



The Rising Sun News

Official Newsletter of the Rising Sun Four Wheel Drive Club of Colorado, Inc.

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Upcoming Events from the calendar:

Christmas Party Dec. 7th

13863 E. Lehigh Ave. Aurora CO 80014. Parker Road south of I-225, [Link to map](#). Dean Baranski is organizing, 303-693-2109. Late morning through late afternoon, bring a gift and get a gift. Bring an unwrapped toy for toys for tots if desired. Potluck sign up on [the web site](#) or the [the email list](#)

FEAT (the Four wheel-drive Emergency Assistance Team) is a volunteer group of owners of four-wheel drive vehicles. The goal and purpose of FEAT is to provide supplemental, emergency transportation for the Denver Metro area when snowstorms or other disasters require the use of four-wheel drive vehicles. www.featonline.com



Crystal Mountain 2002

Well Christo has filled us in on the Carnage of Moab. It is good

that they didn't run any tough trails! ;)

We didn't have any sort of

carnage on Crystal Mtn but we had a whole bunch of fun. I am not sure what it is with Crystal in November but this trail is always fun this time of year. This year we were blessed with packed snow and ice on the trail, and snow falling giving us postcard views.

Crystal is pretty challenging dry, but is incredible fun with snow on it. Bruce (and his Daughter Chrissy) did wonderful jobs leading for portions of the trail. The crew was Bruce and Heather in a FJ40, Chrissy in her Tacoma, Perry in his Runner, Greg and sons in his Runner, Two guys (forgot their names) from Cache La Poudre Cruisers in there stock 73 FJ40, and me (sometimes Brad) in my 80.

I have to say the highlight for me is when we got to a slippery and rocky obstacle which gave a few troubles. We didn't think the stock 40 had a chance at making the climb. They just kept constant throttle and picked a good line making it look terribly easy. Greg tried the infamous straight up rock climb that is a lunch time option. He almost had it and the picture will be awesome.

We also were able to see large chunks of plane from the 51 year old plane crash. With the road ending at the site it was incredible that such large pieces remain. Bruce once again did a terrific job leading, Brad showed off his spotting skills, and even drove a plush grocery getter for a bit. I am looking forward so some more fun in the snow.

Michael Aaron



Rising Sun 4X4 Club Meeting Notice There will be a club meeting Wednesday, January 8th, 2002 at 7:30 PM at Larry Miller Toyota.

Minutes of the Rising Sun Four Wheel Drive Club Meeting November 6, 2002

Commander Rob Meredith called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

Vice Commander Dean Baranski reported that he will host this year's club Christmas party at the Meadow Hills clubhouse, same location as last year. The date is not locked in yet, but will in a few days. (Secretary's note, the date has since been reserved, it will be Saturday December 7, see the calendar on the web site for more details).

Secretary Jeff Zepp read **Vice Commander Dean Baranski's** minutes from the October meeting.

Interim Webmaster Jeff Zepp reported that the club roster had been updated and uploaded to the club's web space.

Treasurer Phil Simmons reported that the club has a current balance of \$1,575.01 in the club's account. He reported that the club's Cruise Moab account has a balance of \$30,881.23, with one \$50 check outstanding. He announced that payments for calendars are still being accepted, and that the dates for Cruise Moab 2003 on the calendar are incorrect. He reported that we will be having to make a payment to the Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs for dues for all our members, which will be \$20 each.

Interim Land Use Coordinator Steve Crase reported that Dead Man's Creek wasn't nearly as dusty as when we had our regular cleanup run last summer. Rising Sun received an award for our Adopt-A-Trail efforts, along with a letter and final report. We set a new record for 2002 with 8900 hours of trail cleanup amongst the clubs.

Event Coordinator Mike Aaron reported that the Spooky Night Run was fun! The U4WDA newsletter had good info on Colorado. Dead Man's Creek had a foot of snow. Christo Slee will be leading a Moab Pre-Run tomorrow running through the weekend. Crystal Mountain will be the club's official run this weekend.

Cruise Moab Committee Chairman Neil Quigley reported that BLM permits are all done for through 2006. Former Rising Sun member Terry Holben will be doing the artwork for the t-shirts. **Cruise Moab Committee member Chris Hatfield** has made a list of candidates for donation for the Cruise Moab Raffle. Neil said that we need to get the Cruise Moab account down to \$25,000 by the end of the year. The budget outline calls for seed money of about \$22,500 to start out each year's event. He proposed donating money to worthy causes as we have discussed at previous meetings. The proposal is:

\$1500 for the Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition

\$1500 for the Utah Shared Access Alliance

\$1500 for the Blue Ribbon Coalition

\$1000 for the Grand County (Utah) Search and Rescue

\$500 for the Moab Police Department

Total \$6000. This does not preclude mid-year donations to other causes, such as the Hayman Fire Restoration project. Tory Roesch made a motion to donate the money as proposed, and Jeff Zepp seconded the motion, which was then carried by a vote of the membership.

Officer Nominations from the October Meeting:

Mike Aaron nominated Scott Yoder for Event Coordinator

Dave Brown nominated Phil Simmons for Treasurer

Scott Yoder nominated Jeff Zepp for Secretary

Steve Crase nominated Matt Farr for Webmaster

Neil Quigley nominated Jeff Zepp for Commander

Chris Hatfield Nominated Neil Quigley for Vice Commander

Dave Brown nominated Rob Meredith for Commander

Matt Farr nominated Ige Gustavson for Vice Commander

Commander Rob Meredith declined nomination for Commander for 2003.

Neil Quigley nominated Matt Farr for Secretary.

Old Business: Jeff Zepp brought up the previously discussed subject of having Bill Swails give a presentation to the club about his expedition-equipped Dodge 4x4 the "Earth Roamer". Mike Aaron agreed to contact him.

New Business: Dean Baranski made a motion that the club purchase raffle gifts for club meetings up to \$60 each. After some discussion this was amended to be only for current club members. Matt Farr seconded and the motion was carried by vote.

Commander and TLCA delegate Rob Meredith reported that TLCA currently has the position of Administrator open. He adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.