



PARKER 4 WHEELERS

April 2010

Meeting Minutes—April 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Harley Kruidhof at 7:10 pm.

Meeting Minutes: The Club's Secretary has resigned and therefore there were no meeting minutes for the March 2, 2010 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jack gave the treasure's report, a motion made by Chet Erickson to approve the Report and pay the bills; seconded by Joe Reeves and passed.

Membership: Donna reported that there are 37 paid members at this time..

Shane Miller was voted in as the Club's newest member, and as a token of appreciation, Club President Harley appointed him as the Club's new Secretary. Congratulations Shane!

Safety: Chet cautioned everyone to use care when working on their jeeps, and getting them ready for runs. Do repairs safely and always use jack stands.

Publicity: Was not at the meeting. There is nothing to report.

Web Coordinator: Dean said there is nothing to report. If you have pictures you would like posted or put into the news letter please email them to Dean. His email is samurai119@lycos.com

Historian: Dean says send photos! There are not very many pictures on the web site and we would like to update it with the latest Parker 4 Wheeler members and the members that earn the honorary cowbell!!!

Run Coordinator: Bob was not at the meeting.

Newsletter: Always looking for

run information, pictures, for sale and want ad information. If you have anything you would like to see in the news letter contact: Shane @ mxfireman@frontiernet.net or 928-230-6091.

Special Dates: Lynnda reported five birthdays and three anniversaries in April.

Scholarships: Chris has received several essays from the seniors at Parker High and there are more coming in. A decision will be made by the Scholarship Committee by April 22.

Donations: Denise stated that the Colorado River Regional Crisis Center is in dire need of a washing machine and a freezer. The Club has donated \$500 to CRRCC every year. A motion was made to donate \$500 to CRRCC again this year; motion seconded by Linnda Sweeney and passed.

Merchandise: Chris said the Club has black and red Koozies with the P4W logo on them for sale. There are also window stickers in many different colors. Get your 2009 Desert Splash t-shirts for \$5 while they last!

Chris is having some steel signs made for the "Hard Core Poker Run". The signs will have the names of the trails cut into them and can be used at the Desert Splash too.

ASA Liaison: Harley and Mike Reeves attended the ASA Convention and said it was a very long meeting. A 50/50 raffle was discussed at the meeting, but no decision was made whether or not to pursue this. P4W has already donated \$508 to ASA and so it is not inclined to participate

in a 50/50 raffle. ASA needs funds and is looking for fund raising efforts. P4W may coordinate a run with the Kingman-4 wheelers some time in June. This will be discussed in detail at the May meeting.

Old Business: Nothing was discussed.

Cowbells: No one has earned the honorary cowbell for the month of April.

Other News: LHC's Sidewinders' event was discussed, Jack Sweeney attended and stated there was 327 entries. All had a great time and Sidewinders did a good job of putting on this event. Jack passed around a very impressive event magazine put out by the Sidewinders for this event.

Rumor has it that the Bill Williams river trail may be opening back up. Stay tuned!!!

Upcoming Runs: Dean brought up an easy run to Harquahala Peak, no date was set.

P4W Hard Core Poker Run! Meet on Desert Bar Road approximately 1 mile in at 3 slabs to register and sign up. Sign up is at 8 am entry is \$20.00 per hand. Winner wins 50% of the pot balance goes to charity.

Runs include: Rio Lobo, Prez Choice, 3 Slabs, True Grit, Deliverance and the Duke!!!

Pick up a card on each run and bring to us at the Desert Bar by 3:30 pm.

You can run them, backwards, forwards or sideways!!! Just get the cards!

More Info Call Harley 909-239-1162

Important Dates:

Clean Up Cienega
Springs Road April
24th.

Hard Core Poker Run
May 1st.

Desert Splash Novem-
ber 12-14th.



**Just
Empty
Every
Pocket**

FOR SALE:

For information on how to place a for sale ad contact Shane @ mxfireman@frontiernet.net or 928-230-6091.

WANTED:

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Meeting Minutes continued:

Desert Splash: Harley still needs volunteers to head the following committees for Desert Splash:

-Clean up (Blaine Coon was badgered relentlessly at the meeting and ended up accepting his assignment AGAIN!)

-Kitchen Help

-Buying Dinner and Deserts

-Merchandise Raffle

Dinner Bell: Will be called by Donna Franklin. Thanks to Chet and Chris for bringing Eds Deli in for April's dinner.

50/50 Raffle: was won by Bob Long.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Tips and Tweaks

1. Airing Down your tires can help you gain traction. Typically you don't want to air down less than 10 PSI unless you have bead-lock rims.
2. When off-roading, always place the largest obstacle you must conquer directly in front of your tire and drive over it. Don't try to straddle it with your tires.
3. When traversing a gorge or a ravine, if the sides aren't too steep try going through it at an angle of about 45 degrees. This will allow you to keep as many tires on the ground as possible and maintain maximum traction.
4. When fording deep water, enter the water slowly, and then gain a few miles an hour of extra speed. Back off the throttle slightly and then get right back at the same speed. This will create a bow wave in front of you and dramatically lower the water.
5. For manual transmission owners: If you stall your rig when headed uphill, try starting your rig while in 1st gear, low range to keep from rolling backwards. Most new vehicles can't do this unless you bypass the clutch/starter disablement.

Joke of the Month**Simple question: Why?**

- Why are boxing rings square?
- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up, like, every two hours?
- Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's all terrain / off highway vehicle (OHV) safety education course includes instruction on the basic skills required to safely ride or operate an OHV, responsibilities of OHV riders to others and the environment, general information on preparing for the unexpected, additional educational resources, laws, rules and regulations for the safe ethical and responsible operation and use of OHVs. For more information on this go to www.azgfd.gov for more information.