

## South Park 4x4 Club Agenda July 14, 2010

### 1. Call To Order

7:02 PM

### 2. Roll Call:

**In Attendance: Joanne Grimm, Andy Jablow, Vince Boehning, Dennis & Lynda Riead, Shane Fisher, Tom McCready, Traci Clark-McCready & Guest Matt Girvan**

### 3. Treasurer's Report

#### a. Account Balance: Income/Expenditures

**INCOME: \$ 210.00 - \$30 for Beads, \$ 180.00 in dues from Boehning, Grimm, Quam, Carroll, Sneed, & Hobson.**

**EXPENDITURES: \$ 131.52 - \$ 15 to Q4U tip June Meeting, \$ 60 Andy Jablow – Beads, \$50 to Cub Scout Pack 186 for the Show & Shine, \$ 3.63 Target, Poster Board for Show & Shine, \$ 2.89 Office Max for copies of Membership App. For Show & Shine.**

### 4. Old Business

#### **Meet & Greet/Show & Shine June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Recap**

We had a fairly decent turn out for the Show & Shine. The weather held out for us. Jim Trisler did a nice interview on MPR at 8:12 AM. Several of the folks that came by said they heard about our event on the radio. We had quite a few folks walk through and ask lots of questions. We added 6 new members at the Show & Shine. Vista said they would be willing to host the event again in 2011. Having additional time to plan will make for a better event. The Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts have access to the Big Red Bus & Bounce House at no charge and would be willing to get that for next year. They would like to attend again. They can also request a live remote from Crystal 93 radio. As of last night's meeting the members in attendance would like to try it again next year.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Breckenridge & Club's BBQ/Picnic Potluck Recap**

Where to begin with this one? We had 14 rigs that participated in the parade. It would have been a nice event except for the spectators. 3 entries in front of us was an OHV pulling a trailer filled with melting snow. All along the parade route they shoveled out the melting snow. Children and adults picked up the snow and made ice balls out of it which they threw at the Jeeps. 2 vehicles sustained damage. Tom was hit twice and a friend that came up from Denver, his son was hit in the face with an ice ball. We were threatened by kids that if we did not give them beads or candy they would throw ice balls at us. There were also kids with water guns in the crowd. They were shooting at us and hit several of us in the face making it hard to see if you were driving. The general consensus is, we will not participate in the Breckenridge 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade again. We did discuss maybe attending the Como or Fairplay 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade next year.

The picnic after the parade turned out well, the wind picked up some, but there was plenty of room for the kids to run and play. Good food, good friends and lots of leftovers.

#### **Wheeler Lake Work Day July 10<sup>th</sup> Recap**

In attendance: Andy Jablow, Larry Beebe, Steve Weinberg, Bob Sneed, Jesse Miles, Tom & Traci McCready and from the USFS Kim Dufty and her mother Joanne.

We found the trail in worse shape than it has been in the past few years. More trash and new trails & go arounds have been made. The trail is a mess. We did not make it all the way to the top. We placed 6 new carsonite signs, as that is all we had. We blocked off & closed 5 new roads and cut offs. We have a lot more work to do on the trail. We will have another work day or 2 on August 14<sup>th</sup> &/or 15<sup>th</sup>. USFS will provide us with more carsonite signs and t-posts so we can permanently block off some of these areas.

The trail is getting a ton of use. When we were working on the lower part of the trail we had rigs stacking up behind us, and when we stopped for lunch a lot more rigs went on by, We estimate an additional 25 rigs were on the trail prior to noon that day.

Jesse and Bob went on to the top after lunch and they found more areas that need work.

### **July 24<sup>th</sup> Hagerman Pass with Dennis & Lynda Riead**

Meet at the Pizza Hut in Leadville at 8:30 AM. Make sure you bring lunch, water and camp chairs. Plan for all types of weather. No alcohol on the trail please. Dennis & Lynda will be leading this trail ride. For more information please contact them at lriead@comcast.net

### **July 25<sup>th</sup> Burro Days Parade Fairplay**

Spencer will have all the information for the parade shortly. I will send out an email with time and meeting place next week. We still have some beads for sale. If you would like to throw candy you will be required to provide you own. Make sure you watch out for the "Tootsie Roll Bandits" aka Shane & Tom.

We will choose the trail we will run after the parade. This will be based on the weather, number of rigs and capabilities of rigs in attendance.

### **Black Bear Pass AT NIGHT with Western Slope 4 Wheeler July 31<sup>st</sup>**

This trip is still a go. If you would like to join them for a hair raising trek, please get in touch with Traci and she will put you in contact with Matt

### **Hooded Sweatshirt prices.**

Pullover Hoodies Large Club logo on the back \$30, with Club logo and South Park 4x4 Club printed on the front \$32.

Zip front hoodies Large Club logo on the back \$35, with Club logo and South Park 4x4 Club printed on the front \$37 **These will be pre paid, many colors and sizes are available.**

## **5. New Business**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday August 11th, 2010 7:00 PM at Q 4 U in Frisco

**Off Road Skills Day August 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>**

Especially for new members. We are planning on holding this on the back side of McAllister. We will be working on the "Do's & Don'ts" of off roading. We will demonstrate the proper use of high lift jacks, winching, wheel placement, picking the right lines for "your" vehicles capabilities. Keeping you and all those around you safe. All members are welcome to participate.

**Wheeler Lake Trail Maintenance day (s) August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** We will be installing t-posts and more carsonite signs and finishing clean up. The trail is a mess. It has been torn up and there are lots of new trails being cut. Traci will be contacting USFS about possibly posting a trail closure notice for at least one of these days, so we can work without having other vehicles stacking up behind us.

## 6. Open Discussion

**Watch your email for last minute trail run notices.**

### **Hidden Gems:**

**First and Foremost, we are members of a Club that have a common interest. We enjoy exploring the Colorado back country in our 4 wheel drives. It is a hobby we all enjoy together.**

**"We as a Club are NOT going to get in to a Political fight.**

**I would like to ask each member to write as an individual to those that are to represent us on this issue and state your own thoughts on the Hidden Gems proposal. How it would impact you and the things you enjoy doing in the proposed areas. And any additional thoughts you may have regarding the Hidden Gems proposal" My thought, would be more letters instead of just one from a club might make more impact.**

After attempting to contact the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition numerous times, prior to our Show & Shine event. It has basically come down to the fact that they will not talk with us unless we renew our membership with them. The Club voted 2 years ago to not renew our membership when they raised the fee from \$25 per year to \$100 per year. We are a small Club and that makes a big dent in our checking account.

The Blue Ribbon Coalition is more involved in this issue. The membership fee for an organization is also \$100 per year. For individuals it is \$29 per year.

Hidden Gems is not something that is "NEW" on the scene. It was actually introduced in 1989. I will not bring politics completely back in to this, but with some new items on the agenda in Washington DC it has been brought back to the fore front. There is more money behind the Hidden Gems agenda that most people are not aware of. We do have a voice in this matter, but..... We as a Club haven't the money or the numbers to make a huge impact. However..... we can write letters to those that might possess a mightier voice than we. A majority of the areas that we like to wheel in are in the proposed wilderness area.

What does this mean? No vehicle access.... Period. It also means, no Mountain biking. We can walk in, or ride a horse in, but all the areas we love to explore will be closed off to "wheeled" traffic.

What can we do? Right now our best course of action is to write letters. Write to the list on the link below. Write letters to the Chamber of Commerce in the towns that are in the areas you like to wheel. Ask them if they have thought of the impact these closures might have on their towns economically. Tell them what you enjoy most about spending time in their town and in their area.

<http://www.sharetrails.org/>

[http://www.sharetrails.org/public\\_lands/?section=Hidden\\_Gems](http://www.sharetrails.org/public_lands/?section=Hidden_Gems)

<http://www.whiteriverwild.org>

**Just so you know Jared Polis and Mark Udall SUPPORT the Hidden Gems Agenda.**

Please contact our Congressmen, Senators and County Commissioners, and let them know how the Hidden Gems proposal will affect you personally. Let them know how many years of memories, family times, recreation etc... you have had in the White River Nat'l Forests. Tell your personal stories. Let them know why you don't agree with the Hidden Gems proposal. BUT, the most important thing is to do it!!!! AND SOON!!! The Hidden Gems are trying to get this pushed through as soon as they possibly can, so we need to act now! Don't wait! We CAN do this, we CAN keep our public lands open, but we have to be heard, we have to act!! Also, letters to the Editors would be great to get the word out to the people that have no idea that this is going on! Don't be sorry that you didn't...

Below is the contact information for the Representatives. Please contact them either by phone, mail, or email. Let's fill their "in boxes", their PO Boxes and keep their phones ringing off the hooks!!

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Washington DC Office: 202-225-2161

For Garfield, Pitkin, Mesa, Delta and Gunnison Counties

Congressman John T Salazar

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## **7. Meeting Adjourned**

**7:55 PM**