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1st QUARTER MEETING DETAILS

1st Qtr Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16, 12 a.m. to p.m.
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Hosted by: The Board of Directors

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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.

COA4WDCI's Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Association is to represent, educate and advocate for the 4x4 clubs and promote responsible motorized recreation use and conservation of our public lands and natural resources. To promote cooperation and friendship and inter-communications among the clubs, to liaise with other motorized recreation organizations and to bring forth a united voice and effort to benefit our clubs and members.



From the President

by Jim Dixon, President

Hello all, as you know we are in a new year with hopes of getting on the trails soon. First I would like to do a small introduction of my self, my name is Jim Dixon and the new President of the Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs Inc. However I am not new as I was up until this point the Northern District VP. We are looking forward to the upcoming year as there will be some exciting changes coming to COA4WDCI, and some new Events taking place to help promote not only the sport we all love but to help promote each of the Clubs that are part of the State Association.

As some may have seen or heard we are in the process of planning a COA4WDCI Public Lands Day(s) that will take place mid-July. We are hoping that through Events such as this we can only grow stronger as an organization. Through working together and growing a stronger bond we all can benefit from each other. It is through these relationships that we can help each other in the process of maintaining and keeping our trails open to enjoy.

We are also sad to announce that we have lost one of our own to the Fight against Cancer, Janice Green- Central District VP. She was an Amazing person and actively fighting to help keep our trails open. She was a wife, mother, daughter, wheeler and Veteran, while she may no longer be with us she will never be forgotten. We can only hope that through this sadness her family can find peace in her passing and we all can know that we have yet another Guardian Angel looking over us on our adventures.

Rest in Peace Janice, you will not be forgotten and will always be in our thoughts.

Trailridge Runners 4WD Club

Coney Flats – Sign project

by Adam Mehlberg
Photos by Christy Howe



For our fall project on Coney Flats this year we installed two trail head signs at the Coney Flats Wilderness boundary and one at the start of the Beaver Creek Trail. September 26 was the date and it turned out to be a nice day for the work. We had a lot of people show to haul up the five 8 inch by 10 foot treated posts, the three new panels, and assorted tools, including the club generator.

After transferring and organizing the materials our slow caravan headed up the Coney Flats road. The 4WD road was dry and for the most part in good shape. Once at the flats the Forest Service (Maribeth and Kariann) had a quick meeting to go over the projects we would be doing. One project was to remove the existing two sided kiosk and then replace it with the new larger kiosk. Another project was to repair the posts on the old

Wilderness sign and re-seat the parking barriers. The last project was to install new trail head sign at the Beaver Creek trailhead.

We all headed to different projects and the Trailridge Runners got to work. I helped with the wilderness sign repair. We disassembled the old sign and pulled out the old supports, one of them having



been repaired with a couple of sticks and bailing wire. Since the old treated logs that were the supports for the old kiosk were not needed we pulled two of those to use as new supports for the wilderness sign. The holes needed to be enlarged, which took a little work. Once we got the post in the holes for the sign were marked and drilled.

Coney Flats – Sign project, Cont.

While we were doing that, others were up-righting one of the parking barrier logs and placing it back into new holes dug into the ground.



After bolting the old wilderness sign onto its new “legs” it was about time for lunch.



Coney Flats has a great place for lunch in the shade on the east side of the road. We all took a nice shady lunch break and enjoyed the views of the continental divide.

After lunch the group on the Coney Creek trailhead sign continued working on the holes and support posts. Our group headed across Coney Creek to the location of the Beaver Creek trailhead. Maribeth decided on the location and we got to work. One small old sign was removed and a new barrier log put in to block off a user created bypass from the trailhead back to the Coney Flats road. The two new holes we needed to dig were almost easy compared to the holes on the flats. We verified our depth to be three quarters of a Raymond.


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We got the support post cut to length and placed in the holes while the sign cross supports were getting laid out and pre-drilled. Once all the pieces were ready the cross supports were installed and then the new trailhead sign was bolted on.


By now the other group had finished the Coney Creek sign and we loaded up the tools and scrap material to take back out. It was about 4:30 p.m. when we headed back to Beaver Reservoir. After sorting out the tools to their proper owners we were thanked once again by Kariann and Maribeth for our volunteer efforts. It turned out to be a long, but successful day.





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Northern District Land Use Update by Adam Mehlberg

Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

- No update.

Flood Closure Information:

www.fs.usda.gov/detail/arp/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprd3792724

Boulder Ranger District:

Bunce School Road FR105 - 280 feet of buck and rail fence installed.

Kingston Peak FR353 - Mud hole on Pile Hill removed and buck and rail fencing installed.

Coney Flats FR507 - Wilderness trail head signs installed at Coney Flats.

Middle St. Vrain, Coney Flats, Caribou, and Bunce School Road have all been seasonally closed.

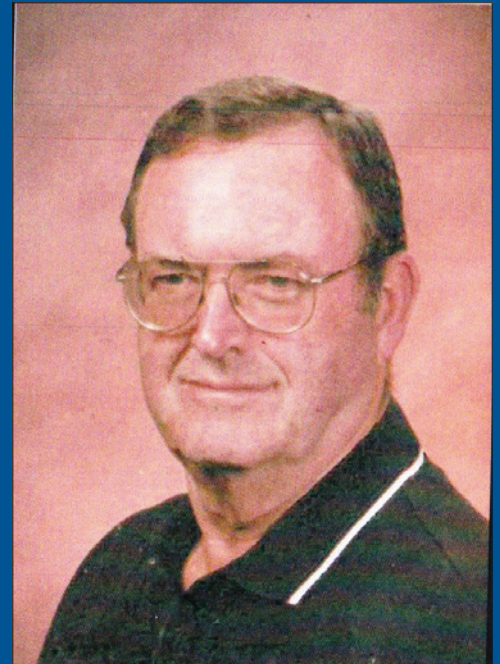


In Memory of Darrel Turner, by Kerry Beach

Darrel Turner passed away just before Christmas from severe head trauma due to a fall on ice.

Darrel was a long time member of the Trailridge Runners 4WD club in Longmont. He was a friend to everyone he met and spent many nights and weekends in his shop either helping to build a raffle vehicle or helping fellow club members with work on their Jeeps or parade floats. He was a true "Jeepaholic" with a wide variety of vehicles anywhere from newer Wranglers and Grand Cherokees all the way to various Jeepsters and his rock crawler he lovingly named "Toad".

Darrel and his wife Judy loved to travel either just for pleasure or for Jeeping trips to Moab and other fun locations. Darrel will truly be missed by all who knew him.



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

The total volunteer hours for the 2015(FS fiscal year) is over 15,800 hours, of that 4,246 hours were reported late and are from the 2014 season. That still puts us at over 11,600 hours reported in the 2015 season. The total 15,800+ hours have been reported to the public lands managing agencies. The adjusted 11,600 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 on the next page newsletter.

**** Deadline for 2016 hours is September 15 ****

Any hours reported after this date will go into 2017 and will be reported to the managing agencies late, which will not help them in their annual reports.

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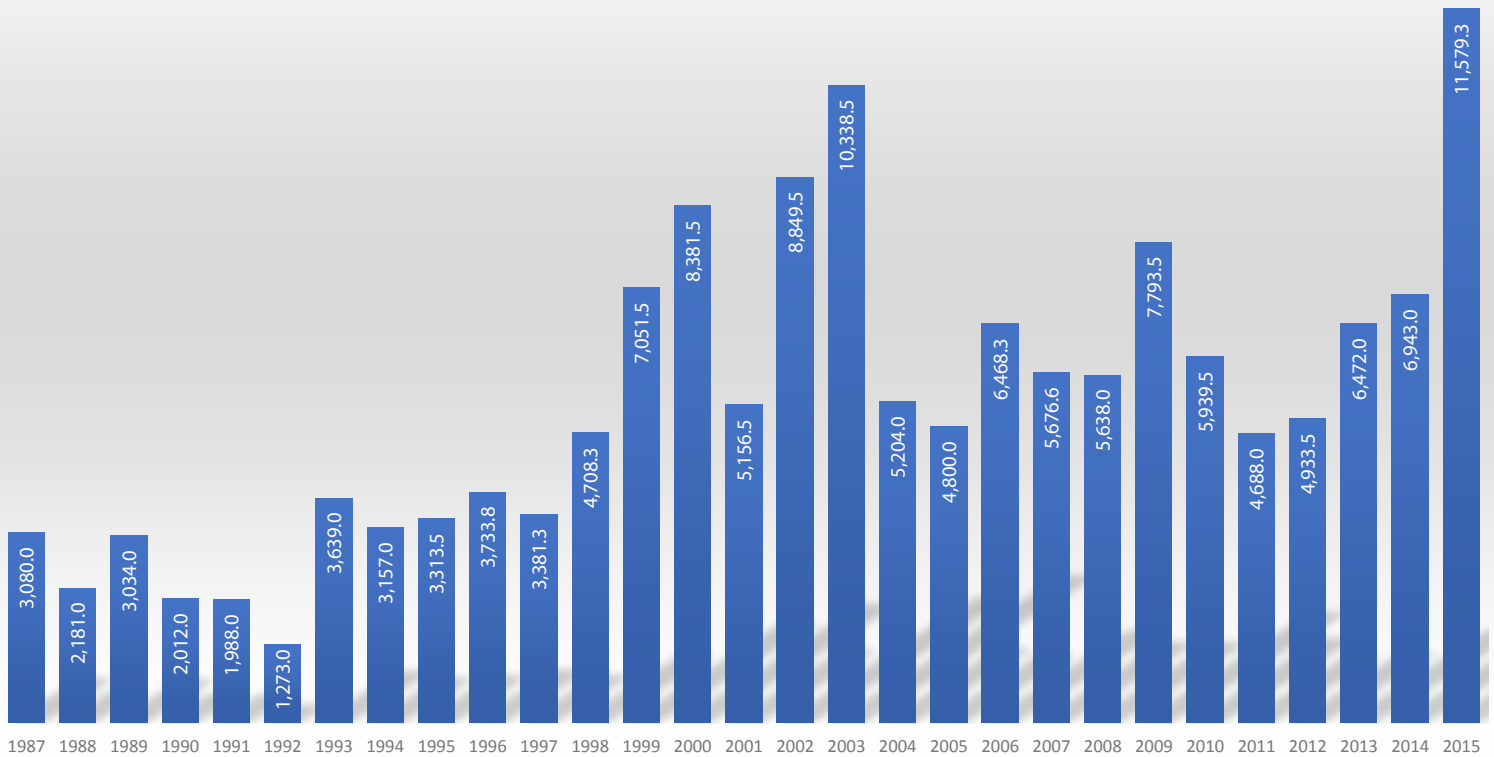
Remember that the drive time to and from the project counts.

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.

Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs Inc. Adopt-A-Road / Volunteer Project Hours to date				Nov-15
Club	Project	Hours	Total	
Adopt-A-Road Committee	Documentation	35	35	
Big Thompson 4 Wheelers	Johnny Park Road, FR118	196		
	Storm Mountain FR153	80		
	Pole Hill, FR122, FR247	8		
	Kelly Flats, FR168, FR172	84		
	Greenridge Trail, FR177	100		
	Loveland Water Way Cleanup	12	480	
Colorado 4 Wheelers	China Wall, FR204, FR212	1141.5		
	Old Stage Road	96		
	Badger Flats Kiosk	154	1391.5	
Colorado Springs Christian 4-Wheelers	Gold Camp Rd., FR370	496		
			496	
Creeper Jeepers Gang	Hwy 550 Clean up	45	45	
Grand Mesa Jeep Club	Long Slough to Kitson	228		
	BLM meetings	50.5		
	Meetings	40		
	GVTA meetings	59		
	Forest Service meetings	41		
	Calamity Mesa	458.5		
	Pace Lake	368		
	Paradox Trail	40		
	Coon Hollow	45		
	Desert Cleanup	304.5		
	Bangs Canyon	74		
	Billings Canyon	47		
	Granite Creek	565		
	Sheep Creek	160		
	Garvey Canyon	16		
	Bull Canyon/Willow Creek	288		
	Tabeguache Trail	163		
	Spring Creek Trail	55		
	Coal Gulch	80		
	Polar Mesa	120		
	Tavaputs	108		
	21 Road	126.5		
	Stony Pass	9		
	Poughkeepsie Gulch, FR876	20		
	Guston Road, Cnty31	8		
	Reno Divide, FR642	100		
	Taylor Pass, FR761	100		
	Schofield Pass, FR317	108		
	Milk Creek, FR578	64		
	Imogene Pass, FR869	37		
	Mineral Creek, FR585	48		
	Blanca Peak, FR975	32		
	Flat Tops	170		
	Colorado River	360		
	Utah Comments	48		
	San Rafael Swell	638		
	La Sal Mountains	50		
	Top of the World	120		
	Ryan Creek	24		
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Larimer County 4WD Club	Kelly Flats, FR168, FR172	718.25		
	Seven Mile, FR225	255		
	2013 Flood Cleanup	1934.5		
	Highway 14 Cleanup	72		
	Bunce School Road, FR105	35		
	Moody Hill, FR132, 513	263.5	3278.25	

Thank you for your volunteer efforts.

Hours



NoCo4Lo News, by Jim Dixon

It has been a great year in the Northern District with nearly all of our trails being open since the 2013 Floods that hit the Front Range pretty hard. The only trails that remained closed are Left Hand Canyon OHV Area, West White Pine, Monument Gulch and Pierson Park. Some of these also had previous damage from the High Park Fire as well and will most likely never reopen from the amount of damage that they received from both natural disasters.

Now 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 has already 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, as you never know the conditions and how quickly they can change for the worst and always go prepared with the proper recovery equipment and enough survival gear to last you a minimum of 72 hours just in case your vehicle become incapacitated in remote areas.



I would also like to Thank You for allowing me to be the Northern District VP as this will be my last article as the Northern VP. As of January 1, 2016, I will be taking on the responsibility of the President for the Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs and will be reporting in that section of the Newsletter from that point on.

Grand Marshal's Award

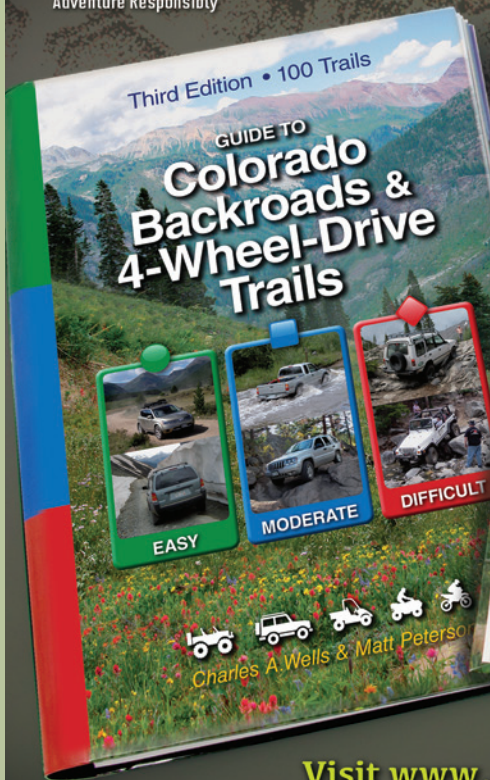
2015 Longmont Parade of Lights

by Kerry Beach, Photos by Christy Howe

The TrailRidge Runners 4WD Club out of Longmont won the Grand Marshal's Award for the 2015 Longmont Parade of Lights on December 12, 2015. They first spent countless hours with many of the club members present in order to build the float over a few days. The float was pulled by Greg Beery's diesel powered Jeep pickup with a couple of reindeer in the bed that appeared to be pulling "Santa's sled", which was really Gordie Howe's Willys Jeep carefully propped to look as though it were flying. They then added many more decorations and finished it off with lots of strings of various types of lighting to create this magnificent float that was voted the best of all the entries. They also had 8 vehicles all lit up as well that followed behind waving to the crowd and handing out TRR business cards.



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

Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – 9 delegates present There were 13 delegates present (representing 8 clubs) for 1st and 2nd halves. A quorum was achieved for the whole meeting.

Introductions

Review and Approval of the 3rd Qtr Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Perry R. and 2nd Jerry S. to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of the 3rd Qtr Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Perry R. and 2nd Jerry S. to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion carried. A suggestion was made for the need to have an audit of our financials done soon since it has not been done lately. The audit was tabled to be discussed again at the next quarterly meeting.

Report of Officers and Clubs

President – Brian:

Details regarding the BFG Top Trails voting. Black Bear Pass (adopted by the Jeepers Creepers club) was voted as one of the

outstanding trails. The Bass Pro Shop in Co Springs is doing an off-road Expo today with a COA4WDCI booth.

Northern District VP – Jim & clubs

present: TMountaineers are working on getting a porta-potty place at the Kelly Flats trailhead parking lot. There is a new club called the Nissan Off Road Association of Colorado (NORAC) that we are hoping will join the State Assoc. T.R.R. has finished their work on the Coney Flats trail and recently had their 30th anniversary event in Silverton. Big-T has been working on trail maintenance and running mostly local trails lately.

Central District VP: - Janice and clubs

present: Trying to get MHJC to rejoin the State Assoc. but at the minimum would like to have some patrols return. B.H.J.C. had a work weekend on the Holy Cross trail replacing some signage and planning a Halloween night run. They are also acquiring some new members.

Southern District VP – James and clubs

present: Rock Hoppers recently had a weekend campout that included their club meeting. They are also planning to do some maintenance on the Independence trail and a trip to Moab over Thanksgiving. U.P.I.G.s have been doing some fall runs, planning for their

Christmas event, and trying to obtain more grant money to pay for the porta-potty on the Chinaman's parking area. C.S.C.4.W. completed a trail cleanup on the Eagle Rock and Saran Wrap trails. CO4Wheelers have increased their membership up to 36 members total and recently had a Women of Wheeling run. They also stated that there will not be a parade associated with the Christmas event.

Western District VP – Perry and clubs

present: G.M.J.C. is now over 100 members total. They are getting ready to install a kiosk for the "21 Toad Road" project. Jeff Bates was voted as the "Environmental 4 Wheeler of the Year" by UFWDA. Wild Bunch has been busy over the summer and recently doing some "color" runs. The annual B.B.B. event will be held on Aug. 20th & 21st 2016 and they are planning a Rubicon trip in July.

Committees

Adopt A Road – Adam

Need your Volunteer Hours! Not all of the clubs submitted their hours by the deadline, so they were not included.

Land Use/COHVCO – Jerry

A lady who lives in Golden was chosen as the winner of the raffle UTV from COHVCO.

Club Membership – Chrystie

Please be sure to attach a recent roster of club members when renewing your dues. We will also need email addresses for those who want to receive the electronic newsletter(s) starting in 2016.

Associates & Supporting Membership– Joel Vanderberg

No report.

FEAT

A gentleman from the Denver area named Michael Hirschman is in the approval process to become the new Feat Coordinator/Chairperson. We are preparing for the possible rough winter forecasted.

United 4WDA – Jerry

Please see the complete UFWDA report. The Off Road Summit that was held at the All-4-Fun event was deemed a success with members of various organizations present. More to come in the future.

Stay The Trail & Tread Lightly – Mike Paris

No report.

Old Business

Website – Jim Dixon

The website is currently down due to technical difficulties but should be back up shortly but not at full capacity. Jim is working on creating a new website and we will change server providers to "GoDaddy" at \$178 for 3 years and then a yearly rate after that. We will also look at options for allowing online purchases to occur on the website for store items and future raffle tickets. We still need your club's events and other events for the calendar!

Newsletter – Kerry Beach

This will be the last printed version of the quarterly newsletter. Starting in 2016 we will go to full electronic versions except for the "Special Edition" which be printed. The S.E. will be used for COA4WDCI events to pass out and will have general information articles as well as club's info and contacts. A motion was made by Jerry S. and 2nd by Jim D. to provide the electronic versions in the Adobe "PDF" format in order to allow easier browsing and printing capabilities. Motion Carried.

Article Deadline to Kerry is the 1st of the previous month, next deadline is Dec. 1, 2015 for the Jan 2016 Electronic edition

Club Grants

No applications

Scholarships

No Applications: Any applications are due by the January (1st Qtr) meeting to be voted on and then awarded at the April (2nd Qtr) meeting.

Elections

President: Jim Dixon won the election and will take over starting in 2016.

W.D.VP: Mike Welch automatically won the election due to the decline from Jerry Smith.

Treasurer: Shelly Surface automatically won the election due to the decline from Chrystie Marden.

All other positions remained as there were no other nominations.

The N.D. VP position will now be open as Jim will be fulfilling the President's role.

The Four Wheeler of the Year (FWOTY): Perry Reed was nominated but nominations are still open. The Club of the Year (COTY): No nominations yet but they are still open. We will vote on these two awards at the January (1st Qtr) 2016 meeting.

New Business

2016 Raffle Vehicle – A 1998 Jeep Cherokee has been purchased by the Big Horn Jeep Club. Jessie Surface is working on becoming the Raffle Agent and getting the license. The plan is to include a bunch of camping supplies and make the Jeep an "expedition" type vehicle. Some donors have already committed but they still need lots of equipment and parts to complete the vehicle. Some of the things include: 4 1/2" to 5 1/2" lift, 33" tires and wheels among other things. The goal is to have it completed by March 1st, 2016 and have the raffle during the CCFK event in Denver on December 3rd, 2016.

Ticket Sales: A discussion ensued regarding ticket amounts and pricing. A motion was made by Perry R. and 2nd by Jessie S. to leave the ticket pricing and quantity as they have previously been. Motion Carried. It was also discussed that the tickets will need to be available for purchase online as soon as the website is capable.

Trailsoffroad.com – Todd Taylor was present at the meeting and he is the founder of the new website that has nationwide trail info and updates that are submitted by multiple users. He has been getting thousands of hits monthly and always looking for new trail info from users from all areas.

Trail Cleanup Day – A suggestion was made by Jerry S. that we look into having a COA4WDCI state wide day dedicated to doing trail maintenance and/or cleanup of each club's favorite or adopted trail, possibly in association with Stay The Trail (STT) or other land use organizations. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Future Meetings

1st Qtr 2016 – January 16

Hosted by BOD, at the Pueblo Convention Center

Board of Directors Meeting on January 3

2nd Qtr 2016 – April 16

Hosted by the Larimer County 4WD Club

Board of Directors Meeting on April 4

3rd Qtr 2016 – July 16

Hosted by the G.M.J.C. in Grand Junction

Board of Directors Meeting on June 25

4th Qtr 2016 – October 15

Hosted by the Wild Bunch in Moab, UT

Board of Directors Meeting on October 2

Adjourn

A motion was made by Perry R. and 2nd by Jerry S. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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