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# THE FOUR LETTER WORD

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Historian	Montego	

## May 2021

### WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH

#### CLUBHOUSE MEETING

May 14th, 2021 @ 08:00 PM

#### ZOOM MEETING

May 14th, 2021 @ 07:30 PM

#### MAY RUNS

May 28<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> Lone Pine/HDR

Hi Desert Round-Up

<https://cal4wheel.com/events/hi-desert-round-up>

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### BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

#### Birthdays

- Khristina Gonzales (Ses' Wife)
- Laney Weston
- Alan Thomen
- Nick Drinkwalter
- Gary Vargas

#### Memberships Anniversaries

- Noel Park/ Delia Crochetiere 5/2017

#### Weddings/Partnerships

- Ryan & Catherine Williamson 5/2020
- Gary & Angie Vargas 5/2018

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This newsletter belongs to the club. Any items you may want to include are welcomed! Build info and updates; Install issues and solutions; Upgrade questions; Your personal and/or club trip reports; Traveling to destinations of historical significance or natural beauty that required your expertise in the art of 4 Wheeling to arrive at said destinations. Also include maps, GPS coordinates and trip specific neccisities.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET... PICTURES of the aforementioned topics will help immensely!

Besides, how else are we supposed to make fun of how you broke your rig?

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**Club Facebook Page:** The Roughwheelers – Off Road Club



# The Roughwheelers IV Wheel Drive Club

## Minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup> , 2021 Clubhouse and Zoom Meeting

**MEMBERS:** Bruce Ward, Gary and Angie Vargas, Curt Champlin, Dennis Wensauer, Sandy and Keith Graham, Karen Lykins, Jim Leamon, Stanley lykins, Dave and Toni Telenko, Montego, Cole Walton, Michael Lynch, Steve Telenko, Dave Weston  
Via Zoom: Nathan, Mynor, Alan Thomen

**GUESTS:** John Haines, Terry Grimsley, Dominic Carrozza and son Nicolas  
Via zoom: Todd Maybe, Joe Platnick, Robert Pracho.

**MEMBER ELIGIBILITY:** None this month.

### REPORTS:

- **PRESIDENT:** Not Present
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Inventory is in process
- **SECRETARY:** No Report
- **TREASURER:** Treasurers report and Paid Members = 22
- **EDITOR:** About half of the members have not paid dues and will not receive a newsletter
- **SERGEANT AT ARMS:** We have a raffle! An argument ensued over the raffle for Zoomers  
No Zoomers wanted to buy tickets. Problem solved
- **SAFETY CHAIRMAN:** Vehicle check at The Snoopy's house
- **WAGONMASTER:** Cleghorn on April 24, El Mirage 4/30 to May 2 It was moved and seconded to  
move the El Mirage run April 30/May 2 to one week earlier April 23 through 24 the vote was 6 to 1
- **EL MIRAGE LIASION:** TBD
- **CA4WDC DELEGATE:** TBD
- **HISTORIAN:** A short history of the Phyllis Diller award. AND the original trophy

### AWARDS

- **ACE DRIVER:** Not awarded
- **MASTER MECHANIC:** Not awarded
- **BACK SEAT DRIVER:** Not awarded
- **PHYLLIS DILLER:** Not awarded
- **PRINCESS:** Not awarded

### OLD BUSINESS

NONE

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Re: Ham Radios, can we get a club License?
2. Discussion from Karen Re: Are there non-Members on the Email list and if there are should we be sending certain non-members information such as treasurers reports?
3. Raffle. There was a heated discussion re: If and how Zoomers can participate in the raffle. And should we even have a raffle until all members feel they can safely return to in person meetings at the clubhouse? Steve even volunteered to buy tickets for any Zoomers that wanted them and deliver prizes that may be won. However, all Zoomers declined to buy any tickets and the raffle went on.

## GUESTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT STATUS

NAME	MEETING	RUN/EVENTS
Gary Neese	1/2019 4/2019	5/2019 – El Mirage OHV Recreation Area
Jed Douglas	7/2019	
Eric Hymouritz	8/2020	
Mike Costigan	8/2020 11/2020	
Brian & Stacy Keown	8/2020 9/2020 10/2020 3/2021	5/2020 – Non High Desert Roundup 1/2021 – El Mirage OHV Recreation Area
Robert & Kristin Ferraraccio	?/????	4/2021 – El Mirage OHV Recreation Area
Joe Platnick	4/2021	4/2021 – Vehicle Check



# El Mirage Trip Report

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

By Brue Ward



For some of us, the springtime El Mirage cleanup and trail maintenance weekend started by camping Friday night. As usual, there was a bit of wind, making tent setup and starting the campfire a challenge. It got down to 46 degrees at night, but by El Mirage standards, a fairly pleasant evening. After circling the vehicles for a wind break, we grilled dinner followed by cocktails and smores. We were visited by several Predator drones during the weekend. They must have been conducting training runs.





In the morning, after breakfast and the arrival of several members and guests making it a day trip, we held a drivers meeting around 9 and headed out on the Fearless Folly trail. Since this was a trail maintenance and cleanup run, we had quite a few stops for trash pickup and sign replacement. The trails seemed to be a bit cleaner than usual, but we still managed to collect a significant amount of trash. The biggest item was a barbeque at the bottom of a gulch.



Robert also found a pull-tab from a can. When was the last time you saw one of those? I also found a golf ball. Must've been a terrible golfer to slice it all the way to Elmo.

We replaced or repaired numerous trail signs. Some external groups had even been decorating our signs with their own stickers.





We did the usual features initially, the rock garden and descending from the Crow's nest. We had lunch huddled under the Guzzler. After lunch, I think perhaps we ventured into a few new trails, since some of the features seemed more challenging that I had remembered. Late in the afternoon, as we headed up Snoopy's Gulch we encountered some mechanical difficulty, with Alan's truck breaking a U-Joint. After realizing we didn't have the correct size replacement parts,

Alan removed his driveshaft, which would allow us to tow him back to camp. Since towing Alan's truck up the rest of Snoopy's Gulch seemed impossible, we decided to turn around, but the tight fit in the gulch required Gary to winch Alan into an Austin Powers U-turn. After a great team effort, we were able to tow Alan back to camp, and Stanley drove him to the closest parts store on Sunday.



All El Mirage pictures provided by Bruce Ward

Members: Wagonmaster Stan Lykins, Tuvia, Woodstock, Alan, Baja, Mynor and Audrey, Keith and Sandy, Gary and Angie Vargas  
Guests: Robert and Kristin Ferraraccio, Desert Burros Tim Brown, John Via, and Matt Freeman





# Vehicle Check

April 10<sup>th</sup>

Snoopy & Snoopette's House

By Dave & Toni Telenko

What an awesome turnout for our TRW Vehicle Check. We had a total of ELEVEN vehicles, including at least 4 guests! In TRW tradition there was lots of comments on a lot of undercarriage's, mostly fun stuff! Great camaraderie with all, fanatic hot dogs & hamburgers supplied by the Snoops & deliciously prepared by Snoopette. Many delicious side dishes were brought, making this a very worthy event.

All 11 vehicles were inspected & as far as I know there was something a-miss on everyone's vehicle> Some had a loong list others had 1 or 2! Was great that we had a chance to talk with prospective members & take a look at their vehicles. This is what our club is really all about, having fun & enjoying each others company. Looking forward to many more such events. Hope all who attended enjoyed the friendship!



# ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

**Note that when first joining... YOU ARE NOT ON MUTE!**

Join Zoom Meeting Link

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Zoom meetings scheduled every second Friday of the Month:

May 14, 2021 07:30 PM

Jun 11, 2021 07:30 PM

Jul 9, 2021 07:30 PM

Aug 13, 2021 07:30 PM

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# HI DESERT ROUND-UP

Trails, games, camping & more!

Slash X Ranch in Barstow



All HDR Info is from the Cal4Wheel Website

Be sure to check the Cal4Wheel website for more details including Run Descriptions

<https://cal4wheel.com/events/hi-desert-round-up>



This year's Hi Desert Round-Up, scheduled for **May 28-31, 2021, is ON!** We'll find a way to make it happen.

## ABOUT HDR

By Angela Cook

Held on Memorial Day weekend, this will be HDR 50, and we have had a lot of changes over the years. We have held the event in a few different locations, but the best one so far (in my humble opinion) is at the Slash X Ranch in Barstow. We also do some things the same way, but I'll start with the changes.





This year, we will be charging a few more dollars, BUT you will get one free T-shirt with each preregistration! You will still be able to order more shirts, and we will have a *small amount* available to purchase on-site. But, if you wait till you get there to register, we will not be offering the free T-shirt, so be sure to preregister and get your shirts!

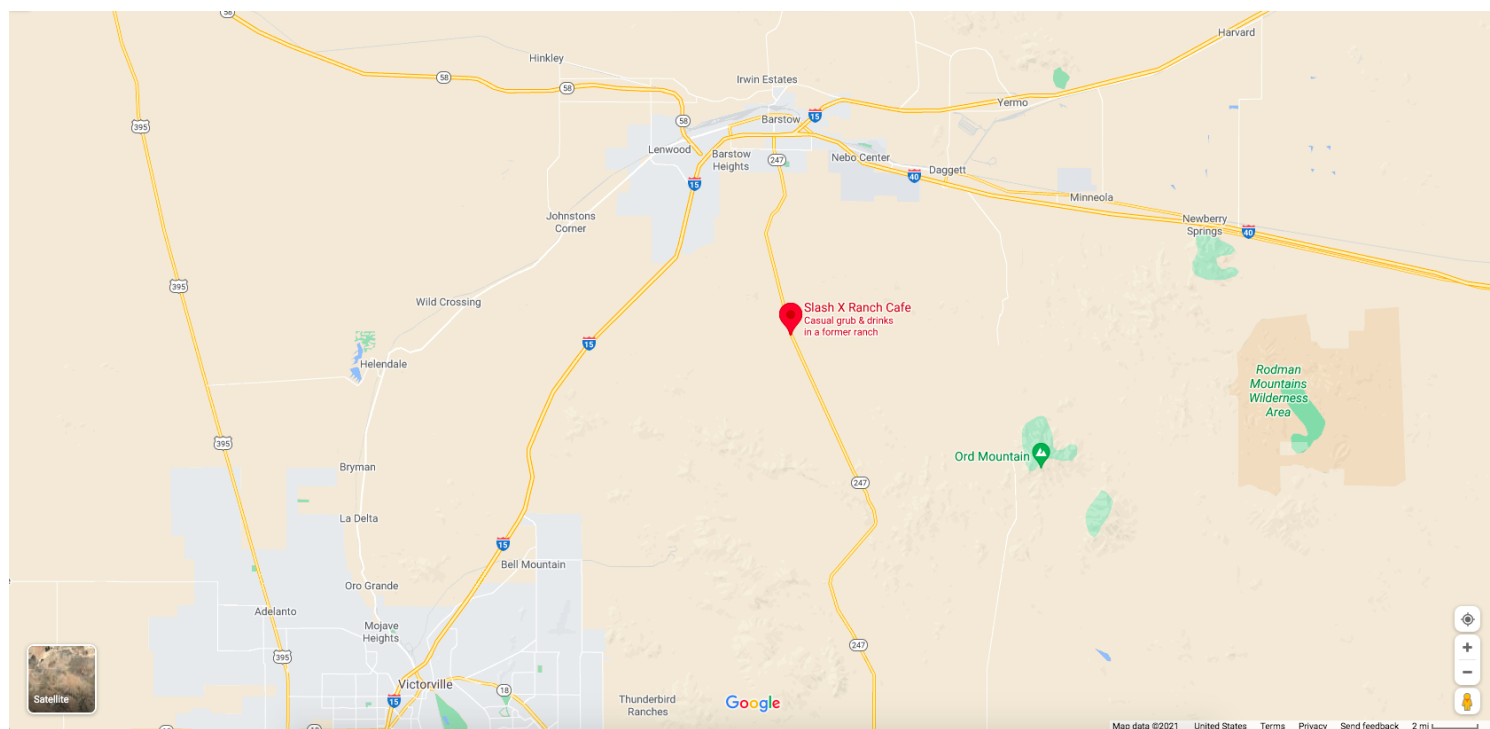
We will now be doing the games on Saturday, both for adults and kids. You can test your rig on the RTI ramp, the teeter totter, or you can get your passenger cooled down at the wet lap game, which will be hosted By GenRight Off Road. If you would like to see a retired game come back, feel free to offer to run it! We can always use volunteers.

Another staple throughout the years is the raffle. We are working hard to make the raffle a successful one, and we can use help from all of you to do it. BFG, a long-time corporate sponsor for Cal4Wheel, is now going to include an extra tire to their prize! So you could win five tires instead of just four, and they will now go up to size 37". That's worth the price of a few extra raffle tickets!

Donations of money or product are always much-

appreciated. Please let the event chair know if you, your club or your company would like to donate so we can get your name or logo in the program.

Things are always subject to change, so check the website before you go. We are all volunteers, but we try to run things as smoothly as possible. Patience and a good attitude make for a great event!





# HDR Schedule

## FRIDAY - MAY 28, 2021

- 12PM Registration and safety opens
- 9PM Registration and safety closes

## SATURDAY - MAY 29, 2021

- 7AM-12PM Registration and safety
- 7:15AM Trail leaders' meeting
- 8AM Drivers' meetings
- 8AM-3PM Trail rides leave in 15 minute intervals
- 4-7PM Camp activities & social hours
- 5PM-7PM Dinner served
- 7PM Kids' raffle
- 7:30PM Adult raffle
- 9:30PM Trail ride

## SUNDAY - MAY 30, 2021

- 7:15AM Trail leaders' meeting
- 8AM Trail rides line up
- 8:45AM Drivers' meetings
- 8AM-3PM Trail rides leave in 15 minute intervals
- 10AM-2PM Adult games
- 3-5PM Kids' games
- 4PM-7PM Camp activities and social hours
- 7PM-7:30PM Kids' best equipped vehicle game
- 7:30PM-8:30PM Adult best equipped vehicle game
- 8:30PM Games awards
- 9PM-11PM Adult social hour

## MONDAY - MAY 31, 2021

- 8AM Trail rides line up
- 11AM Event officially closes





# FUTURE RUNS



<b>May</b>	<b>28-31</b>	<b>HDR / Lone Pine</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>19-26</b> <b>26</b>	<b>Vacation Run - Sand Hollow Utah</b> <b>Miller Jeep Trail / Frazier Park</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>23-25</b>	<b>Big Bear</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>27-29</b>	<b>Sierra Trek / Rubicon / Sherman Pass</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>24-26</b>	<b>Big Bear - Garden of Eden /</b> <b>Motino Wash</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>9</b> <b>22-24</b>	<b>Run Planning Meeting</b> <b>El Mirage Clean Up Day</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>12-14</b>	<b>Panamint Valley Days</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>11</b> <b>30-Jan 2</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b> <b>Logandale</b>