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JEEP TRACKS

Becky Antle, ASA4WDC President, 2014—2016

Another good ASA4WDC meeting. Thanks to those of you who attended.

A big heartfelt thanks to Joan Beck for taking over the ASA4WDC secretary position. Since the Bullhead 4 Wheelers quit the association she was obligated to drop out as secretary. You did a great job and do a wonderful job on the newsletter! We really appreciate everything that you have done over the years.

Congratulations to Christie Chatfield who volunteered to finish out the secretary's term. I appreciate the help.

A lot was discussed at the May quarterly, especially agency planning meetings. The BLM has held their two scoping meetings the first Monday and Tuesday of May. The final input will be available in early 2018. Thanks to those that attended, it made a difference with the agency personnel.

What is needed from all of you is to have your input to the BLM. This is very important, no matter what part of the state you are in. If you use any trails in the Black Canyon Corridor just north of Table Mesa your input is needed. Please make sure any trail easy to extreme is on the maps if not make sure you comment. We are the users and we need to be part of the process. Whether it is at a local level or a national level. These are our roads and trails so let's try to keep them open.

Another thing that is going on are bills in the federal government. One of importance is the Antiquities Act which was an executive order to review the act and give a report within 45 days. Then congress will issue a final report in 120 days.

Another executive order is to review 24 National Monuments, which include the Grand Parashant Vermillion Cliffs, Sonoran and Ironwood. Arizona has the most monuments of any state.

Senate Bill 33, to look at designation of only the area that is necessary to protect species or plants and not having to designate 2000 acres for it.

Anything that has to do with motorized recreation on public lands should be our main concern. These are our roads let's keep them open!

Help Wanted – ASP OHVAG

The Arizona State Parks will be asking for people to fill some positions on the Arizona State Parks Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) in December. I will not be able to serve another term at this point. So, there won't be anyone to represent full size 4-wheel drive vehicles. The advisory board is made up of mainly UTV, but also ATV and single track are on the board. I am the only one that has been there to represent full size vehicles.

The job is not difficult. It involves looking over grants twice a year and at-

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tending 4 meetings a year. Most of the meetings are held in the Phoenix area. The Advisory board will reimburse you for your travel to and from the meetings. They will also reimburse motel stays if required.

It has been a very interesting and rewarding experience for me for the time I have served. I wish I could continue. But there is a time limit and it is time for others to step into the position. Check out the information on the Arizona State parks website at: <https://azstateparks.com/ohvag>, download the application and send it in.

If you have any questions please feel free to call and I will try my best to answer your questions.

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ASA4WDC May 13, 2017 Quarterly Meeting Minutes, Wickenburg, AZ

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Becky Antle in Ted Nunez's absence at 1:30 PM

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Minutes were read. There were no corrections or additions. A motion was made and seconded to accept, ayes have it.

Reports:

Treasurer: Ray Jenkins read the report Motion to accept, seconded, ayes have it.

Bullhead 4X4 donated \$300 to the Land Action Fund.

Correspondence – We received information Re: an Off-Road/UTV Expo Dec.1-3 Becky will look into getting a trailer booth. We will need people to volunteer to man the booth.

Dept of Agriculture – Coronado National forest – They will be opening an Opal Mine – Notice was received – Not sure that it will affect us in any way.

3 notices of value on the Florence and Woodpecker Properties for tax purposes.

Newsletter: Spring newsletter has been posted.

Membership: Need updated email addresses from the club rosters.

Safety: Open.

Adopt a Road: Becky forwarded info Re: a possible adopt a road for Coronado.

Becky has been talking with BLM about adopting trails in the Table Mesa Area.

Events: Chari presented a report on the Game and Fish Expo.

Historian: Chari has organized all of the historian information.

Environmental: Becky met with Arizona Rough Riders and BLM to streamline the permit process. If a club is applying for a permit they should be applying for a fundraising fee to allow them to bring in money. Give Penny Foreman, BLM, a letter of intent for a

fundraising activity – that will speed up the permit process and assist with setting up a flat fee.

AZ State Parks OHV Board: We will need someone to represent the full size 4X4 community. Oversee the Grants.

Becky went to a meeting with the Forrest Service Re: Permits the meeting pertained more to non motorized use.

Internet: Becky has created a PowerPoint presentation that has been added to the website to represent the value of membership in the ASA4WDC.

501C3: Decided to go with Legal Zoom rather than attorney due to the expense. This makes donations easier as business can make tax deductible donations.

Region 1 No Report

Region 2 No Report

Region 3 Open

Region 4 Rheel Tetreault—Coronado Forrest is moving forward with their trail management planning. Becky has been working with them to find an alternative on Charouleau Gap to crossing private property.

Break:

2:35 – 2:55

Old Business

Becky visited the Copper state 4X4 club and explained where the \$25 per member goes and solidified our relationship with their club.

Florence property clean up on April 1st and 2nd went very well. Tucson Rough Riders participated and good progress was made. There is more work to be done. We will schedule another clean up when the weather cools off again. It was discussed that we need to mark the corners of the property. Doug will get the parcel number and see if he can get the coordinates of the boundaries. The lock on the gate has been stolen. We will use our locks only for activities.

New Business

Maps for the Black Canyon Corridor – There are meetings this Monday and Tuesday. Meeting information was emailed to each member – please attend if you can.

Kurt presented his report for the OHV State Parks Annual Meeting

Kurt presented a report on the Fun Days for Mesa Four Wheelers

Upcoming Events:

July 15th and 16th – Get Outdoors Expo

August 19th - Quarterly Delegates Meeting – Flagstaff - Fat Olives restaurant

October 13th – 15th Tucson Rough Riders Trail Dust Days

October 27th – 29th Arizona Rough Riders Spook Rally

November 18th Quarterly Delegates Meeting – TBA Possibly Wickenburg

March 15th – 17th Bronco Stampede

Other Business

Raffle - Pat was the winner - \$30

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 4:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Christie Chatfield Secretary

CHIVO FALLS & UPPER LOOP—3/18/17

Trail leader Phil David—report by Larry Narcus—
photos Steve Williams, Malcolm Leslie & Tim
Naylor.

With thanks to The Rough Rider Editor Dave
Peterson for the information.

Ding-ding-ding—Round 2 of the Tucson
rough Riders versus Chivo Falls and the Loops.
Or perhaps one could call this run “March Mad-
ness” Tucson Rough Rider’s style. I’ll let the
reader be the judge. But quite a run it was.

Seventeen well-prepared 4-wheel-drive vehi-
cles assembled at the McDonald’s on Tanque
Verde Road on Saturday morning. The day
dawned clear and bright with the promise of be-
ing quite warm. Our trail leader for this round
was Phil David—a very experienced 4-wheeler
with a big knowledge of the run area. I had the
privilege of riding with Leo O’Campo who is
always full of surprises and adventures.

We headed up Redington Road and aired
down in a small parking lot, then off to the Three
Feathers entry point to our intended trail. Every-
one made the Three Feathers entry OK and I was
pleased we were off to a good start.

I don’t know if it is my imagination or not,
but the area seems to get more eroded every sub-
sequent visit I make. The trail is a lot of work
but is very rewarding relative to views and to
those looking for 4-wheel-drive adventures. We
all made the journey passing the Chivo Falls en-
trance to the left and then up Dead Man’s Hill to
the loop. As opposed to the very wet New Year’s
Day run, this was a dry climb and everyone
made the uphill OK. Good, got that behind us.

We stopped at the “Cottonwoods” for a short
break. This is a delightful area with a small
brook running nearby. I had always been under
the impression that the white-barked trees were
cottonwoods. I was then informed that the domi-
nant trees in the area are Sycamores. They are
certainly majestic in stature and add to the ambi-
ance of the area. Certainly to have a picnic in
this area is well worth the trip.

We then headed off to our lunch spot which
Phil David refers to as the “Sand Bar.” This is
truly a lovely spot but access is a bit of a chal-
lenge. This area is one of the main confluents to
the Chivo Falls proper. I am sure by now you
have seen the great pics posted by Tim Naylor of
the run in the Photo Gallery Area of the web-
site. [Editor’s Note: Some of them are right





here!]) If you do not, do so as the pics are worth a million words. This area has lots of BIG water-filled holes. LARGE crevasses, and BIG rounded ROCKS! If your line is off a little bit you can find yourself in a whole lot of trouble. It took quite a while to get everyone in and settled.

Just a passing point—if you plan to do some challenging trails rated at 4 or above, you need a winch. We did a LOT of winching on this run and were it not for the winch expertise of our Hard-Rock members, some of us would still be out on the Loop. If you do not have one, a winch should be on your wish list.

Getting everyone out from the “Sand Bar” proved as much a challenge as getting everyone in. Jeeps falling in crevasses to the left and right—jeeps falling in big holes either forward or aft—quite a scene. Lots of winching going on. The Hard-Rock guys had a ball!

Now off to Three Feathers and our journey home. Most made it up OK. Some to the extreme right and some up the middle. Leo O’Campo decided to try another line up the middle and required the assistance of—you guessed it—a winch line to get himself out of a little jam. As I stated at the outset, riding with Leo is indeed an adventure in itself. Great company and a very interesting person—but brace yourself for an adventurous ride. Certainly not a dull moment.

Thanks for sharing the Rough Rider with us Dave! We’re so lucky to live in Arizona with access to so many awesome trails—wish Tucson wasn’t so far away! [Ed]



BARNEY'S REVENGE—NO BALONEY

Trip leader and report Phil Strittmatter. Tail-gunner Doug Ohm, photos Dan McKay, Mac Ruiz, Joan Beck

A late season run was picked for length of daylight hours and before summer temps reached triple digits. The choice vindicated us with a perfect day. A huge thank you to our pre-run brush trimmers Dan McKay and Bob Smith who spent two days toiling with trimmers and hand saws making the trail better for the rigs. Mac has wanted to run this trail for some time so we accommodated him. Those with more testosterone than sense were Mac, Dan, Doug with Bob Smith as passenger, myself and Brent Phillip (frequent guest from Phoenix) and, of course, one of our many photographers and can-do gal, Joan.

The best way to describe this trail is ROCKS. No, let's change that to BOULDERS. Big ones. Some bigger than what we were driving. It starts out with those of reasonable size spaced many yards apart. As you progress the bite increases and the spacing decreases eliciting remarks like Holy Ship and Son of a Switch. Many of the obstacles required a little scouting to determine a best line and often a lot of spotting with even from time to time a few rocks (oh, horrors) stacked.

The mother clucker (chicken) will be fed at the upcoming meeting by Dan for a punctured tire (successfully plugged) and by me for a busted Heim joint on the draglink (many thanks to Doug who fixed it enough to get me out and back to my truck and trailer).

This trail is not a full-on buggy trail but the next thing to it. We managed only a little better than half of the full length in five hours. 1½ crow miles end to end per USGS Topo map—more because of devious bends in the route. Maybe next time we'll jump in at the bail out point and finish the trail. Revenge would be sweet.



DAN
BOB
PHIL



DOUG



JOAN



MAC



BRENT



JOAN



MAC



MAC/JOAN



DOUG/MAC



MAC



MAC



DAN



With great appreciation to Dan and Mac for all the super photos. Between the three of us there were approximately 180. Eliminating so many made for some very difficult choices. But these will give our readers a sampling of Barney's Revenge. [Ed]

