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2nd QUARTER MEETING DETAILS

Saturday, April 27
Springs Journey Church

10 a.m.-2p.m.

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UPCOMING QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Third Quarter 2019

July 27, 12 - 4 pm
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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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What's Your Investment? by Jerry Smith



As Americans, we share many things “equally”.

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Our ninth amendment states that listing specific rights in the Constitution does not mean that people do not have other rights that have not been spelled out.

There is always some room for debate regarding the “unspecified” rights. I wish to open a debate regarding the “equal rights” of ownership to public lands.

Let's take public land management and examine the question of “rights”. That should make for a nice calm debate.

An overwhelming amount of lands west of the Mississippi are “public lands”. States like Nevada and Wyoming are vastly public land. Others have very significant holdings of public lands, but also have significant private holdings.

Back when most of the western states were formed, they had no resources to manage the “public lands”, so Uncle Sam established management agencies to oversee the care. In many cases, the promise that the individual states would be allowed to eventually take back the management of those “public lands” when they became able was part of the deal.

Unfortunately, none of the states pursued this return of management rights, so the federal government continues to run things as they see fit... which brings me to the subject of “rights”.

In the last 50+ years, our federal lawmakers have made many decisions about how OUR public lands are managed. Many of those decisions have been to the detriment of the local economies and people.

People and entities they belong to have been urging the lawmakers to do things with “public lands”. The vast majority of those people have zero personal interest in those lands. 98% of them will never even see the lands they think they have the right to relieve the locals the use of.

In many cases, those local people depend on some of the resources those lands have provided for very long periods, even generations. Resources like:

- Mining interests
- Logging interests
- Recreational interests

What's Your Investment? (Continued)

When it comes to making this kind of decision, my contentions are that the local governments, tribal interests, local user groups, and economies must have a heavily weighted final say in how that land is managed. The local entities have the most lose; therefore, they must have more rights in the final decisions.

- Who is concerned most with the care and stewardship of a local region of public lands?
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- Do the people who will never see the land come and pick up trash?
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- Will the people who will never see the land replace signage that is vandalized or weathered?
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- Will the people who will never see the land repair erosion damage done to a road?
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- Will the people who will never see the land care that the area is suffering from drought, insects, or disease enough to do something about it?

We all KNOW who will be the ones who to care about the above. The local people, governments that represent them, and the user groups that USE the lands will have the caring to make sure the best possible management for the most possible users (*Multiple Use and Sustained Yield*) will be implemented.

Outside interference from special interests has proven to be detrimental to the overall health and welfare of the local areas. The proof is the increase of intensity of wildfires.

When our public lands were healthy, wildfires were somewhat manageable. Since the "Protect and Preserve" management style adopted by the federal government in DC have prevailed, the health of our public lands has continued to diminish to the point that wildfires burn so intensely, nothing survives and the ground is left sterilized.

Wildlife habitat, watersheds, timberlands, air quality, water quality, and recreation are all lost for several years. Extreme water and air pollution will dominate for years. Extreme erosion will prevail. Will the entities from far away do anything to improve the conditions? NO, they will not!!!

The local people and governments will be the ones pressing for the necessary changes in management. The local people and governments will be the ones volunteering to do what is necessary to make those improvements reality.

Therefore, we come back to the main topic. Who deserves more say in the management of public lands? Is it the people and entities that will never see the land or the local people, governments, and user groups?

Do we continue the losing and costly path presently taken or do we begin a new journey?





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Northern District Land Use Update by Adam Mehlberg

Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

Multi-district meeting is planned for April 19 at the Supervisors Office in Fort Collins. The meeting will be looking for ways to collaborate on OHV opportunities. Some collaborative work is being done with OHV groups presently. This will be an opportunity to meet as a larger group covering the Arapaho-Roosevelt Forest and Pawnee Grasslands. Goal is to have these larger group meetings on a periodic basis to share information, identify opportunities to enhance OHV road and trail networks, parking and trailheads, signage, saw training and certification, and other ways to take advantage of partnering.

Kelly Flats FR168 - Seasonal closure.

Johnny Park FR118 - Seasonal closure.

Moody Hill FR513 - Seasonal closure.

Crystal Mountain FR344 - Seasonal closure.

Greenridge FR177,319 - Seasonal closure.

Seven Mile FR225 - Open.

Boulder Ranger District:

Dispersed Recreation Site Inventory – In 2018, Boulder Ranger District developed a dispersed recreation site inventory to get a baseline on where campsites are and understand the impacts that are occurring. They have completed approximately 50% of the district and found 600 sites. Some of these are along adopt-a-roads, and will be collaboratively working on whether to rehabilitate some of these, leave some, etc.

2019 Volunteer Service Agreements (VSAs) are being signed by the 4WD clubs that have adopted roads on the Boulder Ranger District.

Bunce School Road FR105 (Backbone ATV) – Bunce School does not seasonally close and will be open through the winter. Peaceful Valley Campground is closed so the only entrance/exit is on the north end. Future projects will involve buck and rail fence repair, sign replacement, road stabilization, and a shooting are cleanup.

Caribou FR505 (NORAC) – Seasonal closure. Caribou usually opens mid summer depending on the amount of snow. Future projects will involve buck and rail fencing in coordination with Boulder Watershed, mud hole repair (possibly corduroy fix), sign replacement, blocking seasonal gate bypass routes.

Kingston Peak FR353 (NORAC/Rising Sun) – Seasonal closure. Kingston usually opens mid summer depending on the snow pack. Future projects include route control along restoration area as well as the large alpine tundra section.



Middle St. Vrain FR114 (Trailridge Runners) –

Seasonal closure. Planned run to review for opening is June 22-23. Hope is to open the road June 23 in the afternoon. Future projects include route control prior to the water holes, entrance obstacle maintenance. Peaceful Valley bridge (first bridge by campground) is scheduled to be replaced after the Labor Day weekend. Middle St. Vrain and Coney Flats will be closed during this project.

Coney Flats FR507 (Trailridge Runners) - Seasonal closure. Will be run the same weekend as the Middle St. Vrain for seasonal opening review. Future projects involve a new "4WD High clearance required" sign, rock garden rocks put back, kiosk panel replacement.

Miller Rock FR252 (Trailridge Runners) - No seasonal closure on Miller Rock, but the snow and ice make this a challenging road to run in the winter. Future projects involve signing roads on the south side of the St. Vrain river, signing that there is no exit to the south, control travel in camping meadow along the river (play routes are being developed).

Jenny Creek FR502.3 (Rising Sun) - Future projects involve post and cable maintenance, campsite restoration.

Rollins Pass Road FR149 (OSCO) - Closed at mile 12. No winter maintenance on mile 1-12. Future project involve Jenny Lake camping area plan, block and re-vegetate bypass at top.

Taylor Mountain FR330 - Open.

T-33 Crash Site FR203 (NORAC)- Seasonal closure. Future projects involve replacing the information sign, fencing repair.

Northern District Land Use Update (Continued)

Gamble Gulch FR411, Moon Gulch FR290, Lump Gulch FR409,410 (Mile Hi, Patrol 19) - New adoption. Future projects involve signing legal roads, blocking illegal routes, fencing restoration area, obstacle bypass blocking.

Lefthand Canyon OHV – Scoping request is now out on the Forest Service web site. www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51312 No documents are available yet. Meetings have started. Boulder Ranger District is planning on an interactive map to collect feedback to develop the planning proposals. Survey of existing condition is complete.

Front Range Recreational Shooting Information:

Recreation Sports Shooting – in case you are interested in what's going on see this website: www.sportshootingpartners.org
Draft Decision was released Sept. 20, 2018.

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Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition Protecting Your Motorized Access to Public Lands, Since 1987

Save Our Sport - (S.O.S.) is a **501(c)3** non-profit organization that has helped raise tens of thousands of dollars and awareness to address many ongoing issues in the OHV community.

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2019 Off Road Events in Colorado

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Apr. 13-20	Easter Jeep Safari	Moab, UT	
Apr. 27	COA4WDCI 2nd Qtr Delegates Meeting	Springs Journey Church 1250 Vondelpark Dr. Colorado Springs	
May 19	12th Annual National Go Topless Day		
May 30-31 & Jun 2	Rock Junction	Grand Junction	www.gmjc.org/rockjunction
Jun. 1	Rocky Mountain Off Road Expo	US 6 and the 21 Road Grand Junction	www.gmjc.org/offroad-expo
Jul. 13-14	4 Wheel Parts Truck & Jeep Fest	451 East 58th Denver	www.4wheelparts.com/info/denver-truck-jeep-fest.aspx
Jul. 12-14	Set Them Free Off Road	Chaffee County Fairgrounds 10165 County Road 120 Salida	www.stfoffroad.com
Jul. 17-21	FJ Summit XIII	Ouray, CO	www.fjsummit.org
Jul. 23-27	Land Rover Rally	Ouray, CO	
Jul. 27-Aug 3	53rd Annual All 4 Fun	Buena Vista	
Jul. 27	COA4WDCI 3rd Qtr Delegates Meeting	All 4 Fun, Buena Vista	www.mhjc.org
Aug. 1-4	Rocky Mountain Overland Rally	850 County Rd 49 Gunnison	https://rockymountainoverland-rally.com/
Aug. 19-23	Ultimate LJ Adventure Colorado		www.facebook.com/events/363426804443338/
Aug. 30- Sept. 1	Rocky Mountain FJ Roundup	Buena Vista Colorado KOA	www.rockymountainfjroundup.com
Sept. 14	Be Heard Off-Road	4 Wheel Parts, Denver	
Sept. 27-29	14er Fest	Buena Vista	https://14erfest.com/ www.facebook.com/14erFest/
Sept. 28	25th Annual National Public Lands Day		www.neefusa.org/npld
Oct.19	COA4WDCI 4th Qtr Delegates		
December	Christmas Caravan for Kids		

Upcoming 2020 Events

Jan., 2020	Colorado RV Adventure Travel Show	Colorado Convention Center 700 14th St Denver	www.corvshow.com
Jan., 2020	COA4WDCI 1st Qtr Delegates Meeting	Fornay Museum of Transp. 4303 Brighton Blvd Denver	www.forneymuseum.org
Jan., 2020	Overlanding Adventure Intro	JC'S British & 4x4 1675 W. Hamilton Pl Englewood	www.jcbrish.com
Mar., 2020	Colorado RV Sport & Travel Show	4655 Humboldt St Denver	www.coloradorvsportsshow.com



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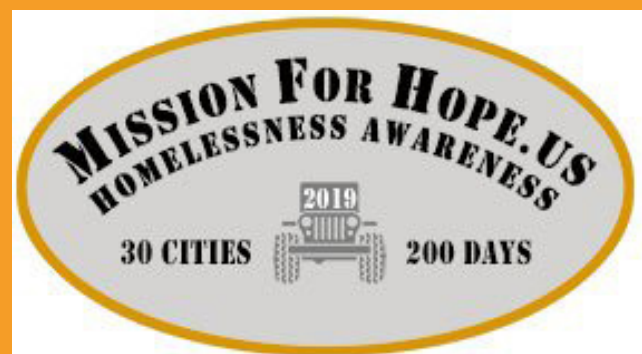
On June 9 of 2019 Leighton O'Connor will leave on a journey in his Jeep to visit 30 cities in the United States in 200 days which have the highest population of people experiencing homelessness.

He will give out hygiene kits, water, fruit, baked goods and coffee 1-2 days of each week to 40-50 people each day. He hopes to partner with the Jeep community, shelters and churches in each city.

Denver, Colorado date is tentatively set for June 29, 2019. Details to follow.

Purpose

- Bring the awareness of homelessness to people who don't understand how people become homeless.
- Encourage people to help homeless people in their own community.
- Research current programs across the United States to see which programs have the most success in reducing homelessness and supporting the homeless.



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Letter From the President - Brian O'Connors

Hello! First, I would like to thank the Delegates who elected me as President at the 1st Quarter State Association Meeting, to the other Officers who were willing to continue to serve: Ige Gustavson – Treasurer, Jessica Surface – Central District VP and Jerry Smith – Western District VP. We also have two new Officers; Tracy Barker – Secretary and Luke Gilginas – Southern District VP. I also want to thank Larry McGimsley for his service as out Treasurer for the past two years, Kara Erikson who served as our Northern District VP (the position is now vacant) and Jeff Stemas who has served as our Southern District VP multiple times!

The past several months I have been traveling to as many club meetings as I can to speak to them about the Colorado Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc. (COA4WDCI) and get there feed back on what kind of support and activities they would like to see the Association to engage in.

I often get asked "What does joining the State Association do for me or our club?". Well first off, the State Association is not a person, company, or thing. It is an Association made up of its member clubs. Four times a year we meet to discuss issues that are facing the 4x4 community writ large and our clubs. Any action or activity the Association engages in is and always has been at the direction of the majority of the clubs who were present at a meeting to vote. So, the COA4WDCI is your Association and not some outside entity looking to partner with you or your club.

Lately, Club membership has been on the decline, both at the Club level and membership in the State Association and this situation is not unique to Colorado. There have been some exceptions to this, but the impact of Social Media, especially Facebook Clubs, Groups and Pages has been where many Four Wheelers who in the past were joining clubs are now going. There is no cost or obligation, they can get together for a trail ride, build comradery, get help with technical questions and advise on build and product suggestions for free. In the past, this is what clubs offered and was one of the main reasons people joined. The State Association is trying to combat this thru information sharing and communications tools as to what it takes to keep trails open and maintained in Colorado. Without actual clubs that are registered with the Secretary of States Office, and are in fact legal entities, programs like the Four-Wheel Drive Emergency Assistance Team (FEAT) and the Adopt a Trail program will end. For more than 50 years, our Clubs have supported the National Forrest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Colorado Parks & Wildlife OHV Crews on projects; having a seat at the table when there are discussions about Travel Management Plans, Permitting, Legislation on creating or expanding wilderness area resulting in our trails being closed. It really comes down to numbers, especially when you are dealing with the Federal Government agencies, the State of



Colorado or the local County Board of Commissioners. The more members the State Association represents the louder our voice becomes.

Next comes partnerships. Partnering here in Colorado with organizations like the Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO), Stay the Trail, Western Slope ATV Association, Colorado Snowmobile Association (CSA), Colorado Off Road Enterprise (CORE), Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery (CO4x4RnR) and the Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA), we can be far more successful than tackling our challenges alone. The same is true at the National level. Working with groups like Share the Trail/Blue Ribbon Coalition, Off Road Business Association (ORBA), National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC), Tread Lightly and the United Four-Wheel Drive Association (U4WDA) we can create synergy based on learning what has and hasn't worked in other parts of the country and get their assistance with Federal Agencies.

The bottom line is, we are here to support you and your club and by default the Colorado 4x4 and Off-Road Community at large. I welcome your feedback and input, please attend one of our meetings as your Club's Delegate or send me a letter to P.O. Box 16995, Colorado Springs, CO 80935, an email at brian.oconnors@gmail.com or a phone call at (401)499-4747. Thank you!



COA4WDCI Club Survey

Please take a moment to look at the questions below and send in your answers to the COA4WDCI, P.O. Box 16995, Colorado Springs, CO 80935, or an email to brian.oconnors@gmail.com

1 What is the best way to communicate with you and your club?

- Newsletter?
- Printed and Mailed?
- Electronic and Emailed?
- Emails?
- To the Club Contact?
- Group emails to individuals?
- Social Media?
- Facebook?
- Twitter?
- Instagram?

2 What do you expect to receive for your \$10 per year membership fee?

- Newsletter?
- Membership Card?
- Discounts at local 4x4 shops and suppliers?
- Swag?
- Hat?
- T-Shirt?
- Sticker?

3 What Programs do you want to see the State Association offer?

- Training?
- Off Road Driving Clinics?
- Rescue & Recovery Techniques?
- Safety?
- What to carry in your 4x4 when off road in Colorado?
- Trail etiquette and rules?
- Grant writing assistance?
- Assistance dealing with State or Federal Land Managers?

4 How should the State Association products and services be delivered?

- In person meetings?
- Web based training?
- Webinars?
- Videos?
- Forum page on the High Trails website?

What else do you see as the roll for the State Association to better serve you, your club and the Colorado 4x4 and Off-Road community?

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

Now is a good time to contact the public lands managing agencies and start coordinating your Adopt-A-Road and Volunteer projects for the coming summer. It can be hard to get in contact with the public lands managing agencies, so persistence is required. If you have a good working relationship with the agencies it is important to maintain the communication.

Hours reported this year are shown in the summary next page.

**** Deadline for 2019 hours is September 15 ****

Any hours reported after this date will go into 2020 and will be reported to the managing agencies late, which will not help them in their annual reports.

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.

Enter the hours on the Hightrails web page at:

Report your hours online at www.hightrails.org/index.php/menu-projects-programs/menu-adopt-a-road/menu-adopt-file-hours

or

Report your hours by mail using printable page:

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Stats: Length: 11.6 miles. Add 7 miles for riding to Hancock Lake. Time: 3 to 4 hours. (High point: 12,140 ft. Best time of year: July-early October).

Current Conditions: Goodview and San Isabel N.F. Call (719) 399-3541.

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

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Club	Project	Hours	Total
Adopt-A-Road Committee	Documentation	35	35
Creeper Jeepers Gang	Black Bear Pass, FR648, FR823	105	463
	Blanca Peak, FR975	240	
	Elwood Pass FR667	118	
Larimer County 4WD Club	Moody Hill, FR132, 513	50	50
Rising Sun 4WD Club	Switzerland Trail, FR93	64.5	3788
	Pole Hill, FR122	12	
	Bald Mountain Gulch, FR300	6	
	Middle St. Vrain FR114, Coney Flats FR507	110	
	West Magnolia, FR355	6	
	Loch Lohman, FR701	51	
	Lamartine Road, FR712	145	
	Columbine Campground, FR176.1	160	
	Barbour Fork, FR194.2	26	
	Slaughterhouse Gulch, FR105	124	
	Argentine Pass, FR724	94	
	Peru Creek, FR260	8	
	Chihuahua Gulch, FR263	8	
	Jenny Creek, FR808, 502	132	
	CUSP Workday	66	
	Bunce School Road, FR115	65	
	Kingston Peak, FR353	47	
	Bill Moore Lake, FR183	72	
	North Supply Creek, FR121	5	
	South Supply Creek, FR119.1	4	
	Topaz Mountain, FR446	23	
	Radical Hill, FR286	65	
	Hall Valley, FR120	20	
	Middle Fork, Swan River, FR6.2	8	
	Sts John, FR275	71	
	Georgia Pass, FR355	26	
	Pickle Gulch, FR718	75	
	Red Elephant Hill, FR171.3A	12	
	Spring Creek/Silver City FR712.2J	30	
	Geneva Basin, FR119	4	
	Metberry Gulch, FR205	24	
	Hackett Gulch, FR222	192	
	Dakan Road, FR563	14	
	Harris Park, FR108	310	
	Buno Gulch, FR118.E	12	
	Missouri Gulch, FR347	42	
	Half Moon Creek FR110	16	
	Wheeler Lake, FR408	63	
	Baldwin Lakes, FR277	6	
	Mount Antero, FR278	4	
	Aspen Ridge, FR185	8	
	Carnage Canyon	45	
	Chinaman Gulch	66	
	China Wall, FR204, FR212	12	
	Stoney Pass, FR560	9	
	Tin Cup Pass, FR267	16	
	Grizzly Lake, FR296	8	
	Holy Cross City, FR759.1	80	
	Lead King Basin, FR315	4	
	Red Cone, FR565	168	
	Hagerman Pass, FR105	45	
	Yankee Hill, FR175	347.5	
	Black Bear Pass, FR648, FR823	82	
	California Gulch, Cnty19	24	
	Imogene Pass, FR869	50	
	Ophir Pass, CR8, FR630	89.5	
	Yankee Boy Basin, FR853.1B	13	
	Poughkeepsie Gulch, FR886	14.5	
	Last Dollar Road, FR638	114	
	Alpine Loop	178	
	Trickle Park Road, FR121	48	
	Leon Lake, FR127	48	
	Lambert, FR260	48	
	Grand Junction OHV Area	12	
	Bangs Canyon	16	
	Elwood Pass, FR667	20	
Ute Pass Iron Goats	Chinaman Gulch	92	92

Includes 2018 hours reported late

Total

4428.00

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COLORADO ENACTS LIABILITY IMMUNITY LAW FOR VOLUNTEERS

Meet CO Partner Scott Jones! By: Laura Feist, March 28, 2019

Introducing Scott Jones – Colorado NOHVCC State Partner and Board Member



Scott Jones calls Longmont, Colorado home. He has enjoyed motorized recreation all his life and has been involved in organized OHV activities for over a decade, currently serving as Vice President of the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition. Like many OHV enthusiasts, Scott enjoys getting outdoors – with or without

a vehicle. He likes to camp, hunt, hike and has even dabbled a bit in rock climbing. Scott says that many are surprised to learn he is an environmental attorney and that he considers himself an environmentalist. Finally, Scott believes the most important thing an individual can do to create a positive future for OHV recreation is to raise awareness of all the good things the OHV community provides, like volunteers, donations, trail maintenance and positive community involvement.

Colorado Enacts Liability Immunity Law for Volunteers

OHV enthusiasts noticed that it was taking longer and longer for State grant funds to reach them after receiving approval in Colorado. So, a group including Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) representatives decided to examine what was creating the delays – and for a way to resolve the problem.

It was found that finding and securing insurance was one significant hold up. So COHVCO representatives did some research and found that Colorado was behind other States in limiting liability for clubs and volunteers. Not only were funds delayed in getting to the ground, there were fears that OHV clubs and volunteers could be liable for damages arising years or even decades after performing trail work that was approved by the agency that managed the relevant land. Further, it seemed that insurance requirements changed annually, making it difficult for volunteers to know how to comply.

Scott and others with COHVCO reached out to officials from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) – an easy thing to do as a very positive relationship had been established over years. CPW agreed

that it was time to address the insurance issue, so both parties came up with an idea for legislation.

Leaning once again on a relationship that had been developed over time, COHVCO contacted President Pro Tempore of the Colorado Senate, Jerry Sonnenberg to carry the bill. With his leadership, and the support of CPW the legislation passed both the full Colorado House and Senate with a total of two members of either House voting no. That level of support for anything substantive is rare in Colorado, and probably anywhere!

According to the bill summary the new law “strengthens existing legal protections under the federal “Volunteer Protection Act of 1997” and Colorado’s “Volunteer Service Act” for individual volunteers and nonprofit entities who build or maintain recreational trails and related facilities pursuant to grants received under Colorado’s ‘Recreational Trails System Act of 1971.’”

Essentially, the law provides an increased level of negligence protections and removes several contracting requirements related to State grants for clubs performing land stewardship activities on public lands.

The positive impacts of the law have been immediate. It is already taking less time for grant funds to get to the ground and it is easier for volunteers to file paperwork on time.

Scott recognized that Colorado was behind most States regarding limiting liability but noted, “Since COHVCO and others maintained positive relationships with agency personnel and with key legislators this process was much easier than it could have been. My recommendation for all OHV enthusiasts is that they cultivate these key relationships, and when you need them it will be easier to succeed.”

The benefits of the new law in Colorado are obvious. If you would like to attempt to replicate what COHVCO has achieved in Colorado, please contact NOHVCC at trailhead@nohvcc.org. NOHVCC staff can offer advice, and maybe even get some help from Scott and his partners!

Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc 1st QUARTER Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - Ige Gustavson

Pledge of Allegiance- All

Roll Call - Brian O'Connors

Following Clubs were in attendance:

Colorado Springs Christian Four Wheelers, Trail Ridge Runners, Colorado Rock Hoppers, Larimer County 4 Wheel Drive Club "The Mountaineers", Ute Pass Iron Goats, Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Big Horn Jeep Club and the Colorado Land Cruisers. Guests present were; Cory Moul – Mile High Jeep Club & Core, Marcus Trusty – Core, Sam Logan and Molly Chiappetta – Stay the Trail and Scott Jones – COHVCO.

Introductions - Ige Gustavson

Review and Approval of the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Qtr Meeting Minutes

Motion by Tracy Barker, 2nd by Ray Comeau and approved by vote.

Review and Approval of the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Qtr Treasurer's Report

Motion by Jerry Smith, 2nd by Adam Melberg and approved by vote.

Review and Approval of the 2019 Budget

Tabled

Report of Officers and Clubs President – Ige Gustavson

Northern District VP

Kara Erickson & Clubs present

Trailridge Runners - held several meetings to take care of some internal business and trip planning. Did a new member run and a snow run recently. Erin is holding new/ separate meetings to try and attract some new members and planning some simple day trips. Facebook page is working well and helping to attract new membership interest in the club. Creating a new "Promotions Committee" whose goal is to maintain present club membership levels. Working with new personnel in the Canyon Lakes Ranger District, Monty Williams. Working with the Boulder Ranger District on a Travel Plan for Left Hand Canyon which needs a new entrance and parking area. Currently the trail is being used by hikers and mountain bikers so we need to stay on this before

Central District VP – Jessica Surface & Clubs Present

Big Horn Jeep Club – 2018 Raffle Jeep was a success, just need to file the final reports and then we will have a final accounting of how much we made after expenses. Need help when the Holy Cross Trail project is scheduled to get material and people up above French Creek and to the City and then close the trail so the rock in French Creek can be blown in place. Will have to wait till Spring and we have an idea on snow melt and when we can get up the trail. Need to check with the Colorado Guard on possibility of moving some supplies for us with helicopters.

Southern District VP – Jeff Stemas & Clubs Present

Colorado Rock Hoppers - Doing a trip to Sand Hollow, Hurricane, UT in April. Trip to S. Dakota (Black Hills Area) in July. Did a trip to Moab over Thanksgiving and helped with the AdAmAn Club recovery up on Pike's Peak New Years Eve. Scheduling an Independence Trail system clean up and maintenance trip in May, waiting for the Government Shut Down to end to make coordination. Carnage Canyon they are working on rebuilding a "Gate Keeper" to help keep vehicles that are not capable to handle the rest of the trail off the trail in the first place. This will help with the number of vehicle breakage and fluid spills up on the trail. Also working with BLM on an alternate exit to the left of the current exit that will tie directly into Chinaman Gulch.

Ute Pass Iron Goats – Did a trip to Moab in October, participated in the Woodland Park Christmas Parade on Dec 1st, and did a Chinaman Gulch run. Port-a-Potty for Chinaman is funded and will be back in place around Feb 1st in the parking lot. Holding a trip planning meeting and they have four new members in the works for 2019.

Colorado Land Cruisers – Supported the Pike National Forest for their annual Christmas Tree Cutting program by rescuing 14 stuck vehicles up on the Forest Service Roads over the four days of the event. They have a planning meeting coming up to schedule their trail rides and they will all be on their calendar when

done. Had a question on the Adopt A Trail program as to who currently has Eagle Rock and Saran Wrap (need to check with Bighorn 4x4's and Colorado Four Wheelers). They have 20 active members currently and working on getting the 10 – 15 members currently in "limbo" back on board.

Colorado Springs Christian 4 Wheelers

- helped out with Christmas for Kids in El Paso County. Supported the AdAmAn recovery on New Year's Eve. The 2019 Kick Off meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 27 at the Church of the Nazarene.

Western District VP – Jerry Smith

Grand Mesa Jeep Club see attached

The Creeper Jeepers Gang – Elwood Pass selected as a BF Goodrich Top Trail for 2018. Working with Farmington, NM on some trails and Farmington has partnered with a Moab, UT non-profit on building a "World Class, Off-Road, Bucket-List type trail system", stated Mayor Nate Duckett. Committees

Committees

Adopt A Road – Adam Melberg

Adam handed out the certificates for the clubs that turned in their hours. Reminded everyone to get their hours turned in to him so they can be tracked and that the numbers are always under reported but they can help us when having discussions with land managers and when applying for grants.

Land Use/COHVCO – Scott Jones

Scott provided the following update; Out going Congressman, now Governor, Jared Polis tried to slip legislation into the 2018 Omnibus Bill at the end of the 2018 Congressional Session to close motorized trails near the Continental Divide Trail and it was stopped by COHVCO. Working on stopping a change of road access thru wilderness areas in the San Juan's from the current 300 – 500' to the proposed 50'. Issue being the MVUM's are not always accurate and a 50' corridor for a motorized route (road or trail) is not wide enough to be practical and wouldn't allow for safe areas to pull off trail to park, etc. Working on getting the North Sand Hills Area released from the current Wilderness Study

Area. State issues that were recently taken care of are granting clubs immunity when they are doing volunteer work on trails with the National Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, State or Counties. Corrected the language in pending legislation that standardized safety standards for ATVs that are allowed on County Roads. Working on Military Vehicle Registration issue that is in the current legislative session (anticipation is the DOD will be selling HMMWV at auction soon and people who buy them will want to register them which you can't currently do in Colorado). Recommendation was to work with the Collector Car Council of Colorado and get a copy of the sample legislation from SEMA. OHV Workshops, last year focus was on trail building and OHV Crew support. This year they are hoping to do two, one on trail building in Gunnison and a Political (meaning for Counties, NFS, BLM, State, etc.) in Salida. Right now, nothing can be scheduled due to the Government shut down. COHVCO does have scholarships available to cover the cost of attending and lodging that the COA4WDCI can use to attend, just need to pay your own way to get there. Endangered Species Act – working with the Western Governors Association to correct legislation via Sit died in committee, but Fish & Wildlife has been making policy changes for listing and removing species from the list that are clearer and easier to work with. One area is setting population goals and once a species hits the goal, they automatically come off the list. Fire Borrowing – In 2017, 52% of the NFS Budget was spent of fighting wild fires. New policy that takes effect in 2020 allows them to go to FEMA for funding and will treat wild fires like other natural disasters. The NFS will keep their crews and continue to fight fires, but it will no longer come out of their operational budget. The OHV Community needs to help monitor this so that the NFS budgets don't take big hits in 2020 and beyond so they can get caught up on all their delayed projects. OHV Sticker Program raises approximately \$4.3 million per year that goes back in to supporting Motorized Recreations. Approx. \$2 million funds the OHV or "Good Management Crews" of which there are 28 such crews working with NFS and BLM. The rest is available for competitive grants which also support Stay the Trail. United 4WDA – From Jerry Smith, YOU need to be in the land manager's speed dial is most important. That does work

both ways of course. You want to build enough trust and friendship that they will be comfortable calling YOU for advice or help.

Club Membership

No report, but the club listing in the 1st Qtr, January 2019 High Trails Newsletter is correct. We have 20-member clubs, but we do not have an accurate member count because not all the clubs have turned in club rosters.

New Member Applications- None

Associates & Supporting

Memberships – One New Supporting Membership – Mary & Darrell Wedam

FEAT – No report

Stay the Trail & Tread Lightly – Sam Logan gave an update. They attended 64 events in 2018, conducted 12 Stewardship Projects and funded numerous new signs thru a grant from the OHV fund. For 2019 they are working on some new literature and advertising to let people know that there are currently 30 Counties in Colorado that allow ATV travel on County Roads, a listing of what trails street licensed and registered vehicle still need an OHV Sticker for, a new Tundra Brochure to address travel over delicate terrain and some Spanish language version for certain areas in Colorado where it is needed. Molly serves as the events coordinator for Stay the Trail. Colorado Parks and Wildlife released a new mapping application called Colorado Trail Explorer or COTrex which will give you all the trails in Colorado, not just the trails that are on the NFS MVUM's via the Avenza app .

CORE – Marcus Trusty gave an update on what the Colorado Off Road Enterprise was working on. Following the Pike San Isabel Lawsuit and working with NFS on issues related to it. Also working with Gunnison County on their Public Land Initiative which is trying to compartmentalize land use (several of the trails involved also go into Chaffee County). Following the new County Recreational Planning program that was approved in the November Election and how that will affect trails. Spoke a little about 14er Fest and how it is great to get all the users together for a weekend and the project that was done in conjunction with Friends of the Four Mile was a great place to start.

Old Business

Website – Need Someone, preferably familiar with Club Express to step up and volunteer to manage our website and keep it updated.

2018 Raffle Report – The 2018 Raffle was a huge success, thank you to all the Vendors who helped us and the Colorado Rock Hoppers and Trail Ridge Runners for their assistance in the build and to all the groups and organizations that allowed us to attend their events and sell tickets.

Newsletter – Still need articles and input from the Clubs. There is now an Off-Road Events Calendar in the Newsletter that will be a permanent feature, but it needs to be updated on a regular basis.

Club Grants – None

Public lands day determination - Date and events will be planned for Sept 29 on a motion made by Bob and 2nd by Reed. Also, there was discussion of getting the clubs to get out and run "Lost Trails" that may have fallen off the MVUMs.

Affiliated club memberships reminder!

Virtual club membership

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

Sharing of event info

UTV's and UTV Clubs allowed to join COA4WDCI, only 50" and wider that can't run ATV trails

Nominations & Elections:

President – Brian O'Connors nominated by Ige and 2nd by Tracy

Treasurer – Ige Gustavson nominated by Brian and 2nd by Tracy

Western VP – Jerry Smith was nominated by Brian and 2nd by Tracy

Central VP – Jessica Surface nominated by Ige and 2nd by Tracy

Southern VP – Luke Gilganus nominated by Tracy and 2nd by Jeff

Northern VP – No nominations

Secretary – Tracy Barker nominated by Ige and 2nd by Jeff

First VP – Jerry Smith nominated by Brian and 2nd by Jeff

New Business

2019 Raffle Vehicle -

Need a club to volunteer to do the next Raffle Vehicle. We will renew our license, but if no club is willing to take this on by the 2nd Quarter meeting, it will be too late to have a vehicle to raffle in 2019.

Scholarship grant - Need to nominate kids. Grant to be presented at the 2nd Qtr, 2019 meeting

Trail grants – None

2019 4x4 Event Calendar – Copy handed out to all the clubs and it is in the Newsletter, the calendar on the website has been updated and it will be posted on the COA4WDCI Facebook page.

Four-Wheeler of the Year nomination – Brian nominated Ige for all her hard work as President the past two years and her support in making the 2018 Raffle a success, 2nd by Jerry Smith and approved by vote.

Club of the Year Nomination – None at this time.

COA4WDCI Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) - to reflect dues change from \$15 to \$10 as voted by the Delegates at a previous meeting. (Article II, Section 1 & 2a) – Approved.

Proposed COA4WDCI SOP change setting new quorum requirements to make the meetings official. (Article III, Section 2) – recommendation was made to change the verbiage from “Section 2. A minimum of 20% of the Association member clubs must be represented by delegates to constitute a quorum.” To read “Section 2. A simple majority of the Voting Clubs present can hold a meeting and conduct business on behalf of the Association”. This proposed change will be discussed and voted on at the 2nd Qtr meeting.

Changes to Statement that appears on the HighTrails.org website to read “The Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs is a not-for-profit (contributions are not tax deductible) umbrella organization for four-wheel drive clubs in the state of Colorado. We began in 1968. We are members of the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition, and United Four-Wheel Drive Associations and are voting members of Tread Lightly!

Annually we donate to Colorado based organizations that support the four-wheel drive community such as; Stay the Trail, Four-Wheel Drive Emergency Assistance Team (FEAT), Colorado 4x4 Rescue & Recovery and the Colorado Off-Road Enterprise (CORE). We also financially support the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition Legal Defense Fund (COHVCO) and the Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) who work to support legislation and legal actions that benefit the four-wheel drive community and oppose those measures that are detrimental to it, and maintaining motorized access to public lands.

We support our clubs’ efforts thru the Adopt-A-Trail program with funding for trail project thru our Trails Grant Program. To support the education of our young four wheelers, we give out an annual Scholarship toward post-secondary education.

The Colorado Association is more than a financial supporter of public access. Every year, our clubs do over 10,000 hours of volunteer work on the campgrounds, picnic grounds, hiking trails, and 4WD roads of Colorado. We also participate in the National Trails Day event in June by taking a group of physically challenged people on a 4WD trip into the Rocky Mountains for the day. Many of our Member Clubs with the support of our Associate (Business) Members put on annual events.

The Association meets four times annually, once each quarter, to conduct our association business and to share information about upcoming events. Annually, we also vote for the associations Four-Wheeler of the Year, and Club of the Year for an individual(s) and club(s) that have shown outstanding support for motorized recreation.

Renting storage space to store COA4WDCI historical files and other items currently being stored by Gail Straty. Jessica will call Gail to see how much there is that need to be moved and then we will need Volunteers to help move the files. Going to a Web based Meeting format using a video conferencing tool.

Brian will look into different formats to use and then we will try hosting a Board Meeting via Video Conferencing and then a second test with the Clubs one evening to go over the Events Calendar to see if this change will work for the Association meeting going forward.

Holy Cross Trail work party volunteers for summer of 2019. Actual date of the work day will be dependent on weather and the trail being free of snow. Also, see previous comments under Club Reports.

Future Meetings - PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGES

2nd Quarter 2019 – April 27, Colorado Springs Christian Four Wheelers.

BOD Meeting - April 6, hosted by Jessica

3rd Quarter 2019 – July 27th hosted by CORE and Mile High Jeep Club at All 4 Fun in Buena Vista, Colorado. There will be camping and meals available for two (2) Club Delegates per Club, Camping for Saturday and Sunday night and a trail ride on Sunday. We will need and RSVP from each Club so that MHJC can plan accordingly and every one who attends will need to sign the All 4 Fun waiver in advance or upon arrival if they plan to camp or run a trail on Sunday. Location details and Time will be shared as soon as they are confirmed.

BOD Meeting- July 13 at 4 Wheel Parts Truck & Jeep Fest, Denver Merchandise Mart, 58th & I-25, Denver.

4th Quarter 2019 – October 19 - Need club

BOD Meeting- Oct 5

1st Quarter 2020 - Jan 4

BOD Meeting - Jan 18

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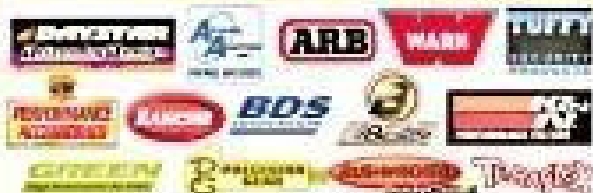
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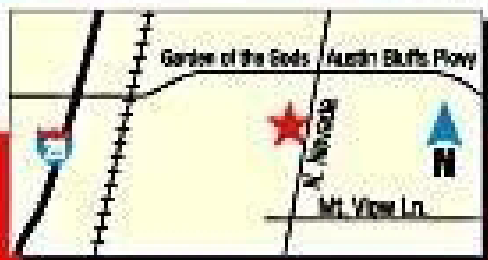
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