



NEWSLETTER



Got Articulation?

Calendar of Events



February 4th-6th
Parker 425

February 11th
King of the Hammers

February 28th
LHC TMP Comment Period Ends.

March 1st
P4W Meeting

March 4th-6th
Tierra Del Sol Run

March 6th-12th
FMCA Run

March 26th
Wheelers for Warriors

MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY I, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Harley Kruidof at 7:04 pm.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes for January 4, 2010 was motioned for approval by Larry and seconded by Mike and was approved.

Treasurer's Report: The January report was submitted and approved by

El Rod and Seconded by Larry.

Membership: We had 1 guest and two new members attend our meeting.



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Member Bio
Club Member
Dean Payte



Dean currently lives in Bouse, Arizona and has worked for Pilot Travel Center for the last seven years.

He is wheeling a 1987 Suzuki Samurai that has morphed into a "mostly tubed body" 106 wheelbase. 35x13x15 Toyo Open Country MT's for sneakers. The Toyota axles are turned with 5:38's and are 3 linked for the front 4 linked for the rear floating on independently operated air bag suspension. The motor is a DOHC 16 valve 1.3 l 4 cylinder spinning a 6.5:1 transfer case. His morphed Zuk is "Lincoln Locked in the rear and sporting a Lock Right in front.

He loves eating pizza and loves drinking hot chocolate while gazing at the stars.

His education came from the school of "Hard Knocks" and is ready for anything.

Please double check your contact information to ensure that we can get the latest and greatest club information to you.

Safety: Check out the medical packs that are available from Tri-Star Fire & Rescue. They are SNORE & SCORE approved. For more info on them contact Rick Levias @ 928-414-0008 or email him rkycr@hotmail.com

Publicity: No report for publicity. We are on Facebook check us out on: www.facebook.com/pages/Parker-4-Wheelers

Web Coordinator: Dean is looking for pictures to put up on the site. Thanks to Steve & Denise for all the pictures of Desert Splash and past events. Another big thanks to Larry & Teri for all the pictures of off-roading events. Keep checking the website to see the new and improved web pages. His e-mail is samurai19@lycos.com

Historian: If you need some history Dean is full of it (among other stuff).

Newsletter: Keep the pictures and information coming in from the runs and other events. Remember we have a For Sale & Wanted section on our newsletter and website. Get me the information so we can help sell your items. Shane newsletter@parker4wheelers.net

Special Dates: Lynnda reported 10 Birthdays and 1 Anniversaries in January.

Scholarships: Students are taking their AMES test. Applications are coming in for P4W Scholarships. We will be donating 2 \$1,000.00 scholarships again this year, to two lucky students.

Donations: Bring a can of fruit to every meeting. The senior center is in

desperate need of fruit. They have had their budget cut by the state and are in need of some assistance from the P4W'ers!

A motion was made to donate \$1,000.00 to the St Vincent's Soup Kitchen it was seconded and approved by the membership.

A motion was made to donate \$1000.00 to the Crisis Center. It was seconded by Bob and approved by the membership.

Club Merchandise: Desert Splash gear is almost gone. Get your orders in. Contact Chris and let him know if you want long sleeve, sleeveless, beanies or different colored shirts. Here is your chance for a P4W special order!

ASA Liaison: The ASA4WDC has put a challenge out to help with our recreation. The ASA4WDC will match any donation up to \$5000 to retain our lobbyist. You can donate by mail or by PayPal. This is an important effort to keep our trail open. Thanks to all who have donated so far.

Old Business: There is no "Old Business."

New Business: Thanks to Denise and her staff for the presentation that they put on for us and showed us how the Crises Shelter helps the Community of Parker.

In anticipation of the TMP coming to Parker we have formed a PLAC (Public Lands Access Committee). The PLAC is to help deal with and inform the club and community of Parker about the possible land closures.

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Above: Harley admiring Mike's spiffy Tuxedo he wore at the P4 W'er dinner

Below: Erin posing with one of the many gifts handed out at the dinner.



Cowbells: The manbell was passed on to Dave and Jack. For the record Jack ran out of gas. The cowbell was passed to Mike.

Upcoming Runs:

Hard Core Poler Run is scheduled for April 2-3.

Wounded Warriors Run is being held on March 26th in Cave Creek.

Dinner Bell: will be called by Chris for the meeting in January. Thanks to Lynnda for the great food in December.

50/50 Raffle: Bob won the January raffle.

The Parker 4 Wheelers monthly meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.



Above: "Parker 4 Wheeler of the year" Shane with his wife Laura.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

- What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work? Answer: A stick!
- How do you get down from an elephant? Answer: You don't get down from an elephant, you get it from a goose.
- What if the Hokey-Pokey really is what it's all about?
- A man encounters a pirate in a bar. They strike up a conversation, and the man asks the pirate how he suffered his various injuries. "Arrgh, I lost me leg fighting over buried treasure in the tropics. I lost me ear in a barroom fight with another pirate -- he bit me ear right off." The other man points to the pirate's arm and asks, "How'd you get the hook for an arm?" The pirate replies, "Arrgh, I lost me arm when a winch tore it off in a terrible storm at sea." "And how did you lose your eye?" The pirate says, "Arrgh, I had a terrible itch in me eye." "You lost your sight because of an itch?" The pirate explains: "Aye, it was me first day with the hook."
- A bear walks into a bar and says to the bartender, "I want a gin and tonic." The bartender replies, "what's with the big pause?" (Thanks to Prof. Baker for this joke.)
- A horse walks into a tavern and strides up to the bar. The bartender says, "Hey, buddy, what's with the long face?"
- What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches? A nervous wreck!
- Two guys walked into a bar. They should have ducked.
- A hot dog walks into a bar. The bartender looks at him and says, "We don't serve food here."
- Where does a test tube baby live? Answer: In a womb with a view.
- What did the termite say when he walked into the tavern? Answer: Is the bar tender here?
- Andrew: Dad, do your socks have holes in them? Dad: No, they don't. Andrew: Well then, how do you get your feet in them?
- A guy complains to his psychiatrist that he's been having strange dreams. "One night I dream I'm a teepee, the next night I dream I'm a wigwam -- every night, either a teepee or a wigwam. It's really starting to get to me." The psychiatrist responds, "It's clear what your problem is. You're two tents!"



PAGES FROM TDS4X4.COM

HOW TO SURVIVE A ROLL OVER

Several of us in the club have been very fortunate to survive various types of rollovers in our jeeps.

I'm sure some of you have been in rollovers in cars also. It is particularly scary when you are in a soft top jeep, or even one without its top on. When you are able to walk away from one such as the one I experienced going 60 mph on a highway, it makes you very thankful and philosophical. It just so happened I was going through some back issues of off road magazines (as we all do from time to time) and I found the following: DURING A ROLL

An unexpected roll can happen so fast that it's over before you can think. But for the times when the pucker factor gives you some advance warning of an impending rollover, a few quick thoughts and actions are in order.

1. Relax. It may only be an E-ticket ride.
2. Don not try to stop a roll by sticking your arm or leg outside – the rig weighs more than you can hold.
3. Jumping out of a perfectly good vehicle is not recommended: usually the vehicle will crush the jumpers. However, a 1000-foot drop into a canyon will usually be fatal anyway, so weigh your options carefully.
4. Close your eyes and mouth to prevent injury from broken glass or the dirt and the trash that will come down from the floor.
5. Hold onto the steering wheel (with your thumbs on the outside in case it spins uncontrollably) or grab bars, but not the roll cage, because it'll pinch off your fingers.
6. Kill the ignition switch as soon as possible to help prevent electrical shorts that could cause a fire. New computer-controlled fuel-injected motors will usually run until oil pressure is lost, which will then turn off the electric fuel pump.
7. Crouch down as low as possible, since roll cages and roofs tend to get compressed during a roll, and your body will stretch, especially with loose seat belts. Human heads do not make good rock bumpers.
8. Hanging upside down or sideways from a seatbelt makes for some interesting problems when you're trying to exit. remember which way your body will fall when the belt is released and check for obstructions.
9. Smile. Hopefully it will be fun and you won't suffer any injuries. Now you don't have to worry about the paint any more!





by Del Albright
BRC Ambassador

The clear desert morning was cold enough to freeze a few RV water pipes and get the crowd dressed up like they were in Wisconsin instead of southern California, when the 4405 Land Use Buggy rolled up to the start line for

the 2011 Griffin King of the Hammers race. Racing for access, this brand new buggy was just built and untested for this torture test of a desert race/rock crawl. But that did not deter driver Travis Carpenter and his co-dog, Dan Trout. They were raising funds to save trails and nothing else mattered.

Tens of thousands of

spectators had been pouring into “Hammertown” all night. Johnson Valley (OHV area) was a sea of RVs, camps, tents, and race team pits. Many attendees said they’d never seen any event this big. It would be fair to say that there was no shortage of big off-road names at King of the Hammers (KOH), with a vendor turnout that would marvel any wheeler/off-roader.

KOH is part of the Ultra4Racing series of rock crawl/races, and billed as the toughest, most extreme 4x4 rock-desert race on the planet. The 4405 Land Use Buggy pulled up in the car lineup on race day with a “no fear” attitude. “It’s all about landuse and saving our trails,” said Kurt Schneider, team promoter. “KOH has given us this opportunity with a merit entry for our new



The crowd was estimated to be 30,000 at King of the Hammers 2011, with obstacles like Chocolate Thunder drawing a huge fan base where the view was fairly close and cheering on the drivers could be done from a safe distance. (Photo by Del Albright)

buggy because we are racing for access to keep the sport alive.”

A huge internet/social media pledge drive was instituted by Team 4405 to raise funds to support the work of the national grassroots champions, BlueRibbon Coalition. “I want my efforts to support our national group, BRC, because they fight for all our trails and all of our sports,” said Travis Carpenter, 4405 driver.

Dan Trout, owner of Fishmouth Fabrication, built the 4405 buggy from the ground up after it burned down last May in an accidental garage fire. “Folks have teased me about this buggy being a work of art and such, but it’s just the kind of work I do – it has to be right,” said Dan. In fact,



Dan Trout guides driver Travis Carpenter through a competition rock crawl a few years back in the original 4405 buggy before it burned to the ground in an accidental garage fire.

the buggy is not only well-constructed and perfectly fitted with artistic welds, it has a new look of the time with a shape that leaves the viewer breathless.

Thousands of spectators

lined the canyon walls along race course obstacles like Chocolate Thunder, and you could hear the cheering from over a mile away as some cars made it, and others took a spill. Safety was a top priority with the KOH staff and volunteers, but the onlookers were still able to get a good view of the cars while behind the safety zones.

Travis and Dan completed 98 of the 120 mile course before the tranny linkage brought things to a halt. Starting 89th in the race, by checkpoint one, they had passed enough cars to be 71st in the race order when Dan noticed that the shifter cable had melted. That left them 2nd gear and Park. Well, race cars seldom need



The "new" 4405 Land Use Buggy in the pit at King of the Hammers, getting ready for race day. Dan Trout of Fishmouth Fabrication built the buggy as a piece of artwork with precision welding and new lines for a racy appearance.

Park, so they forged ahead making “Joe McGee” and “MacGyver” proud.

Battling their way through obstacles and trails with names like Outer Limits, Back Door, Elvis, Wrecking Ball and Chocolate Thunder to name a few, Travis and Dan found another “gear” from their egos and passion for the race-a-thon to help save trails. They gave it the good old American try!

The 4405 Land Use Team could not have done what they did without the help of several sponsors like Yukon Gear & Axle, Goodyear Tires, Artec Welding, 4130 Clothing, Reid Racing, Ruff Stuff, 12Volt Guy, BTF,



Obstacles like Back Door at KOH were very trying to many of the cars, several of whom took nasty roll-overs trying to negotiate the obstacles in a hurry. KOH Staff and Master-Pull Recovery Team provided the necessary winching and recovery when a bad roll occurred. All fluid spills were contained and cleaned up by the staff and crew.

Advance Adapters, Master-Pull Recovery Gear, PSC, PAC Fab, Radflo, Bulldog Winch, CRAWL Magazine, Hooker Harness, Raceline Wheels, Wrap Concept, Blue Torch Fab, Heavy Metal,

Pacific Fabrication, PRP Seats, SFS Industries and the Team Tube. Travis and Dan send a special thanks to their “home boys,” the Rock Zombies 4x4 Club who have stood behind not only the 4405 project, but land use in general like the heroes they are.

According to Del Albright, BlueRibbon Ambassador and 4405 Team Mentor, “The 4405 Land Use Buggy is not just a race rig; it’s a passion and a dream to help keep motorsports alive and our trails open.”

A big thanks again to the team and everybody else who helped out this past year in order to get the 4405 back up and running to race for access.

—Questions or comments regarding this article should be directed to the BlueRibbon Coalition: Phone: 208-237-1008, Fax: 208-237-9424. Email: <brdel@sharetrails.org>. *



2011 All-4-Fun Event

July 30—August 6, 2011

Salida, CO

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT

www.mhjc.org

AND CLICKING ON THE ALL-4-FUN LINK

The All-4-Fun event is a week long family oriented 4-wheeling adventure in the Colorado Rockies. It has been called one of the best family 4-wheeling events in the country. Participants have daily opportunities to enjoy the surrounding mountains and 4x4 roads and trails. Wednesday is set aside as a day of relaxation and a time to visit with exhibiting vendors. Thursday evening is door prize night where each paid registered driver has an opportunity to win a door prize. The proceeds from the All-4-Fun event allow MHJC to continue making annual contributions to Children’s Hospital, and to land use projects. Primitive camping spaces are available for your tent or RV.

Mile-Hi Jeep Club
of Colorado



FOR SALE

Chevy Passenger Side D44 Flat Top Knuckle Drilled & Tapped \$125.00

Contact Shane @ 928-230-6091

Currie Hi-9 35 Spline Spool no gears \$400.00

Contact Chris @ 928-486-3431

If you would like to place an ad in the For Sale section contact Shane at either 928-230-6091 or newsletter@parker4wheelers.net

WANTED SECTION

35X12.50-15 Wrangler MTR "Old Style" wanted.

Shane 928-230-6091

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