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AUGUST 2021

WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH

CLUBHOUSE MEETING

August 13th, 2021 @ 08:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING

August 13th, 2021 @ 07:30 PM

August Runs:

27th-29th

Sierra Trek / Rubicon / Sherman Pass

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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- Bruce Ward
- Steve Telenko
- Stevie Levesque (Serge's son)
- Noel Park
- Sean Gonzales (Ses' son)
- Delia Crochetiere

Memberships Anniversaries

- | | |
|-----------------------|------|
| • Stan Lykins | 2013 |
| • Jim & Karen Leamon | 2013 |
| • Steve Telenko | 2016 |
| • Gary & Angie Vargas | 2020 |

Weddings/Partnerships

- None

EDITOR'S NOTE: This newsletter belongs to the club. Any items you may want to include are welcomed! The following are some topic ideas for your newsletter:

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. This should also include maps, GPS coordinates and trip specific neccisities.

Please don't forget that pictures of the aforementioned topics will help immensely!

Contact the Newsletter Editor: SensibleOffroad@gmail.com

Club Website: <http://www.roughwheelers.com>

Club Facebook Page: The Roughwheelers – Off Road Club



The Roughwheelers IV Wheel Drive Club

Minutes from the June 11th, 2021 Clubhouse Meeting including Zoom

MEMBERS: Attendees Members: Mike Lynch, Andrew Steffy, Stan Lykins, Mynor Moreno, Montego, Hubs, Steve Telenko, Dennis Wensauer, Keith and Sandy Graham, Jim and Karen Leamon, Cole Walton, Nick Drinkwater, Alan Thomen, Bruce Ward and Sam Thomson.

Via Zoom: Noel and Delia and Ryan Williamson

GUESTS: Eric Hymovitz, Terry Grimsley. Stacy and Brian Keown and Joe Platnick

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY:

REPORTS:

- **PRESIDENT:** Set up a club drive for inventory and other on-line necessities
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** I have the inventory. Inventory gone over and updated
- **SECRETARY:** Updates to Roster and Phone Tree
- **TREASURER:** 1655.88 plus dollars available. 23 members plus 3 life members.
- **EDITOR:** No report
- **SERGEANT AT ARMS:** We Have a raffle!
- **SAFETY CHAIRMAN:** I have the safety kit!
- **WAGONMASTER:** Vacation run probably canceled, will be replaced by Miller Jeep trail which will be wagon mastered by Stanley. About 9 members interested.
- **EL MIRAGE LIASION:**
- **CA4WDC DELEGATE:** TBD
- **HISTORIAN:** Story about a former member "Gas Man" and how he got his name.

OLD BUSINESS

Email clean-up

NEW BUSINESS

Stan motioned to move vacation run to last week of September 27ish and seconded, carried unanimously.

Mynor: Should we all bring book? Just a reminder to all to read your book.

Noel: Add Zoom attendee's to minutes and try to keep background conversations down

Refreshments: July - Tuvia

August - Dennis

September - Mike

October -Allan

Tech Talk: ARB Motor replacement new available from Poly Performance.

Fines: \$1.25

Raffle



The Roughwheelers IV Wheel Drive Club

Minutes from the July 9th, 2021 Clubhouse Meeting including Zoom

MEMBERS: Bruce Ward, Sam Thomson, Alan Thomen, Stan Lykins, Myner Moreno, and Steve Telenko
Via Zoom: Noel Park, Jerry Bullard, Nathan Asdorian (non voting) Ryan Williamson.

GUESTS: Terry Grimsley, Joe Platnick, Eric Hymovitz

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY: Robert Ferraccio

REPORTS:

- **PRESIDENT:** No Report
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** No Report
- **SECRETARY:** No Report
- **TREASURER:** We have money!
- **EDITOR:** No Report
- **SERGEANT AT ARMS:** No Report
- **SAFETY CHAIRMAN:** No Report
- **WAGONMASTER:** No Report
- **EL MIRAGE LIASION:** No Report
- **CA4WDC DELEGATE:** TBD
- **HISTORIAN:** No Report

We had a slight delay starting the meeting due to no Key! But Stan saved the day driving to Montego's to get one!
Vote on Robert Ferraccio: 6 members present and 3 on line the vote is unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

BBQ for August meeting. Unanimous

Trip report for upcoming Big Bear camping area. Mynor will mark with blue tape. Directions through fawnskin on hwy 38 left turn on Van Dusen and left on 3n16 to the end of pavement left on foley canyon left into gold mine day use area Mynor will have gate code.

Nathan discussion of out of state membership dues: Tabled until next meeting.

GUESTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT STATUS

NAME	MEETING	RUN/EVENTS
Eric Hymouritz	8/2020 ?/???? 7/2021	6/2021 – Miller Jeep Trail
Mike Costigan	8/2020 11/2020	
Brian & Stacy Keown	8/2020 9/2020 10/2020 3/2021 6/2021	5/2020 – Non High Desert Roundup 1/2021 – El Mirage OHV Recreation Area



Still interested in becoming a member? Join the club and bush welding is one of the many activities you can partake in!

Miller Jeep Trail Trip Report

By Bruce Ward

June 26, 2021



Most of us drove to Frazier Park for a day trip, but a few stayed at the Cottonwood campground in Hungry Valley. After a 9 am driver's meeting at the Flying J in Lebec, we headed over to the trailhead to air down. It was hot but bearable, around 90. But that lead to numerous issues on the trail.

We had two returning guests and two new guest vehicles. While airing down, there was another group and they took off before we could start on the run. Soon they encountered mechanical issues, then we did as well.



We were passing each other several times on the trail. Eventually, one of the groups was able to pull away, and we didn't see them anymore. The creeks were slightly lower than usual, but still had enough for several water crossings, as well as offering cool water to help with emergency engine cooling. Eric's Jeep developed a crack in the reserve coolant bottle. We were able to improvise a trail repair using an empty coolant jug. Later Stan had to do some trail maintenance on the fuel pump on the Scout. After a nice lunch in the shade of the ravine, and some more engine cooling, we were able to continue our run. Some parts of the run proved challenging, but manageable with spotting from Stan. Guest Joe kept it interesting by doing some three-wheeling in his four-runner. After reaching the summit, we had a smooth drive down the backside which is mostly fire road, and mostly shaded with trees. At the bottom, near Hungry Valley, we split into groups returning to camp and airing up to go home. Fortunately, it was the 2nd day of summer, so we still had enough light to air up and go home.



Members: Wagonmaster Stan Lykins, Woodstock and Sandy, Alan, Curt Champlain, Cole Walton, Alan Thomen, Bruce Ward

Guests: Robert Ferraraccio, Terry Grimsley, Joe Platnick, Eric Hymovitz with Kalpana (Kal) and their dog Boba.

Big Bear Trip Report

By Andrew Steffy

July 23rd - 25th 2021

Pictures provided by Andrew Steffy, Ryan Williamson, Mynor and Nathan Asdourian



Stan and I met up in Torrance to caravan out to Big Bear Friday afternoon. As we all know, traffic tends to be the worst at this time, but we didn't dream it would be roughly 7 hours until we actually saw camp! As we finally made it through all the traffic and began climbing the hill to Big Bear, I noticed my Jeep was cutting out. I shut off the AC, continued to drive but it happened again. I radioed Stan and he pulled into the next pull off.



As I got up next to him, his truck shut off and wouldn't restart. While we were missing with it, Ryan came pulling in behind us on his way to camp as well. The 3 of us continued to try and try to get the truck started but without luck. Our guess was just the stop and go traffic and the shear heat was the issue. After waiting around awhile for it to cool down, everything fired up and we continued up the hill. We had a few more little issues but forged on. We pulled into camp around 8-830 and began setting up. We made dinner and finally joined the rest of the group around the fire. They shared stories of their Friday day run as we all enjoyed the fire. The next morning, everyone was up and going fairly early. The few members who weren't camping pulled into camp prior to our driver meeting at 9. After a quick meeting, we made our way to John Bull. Terry knew an exciting route to John Bull that most of us had never seen up through the pinnacles. He led us to the John Bull trailhead and from there, Mynor took over. We had a total of 9 rigs which included Mynor, Terry with his son, Noel, Jeff (Noel's son), Ses and his son, Ryan with Nathan riding shotgun, Curt, Myself with my dog Atlas and finally Stan with Alan riding shotgun. The gatekeeper as we have all heard has gotten much easier over the years. Everyone made it through without issue and we continued up the trail. We had a few hang ups as we continued through the



trail but with spotting from Mynor, Nathan and Stan, everyone made it through fairly unscathed! The trail did have a bit of traffic but we tried to keep that group in front of us moving so as not to hold the group up behind us. As we get closer to the end of the trail, there is a nice little drop off spot that is right up against a tree. Ryan in preparations for a future Rubicon trip was pulling a trailer through John Bull this whole time. It anchored a bit along



the way on some boulders but a quick line adjustment usually got him free. As he worked his way down the drop off, the tree decided it should go ahead and take a few pieces of his taillight! This technically was the only damage I recall from the whole trail making it a very successful run. We soon after finished up the trail and found a nice shady spot for lunch. As lunch neared an end, Noel, Jeff and Terry expressed interest in running Gold Mountain. They split off from the group while the rest of us headed back to camp to relax and begin work welding up Alan's rear axle that had cracked the day before. While a few of us supervised with a cold beverage, Ryan got his welder out and began work. Luckily everything welded up nicely and we knew Alan could safely get home to that fresh new axle waiting for him in the garage! The night wrapped up with good food and conversation around the campfire. I'm already looking forward to the next trip! Thanks again to all who attended, spotted and guided the group through the trail!





ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

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

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FUTURE RUNS



August	27-29	Sierra Trek / Rubicon / Sherman Pass
September	24-26	Big Bear - Garden of Eden / Motino Wash
October	9 22-24	Run Planning Meeting El Mirage Clean Up Day
November	12-14	Panamint Valley Days
December	11 30-Jan 2	Christmas Party Logandale

