



The Rising Sun News

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

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Last Month's Events

The annual snow run was Hackett Gulch, check out Rob's web site for more photos and narrative: <http://www.wideopenwest.com/~rmeredith/Hackett/>

Mike Koons and his 77 FJ40 takes on Hackett Rock:



Commander's Corner:

Well, here it is February already. Winter is almost over. Time to start thinking about springtime 4wheeling. And of course our big event in May, Cruise Moab 2002! We are going to need a lot of help from club members this year. Dave Spratlen and myself won't be there this year. We need people that can take charge of certain areas. James Bingham is in charge of Tech Inspection. We need someone to take charge of Registration, Dinner/Raffle, Merchandise, Trail Leaders/Gunners. And of course we'll need people to help in all of these areas. Lets try to make this the best Cruise Moab yet! I know we can do it!

Thanks, Rob

Stay Connected!

All members of Rising Sun should be subscribed to the Rising Sun mailing list. This email based system allows members to post a message to all members of Rising Sun. To reply to a post, simply click the reply button on your email client, and your reply is then sent out to all Rising Sun members. Many times, trips and events come up between meetings, so this is the quickest and easiest way to stay up to the minute on club happenings! To subscribe, send a blank e-mail to: risingsun-subscribe@topica.com

Upcoming Events

Moab prerun Meet at the Slickrock Campground in Moab, UT at 8am March 22. Contact Bruce Westlund westlund3@attbi.com

5th annual Cruise Moab May 1st through 5th Contact **Rob Meredith** commander@risingsun4x4club.org

Classifieds:

Iron Pig for sale:

The time has come to upgrade my "fleet" of Land Cruisers, so I'm putting my '69 FJ55 up for sale. Some of you have seen it. It's not in bad shape for a '69. It's gray and white. There's some rust in the rocker panels and rear fender wells, but the front fenders are intact! It's got a '78 2F motor and non-USA carb, Optima red top, 4-spd Toyota tranny mated to a 3-spd transfer case (mechanical shift, not vacum), front disc brakes, FJ60 power steering and a new muffler and tail pipe. For whoever is interested I've also got lots of extra's like windshield and tailgate glass. I've got an extra late-model hood, extra head liner and a few other things. I'm into it for over \$3500, and that's what I'd like to get for it. Serious inquiries, please email me direct: hatfieldcb@yahoo.com or call. I plan on being at the Rising Sun meeting next week. Chris Hatfield (303) 324-8751 cell (303) 794-1225 home

Iron Pig parts for sale (from a 71)

beautiful hood, set of rear doors blower motor assy, heater core assy, 3spd column shift tranny Contact Ige in person or at ige68@hotmail.com

Rising Sun 4X4 Club Meeting Notice

Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at 7:30 PM at Larry Miller Toyota, located at the northwest corner of I-25 & Boulder Turnpike (US 36). Park on the 3rd level of the parking structure, meetings are held in the conference room on the second level.

Minutes of the January 2002 Rising Sun Four Wheel Drive Club Meeting January 2nd, 2002

Commander Rob Meredith called the meeting to order at 7:42PM. First, everyone in attendance introduced themselves and their rigs. **Officer Reports:**

Secretary Jeff Zepp read the minutes of the December 2001 meeting.

Vice Commander Dean Baranski reported that the Christmas party was a big success, was fun and he was glad that everyone showed up.

Treasurer Phil Simmons reported that including outstanding items, the club's current cash balance is \$1024.39.

Event Coordinator Mike Aaron reported that Kevin Ehrlick was planning to lead the January snow run, but that he was unable to attend the meeting because he was out of the country. He advised that details would be announced on the Rising Sun email list. Last year's snow run was above Central City, and in years past it has been on Switzerland Trail. Bruce Westlund was to lead a Moab pre-run on the weekend of March 15th, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

There were no reports from the **Land Use Coordinator** or **Webmaster**.

Old Business:

(1) Bylaw revision

Commander Rob Meredith proposed that in order to conform with the TLCA bylaws, the Rising Sun bylaws need a few more minor changes. In Article I (membership), Section A (active membership), part 7., the sentence "Active members whom fulfill the requirements of TLCA should become members of TLCA.", the word "should" needs to be changed to the word "shall". He also proposed adding a section D. to article I, to state the club's goals and objectives. In this section, part 1. would be "Rising Sun supports TLCA." It was also proposed that in section F. (application for active membership), section 2., the sentence "Upon completion of 1.b above, each prospective member may submit an application for a vote by membership.", the word "may" should be changed to "must". Further discussion by the membership on these changes brought up the proposal to also make it mandatory for prospective members to submit a bio as a requirement for membership. This is already provided for in section H. part 1., "All active and associate members will be required to have a current membership application/bio on file with the club secretary." Bruce Minney made a motion that these proposed changes be incorporated into the bylaws. Ige Gustavson seconded the motion, and it was carried by a vote of the membership.

(2) Plaque for Larry Miller Toyota

Scott Yoder volunteered to have the plaque made.

(3) Cruise Moab

Rob Meredith announced that we need volunteers. Greg Luer asked who in Rising Sun is going to be involved in planning, specifically members who are not on the Cruise Moab planning committee. There was much discussion on this subject, and unfortunately the Secretary could not write fast enough to keep detailed notes on everything everyone said. Greg's point was primarily that he felt that if more rank-and-file club members became involved in planning the event that there would be more "ownership" by the club members and the work would be spread around more. Neil Quigley suggested that we have a very large sign at safety inspections listing vehicle requirements. The Cruise Moab committee currently includes Dave Brown, Dave and Linda Spratlen, Rob Meredith, Bruce Minney and Bruce Westlund.

New Business:

(1) Mike Aaron reported that he has "tons" of shirts. He said that the quantities of CM98 and 99 are limited, but that he has plenty of 2000 and 2001 shirts and that we should try to sell some. Bruce Minney made a motion to give shirts to each parts employee at Larry Miller, Burt, Boulder and Stevenson Toyota. Jeff Zepp seconded the motion, and it was carried by a vote of the membership. Bill Van Beek volunteered to deliver the shirts to the dealerships.

(2) Rob Meredith reported on TLCA business. He said that TLCA had decided to employ a paid administrator who would be responsible for membership, banking, bills and taxes. He said that TLCA President Dave Brown had made audio recordings of the telephone conference call TLCA BOD meetings, which served as minutes, and that these had been distributed to all the TLCA officers and delegates. He said that as a result of the creation of the administrator position, that the membership position had been eliminated. He said that the person who had that position, Karr Accord had been invited to apply for the new administrator position but that she declined to apply. He also said that she was now threatening to sue.

(3) Jeff Zepp made a motion to allow the secretary's duty of announcing meetings be made electronically, via the Rising Sun email list and web site. Neil Quigley seconded the motion, and it was carried by a vote of the membership.

(4) Dan Markofski, Mark Huxley, Russ Leverman and Jeff Allean were voted in as active members. Jim Sanville was voted in as an associate member.

(5) Dave Armbruster has the paperwork for the incorporation of Rising Sun, which was dissolved administratively by the Colorado Secretary of State. Dan Markofski volunteered to re-file the club for incorporation in Colorado.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.