



NEWSLETTER



This years Desert Splash Sponsor Tony from GenRight.



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Calendar of Events



October 9th
Dutchess Work Party

October 31st
Halloween

November 7th
P4W Monthly Meeting

November 12-14th
Desert Splash

November 27th
Thanks Giving

December 11th
Toys for Tots

December 25th
Christmas

January 15th
Wounded Warriors Run

MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Harley Kruidof at 7:19 pm.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes for July 6st, 2010 was motioned for approval by Dean and seconded by Larry and was approved.

Treasurer's Report: For June & July was submitted and approved by



Dean and Seconded by Chris.

Membership: There was no report for the month of July for membership. Please double check your contact information to ensure that we can get the latest and greatest club information to you.

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Above: One of our future members testing out the AZ rock rash on the Dutchess.

Safety: Chet would like to remind everyone about safety while preparing their jeeps for Desert Splash. Disconnect batteries when doing electrical work, utilize jack stands to keep your vehicle supported while underneath it.

Publicity: Scott contacted over 200 vendors for Desert Splash. Many web sites are advertising the three day event for us. Over 50 vendors were contacted for donations for the event. Many donations are showing up.

Web Coordinator: Dean is looking for pictures to put up on the site so if you have pictures of the signs that were made for the runs or just some great off-roading pictures please e-mail them to him so he can get them up on the website. Thanks to Tony from GenRight for sending us pictures of runs that Dean posted up on the web page. Keep checking the website to see the new and improved web pages. His e-mail is samurai119@lycos.com

Historian: Need any information and pictures that you might have to post this up on the web site.

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 or 928-230-6091.

Special Dates: Lynnda reported 4 Birthdays and 4 Anniversaries in September.

Scholarships: No report.

Donations: No report.

Club Merchandise: Desert Splash gear is almost done Chris had a sample of the shirt and it looks great! We are also purchasing "Staff" Shirts to wear during Desert Splash so if someone has a question or needs assistance they can easily find a P4W member. Thanks to Tony from GenRight for sponsoring us again this year and purchasing a portion of the shirts for us.

ASA Liaison: ASA dues are past due, it was voted in to pay the late dues to catch us up for 2009 & 2010.

Old Business: Desert Splash still needs a few people to help out. We will be needing run leaders for the event and every run leader will need a tail gunner. Contact Bob Longo if you are interested in helping with this. Thanks to the members that are already stepping up to help with the runs

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Member Bio
CLUB VICE PRESIDENT
MIKE REEVES



Mike has been married to Joy for 26 years they have two dogs Misty and Black Jack. His home town is Baldwin Park, Ca. He has been employed with Cal Trans for 15 years now, and operates heavy equipment.

He has 1974 Toyota Land Cruiser with a SBC 350 turning 37" tires. He also has a 1983 Toyota Pickup that has been tubed and sitting on 37" tires. Favorite obstacle is Lonsome Cove.



Top: Dean Flexin on the Dutchess.

Bottom: Thanks to Deans friends for taking great pics!



Top: GenRight rig doing a little flexin.

Bottom: Tony getting some car crushing in first thing in the morning.

New Business: BLM's TMP for Havasu is going to close down trails. We need to write those letters to keep our trails open. Attend a workshop to find out how.

Cowbells: The hard cowbell was passed onto Larry and the easy cowbell was passed onto Harley. Seems Harley blew a tire on the clean up event and Larry broke a couple axles. Hopefully these guys can get rid of the Cowbells on the next club run.

Upcoming Runs: Dutchess work party. Just in time to break in the jeep for Desert Splash! Wounded Warriors Run in Phoenix on January 15th.

Dinner Bell: will be called by Dean for the meeting in

September. Thanks to Harley for the great Mexican food.

50/50 Raffle: Chris won the raffle of \$29.00.

The Parker 4 Wheelers monthly meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.



Above: Jack trying out the new Dutchess trail.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

It's so hot in Arizona...

- ...the birds have to use pot holders to pull worms out of the ground.
- ...farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.
- ...the cows are giving evaporated milk.
- ...you can say 113 degrees without fainting.
- ...you eat hot chilies to cool your mouth off.
- ...you can make instant sun tea.
- ...you learn that a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.
- ...the temperature drops below 95, you feel a bit chilly.
- ...you discover that in July, it takes only 2 fingers to drive your car.
- ...you discover that you can get a sunburn through your car window.
- ...you notice the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
- ...hot water now comes out of both taps.
- ...it's noon in July, kids are on summer vacation, and not one person is out on the streets.
- ...you break a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m. before work.
- ...no one would dream of putting vinyl upholstery in a car or not having air conditioning.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF JEEPING

1. Thou shalt not dismantle jeep engines in thy living room.
2. Thou shalt not pirate parts from thy family auto for use on thy jeep.
3. Thou shalt not park thy jeep in the garage and let thy family car sit out in the rain.
4. Thou shalt not use thy grocery money to repair thy jeep.
5. Thou shalt stay home at least once a year to mow thy lawn.
6. Thou shalt not covet thy jeep and forsake thy wife and children.
7. Thou shalt not take strange and beautiful girls for moonlight jeeping trips - unless they are married to you.
8. Thou shalt not steel thy wife's black lace undies to use for oil rags when thou breakest down.
9. Thou shalt not look at new vehicles until thou has paid at least one payment on thine own.
10. Thou shalt wash thy family car once for each fifteen times thou washest thy jeep.



HOW TO WELD WITH BATTERIES

If you spend enough time on the trails, you're guaranteed to see breakage that just cannot be fixed through any "normal" means on the trail. Sometimes you get lucky and someone has an on-board welder, and whatever the carnage is, it can be pieced back together. But what happens if you don't have one of those expensive on-board welding systems around? We've all heard the stories while trading tales around the campfire, "Jimmy-Joe-Bob broke an axle one time, and they welded it back together with a coat hanger!" But does it really WORK? Well, the honest truth is, yeah, welding with a coat hanger does work. But there are easier ways to make a trail welding setup for a few dollars using parts you already have.

Simply put, to weld metal together, you just need the ability to melt the base metals together. Where do you find the juice you need when you're on the trail, though? Well, chances are, you don't wheel alone, so you've got at least two batteries hanging around between your truck and others. The fact is, you can weld with just one if you really need to, but two batteries wired in series will give you a far better weld. To hook them up in series, you just need a cable -- a full-fledged battery cable with battery terminal connectors on the end is your best bet, but in a pinch, using one of the wires in a spare set of jumper cables will work wonderfully.

The easiest way to strike an arc for welding is to go out and buy yourself some welding electrodes, also known as "sticks" or "rods". This is much easier than

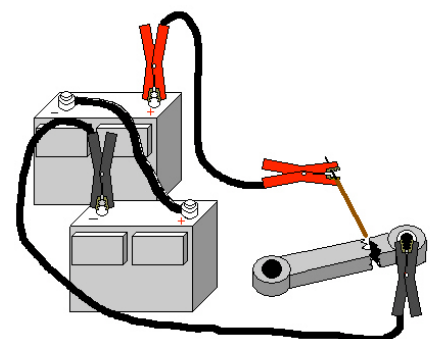
using a coat hanger, and not a whole lot more expensive. There are literally thousands of different kinds of sticks out there, some better for use in certain situations than others. Fortunately, if you don't know what you're looking for, not to worry -- your local hardware store, Home Depot, or Lowes will only carry a couple different kinds anyway. I recommend the 6013 sticks for less-experienced welders -- these sticks are known as "contact sticks" in that you don't have to hold a minimum space between the stick and the material in order to maintain the arc. You just lay it on the work and it will spark up. As you gain more experience welding, you can move to the 6011 sticks, which generally yield better penetration and weld better on dirty metal -- but they're much harder to use.

While you're at the hardware store buying sticks, you'll want to pick up some eye protection. A full-face welding helmet is your best bet, but if you're looking at this setup as an emergency-only trail welder and don't want to have to carry anything big with you, you can get away with a set of welding goggles. Just make sure you get a set of goggles with a shield dark enough for welding. You may have to buy the shield separately from the goggles, as most goggles sold in local stores are brazing goggles. These use a much lighter lens than is required for adequate protection while welding. The darker replacement lenses should be located in close proximity to the goggles, just make sure they're marked as replacement welding

lenses. While you're there, you might consider a pair of welding gloves, although these are not entirely necessary if you're careful and don't mind a little bit of welding splatter splashing back at you.

Once you've got your batteries, goggles, sticks, and cables, you're ready to weld. Just remove the two batteries from the vehicles, and hook the positive terminal on the first battery to the negative terminal on the second battery. This will hook up the two batteries in series, yielding 24 Volts of power.

Once you've got the juice flowing from one battery to the next, you need to harness all those cold cranking amps and put them to work for you as a welder. For this you'll need another set of jumper cables (or a first set if you've used a battery cable to hook the two batteries in series). Hook up the negative lead of the cables to the empty negative terminal, with the other end attached to the work piece. Hook the positive cable to the empty positive terminal, with the other end clamping the electrode. At this point (after protecting your eyes, of course) you can go ahead and stike the arc to begin welding.





You could use this same theory to get even more juice by using three batteries.

It works the same way -- hook the positive on the first to the negative on the second. Then hook the positive on the second to the negative on the third. In fact, you could do this with an unlimited number of batteries -- but there comes a point where you'd be vaporizing the metal instead of welding it together. Try it with two batteries first, and if you still feel you need some more juice, give it a go with three batteries if another is available.

Believe it or not, this setup actually works, and has been used successfully countless times to get people out of the woods and back to civilization where more suitable repairs could be made. You already probably have access to two batteries, and the rest of the materials can be picked up at the local hardware store for under \$20. Chances are even if you've never welded before, you've got just about everything you need already -- the only things you'll have to buy are welding rods and goggles, which can be found for as little as \$5 total. The downfall of this setup is that there's no way to regulate it -- you get the full cold cranking amps the battery or batteries are putting out, nothing less. This can lead to welds that are too hot if you're not careful, and instead of melting the metals together, you could wind up putting holes in the work.

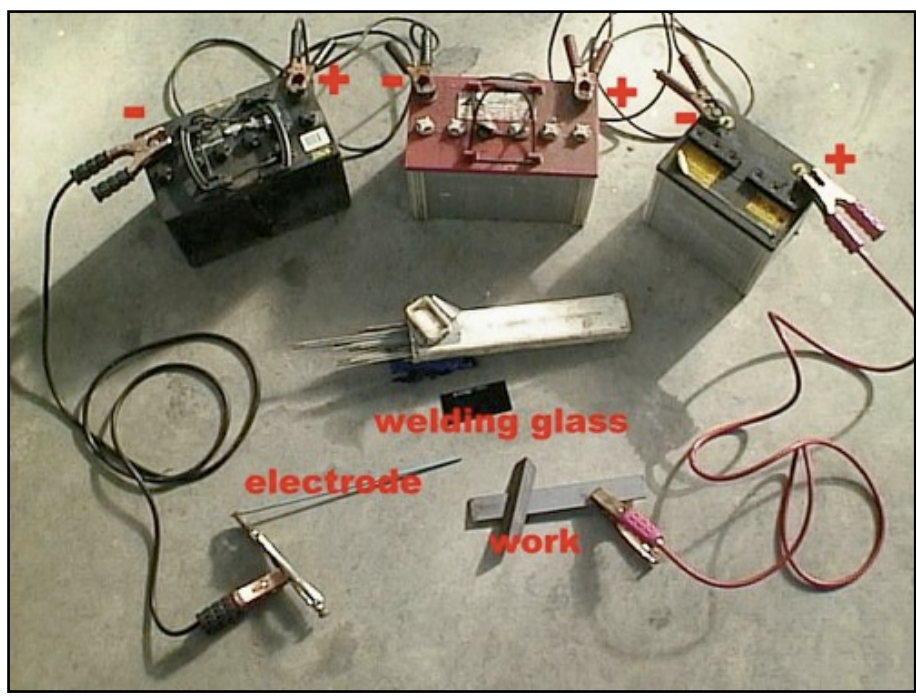
In a perfect world, the ideal weld would be made between two pieces of clean, bare metal. This would involve grinding and other forms of preparation. On the trail,

though, you'd just be happy to brush all the mud off a part before welding -- remember, this is only supposed to last long enough to get you off the trail. The purpose of this article is simply to describe a quick and easy way to setup a welder for emergency trail fixes -- not to teach you how to actually perform the welding. I'd recommend you try this several times before putting it to work for you on the trail, and unless you become quite proficient at it, don't trust your welds as anything but emergency fixes, just enough to get you back to civilization. Failure of field fixes such as these on drivetrain, steering, or suspension components could lead to serious injury or death. There are many books on welding that can explain the ins and outs of the actual welding procedure, and if you really want to improve your welding skills, most times you can find a welding class offered at the local college or adult school.

WELDING SAFETY ALERT

Common cleaners can turn into poisonous gas, we buy chemicals and sprays at a local parts house and think "How can this be so bad, health wise?" Most of us spray a little carb cleaner on the spot we are going to weld just to get the dirt, grime and grease off. Then we wipe it off, maybe we heat it up with acetylene torch to get rid of any of those solvents hanging around.

There is an active chemical in the brake cleaner it is tetrachloroethylene. When this chemical is exposed to excessive heat and the gas argon, which is used in MIG and TIG welding, it produces phosgene. Phosgene gas can be fatal with a dose as little as four parts per million: basically a single puff of smoke. Symptoms can be delayed from six to 48 hours after exposure. There is no antidote for phosgene poisoning. If you do survive, the long term effects can be chronic bronchitis and emphysema.





FOR SALE

Champion Bead Lock Rims \$500.00

The rim size is 15" x 8" and they are a lug pattern of 5 on 4 1/2. The rims have some "rock rash" if you are interested or need more information contact Jay Nesbit at 435-650-3039.

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

Mud Terrain Tires \$400.00 O.B.O.

Four 33 x 12.50-15 mud terrain tires for sale 3 are Maxxis mud terrains and 1 is a pro comp mud terrain. The pro comp is new with less than 200 miles on it (100% tread) the Maxxis mud terrains are a little older (70% tread). Contact Shane for pictures or more information at 928-230-6091 or newsletter@parker4wheelers.net for more information.

WANTED SECTION

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