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3rd QUARTER MEETING DETAILS

3rd Qtr Meeting, Saturday, July 15, 11:30 a.m.

Calamity Mesa Loop trail near Gateway, CO

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See page 8 for more details.

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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.

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NoCo4Lo News, by Kerry Beach

Well, summer is now in full swing with 90+ degree days that will melt any remaining snow in the high country. It seems as though all of the ND clubs have been busy opening trails and doing much needed maintenance.

Unfortunately, I have been way too busy with personal things to have much time to be involved with the clubs and trail rides/work parties held recently. On that note, I will be stepping down from my position as the Northern District VP as well as the newsletter coordinator while Patty and I plan to relocate out of Colorado. We think that now is a good time to sell our home(s) and move to a less crowded area (Tennessee) with a much lower cost of living and a little slower pace of life.

I will truly miss all of the wonderful people that I have come in touch with and befriended from my various positions I have held, events I have attended, and mostly the off-road trips I have done throughout the years. With that said, there will be a void in the State Association with the need for a ND VP, newsletter coordinator, Parliamentarian, and Tread Lightly rep (Patty's positions). I know that there is a lot of qualified people in the Northern District that would fill any of these positions well and do a great job! Please give it some thought if interested as there is a need for some new blood and fresh ideas.



In the meantime, I hope to be able to attend some events and do some wheeling until it's time to go. I also want to say "Thank You" to all of the ND club members (as well as everyone throughout Colorado) for your part in making this such a great place to live and play. I will be sure to return now and then.

In the meantime, Happy Trails to all!



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Letter to Bureau of Land Management Regarding Pace Lake Trail

by Jerry Smith

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Today, June 30, 2017, Scott Johnson and I spent many hours mapping the potential trail connector between the upper end of the Pace Lake Trail and the Z2.4 Road that goes from the John Brown Road to the southern border of the Sky Mesa Ranch.

What we found was extremely encouraging.

Through the "Little Forest", which is a small land locked piece of the Manti- La Sal National Forest, the maps show a single-track NON-Motorized trail. (The entire area is managed as NON-motorized by the USFS)

The "Little Forest" is surrounded on three-sides by two private ranch properties (on the west, north, and east sides). The southern border is BLM land near Pace Lake and the Pace Lake Trail goes to that border on the extreme southwest corner of the forest.

What we "physically" found was a two-track trail that has been closed for several years that has been heavily encroached by brush and tree limbs. On the eastern end of the road within the forest boundary, there have been large rocks placed to stop further vehicular travel.





All signage at both ends of this road have been destroyed, so unless a person is aware of the non-motorized management status, they can and likely will encroach into the forest.

I, representing the Grand Mesa Jeep Club and United Four Wheel Drive Associations, have formally proposed to the Manti-La Sal NF in Moab, that a connector trail be allowed to tie the Pace Lake Trail (north end) with the Z2.4 Road that comes from the John Brown Road to the southern border of the Sky Mesa Ranch. This would create a "Loop" trail of approximately 30 to 35-miles length. The Manti-La Sal NF is in the process of revising their Forest Management Plan, and we hope to incorporate this proposal into than management planning.

This same proposal has been submitted to the Grand Junction Field Office of the BLM.

One other entity that will be involved in this proposal is the Sky Mesa Ranch. The existing road along the southern border of the ranch encroaches on the private property for approximately 1/4 mile. An easement and/or right-of-way will likely be necessary from the Sky Mesa Ranch owner to allow legal public access. This road is substantially below in elevation and outside of the southern fence line of the ranch, so has little or no affect to the working ranch property. Presently, this road

receives very little traffic and has grown over with mostly Gambel Oak, which can be trimmed back to make access better.

The last few miles of this road are primitive with rocks of varying size protruding along much of the way, which is very acceptable to the Grand Mesa Jeep Club. The same can be said of sections of the existing trail through the National Forest and the Pace Lake trail is largely very primitive as well.

Within the National Forest, the existing trail may require some sections of slight relocation for long-term sustainability with little to no future maintenance necessary.

At the present, the majority of this existing trail can be accessed by way of the Pace Lake Trail on an ATV with little brush cutting. From the east, large rocks placed to stop vehicular travel block access. The length of this trail is approximately 1.3 miles and has very little elevation change from end to end. Cattle have utilized most of the trail making it easy to follow.

If it would be allowed by the USFS, members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club (GMJC) would be happy to install proper USFS provided signage at both access points to the forest boundary to re-establish the NON-motorized status until we can reopen the trail.

The GMJC would also provide the labor to reopen this connector trail by cutting the encroaching brush and other necessary work. If there are cost issues to perform an Environmental Assessment or other preliminary work, the club would work to raise funding through either grants or other sources.

Sincerely,

Jerry Smith

Northern District Land Use Update by Adam Mehlberg

Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

No updates.

Boulder Ranger District:

Roads that are now open: Winiger Ridge, West Magnolia, Ruby Gulch, Miller Rock, Bunce School, Middle St. Vrain, Coney Flats.

Proposed projects and tentative dates for 2017:

Bunce School Road FR105 (NORAC) – April 22 Cleanup and maintenance completed. Fencing of shooting area on FR217, FR216, FR217.1D. June 10-11 Cleanup and road review completed. There will be more projects in the future.

Caribou FR505 (NORAC) – July 8-9 Cleanup, seasonal opening may be delayed due to a large boulder on the north end of Caribou above Eldora. City of Boulder watershed section, possible re-route around mud holes using the old haul road to the east. September 17 Cleanup and fall color run.

Kingston Peak FR353 (NORAC/Rising Sun) – August 5-6 Cleanup and review. Fence repair work. September 24 Cleanup.

Middle St. Vrain FR114 (Trailridge Runners) – Seasonal opening on June 24-25 completed. Repair the Wilderness permit sign at the entrance. Cleared over 20 downed trees across the road.

Coney Flats FR507 (Trailridge Runners) – Seasonal opening June 24-25 completed - Coney Creek foot bridge re-decking done. Buck and rail materials hauled up for Coney Flats pond. Cleared over 15 downed trees across the road.



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Gordon Gulch FR233 - Public Lands Day project. Sept 30 – Buck and rail work. Campsite cleanup work. Wood straw for restoration. Forest Service completed Colorado Stewardship Day on May 13, worked on Gordon Gulch, and West Magnolia areas.

Park Creek FR203 (NORAC) – Check roads above old sand pit area.

Lefthand Canyon OHV Inventory – Trails Unlimited inventory of Lefthand OHV system is complete. Public meetings for proposals will be this Fall.



3rd Quarterly Meeting *(details by Jerry Smith)*

As you may have heard, the 3rd Quarterly meeting of the Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs will be held **ON THE TRAIL**. (the Calamity Mesa Loop trail near Gateway, CO, to be exact)

**We will meet at the Orchard Mesa City Market Parking Lot
On Hwy 50 south from downtown Grand Junction at 11:30
a.m. and will leave at Noon.**

**Orchard Mesa City Market Parking Lot
2770 Highway 50
Grand Junction, CO 81503**

From I-70B in Grand Junction, take 5th Street (Highway 50) south. Turn off Hwy 50 at 27 3/4 Rd. City Market is across from the west side of the Fairgrounds.

We will LEAVE the Orchard Mesa Market Parking Lot at 12 PM. We anticipate starting the meeting at approximately 2:30 PM.

For those coming from Hwy 50 south, meet us at the Hwy 50/Hwy 141 intersection. We should be there about 12:10 PM.

If you should be late to the meeting place, From Grand Junction, take Hwy 50 south to Hwy 141 south (to Gateway). At approximately mile marker 115.25, (6.3 Road), turn left on 6.3 Road. (this is about 5-miles east of Gateway).

IF YOU ARE TRAILERING your trail rig, you may want to unload on the north side of Hwy 141 at the 6.3 Road intersection. There's a small field where truck/trailers can park and unload. The 6.3 Road is long and very steep—15%. (6.3 Road runs only south from the intersection)

6.3 Road begins in a wash and then becomes quite steep for about 4 more miles (15%). As you come to the top of the mesa, there is a "Turkey foot" intersection. (a three-way intersection). Take the left fork (6.3 Road – FS405)

Stay on the 6.3 Road until you come to a cattle guard. (this is the second "turkey foot" intersection). Take the FS405-3B (the middle fork). The sign will say Calamity Camp. Stay on the main road until you come to a 4'x8' Yellow warning sign. Go left at the Yellow sign. (It also has a small "Calamity Camp" sign).

At the fork to Calamity Camp, go RIGHT (NOT left to Calamity Camp). You will soon come to a falling down building on the left. Go just past the building and turn left into the camping/meeting area.

Cell phone reception is poor along Hwy 141 and on Calamity Mesa, but my (Jerry Smith) phone # is (970)433-6021

The Calamity Mesa Loop trail is a strong class 6 or 6+ for difficulty. There are 11-named obstacles along the loop trail. Stock 4x4s with high ground clearance CAN make it through, but will have some

difficulty and possible undercarriage damage. (Other stock vehicles have made it okay with good spotting and driving). EVERYONE who has done this trail loves it.

The trail usually takes about 4-6 hours and another ½ hour to get to Hwy 141 for a large number of vehicles, if we can get started by no later than 9 AM Sunday morning, you should be on the highway home no later than 3:30 PM (barring any difficulties).

Bring a lunch for Sunday on the trail. Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast are all up to you as well.

I strongly recommend fueling up in Grand Junction BEFORE leaving. Gas is available in Gateway, but was \$2.86/gallon on June 3, 2017. The trip from Grand Junction and back is just over 200-miles, so extra fuel is sometimes a good thing too.

I have already dragged some firewood trees to the site for a campfire Saturday night.

Also— have sunscreen and the strongest insect repellent you can find. The gnats will likely still be plentiful and they are vicious.

Bring plenty of drinks, snacks, and camping gear for 1-night and 2-days. Have foul weather gear (rain coat, jacket[s], hat, long pants).



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

With warmer weather its time to start heading to the high country to work on our adopt-a-roads. Lower roads will have been open for a while and receiving the normal early summer traffic. Some of the higher roads will not open until late June or early July. Hopefully the public will not "push" the gates on the ones still seasonally closed. There have been rumors of clubs adopting more of our 4WD roads. If you know of any that are being adopted, please send me a copy of the adopt-a-road agreement, or volunteer agreement, so that I can update our Adopted list.

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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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 Association of 4WD Clubs Inc.

Adopt-A-Road / Volunteer Project Hours to date

Jun-17

Club	Project	Hours	Total
Adopt-A-Road Committee	Documentation	35	35
Creeper Jeepers Gang	Hwy 550 Clean up	0	41
	Black Bear Pass, FR648, FR823	0	
	Blanca Peak, FR975	41	
	Elwood Pass FR667	0	
Larimer County 4WD Club	Ballard Road, FR129	78	348
	McGrevey, FR314	64	
	Green Mountain, FR315	64	
	Pratt Creek, FR182	64	
	Greer Road, FR154	78	
Trailridge Runners 4WD Club	Middle St. Vrain, FR114	192.5	328.5
	Coney Flats, FR507	76	
	Lefthand Canyon OHV, FR286	0	
	Miller Rock, FR252, FR253	36	
	BRD OHV meetings	24	

Total

752.50



PIG PARTY 2017 by Ige

It never fails, work will be dead and boring until I need to leave and Wednesday was no exception. I had a 7 hour drive ahead of me and hoped to bug out by 2 or so to get the majority of the trip covered before the critters came down from the mountains, but here I was pulling out at almost 4, right when rush hour was beginning to ramp up. Fortunately, traffic wasn't near as bad as it could've been and with it being the middle of the week campers wouldn't be an issue, it was just the locals dead set on doing no less than 5 mph under the speed limit. I finally made the turnoff outside Telluride around 10pm and traffic was very light and I missed all the construction mess, so I fired up the Rigid's and tried to make up some time.

As oncoming traffic approached, I went through the procedure of shutting lights down, waiting until they passed, fighting the night blindness, and flipping lights back on, about the fourth time, I was just reaching down when something caught my eye. A quick swerve got me around a rather unamused female elk. A few miles up the blinding lights revealed a small deer long before a necessary swerve. An accident this close to my destination would suck.

Just before 11, I turned into the campground and immediately recognized the rolling gypsy wagon Deo was towing behind his wife's 100 series Land Cruiser. We chatted for a few minutes, Deo explaining that he didn't have time to work some kinks out of his fjz modified fj55 Land Cruiser in time for the trip, before I headed off to bed.

The morning was temperate and calm, but the best part was awaking to the views. In the campsight next to me was Nicks black death pig. Across from me was TJs beautiful restored pig. Next to him was Jim#1s big blue Cummins powered pig. A walk to the pit toilets up on the top of the hill took me past Evans sick Toyota 2uz pig and Jim#2s' clean green pig. Before long, Craig and his big

yellow pig rolled down from the other section of the campground, then Mark and Ron in their green pigs. Pigs were coming out of all the crevices. Two rigs were missing though. Word had come through mud that Bob had lost a clutch slave in Kansas City and Gordon had blown a head gasket pulling out of the scorching heat of Socal, but both were still planning on making it. For those who aren't Land Cruiser fanatics, the iron pig is the affectionate name for the FJ55 model.

We spent far too much time chatting so start was late, but eventually, we headed up Bolam Pass just outside of the campground. Within a couple miles, Nick started having issues. His computer wasn't adjusting to the altitude causing the Chevy V8 he'd swapped in to sputter under any load. He decided his best bet was to head back and see if he could get it working properly. A little bit later, word came back that Evans 1971 was having issues with his rig intermittently shutting off, a issue he'd been trying to track down for a while, so he was going to drop to the back with the two non-pigs to prevent holding up the main crowd.

As Evan, Deo and myself played catch up, word came over the 2m radios that they had found snow. We rolled up as Jim#1 was making repeated attempts at beating a path down. Eventually all the pigs were through and we headed on. Then we came to the next snow section. Craig had the biggest pig, rolling on 37s and he would try to beat a path though, but it was tipping him hard and he was sliding off line so out came the shovels. That would create a high center so the rigs would go through in order of height, tallest to shortest to shave the snow down. In the meantime, Deo broke out an old Polaroid camera. A classic camera to capture the antics of classic rigs.

We conquered drift after drift after drift, occasionally having time to watch the guys up front, Evan, Craig, Andy, and Jim#1 as they

worked through the deep sections while the rest of us worked on getting the stockers through. Occasionally, a strap would come out for a pig rescue.

Nothing like a pig helping a pig to bring a proud tear to your eye. Almost every rig was on the end of a strap at one point or another, but everyone was proud to be conquering the trails in their fine swines.

We made it to the top where the front group had just extricated a Jeep that had come up from the other side, and we stopped for a lunch break, only now realizing it was not lunch time but past two o'clock. We'd been having so much fun we didn't realize that we weren't making miles like we needed. We had the potluck coming up in a matter of hours and people needed to get cooking, plus were all anxious to get an update on Bob and Gordon so we headed back the way we came.

Most of it was easy going but one long snow drift grabbed a hold of Riderjgs pig and wouldn't let go, so out came a quick strap. TJ gave it a bit of throttle and was through. I was next and decided to blast through it but the 3.5 tons of my FZJ80 Land Cruiser and 45psi in the tires can bounce pretty good and no matter how wide the shelf road is you always think you're closer to the edge than you are. I let up on the gas in a moment of panic. Had I stayed in it, I would've been fine, but now I was hopelessly mired. Craig ran up a hill to a high tree and wrapped my tree saver around while I prepped the m15000 on fat bastard. The winch struggled harder than I've ever seen and there were some hard pops, but soon I was free. I pulled up to give Deo room to blast through in the hundred, but ended up having to back up and strap him through the evil white slop.

The potluck was a massive spread of pulled pork, pork chili, tri tip, smoked pork, pork posole, bacon chocolate chip cookies and more, with a predominantly pig theme. We eat our own. Although we apparently don't eat enough because we had plenty for the next couple nights. Bob and his co pilot Remy, managed to make the trip from New Hampshire just in time for the potluck, but still bad news from Gordon. First it was a blown head gasket, but that



had gotten fixed Wednesday, then he was having fuel delivery issues, he never made it out of California.

Friday, Evan was going to chase the electrical issue that had been tormenting him for a year, but everyone else saddled up and we headed for Ophir Pass. No snow on this trail meant we should make decent time, but every cruiserhead knows what happens when you get a group of us together. Every stop turned into an hour long chat and inspection of rigs and modifications and you can't pass up the cool places for group photos which means more chatting and comparing of mods. When you have what is probably the largest gathering of pigs in this century, it's five times worse. It was after noon when we finally rolled into Silverton.

Some split off to find shade, some went to a local bbq joint to enjoy more cannibalism, and some went shopping. While waiting to gather up the crew to head to the next trail, a white 80 popped to curb and pulled in to drool over the collection, Shane, another ih8mud member, lives in Silverton and is renovating an old inn, the Wyman Hotel, and couldn't believe what he was seeing on the way back to work.

We left the mountain tourist town and headed for Corkscrew Gulch and altitude that might cool us and the pigs down a bit, but the steep climbs were hard on the pigs. One had vaporlock symptoms partway up and the time spent getting him back up and running





was enough to stall out another swine. The first made it up the hill, but Hank was forced to hitch a ride on the end of a short strap behind the 100. The v8 and ATrac of the modern Cruiser tried hard and got Hanks 78 pig all the way up, but they weren't quite enough for a last little rise and soon Andy had to back his big green Illinois pig down to put an extra strap on the rigs. Once at the top, a swarm of gearheads broke out tools and had the air cleaner off. A small hammer and starting fluid and it was up and running again, in time for another group photo.

Our plans for a third trail, were quashed by our lollygagging, but we'd had a great day and it felt good to get back to camp. It felt better to pull in and see another pig had arrived. A second Andy was at Evans campsite. That made 12 pigs, 4 from Colorado, two from New Mexico, one from New Hampshire, one from Idaho, one from Missouri, one from Utah, one from California, one from

Illinois, plus pig owners who's pigs couldn't make it from Colorado and Florida, along with a future pig owner from Maine, a fj60 owner from New Mexico tagging along, and spouses and family galore.

We enjoyed left overs from the potluck and cold beers over the campfire, but not for long. The day had worn everyone out and our beds were calling.

Saturday we all awoke to a welcome sight. Lucky number 13! Gordon had finally prevailed and rode in around midnight, five days after he left southern California. Unfortunately, I had an emergency and had to leave, so I wouldn't have day three on the trail. Bob and Remy had bugged out a little before me to begin their four day drive home, vowing that next year would be on the east coast and everyone else vowed to make it to Pig Party again."



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Rating: Moderate. Very rocky and slow-going, but okay for aggressive stock SUVs. Skid plates are helpful. The drive should not be attempted if snow is on the trail. F.S. 839 to Alpine Tunnel is a high shelf road, but easy.

Stats: Length: 11.6 miles. Add 3 miles for side trip to Hancock Lake. Time: 3 to 4 hours. High point: 12,140 ft. Best time of year: July-early October.

Current Conditions: Gunnison and San Isabel N.F. Call (719) 539-3591.

Getting There: From Johnson Village, head south on Highway 285 about 6 miles. Just past Natchez, turn right on County Road 162. Go west 15.4 miles to parking area (with toilet) on left. Immediately after parking area, bear left on County Road 295.

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Letter From the President - Ige Gustavson

I've recently learned that long time Northern District Rep, Kerry Beach and his wife have decided to pack up and move out of the state. While we wish them well, Kerry was a vital part of the Association for a long time and will leave behind shoes that need to be filled. As the Newsletter Coordinator, Kerry was responsible for rounding up information, photos, and articles for our quarterly newsletter and getting it to our designer. While he says it was easy, we still need someone to spearhead that effort and keep us on schedule. He was our Northern rep, so that position will also need to be filled. Again, not a difficult position to fill, all you have to do is hang out with the clubs in the Northern District and do what you do with your club now. Gather information from the clubs for the club quarterly meeting, relay information to clubs that may have missed the meetings, and hopefully find more clubs to join our fold.

In addition to losing the man dedicated to those positions, Kerry's wife, Patty, was our Parliamentarian. That means we have two board positions along with a committee position opening up. A parliamentarian basically is the person who makes sure we're following the rules. Please consider stepping up and joining in one of these positions. We really don't bite.

I've only gotten one trip in that you'll be reading about, I haven't even gotten anything good in the garage done (unless you count getting it cleaned). After last year's epic wheeling trips, this year has been kind of sad, so hopefully you'll get articles and photos turned in on your trips so I can live vicariously through you.



One of the suggestions from members was that we go back to having membership cards again. We listened and they have been made and just need to be printed, please be patient, we will get them out to you soon. We also have finally gotten everything squared away with the state regarding our previous treasurer and raffle agent fiasco. (Huge thanks to Jessica Surface and Brian O'Connors) and will have a raffle vehicle again. This one is getting closer to done, but we are looking for a club to step up for the next one. It's rewarding and fun to see what your club can create. Also a great way to initiate new members to your club. Let us know if you're interested in doing that also!

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Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc 2nd QUARTER Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - Ige Gustavson

Pledge of Allegiance- All

Roll Call - In attendance was Big Horn Jeep Club, Big Thompson, Nissan Off Road Association of Colorado (NORAC), Trail Ridge Runners, Big Horn 4x4's, Colorado Rock Hoppers, Colorado Springs Christian Four Wheelers (CSC4W) and Jerry Smith (Supporting Member)

Introductions - Ige Gustavson

Review and Approval of the 1st Qtr Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jeff Stemas, 2nd by Jerry Smith and approved.

Review and Approval of the 1st Qtr Treasurer's Report

Motion by Jeff Stemas, 2nd by Jerry Smith and approved.

Report of Officers and Clubs President – Ige Gustavson

No report.

Northern District VP – Kerry Beach

Trails Ridge Runners - are planning a trip to the new Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, a May Picnic, working with the Forest Service on opening the St. Vrain trail and will be attending Rock Junction as a club. NORAC is working on Bunce School as most of the work that they did last year has been undone by the weather and amount of traffic the trails sees, heading to Moab the 4th week of May. Big Thompson is working on Pole Hill this weekend and planning a club reunion in August.

Central District VP - Jessica Surface

Big Horn Jeep Club – Working on the raffle vehicle and planning a trip to Holy Cross as soon as the snow melts to do some work on it.

Southern District VP – Jeff Stemas:

Colorado Rock Hoppers – Have mostly been working on their rigs over the winter to get them ready for the season, waiting on the NFS to schedule a trail maintenance day for Independence and planning a trip in the fall to run the Rubicon and Fordyce Creek trails in California and then head to

Hurricane Utah for the Trail Hero event.

Big Horn 4x4's – invited everyone to check out their website <http://www.bighorn4x4.org>, heading to Moab the 2nd week in May, Running Eagle Rock on June 24, supporting a Car Show on July 15 at the Pueblo Veteran's Home, 2611 Jones Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004 and in September heading out to run the Dusy Ershim trail in California.

Colorado Springs Christian 4-Wheelers

Had a very successful kick off meeting earlier today, planning on a breakfast and club day at Ram Off-road Park, and June 10 is the big trail cleanup day up on Gold Camp, Saran Wrap, Eagle Rock and Bull Park.

Western District VP – Mike Welch

Absent and no Western District Clubs attended.

Jerry Smith reported the new signage and fence is up on the 21 Road to let people know about the 21 Road Toad and they are prepping trails for Rock Junction. Also, wanted to remind everyone that the Rocky Mountain Off Road Expo is Saturday, June 3, for information go to <https://www.gmjc.org/offroad-expo>

Committees

Adopt A Road – Adam Melberg

Need Your Volunteer Hours!

Land Use/COHVCO – Kerry Beach

COA4WDCI Board position has been eliminated.

United Four Wheel Drive Association – Jerry Smith

They had a teleconference, but that only Steve Eggert and he were on the call. United needs a new Membership Chairperson if anyone would like to volunteer and they are still working with ORBA and One Voice.

Club Membership – No New Member Applications

Associates & Supporting Memberships – We need someone who can take over. Brian has been working it. He's working on supporting member aps and he will get the associate done next. Letters to clubs have gone out.

FEAT

working with the Colorado Four Wheel Drive Rescue and Recovery group to network on projects and information sharing. FEAT also needs some financial support and is working to expand the facilities that they service in the greater Denver area.

Stay The Trail & Tread Lightly

Stay the trail as a work day scheduled for Saturday, May 20 in the Rainbow Falls area (rescheduled to June 17 because of the snow), and a reminder that you can go to the Stay The Trail website and download their map application to your phone <http://staythetrail.org> and click on the "Trail Maps" tab.

Club of the year and 4Wheeler of the Year

Ige nominated Brian for 4WOTY, 2nd by Jim Jenista and approved. Jim nominated NORAC, 2nd by Ige and approved.

Old Business

Website – Jim Dixon (not present)

Still need your club's events for the calendar. Need club rosters. We need your clubs information along with websites and Facebook pages to help promote clubs. Need some southern, western content. Need articles to post on the website from Member Clubs!!! The website and newsletter are what our members make it!

Raffle vehicle

Update on the raffle build; Predator 4-Wheel Drive donated and installed a 3" BDS lift kit, we have wheels from Pro Comp, tires from BF Goodrich, body stiffeners from TNT Customs, carpeting and seat covers from Bullhide and it will be heading down to Texas to be painted in about a week. We also all set with the Raffle License and need events to take the Jeep to where we can sell tickets, a list of shops that may be willing to host the rig during the week and help sell tickets, and volunteers to work events.

Need a club for next year's build – Big Horn 4x4's will discuss the 2018 build with their club, and Jim Jenista will talk to his Land Rover Club about maybe the 2019 build <https://solihullsociety.org/>

Newsletter – Kerry Beach

Article Deadline to Kerry is the 1st of the previous month, next deadline is June 1st, 2017 for the July 2017 Electronic edition
Wild Bunch would like to bring up the idea of going back to print.
Cost print vs. digital
Mailing hassles print vs. digital
Size
Vendor benefits
Special edition being published

Club Grants

None.

Scholarships

Three applicants – Logan Sims from Big Horn 4x4s was selected and was present to read his essay.

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

Jim is still translating all the grant writing stuff for the website

Have written a quick view of benefits provided that needs to be posted

How to start and maintain a club with links to all forms necessary is almost complete. There is a bit of info on the website already.

Reminders have already gone out for taxes. Bank accounts have been updated with current signees.

Black Bear Backwards Update

Look into a picnic/lunch in telluride
Event has been approved!
Wild bunch has stepped down.

Public Lands Day Determination

Date and events
Discussion about supporting the Colorado Public Lands Day vs National Public Lands Day and feel that next year we can shoot for both. A few agree that Colorado fits us better if we have to choose one over the other, except for the timing, which is right in the middle of a lot of wheeling trips. Information found on Google is the Colorado Public Lands Day is Saturday May 20 <http://copubliclandsday.com/> and the National Public Lands Day is Saturday, September 30.

Northern/Central

Will be doing Gordon gulch

Southern

Rainbow Falls with Stay The Trail project rescheduled to June 17.

Western

Affiliated club memberships

Virtual club membership

No votes, no united membership, no holding office
\$ 5 per member min \$50 annual membership

Sharing of event info

Nothing needs to be changed in the By-Laws or SOP to accommodate this type of membership. (See COA4WDCI By-Laws Section IV)

Someone cautioned that from past experience this may attract the “Hold my beer and watch this” crowd and we should be cautious and someone else doubted that we would get many of the virtual or Facebook groups to actually pay to join the COA4WDCI.

New Business

Election

1st Vice President, Jeff Stemas was nominated and elected 1st VP.

Future Meetings

3rd Quarter 2017 – July 15, Hosted by Jerry Smith.

Board of Directors Meeting- Sat., July 1st at Truckfest 9a.m.

4th Quarter 2017 – October 21, Host TBD

Board of Directors Meeting- Oct 7th

1st Quarter 2018 – January 20th – Hosted by the BOD, Forney Museum tentative.

Board of Directors Meeting- Saturday January 6.

2nd Quarter 2018 – Apr 21 Host- TBD

Board of Directors Meeting- Apr 7

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