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3rd QUARTER MEETING DETAILS

Saturday, July 27

Mile High Jeep Club at All 4 Fun

Noon.-4 p.m.

Buena Vista Community Center
715 E. Main Str, BV

We need a head count for the meeting and for all those who plan to spend the night at the Rodeo Grounds and run a trail on Sunday as part of All 4 Fun.

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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.



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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ROCK JUNCTION AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN OFF ROAD EXPO 2019

by Jerry Smith



The Grand Mesa Jeep Club Rock Junction and Rocky Mountain Off Road Expo (2019) is in the books. Once again, they performed some great and very successful events!

The guided trails did not fail to please. This year we added some fairly unknown trails to the mix and they all garnered rave reviews. Some of the old stalwart trails were unavailable due to closed access roads. Mother Nature was severely unkind to several areas this winter.

The Expo was apparently a hit with both the participants and the attendees. Estimates agree that the overall attendance was significantly up from previous years. The GMJC is very happy with the outcome and will begin planning for next year soon.



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The banner features a central circular logo with "14er Fest" in the center. The words "MTN BIKE", "FISH", "HIKE", "4X4", and "TRAIL RUN" are arranged around the top of the circle. Below the logo, the text "SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2019" and "BUENA VISTA, CO" is displayed. To the right, an orange banner reads "Presented By" above the "the TRAILHEAD BUENA VISTA, COLORADO" logo. Below that is the "CORE" logo, which includes the text "COLORADO OFF ROAD ENTERPRISE" and "PIKE-SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FOREST CHAPTER". The background consists of stylized, low-poly mountains in shades of purple and orange.

Association Clubs Doing Their Part to Keep our Trails Open!

Colorado Springs Christian Four Wheelers teamed up with Focus on the Forest and the Pike National Forest Ranger District to pick up trash along Gold Camp Road and do some trail projects up on Forest Service Roads 376 and 379. The volunteers which included some members of the Bearded Bastards and Misfits Facebook Groups picked up over 5,000 lbs. of trash, most of which was from recreational shooters who don't seem to care about trashing our public lands and some other items like a truck bed camper that someone abandoned in the woods. Members of CSC4W's also helped install over 200' of fence along the entrance of Bull Park and dragged numerous downed trees to block off illegal off trail areas on 376 and 379





June 22, 2019 Bighorn 4x4 of Colorado Springs took some volunteers from Rocky Mountain Kids to pick up trash at the entrance to Eagle Rock and Saran Wrap off of Gold Camp Road. Considering this whole area was cleaned just cleaned two weeks prior, they filled 12 fifty-gallon trash bags with more trash from careless target shooters. The group then ran Eagle Rock, their adopted trail and did some maintenance along the way in the hail, snow and rain!



June 23, 2019 Mile High Jeep Club was up on the Sidewinder Trail north of Kremmling working with the local Bureau of Land Management Office clearing the entrance of the trail and installing a 200' post and cable fence to keep people from going off trail and up a hill before the "Gate Keeper". The County Road and trail itself were extremely muddy so the decision was not to run the trail that day until it dried out a little to avoid damage. While the heaving lifting was being done, our youngest volunteer and future Paleontologist collect bones from the area and with the help of the resident Anthropologist tried to determine what animals they all came from.



June 30, 2019 Members of the Colorado Off Road Enterprise (CORE) teamed up with Mile High Jeep Club and the Colorado Association of Four Drive Clubs Board of Directors to clear over a 1,000' of avalanche debris up on Tin Cup above the town of St. Elmo. The trail is now open to the tree line on the east side, however snow pack and a slide up on the switchbacks below the pass will keep the pass itself closed until more snow melts and the condition of the trail can be assessed. Once the work there was done, CORE Members headed up Grizzly Lake to assess the condition of the trail, cleared some small areas up to the tree line and then found a large avalanche debris field just below the lake that will be dealt with at a future date.





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Northern District Land Use Update by Adam Mehlberg

Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

Multi-district meeting was held April 19, 2019 at the Supervisors Office in Fort Collins. The meeting initiated communication between the motorized groups and the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee Grasslands personnel. We will have these larger group meetings on a periodic basis to share information, identify opportunities to enhance OHV road and trail networks, parking and trail heads, signage, saw training and certification, and other ways to take advantage of partnering. The next meeting will be at the Boulder office on July 23, 2019.

Kelly Flats FR168 - Open

Johnny Park FR118 - Open

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. Using this information they have had three projects around the district to rehabilitate and consolidate campsites. The most recent one was Gordon Gulch on June 15, 2019.

2019 Volunteer Service Agreements (VSAs) have been 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. Future projects will involve buck and rail fence repair, sign replacement, road stabilization, and a shooting are cleanup.

Caribou FR505 (NORAC) – Still seasonally closed. Review will be on July 6-7, 2019. 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) – Still seasonally closed. Planned review date for opening is July 13, 2019. Future projects include route control along restoration area as well as the large alpine tundra section.

Middle St. Vrain FR114 (Trailridge Runners) – Still seasonally closed. There is too much snow on the upper part of the road. Project will be June 22-23 to do what maintenance on lower sections. 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) - Still seasonally closed. Will be run the same weekend as the Middle St. Vrain to do maintenance on lower section. 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. Working on signs for roads on the south side of the St. Vrain river. Need to 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) - Still seasonally closed. T-33 information sign has been replaced. Will be reviewed June 23, 2019. More fencing repair and route control will be needed.

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. <https://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.

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
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
Apr., 2020	Easter Jeep Safari	Moab, UT	
Apr., 2020	COA4WDCI 2nd Qtr Delegates Meeting		
May, 2020	13th Annual National Go Topless Day		
June, 2020	Rock Junction	Grand Junction	www.gmjc.org/rockjunction
June, 2020	Rocky Mountain Off Road Expo		www.gmjc.org/offroad-expo

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Letter From the President - Brian O'Connors

Summer has finally arrived in Colorado!

2019 has proven to be a strange year so far, now that we are half way thru it. For a while it seemed like Winter just wasn't going to let go as the snow kept falling well into June and many of our high-country trails remain closed due to avalanches and a very heavy snow pack, over 300% of normal in some areas.

That being said, the focus of the 2019 3rd Quarter High Trails Newsletter is on all that our clubs have done and continue to do to get our trails open this year, keep them open, maintain them and sadly pick up tons of other people's trash along the way.

Many of scheduled work days or weekends had to be rescheduled this year from April and May into June and July and some projects may not happen until August or September. I had asked several times for clubs to update the calendars and send in photos of projects and some have, others I have pulled the info and photos off your Facebook pages and websites. I will apologize up front if I failed to give the proper credit to the photographer or author involved, but I did my best.

I hope after reading thru the July 2019 edition of High Trails you will come to the realization that if it weren't for the organized 4x4 Community in Colorado doing what they do, we would not have the trails we have or enjoy our sport the way we do.

We have some truly great clubs in Colorado and if you aren't already a member of a club, you should be! Oh, and by the way, a Facebook Group or other social media page does not constitute a club. A club is organized in some fashion and is registered with the Colorado Secretary of States Office. Why do I make this distinction? Because an organized and registered Club is a legal entity, like a business it can do things like Adopting a Trail, sign a Volunteer Agreement with the National Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management and apply for grants to fund projects. That is what it takes to maintain our trails!

Now there are many great social media groups out there and several have pitched in this year and in years past to help us out, but we need the clubs and the clubs need members to make this all work.

So, here is a challenge for you all! Invite a friend or even a stranger who enjoys driving their 4x4 what ever brand it is, off road here in Colorado to come with you to your next club function. Club Meeting, Meet and Greet, Trial Ride or Work Day and show them what you do and ask them to join and become part of the solution!



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

There is still time to do planning with the land managing agencies on your Adopt-A-Road projects. The late arrival of summer has delayed the melt out of the snow pack and kept some 4WD roads closed later into the season. 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:

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Hancock Pass, Alpine Tunnel

Overview: Pass through historic site of Hancock on way to 12,140-ft. Hancock Pass. See restored train depot at Alpine Tunnel. Enjoy more difficult side trip to Tomichi Pass, Trail #40. No unlicensed parking lot at Waypoint 01.

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 Nathrop, 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.

MILEAGE LOG:

0.0 **Start this adventure (Blue Mile)**
Follow wide, straight C.R. 162 south. (5.4)
0.1 N 38° 42' 30" W 108° 35' 41" (1.0)
0.2 Stay right around old railroad trestle then go straight past turn for Mary Mountain Mine. (0.4)
0.4 **Arrive at Hancock**
Townsite marked on left. Hiking trail goes right to lower portal of Alpine Tunnel. Stay left after townsite on lesser 295.2. (0.2)
0.5 N 38° 38' 42" W 108° 21' 47" (1.0)
0.6 At clearing between large trees, the main trail goes head right up F.S. 295. Side trip to Hancock Lake goes straight. (0.4)
0.7 N 38° 38' 29" W 108° 21' 48" (1.0)
0.8 **SIDE TRIP TO LAKE:**
Continue south on 295.2. Road is slightly rocky, so take your time. (1.0)
0.9 Bear left. (0.4)
1.0 Trail ends at lower lake. Hike to upper lake. Turn around and return to Waypoint 03. (0.4)
1.1 **Back to the main trail:**
From Wpt. 03, turn left if returning from lake; right if coming from Hancock Townsite. (0.4)
1.2 Rocky road swings right and begins steep climb to Hancock Pass. (4.5)
2.2 **Arrive at Hancock Pass**
and continue down other side. Road changes to Gunnison F.S. 265. (3.4)
2.3 N 38° 37' 25" W 108° 22' 49" (1.0)
3.1 Scenic spot to pull over for lunch on right. (2.0)
3.2 Bear right on F.S. 888. Hand trail is Tomichi Pass. Trail #40. (2.0)
3.3 N 38° 36' 49" W 108° 22' 71" (1.0)
3.7 Turn right on 839 to reach Alpine Tunnel. Left goes to Pikes. (2.3)
3.8 N 38° 36' 52" W 108° 22' 42" (1.0)
6.0 **Picnic area for Alpine Tunnel.** Hike short distance from here to see depot and other structures. Longer walk to collapsed tunnel entrance. (0.4)
6.1 N 38° 36' 30" W 108° 24' 49" (1.0)

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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	194
	Kelly Flats, FR168, FR172	144	
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

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

Call to Order - Brian O'Connors

Pledge of Allegiance- All

Roll Call - Tracy Barker

Following Clubs were in attendance:

Northern District: NORAC; Central District: Big Horn Jeep Club (Denver); Southern District: Bighorn 4x4 Club, Colorado Land Cruisers, Colorado Springs Christian 4Wheelers, Ute Pass Iron Goats; Western District: Grand Mesa Jeep Club

Introductions - Brian O'Connors

Review and Approval of the 1st Qtr Meeting Minutes

Tracy Barker (motion to approve), Second by Chuck Severance, approved by vote.

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

Ige Gustavson (motion to approve, Second not recorded), approved by vote.

Review and Approval of the 2019 Budget - Ige Gustavson

Annual budget/fiscal year is July 1 to June 30; Budget was incomplete in January, hence not approved. Brian will send email with 2019 Budget to all member club representatives in order to approve at 3Q Meeting (in July).

Report of Officers and Clubs

President Brian O'Connors

The 2020 dues letters were sent to club representatives (only one returned as undeliverable). Major objectives of COA4WDCI is to facilitate clubs' work with land management agencies, to integrate clubs with like-minded organizations, and to facilitate clubs' membership growth. To that end, clubs are invited to "work the booth" at any event the Association attends, and promote their club.

Northern District VP Vacant

Central District VP – Jessica Surface & Clubs Present

Big Horn Jeep Club – Holy Cross work project (summer 2019, date TBD based

on snow conditions) to remove large boulder from French Creek. Brian sent email to Trish Barrere, Lead Ranger in that District. Molly Chiappetta, Stay the Trail, will pay for project signage.

Southern District VP – Luke Gilganus

Colorado Land Cruisers - The club monthly rail ride on April 20 was at Texas Creek; found trails in dry and overall good condition, observed very little litter in Texas Creek OHV Area. Next outing is Medano Pass in May, contingent on trail open conditions.

Bighorn 4x4 Club. - The club will scout Eagle Rock and Saran Wrap on June 8. Scheduled area cleanup on 22 June. Club is celebrating 40th Anniversary this year, event at Chinaman's Gulch on 18 May. George Cerbasi assumes leadership of Christmas-4-Kids event; Bighorn 4x4 Club requests more clubs get involved, envisions this annual event becoming "round robin" hosted every two years (i.e., another club takes lead role). Key date: 15 December is wrapped gift drop-off date.

Ute Pass Iron Goats – Chuck Severance attended a planning meeting at the Royal Gorge Field Office, BLM, where they discussed a new single-track trail/route in the vicinity of Chinaman's Gulch. The club has a week-long event planned for Moab, from 5-11 May; hosts a trail work day at Chinaman's Gulch on 18 May. Chuck mentioned having spoken to Gunnison National Forest about Alpine Loop and Tomichi Pass regarding signage discrepancies/inconsistencies.

Colorado Springs Christian 4 Wheelers

The club hosts their annual "kickoff event" on 4 May; Their next event is 11 May at the Gulches. June 8th is the clubs Trail Clean Up Day up on Gold Camp Road, Frosty Park and Mt. Baldy

Additional event identified in Southern District: Rocky Mountain Overland Rally, 3-5 August in Crested Butte

Brian's "to do list"—

Meet with Gunnison Valley O.H.V. Alliance of Trailriders (The GOATS)
Matt McComb Gunnison National Forest

District Ranger on Tomichi Pass, Alpine Tunnel and the Palisades.

Contact Josh Voorhis, South Platte Forest District Ranger, about the plan for Hackett Gulch and Hackett Road (FSR 220) for 2019, will motorized use to but not across the South Platte River be allowed for 2019?

Western District VP – Jerry Smith

BLM is making changes on ground near the airport, having changed 27 1/4 Road to add a "staging area" and potentially to include an obstacle course in the future. He said new trails in the Bangs Canyon area are moving slowly. Also that he/Grand Mesa Jeep Club is working with BLM to reopen the Sheep Creek area trails. Jerry said that Rock Junction (event) is scheduled for May 30th, 31st, and June 2nd. The Rocky Mountain Offroad Expo will be Saturday, June 1st.

Committees

Adopt A Road – Adam Melberg

Was not present but sent a message via email, printed and distributed to member club attendees by Brian O'Connors, emphasizing importance of reporting club service/work hours.

Land Use/COHVCO – Scott Jones

Liability immunity for volunteers is passed as law in Colorado (feature article in High Trails). Gulches update (Wildcat Canyon)—Longwater & Hackett remain closed at County Line. Bennett's CORE Bill—no change, no update. Training Workshops—two dates and two locations; Gunnison, 31 May-1 June, and Salida, June 12-13.

United 4WD Association. Jerry Smith

UFWDA has been especially busy outside of Colorado, but within Colorado mentioned two initiatives—an Environmental Impact Statement in/near the Tres Rios (Telluride) with potential to reopen trails closed for several years; and the Grand Mesa Jeep Club is working to possibly schedule some training classes with Bill Burke (renowned 4WD trainer and owner of Bill Burke's 4-Wheeling America).

Club Membership

Club membership dues letters sent out last month.

New Member Applications

One new Club Membership, Colorado Jeep Girls

Associates & Supporting Memberships

One new Associate Member, Colorado Off-Road Enterprise (CORE)

Warrior Jeeps; John Cope runs a Facebook page with state chapters; Brian is working to get them to join COA4WDCI as an Associate Member

FEAT

Potential for reciprocal type agreement with Colorado 4x4 Recovery to assist in more than just winter storms by driving doctors and nurses to and from their home to hospitals and back. The “bomb cyclone” storm was the first “activation” of FEAT in several years. Currently FEAT has been operating with both formal and informal MOA/MOU with numerous Counties around the State.

Stay the Trail & Tread Lightly

Land Use Summit in Buena Vista; Blue Ribbon Coalition organized past “summit”, usually takes place on the Monday night of All-4-Fun event. “Summit” is a forum for all parties/clubs/vendors to get informed on current issues. In the past, the forum didn’t use an agenda/decision-seeking format, now proposed to use this forum to achieve consensus to decide/take action on two or three specific issues.

Old Business

Website

The Association doesn’t have a webmaster. Several officers collaborate to update (events, etc.) but we need a competent volunteer to maintain the Association website.

Newsletter

The electronic format imposes no restrictions on the number of pages we can produce.

Club Grants – None

Stay the Trail

The Association requires a liaison for Tread Lightly and Stay The Trail.

Northern District VP

The Association requires a volunteer for Northern District VP.

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Proposed change(s) to the Association SOP

Article III, Section 2: Change setting new quorum requirements in order to validate meetings as “official”.

Proposed change(s) to the Association Mission Statement

Motion by Luke Gilganus, second by Tracy Barker. Vote of members present approved change.

Storage Rental for Association files and memorabilia Jessica Surface.

Grand Valley Trails Alliance

Jerry Smith is the Association delegate to GVTA, a regional “umbrella” of user groups. Members present voted to approve \$100 annual member dues, to be sent immediately.

New Business

2019 Raffle Vehicle

Consensus is that a 2019 Raffle Vehicle will not happen. Looking now for a member club to volunteer to build a 2020 Raffle Vehicle.

Scholarship grant

Two scholarship applications submitted; both applicants were present to read their essays and receive a check from the Association. Brant Lee Johnson, Bighorn 4x4 Club, Second Place, \$500 Award. Aiden Brock Lyde, NORAC, First Place, \$1,000 Award.

Trail grants

Big Thompson (not present).

2019 4x4 Event Calendar

Not all events on the Association calendar are sponsored by the COA4WDCI, but are included so member clubs can view major events and plan/deconflict their club activities with known event dates and locations.

Web-based Meeting Format

The intent/purpose is to make the meetings more open/available to club members. We discussed potential solutions and potential pitfalls to digital format. Brian O’Connors will investigate platforms and services for potential use.

Holy Cross work party in Summer (date TBD)

The Association requests member clubs to promote volunteering among membership to support this effort.

Mission For Hope

Homelessness awareness campaign. Leighton O’Connor is a 4x4 enthusiast as well as an activist to bring attention to plight of homeless persons nationwide. Traveling to 30 cities over 200 days, will be in Denver on June 29. Seeking support of local 4x4 clubs and churches. Working in limited focus areas, funded by donations from churches and the 4x4 community, wants to assemble hygiene kits and food to be distributed. Brian will get more details on specific needs as we get closer.

Statewide Stewardship Initiative

Jerry Smith suggested that the Association look into this organization, possibly to join in order to promote 4x4-friendly posture and policies. The initiative is apparently teamed with GOCO, Great Outdoors Colorado (<http://www.goco.org/about-us/history>), and the Gates Foundation, to advance outdoor stewardship and policies. Following a discussion, Brian O’Connors indicated that he would investigate the Statewide Stewardship Initiative and report.

Future Meetings

3rd Quarter 2019 – The 3rd Quarter Meeting will be on July 27th hosted by Mile Hi Jeep Club at the All-4-Fun event in Buena Vista. The Board of Directors will meet on July 13th at 4WheelParts Truck & Jeep Fest in Denver.

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

4th Quarter 2019 – Meeting will be October 19th; the Association needs a member club to host. The Board of Directors meeting will be on October 5th, location TBD.

BOD Meeting- Oct 5

1st Quarter 2020 - Meeting will be January 18th, hosted by the Board of Directors, location TBD.

BOD Meeting - Jan 18

Adjourn

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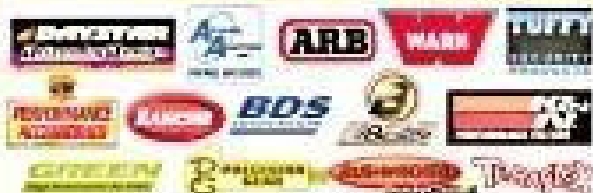
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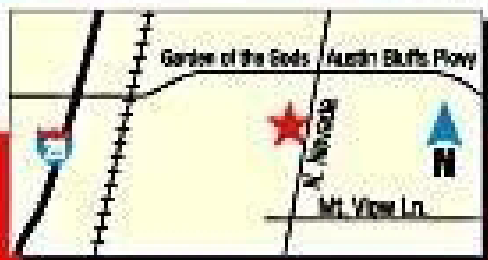
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