



The Rising Sun News

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

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March 2002

Upcoming Events

Carnage Canyon March 10. Trail leader Kevin Ehrlick.

COHVCO Off Road Expo April 6-7. National Western Complex.

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](mailto:RobMeredithcommander@risingsun4x4club.org)

Red Elephant Hill\Bill Moore Lake May 25th. Trail Leader Scott Yoder.

Swap Meet June 2nd. Sneeze Off Road, Highway 93 in Golden

Deadman's Gulch Adopt-a-Trail June 7-9. Trail Leader Steve Crase

2nd Annual Father's Day Four Wheeling, Spring Creek Trail June 16th. Trail Leader Jeff Zepp

Kremmling Crawl June 22-23, Kremmling CO, CA4WDCI

Wheeler Lake\Mt. Bross July 6th. Trail Leader Rob Meredith

Middle St. Vrain\ Cony Flats July 28th. Trail Leader Mike Aaron

Spring Creek Trail August 10th. Trail Leader Neil Quigley

Slaughterhouse Gulch August 14th. Trail Leader Matt Farr

Chinaman's Gulch October 5th. Trail Leader Rob Meredith

Crystal Mountain November 10th. Trail Leader Bruce Westlund

Note that there are a number of other events which are tentatively planned but do not yet have trail leaders who have committed or firm dates. Check the calendar on the web site and the Rising Sun mailing list for updates as soon as they are available.



Commander **Rob Meredith** presents Larry Miller's expert parts guy **Dion Duvall** with a **plaque of appreciation** for hosting and supporting Rising Sun. Larry

Miller Toyota hosts the club's monthly meetings in their conference room and offers a generous 25% discount on genuine Toyota parts for Rising Sun members. Thanks to **Scott Yoder** for having the plaque made, thanks to **Eric Corbett** for the photo, and special thanks to Larry Miller Toyota for your generous hospitality!

Rising Sun 4X4 Club Meeting Notice

Wednesday, April 3rd, 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.

Len Marks of the Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc. (CA4WDCI) was a special guest at the February meeting. Len would like members of Rising Sun to become more involved in the statewide association to help prevent trail closures. CA4WDCI is having a fundraiser called the Kremmling Rock Crawl (see upcoming events, left) to raise money. Eventually, the association would like to have 2 full time paid lobbyists to help fight to keep our trails open. Several club members signed up for the Kremmling Rock Crawl on the spot, for \$10 to enter it sounds like a lot of fun!



The association will also be giving away a \$500 scholarship to the member's graduating high school student who is deemed most deserving by the association's board. All Rising Sun members are automatically members of the CA4WDCI, \$20 of your \$50 Rising Sun dues goes to the association, it is in the Rising Sun bylaws. For more information on the association, and to keep updated on the association's activities, visit the web site at <http://www.cohvco/ca4wdci>

Stay Connected!

All members of Rising Sun should be subscribed to the Rising Sun mailing list. All you need is an email account, even if you don't have your own computer you can subscribe under one of the free web based ones like yahoo and hotmail. 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

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

Commander Rob Meredith called the meeting to order at 7:35PM. Those in attendance introduced themselves and their rigs.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary Jeff Zepp read the minutes from the January meeting.

Vice Commander Dean Baranski was not in attendance and there was no Vice Commander's report.

Treasurer Phil Simmons reported that the club has a \$1770.97 balance not including outstanding items.

Land Use Coordinator Matt Lewis asked if Land Use related news items should be distributed via the club email list, or distributed privately. Show of hands favored via the mailing list. He reported that the Governor of Utah is seeking to create a National Park which will allow off highway vehicle use.

Event Coordinator Mike Aaron reported that he rolled his FJ55 while prerunning a possible trail for a club run. Last month's run was Hackett Gulch. There is nothing scheduled for February. Kevin has been too busy to lead a snow run. Five people are signed up for the Moab prerun in March, and there are 8-10 people from Wasatch Land Cruisers who will be there. The Kremmling Rock Crawl will be June 22nd and 23rd.

At this point in the meeting, **Len Marks** from the **Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc.** was introduced. He was promoting the Kremmling Rock Crawl, and encouraging members of Rising Sun to become more involved in CA4WDCI. He would like to raise enough money for the association to be able to hire two full time individuals who would fight trail closures. Last year, the Kremmling Rock Crawl drew about 40 rigs, mostly pros. There were about 2000 spectators. This year, there is a \$10 entry fee for competing, and there is a \$5 gate fee which includes camping. May 4th is the registration deadline.

As the officer reports resumed, **Webmaster Bruce Minney** reported that he needs updated officer's information. He singled out Matt Lewis to get him bio information.

Old business:

(1) There will be a Cruise Moab Planning Committee meeting at 7:30PM on February 12 at Red and Jerry's. So far about 33 vehicles have signed up for Cruise Moab 2002.

(2) The Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDCI) will be having an Off Highway Vehicle Exposition at the Stock Show Complex on April 4-5, 2002. There will be a raffle; they need volunteers. Contact info is at <http://www.cohvco.org/ca4wdci>

(3) CA4WDCI will be awarding a scholarship to a graduating high school senior who's family is a member in good standing. \$500 will be presented to the student who is deemed most deserving by the administrative board. Applications must be submitted to the secretary by April 1st 2002.

(4) Cruise Moab: because many veterans who used to help out can not make it this year, volunteers are needed more than ever. Rob read off the list of what jobs need to be done and how many will be needed to do them. (Secretary's note: go to the club web site at <http://risingsun4x4club.org> Cruise Moab section, and choose "Volunteer Reg. Form" from the drop down menu, for details). There will be a special raffle just for volunteers.

(5) A plaque for appreciation for hosting the club was given to Larry Miller Toyota. Dion Duvall accepted the plaque on behalf of Larry Miller Toyota. Thanks Scott Yoder for arranging to have the plaque made.

(6) Phil Simmons reported that he has 5 Land Cruiser calendars left from people who ordered them but have not yet paid or picked them up.

New Business:

(1) Matt Lewis gave away his Chilton's manual for his 95 Taco, because he sold that rig. He asked if there would be interest in a GPS class during a future meeting. There was a large show of hands, and it is tentatively scheduled for the March meeting. The class will cover the basics of using your GPS, and is expected to last 1/2 hour. Mike Aaron suggested a caching contest for those with GPS units.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47PM