



PARKER 4 WHEELERS

January 2009

Meeting Minutes—January 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Hayes at 7:05 pm.

President Hayes introduced guests Jim Shellenback and Jamie Davidson.

Jack Sweeney made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Lynnda Sweeney and passed.

Frank Varnum read the Treasurer's Report. H.L. Smith made a motion to approve the Report, seconded by Chris Olague and passed.

Membership: Donna Franklin reported that only 18 members have paid their 2009 dues so far. Dues are \$45. If your dues are not paid, you will not be receiving the next copy of the newsletter (bummer) and you will not be able to attend the installation dinner (YIKES!).

Safety: Bob Steinberger an awesome two page memo entitled "Safety on the Trails" - a copy if which is attached/enclosed with this newsletter — too good not to distribute to everybody. Other items should be included in your Jeep are those teensy foil packets of drinking water, thermal/foil blanket (all neatly rolled up in a nice tiny package), tiny Charmin rolls (vs large, bulky roll of T.P.), spray sun block, gadget which is a compass/waterproof matches/whistle (very cool), and, best of all, this incredible emergency responder device. This handy-dandy unit has GPS capabilities and can notify any number of people (including 911 emergency responders) of where you are and if you are in trouble. You can text messages on it, request emergency response, etc., etc. Go to www.findmespot.com to find out more about this. Bob reports it can be purchased at CostCo for ap-

proximately \$199 (with a \$50 rebate).

Publicity: Dick Young wasn't at the meeting.

Newsletter: Status quo

Historian: Mike Reeves says he has received no new pictures.

Merchandise: Warren was not at the meeting, but those who were designated to bring the merchandise to the meeting were offering special "deals" to interested buyers—just so they wouldn't have to cart the stuff all the way back to Havasu.

Special Dates: Lynnda Sweeney reported 10 birthdays and 1 anniversary in December.

Scholarships: Chris Olague says the seniors have sent their applications out to the colleges and will start working on scholarships in February and March.

Donations: Rich Lane reported no new donation requests other than the one presented to him by President Hayes from FMC just before the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate two Desert Splash registrations to FMC.

Old Business:

Non-profit status — still trying to work this one out. Need to get the Federal Tax I.D. No. reinstated which Jack Sweeney says has been done. Next step is the Arizona Tax I.D. No. and then the corporate status with the Arizona Corporation Commission. Jack Sweeney has agreed to work with President Hayes to get this done this year!!!

No update on the Club insurance. Matter has been tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

December Runs:

Easy Run—Lighted Parade—no one had a flat and no one rolled their Jeep. 6 Jeeps decorated for the parade. Also, the Toy Run was a success. Estimates are 80-85 vehicles attended the Toy Run.

Hard Run—No run last month. Jack Sweeney was feeling poorly and the only other Jeep there was Steinberger who felt bad for Jack, so they both went home.

New Business:

ASA Membership. The Club will rejoin ASA this year. Membership is \$20/member which will be paid by the Club.

The next ASA meeting is Feb 21 in Laughlin at the Tropicana Express. Our Club is entitled to send two delegates to this meeting. Motion made by Marlyne Varnum, seconded by Lynnda Sweeney to send Harley. There is a rumor that Bob Steinberger may be the second delegate, but at last check, he was still undecided.

Appointment of new Committee Chairs:

Membership: Donna Franklin

Safety: Bob Steinberger

Newsletter: Lynn Lane

Historian: Dean Payce (new guy)

Special Dates: Lynnda Sweeney

Merchandise: Warren Breen

Scholarship: Chris Olague

Donations: Rich Lane to be assisted by Rodney Hayes and Deniese Perez.

Web Coordinator: Brandon Johnson to be assisted by Rodney.



**Just
Empty
Every
Pocket**

FOR SALE:

'78 CJ7—V8— in **good** pieces—bring trailer. \$800
AND/OR
M38A1 (CJ5 forerunner)-V8-1949 M39 flat fender body. Also in **good** pieces—bring trailer. \$1,000
Contact Bob Miller for either or both of the above—928 680 6400.

WANTED:

**YOU MAY POST 4WD
ITEMS YOU HAVE TO
SELL IN THIS COLUMN**

OR

**YOU MAY POST 4WD
ITEMS YOU NEED IN THIS
COLUMN**

**IT'S YOUR NEWSLETTER
— MAKE IT WHAT YOU
WANT IT TO BE!**

Meeting Minutes continued

Run Coordinator: Harley Kruidhof. Harley took charge at this point with a new plan to pre-schedule runs for the year rather than on a month-by-month basis. Sooooo, get your calendars out — here is the schedule for January, February and March:

January:

Easy Run—January 24—Blue Bell Mine. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Circle K in town. Run being led by Rodney—it's going to be a long day so bring a lunch!!

Hard Run—January 10—New trail!! This is a clean-up/clear-a-trail run. Harley will lead the search and destroy team armed with jackhammers, air-chisels and a generator to clear some bothersome boulders, then Sounds like fun to me! Meet at the Circle K up-River at 9:00 a.m.

February:

Easy Run—February 21— Swansea. Jack Sweeney will lead the run. Meet at the Circle K in town at 8:00 a.m.

Hard Run—February 14—w/SCRAP. Meet at Big Bend RV Resort. Will probably run Snakebite.

March:

Easy Run—March 21—Alamo Lake. Bob Steinberger will lead the run. Meet at the Circle K in town at 8:00 a.m. and bring a lunch and a fishing pole.

Hard Run—March 14—Quartzsite. Harley will lead the run. Meet at Green Mile Campground. More details to follow.

The annual Installation Dinner will be January 31 at the Elks Lodge (8th Street & Laguna). 6:00 for cocktails; dinner at 7:00. If you can help with decorating, please call Deniese Perez. Club members will handle the post-party clean-up, so hang around and help out — this will save the Club \$250. Menu choices are: Prime Rib or Chicken Breast. **Must RSVP to Lynnda Sweeney** (call or email: lsweeney@yahoo.com) **no later than January 19.**

Kathy & H.L. Smith will bring food to the February meeting.

The Sweeneys won the 50/50 raffle.

Joke of the Month:

Ole is walking home through the park late one night and sees a woman in the shadows.

"Twenty dollars" she whispers.

He'd never been with a hooker before, but figured, what the hell, it's only twenty bucks.

So, they hide in the bushes. They're "going at it" for a minute when all of a sudden a light flashes on them — it's a police officer.

"What's going on here people?" asks the Officer.

"I'm making luff to my vife", says Ole indignantly.

"Oh, I'm sorry", says the Officer. "I didn't know."

"Vell", says Ole. "I din't neder, until you shine that damn light in her face."

OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

Bob Steinberger and President Hayes both spoke on the proposed 29 Palms Training Land/Airspace Acquisition Project (**read: possible loss of Johnson Valley recreation site**). The Comment Sheet and explanatory statement is attached. Proposed comments as follows:

"I am writing to express my opinion to the 29 Palms proposed expansion. I am in support of **Alternative 3** which gives the Base more acres and does not interfere with the off-highway recreation area of Johnson Valley. The area has been an open off-highway recreation area for family recreation of all types for many, many years. It would be a shame to see this go away when Alternative 3 would not interfere with recreation. It also has the least amount of interference with use of public lands. Thank you for your time and please **adopt alternative 3** or the **no action alternative**."

Additionally, there are two endangered species currently living in the area being considered for expansion of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center: the California Kit Fox and the Desert Tortoise.

Please make copies of the attached Comment Sheet and have your friends and family submit written comments as well.

Deadline is January 31, 2009. Get busy!!