



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

There were no December trail runs, but the annual Rising Sun Christmas Party was a blast! Vice Commander Dean Baranski organized the event, which was held at the Meadow Hills condominium clubhouse in Aurora. Great food, raffle prizes, gift exchange and lots of fun for all. A big thank you to Dean for making this great fun and a huge success!

Upcoming Events

5th annual Cruise Moab

May 1st through 5th

Moab Utah

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Check the calendar on the web site often, for more events as planning reaches fruition!

Rising Sun 4X4 Club Meeting Notice

Wednesday, February 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.

Stay Connected!

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Minutes of the Rising Sun Four Wheel Drive Club December 5, 2001 Meeting

*Video of the Hackett Gulch and Moody Hill/Crystal Lake Rising Sun trail runs was provided by Mike Aaron and displayed from 7:20 to 7:50. (Secretary's comment: "Great footage Mike, thanks!")

*The meeting was called to order at 7:50 by Commander Rob Meredith.

***Officer's reports:**

*Minutes were not read aloud as they had previously been posted on the mailing list a hard copy was not available.

*Dave Armbruster reported that we have \$1007.62 balance.

*Dean Baranski reported that he had made all arrangements for the club Christmas party; details on time and place etc. are omitted here because it's history (Secretary's comment, thanks Dean, it was a great success and a blast!).

*Mike Aaron reported on the Hackett Gulch and Moody Hill/Crystal Mountain Rising Sun trail runs the previous month.

*There was no Land Use report.

*Not part of officer's reports, but at this time the subject of January runs came up, Kevin Ehrlick volunteered to lead a January snow run. Central City, and Metberry are both suggested as possible trails to do.

***Old Business:**

*Kevin Ehrlick distributed copies of the 11/1/01 revision of the bylaws, which incorporates the bylaw committee's proposed wording of the changes which had been voted on by the membership at the previous meeting. There were some other copies there (Phil Simmons?).

*While the documents were being distributed, Mike Aaron made a motion to nominate Christo Slee for membership in Rising Sun. Neil Quigley seconded, and the motion was carried by a vote of the membership.

*After much discussion of various points in the bylaw changes, Rob decided to put off a formal vote on the changes until the next meeting. One reason for this postponement was that there were two different versions of the proposed revised bylaws being circulated at the meeting, and it was unclear which was the latest, although it was probably the one which incorporated the wording to support TLCA which was voted on at the November meeting.

*One change in particular which was pressing, was changing the provision of who is the official TLCA delegate from Land Use Coordinator to Commander (or Commander's appointee). Dave Brown made a motion to make this effective immediately, Bill Van Beek seconded and the motion was carried by a vote of the membership. Commander Rob Meredith then formally appointed Jeff Zepp as interim club Secretary until voting for BOD was final, as the current Secretary was unavailable at the meeting and the TLCA delegate form needed to be signed by the Secretary and filed with TLCA right away.

***New Business:**

*Dave Brown announced that there are approximately 48,000 back issues of Toyota Trails in Bruce Miller's company's warehouse, and that they need to be moved out of there very soon. American Web prints approximately 3500 extra issues each printing, and they have been piling up. Bruce is moving both his home and his company soon and the pallets of TTs need to go elsewhere. Kevin Ehrlick suggested that it would be a cool club event to go observe Toyota Trails at American Web while it is being printed. Dean Baranski offered to store them, then bring them to meetings. Ige Gustavson also donated storage space in her storage unit. They were reminded that the amount of space required for storage may be more than they were thinking, on the order of 40+ pallets.

***Election of club officers for 2002 were held. Results:**

Commander: Rob Meredith

Vice Commander: Dean Baranski

Secretary: Jeff Zepp

Treasurer: Phil Simmons

Land Use Coordinator: Matt Lewis

Webmaster: Bruce Minney

Event Coordinator: Mike Aaron

*Jeff Zepp suggested that the club have a plaque or some kind of certificate of appreciation for Larry Miller hosting us. Ige Gustavson motioned to allocate \$50 to have one made, Dean Baranski seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of the membership.

*Jeff Zepp suggested that we have some kind of group photo. Ige Gustavson suggested that it include rigs and bios.

*Since the proposed changes in the bylaws make membership effective from Jan 1 through Dec 31 in a calendar year, and current members have been paying dues for the Apr 1 through Mar 31 period, Rob clarified that the dues will be prorated to 75% for those already paid through the end of March, 2002.

*Jeff Zepp made a motion to authorize up to \$400 in club funds for the Christmas party to reimburse Dean for food, prizes and expenses. Phil Simmons seconded the motion, and it was carried by a vote of the membership.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:45