild Bunch in the permitting process with the county for the Black Bear Backwards event permit. The National Forest Service has issued them a 10 year permit.

To Do

Build a list of things that need to be done and when on a repeating basis, like annual and quarterly filings with the State, Federal Government, etc. and then assign what Board of Directors Position is responsible for each task.

New Technology

Set up a Drop Box type account for the Board of Directors to use for items like Club Rosters, reports to be filed or that have been filed, etc.

New Connections

Clubs should be invite BLM, NFS & County Commissioners on Trail Rides

Future Meetings

1st Quarter 2017 – January 21st held by 2017 BOD

Board of Directors Meeting on January 7th

2nd Quarter 2017 – April 15th, TBD

Board of Directors Meeting – Saturday April 1st

3rd Quarter 2017 – July 15th Hosted by-Wild Bunch – they want to hold the meeting on the trail.

Board of Directors Meeting- Saturday July 1st

4th Quarter 2017 – Oct 21st Hosted by-Northern District?

Board of Directors Meeting- Oct 7th

Adjourn



























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