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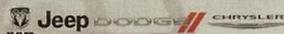
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NOVEMBER 2021

WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH

CLUBHOUSE MEETING

November 12th, 2021 @ 08:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING

November 12th, 2021 @ 07:30 PM

November Runs:

12th - 14th

Panamint Valley Days

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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- Stan Lykins
- Mike Solis
- Yvette Hammitt
- Jonathan Asdourian (Nathan's son)
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Memberships Anniversaries

- Bob Hughes 1967

Weddings/Partnerships

- Dave & Toni Telenko 1989
- Serge & Vanessa Levesque 2000
- Tuvia & Efrat Pomerantz 1994
- Dennis & Jennifer Wensauer 2006

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 necessities.

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

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

Club Facebook Page: The Roughwheelers – Off Road Club



The Roughwheelers IV Wheel Drive Club

Minutes from the October 8th, 2021
Clubhouse Meeting including Zoom

MEMBERS:

VIA ZOOM:

GUESTS:

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY: None

REPORTS:

- **PRESIDENT:** Reminded of the upcoming Run Planning meeting
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Reported that the Inventory had been updated from the previous meeting.
- **SECRETARY:** No Report.
- **TREASURER:** All new members have paid up. We have \$1549.05 in the bank and \$150 cash on hand.
- **EDITOR:** No Report.
- **SERGEANT AT ARMS:** We have a raffle. \$184 was brought in during the previous meeting.
- **SAFETY CHAIRMAN:** No Report.
- **WAGONMASTER:** No Report.
- **EL MIRAGE LIASION:** No Report.
- **CA4WDC DELEGATE:** No Report.
- **HISTORIAN:** No Report.

TRIP REPORTS:

Noel reported on The Ouray Jeep Jamboree. He was able to complete all 5 Badge of Honor trails while there which included Black Bear Pass, Poughkeepsie Gulch, Engineer Pass, Imogene Pass and Ophir Pass.

Andrew reported on Strawberry Lake where he broke the track bar bracket off his axle. Multiple people stopped and helped to get him off the trail and back into Shaver Lake. Jerry came the following day to the rescue and was able to trailer him home.

AWARDS:

Ace Driver – Andrew for going on a trip alone and breaking his track bar bracket off.

Master Mechanic – Andrew for using ratchet straps as a track bar to get off the trail

Back Seat Driver – Andrew for taking the back seat home in Jerry's truck after being rescued.

Phyllis Diller – Not awarded

Princess – Andrew

OLD BUSINESS:

The club welder needs a new spool. Alan is in possession of the welder now and was looking into buying the wire. Steve is holding the run planning meeting at his place Saturday, October 9th at 10am.

Bruce has updated the club inventory.

Noel has patches and stickers so contact his if interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

For the El Mirage run in October, Cole has volunteered to bring the Auger along since Steve’s truck will be filled with wood and beverages.

Hubs mentioned he has a portal welder that club members are free to borrow for future runs.

The December 11th Christmas party was discussed. The ideas of both catering or a potluck were brought up. Noel mentioned that the club spent \$150 on the 2019 party plus \$15 per member that came. We wanted to compare that overall cost with doing either of the 2 options listed above. This will need to be finalized at the November meeting so we can start to get an RSVP headcount for the 2021 Christmas Party.

Lastly, At the November meeting, we will be making 2022 office nominations.



GUESTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT STATUS

NAME	MEETING	RUN/EVENTS
Eric Hymouritz	8/2020 ?/??? 7/2021 9/2021	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!

El Mirage - Trip Report

Oct 23, 2021

This weekend was our cleanup run. The trails were the cleanest I've seen, and the trail markers were in the best condition. We collected some trash, but we didn't wind up having to do any maintenance on the trail markers.

The weather was actually perfect for a run, with comfortable tee shirt weather during the day and only a slight breeze at night. Steve drove up and camped on Friday night. I drove up on Saturday morning and camped that night only. Hubs and Noel joined us at 9 am for a driver's meeting, and we were on our way.

When we got to the first canyon with the rock garden, we surprised a family of owls in a hunting training session. They flew back and forth across the trail in front of us, with the juveniles a bit unsteady in the wind. This was perhaps the best wildlife encounter I've had at El Mirage. In spite of the racing event happening on the lakebed, traffic on the trails was light. At the end of a relatively uneventful day on the trails, Noel and I decided to give Bus Stop a try. This was challenging for my JLUR because of its length due to the tight hairpin turns. Partly due to skill, and partly due to a shorter wheelbase, Noel negotiated the turns of Bus Stop without needing to reverse. After Austin Powering through several turns, we were able to re-join the group and finish the day.

It was only in the last mile back to camp that I noticed that I had punctured the sidewall on one of my tires. It must've been in the Bus Stop leg. A wooden stick was the culprit, probably a branch from a creosote bush, which was baffling. It seems like the tire should have crushed the stick before it could create the puncture, just hit it at an unlucky angle. Since plugging the sidewall didn't seem safe, Steve helped me swap in the spare for the drive home. I found out something interesting, my stock jack will not reach my lifted axles. We had a short piece of a 4x10 beam that we got from our firewood pile that came in handy as a jack extender. I don't know what I would've done if this happened on the freeway.

After that it was time for a nice campfire with steaks, potatoes, and margaritas.

Members: Wagonmaster Steve Telenko, Noel, Hubs, Bruce Ward

Guests: Hubs' grandson

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

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Dec 10, 2021 07:30 PM

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FUTURE RUNS

November 12-14 Panamint Valley Days

December 11 Christmas Party
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