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JEEP TRACKS

Becky Antle, ASA4WDC President, 2014—2016

WHY STAY WITH AN ORGANIZATION?

I hear this all the time and I have trouble with the answer.

I know why I stay. It is because I believe we can still make a difference. Although I am beginning to feel that isn't going to happen anymore with the lack of interest.

Social media has taken its toll on our organizations. Facebook, twitter, Instagram and all other sources are great places to meet people and to find out what is happening in our communities. But it doesn't answer the questions, stop the closures, make a difference in policy—that still takes a hands-on person.

Just because you belong to BlueRibbon doesn't mean you can fix everything. As a board member of BlueRibbon, I know what it takes to run an organization; people and donations. It also takes volunteers in all locations, it takes ambition, it takes passion and it always takes money.

Every organization is the same. It still takes people to do the jobs to keep that organization running, none of whom are paid unless you happen to be with an anti-access group. So, the only pay they receive for all their hard work and time is feeling that they make a difference.

When you give your small contribution to your local club or association it helps the whole group not just one. We spend a lot of money on our rigs but very little to help keep the land we use open.

There is always at least one person with a lot of passion who still wants to fight and keep our trails open. But how can one person do it alone with no backup? That is why I believe we as the motorized community fail at our attempts to keep roads and trails open.

The anti-access groups are so much better at passion, feel good ideas and especially money. Why aren't we?

We drive rigs that are not inexpensive. They love gas, tires, repairs, new parts, fancy lights, suspensions, new seats, tires, radios, shocks and all the other toys. These cost money.

But what if you didn't have a place to take all those new rigs, what good would all that fancy stuff do you. What if the roads you now have start to diminish even farther? What would you do and where would you go?

Belonging to a larger organization is how the anti-access groups can close our roads and trails. They have the paid lawyers and the paid staff to do those things.

We are the working class of the recreation world and we need to stick together in larger groups.

Remember "United we stand, divided we fall." Let's Unite!

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ASA4WDC SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2016 QUARTERLY MINUTES

Fireside Grill, Fountain Hills

Called to order by President Antle at 1:30 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag led by Phil Strittmatter

Guest Joe Eisee

Treasurer not present they may arrive later as Pat is being released from the hospital today.

Secretary Motion to approve the August minutes as written in the Fall Wheel-dust. Seconded. No questions. Approved as written.

Membership Chair Wayne Ash had to leave early.

Adopt-a-Road Doug Larson received from Chari a list of all work projects performed by the Honeywell 4x4's over the past year. A list of all adopted trails was suggested. The Mesa 4 Wheelers purchase all club signs for their adopt-a-trails. Becky said that is not right. State Parks has a small grant program for that type of purchase. It was suggested by Becky the association apply for a small grant from St. Parks to keep on account with Gary Keller, owner of Rock Art, where we would buy the signs using that account. As an example the Rice Peak signs need replacing. Re: Carsonite signs – we can get grants for that purpose. On property owned by the association (the ranch and Woodpecker Mine) we would have to pay for our own signs. Discussion followed.

Treasurer Ray and Pat Jenkins arrived. Pat is doing well after her gall bladder surgery. Report read by Treasurer Jenkins. No questions. Motion to accept as read. Seconded. Accepted as read.

Grants Possibility of getting grants for adopt-a-roads. Mesa 4 Wheelers and Bullhead 4 Wheelers need new signs and kiosks. Becky related that Gary Keller has a much stronger Lexan cover than previously used for the kiosks.

Events/Meetings Chari Ainsworth is not sure what to do with the old box of “stuff” received from Tray Romine. She will sort the “stuff” and report back.

Becky Antle is planning to make rounds to all the clubs the rest of the year and next year. Becky is planning to get to gun shows and other shows/events with the ASA4WDC trailer.

Upcoming 2017 Quarterlies

February 11th Chari will call Wayne Ash to check on a place to meet in Laughlin, Nv.

May 13th Wickenburg. Chari will make arrangements.

August 12th weekend. Flagstaff. Becky mentioned a pizza place that has a nice meeting room and would be cheaper for the association. Plans are for the same campsite as this year.

Bronco Stampede March 17—18th. There is room for camping. More info at a later date.

Game & Fish Exposition March 25—26th. Information forthcoming. Demonstrations planned for rock crawling, winching, changing tires, firearms. G&F wants the ASA4WDC in charge of the vehicle show portion of the event. They are very happy with us and with the insurance policy. G&F is interested in having dealers—Jeep, boats, trucks, etc. There is room for parking and camping on the site.

Becky, Las Vegas October Meetings.

BlueRibbon Coalition is holding their 30 anniversary meeting/celebration at the Pirate's Cove near Needles, CA with runs in California.

Becky gave a brief report on the intensive three day series of meetings in Las Vegas: Groups represented were: Calif 4 Wheel Assoc.; BRC; ASA4WDC; Pacific Northwest; North American XJ Assoc.; Colorado Snowmobile Assoc.; Utah Public Lands Alliance; Ohio Motorized Trails Assoc.; Calif. Off Road Vehicle Assoc.; East Coast 4 Wheel Drive Assoc.; Colorado Assoc of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs; Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition; Nevada 4 Wheel Drive Assoc.; Southern 4 Wheel Drive Assoc.; United 4 Wheel Drive; NAMRAC and NOHVCC. There were about 60 people representing 4x4 users from all over the

country. Becky briefly discussed the most serious issues throughout the country. Basically all are similar. --Lack of involvement by younger people. Apathy. Education. Advocacy. Volunteerism. Agencies—Overreach. Oversight. Bureaucracy. Interpretation. Closures.

BLM National Motorized Recreation Action Plan will make Special Recreation Permits easier to acquire. Plans are being revised thus making permits more easily obtainable without the usual 6 month requirements. Being promoted aggressively is more cooperation between the users and agencies.

NOHVCC (National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council) Arizona's state partner will be updated to Rebecca Antle as the partner giving us representation in Arizona once again.

Massive complaints by hikers throughout the country are managing to close trails for Mtn. bikers, equestrians, all 4 wheelers, snowmobilers and dirt bikers—these groups now want our support.

Salt Flats in Utah. The Special Equipment Manufacturing Association (SEMA) works on a lot of issues for us. Members are encouraged to go on their site. Currently there is a Bill HB 4715 attempting to keep the Salt Flats open. It was closed due to improper management by BLM.

Insurance. Lengthy discussion about insurance for rock buggies. Also discussed were multiple issues about drinking after club events and the dangers of going out riding and drinking. It's illegal. Period. It's been happening, recently, with one deadly accident.

ASA4WDC Internet. There have been problems – Becky is working on it.

St. Parks Surveys. St. Parks has supposedly fixed the issues. Most responders had problems with all the questions.

ASA4WDC COMMITTEES

Region I—no report.

Region II—Phil Strittmatter. Soldier Pass, Sedona. It was closed because the trail goes through multi-million dollar homes. The city/money won re: the closures. Becky reminded us if we learn of or are aware of any possible closures we need to contact BRC and get in touch with their legal staff.

Region IV Rheel Tetreault – nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Florence Ranch Becky circulated a proposed set of by-laws specifically for the ranch. Discussion. Becky asked for comments and opinions. Please let her know.

ASA4WDC By-laws Committee. Committee members are Roland Silva, Phil Strittmatter, Chari Ainsworth, Rheel Tetreault; Ted Nunez and Becky. A meeting time and place was selected to finalize the by-laws. Meet at El Ranchero Restaurant in Wickenburg, January 14th, Saturday 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

501-C3. Becky has contacted a lawyer recommended by Nick; has filled out the paper work; that's all she has so far.

Land Use Fund Classic Broncos contributed \$1320.00 for the Legal Defense Fund.

Ranch property cleanup. 11 people met on Saturday. It was HOT. Sunday only four turned out.

Trail Boss from Off Road in Tucson brought a tractor and spent all day Sunday pulling cholla. Bladed a road through the property; fixed the road in places where the water created holes. We'll try for another cleanup in January or February when it's cooler. Will pull more cholla, burn some, may be able to camp. Road very sandy. Rheel worried about the motor home, but was able to get out. Road may wash out again. Doug Larson said the National Guard has lots of telephone poles they try to get rid of and may donate them for the property, plus delivery, they're located about 20 miles from the ranch.

Elections—done last month. Becky Antle, President, Joan Beck, Secretary.

Display Cases Becky showed a display case for 4x4 related brochures and flyers. Wants to buy 20 to put displays in multiple shops. Becky can get them for \$20.00/each. \$400.00. Motion made to purchase, seconded, no discussion. All in favor, ayes have it.

Brochures. Motion to purchase 2000 brochures for \$350.00, no discussion. Seconded. Motion passed.

Ranch property. Rheel has the locks. For the combo contact one of the exec. board members, they will also have the keys.

Re: Property by-laws concerns. Noise levels should be added to the proposed by-laws—need to keep the neighbors happy. More will be discussed at the February Quarterly.

50/50 Kurt Logo was the winner.

Four Peaks Cleanup A quick report by Roland Silva. About 248 people filled 3 ½ compacted dumpsters. There were more raffle prizes than last year.

Boulders Cleanup About 1000 people turned out to help, a lot of church groups participated.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. All in favor. Ayes have it.

Adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Beck, Secretary

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Crown King's Annual Fire Fighters Fund Raiser.

Trip Leader: Mike Drawsky Date: September 17, 2016

With permission from Mike Drawsky, Editor, The Horn





RANCH CLEANUP

Yes, it was the middle of October, and yes, it was HOT.

The photo does not begin to show the extensive growth of Cholla and other obnoxious sticky botanical treasures loved by dog owners and people.

Eleven dedicated TRR's turned out on Saturday with the goal of clearing 25 acres of cacti.

Did we mention it was HOT.

Huge piles of the stuff were collected and stacked with plans to burn it when it's dried out and when it's cooler! Perhaps January or February with camping!



The heat exhausted crew finding a bit of shade Saturday afternoon by Becky and Rheal's RV. What a job. Well done everyone!



Sunday only four showed up. The trail boss, Jeremy Ford from Off Road in Tucson, brought a tractor and spent all day pulling cholla. He bladed a road through the property and fixed the existing road in places where there were deep holes. He did an awesome job working non-stop all day.



FOUR PEAKS CLEANUP WITH THE MESA 4 WHEELERS

From the November 2016 Mesa 4 Wheelers Horn—Editor Mike Drawsky



This year the dumpster rental company was late bringing out the 40 yard boxes. We were filling them up faster than they were being delivered. About 248 people filled 3 ½ compacted dumpsters. There were more raffle prizes than last year.



The biggest pile of garbage on today's cleanup, was this complete roof of composition shingles.



Rob's Jeep was full of target debris.



Like all past 4-Peak's cleanups it does not take long to fill up a trash bag!



Nathan Stringer built most of this trailer himself. Sure came in handy for the cleanup.



After three hours of steady raking, shoveling, hand picking we had this trash shooting site cleaner than it had been in years.



Bob, Mic & Jamie loading up on club sandwiches, chips and drinks after a hard day's cleanup.

TUCSON ROUGH RIDERS—TRAIL DUST DAYS



Four photos of Woodpecker and Ajax at the Florence trails. Jim Naylor trailboss.



Four photos of Sugar Shack and Box Canyon. Mel Hockwitt.



DESERT SPLASH, PARKER NOVEMBER 2016



The B4Wers had a good time this year. We only ran two runs—Adventure Canyon, Friday and Deliverance Saturday. After an obligatory visit to the Desert Bar Saturday, some of us tackled the tricky Drunken Trail, what a kick! Saturday’s dinner and raffle were excellent. Our club did fairly well on the raffles, especially Bob Wishart—lots of goodies. Photos by Joyce Hammond, Marsha Smith and Joan Beck.





November Desert Splash Raffle



It seems that every time a number was called Bob Wishart jumped up to claim his prizes.

Joyce Hammond and Brenda & Don Morgan managed to collect some nice goodies.

Phil Strittmatter added a few more hats to his collection.

Bob W. & Bob Seibert enjoying themselves, as did we all.



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