



RISING SUN NEWS

Official Newsletter

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SlaughterHouse Gulch, 1-1-03

Let's see, words to describe the first day of the new year: "Superior," "Hangover" or maybe "Enjoyable?" We met at the same place as last, the big hot dog stand in Aspen Park at 10 a.m., a little early for New Years Day but still do-able. By 10:30, we had 8 rigs consisting of: Ige and friend in her 60, Tory and wife in their 60 along with a friend (didn't catch the name) in his Taco. Dave Bayer in his TJ, Daniel Markofsky in his 80, Brian Sandoval in his '86 Mini, friend from work, Jason Meyers in his '94 ext cab, and myself in the 4Runner.



Snow had accumulated the night before but wasn't enough to hang around the whole day. We arrived at Stump Hill which seemed to be harder on the left this time rather than the right due in part to the ice. I was up first and decided to try my luck with the right side again and made it all the way without having to crossover. With open diffs and stock gears, Ige had some trouble on the left, but after some momentum she made it up no problem. Daniel had no trouble in his factory-lockers-equipped 80. Jason had a little trouble with the big rock at the top but a different line and momentum proved to be the key.

As we descended the first big hill we encountered some snow but was counteracted by some good scenery. The "mini" rock garden, emphasis on "mini" as Dave put it, at the end provided some excitement. Ige then proceeded to get the only damage for the day when the high-lift jack on the roof rack dragged against the tree in the off-camber section taking the roof rack with it. With a couple hands it was



back together in no time, except of course for the chrome trim.

We then came to the last big hill. I took the left with no real



problem except for those darn wheel stands! Ige took the bypass but with a little throttle and open diffs, Tory proved it could be done. Again Daniel didn't seem to have any problems. Jason attempted the hill and with the front locked had no problem. Last was Dave seems though even with the new bigger tires still flexed really well. After the hill we stopped at the overlook and provided a good Kodak moment.

We all made it to the yellow sign (yes, turn left). Dave said there was a good mud hole, although it was empty, it was still fun to play in. One entrance had a big drop off to get in. Brian then provided another Kodak moment with a big wheel stand. After that we chatted for a while till we got too cold and then decided on grub at the pizza place in Pine. A good way to start the new year indeed. — Perry Loughridge

UPCOMING EVENT

Date: Sunday Jan 12th, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Place: Columbine Clinic in Blackhawk

Approximate Duration: 2 - 4 hours

Leader: Kevin Ehrlick (Uncle Ben)

CB Channel: 4 • **Difficulty:** Moderate to difficult

Comments: The Columbine clinic is right on the edge of Blackhawk on the road to Central City directly across from the Bob Tail mine. Michael and Kevin pre-ran the Yankee Hill area Wednesday. The drifts were perfect! Kevin encourages novice drivers to attend as they will learn extraction techniques done the safe way. We will be getting stuck a lot!

After a couple hours of drift fun we will return to Central City and pile into the Dristol Alley Brewery for club furnished pizza. Note: RS does not buy beverages. After pizza, folks are welcome to return to the high country or whatever.

Rising Sun 4X4 Club Meeting Notice

There will be a meeting Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003 at 7:30 p.m 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 Rising Sun Four Wheel Drive Club Meeting December 4, 2002

Vice Commander Dean Baranski called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM

Those in attendance introduced themselves and their rigs.

Secretary Jeff Zepp read minutes from the November meeting.

Commander Rob Meredith was not in attendance.

Treasurer Phil Simmons reported that the club has a current balance of \$948.01 in the club's general account after paying the Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs' dues. He reminded those in attendance that Rising Sun membership dues for membership renewal would be due in January. He reported that the club's Cruise Moab account has a balance of \$31076.03, as a check from Boulder Toyota had come in since the last report. Letters and checks for donating Cruise Moab money to previously approved groups were all ready to go, all that needs to be done is sign the letters and mail them out. He reported that the Cruise Moab Committee has decided not to switch the Cruise Moab account to an interest bearing account yet, because most of the checks will be sent out within the next couple of months. After hearing this, several people from the floor suggested we should switch the account to an interest bearing one anyway. Phil reported that calendars had arrived, and that due to destruction of the first shipment by the US Postal Service, replacement calendars had to be sent, and he had paid the \$33.35 tab for priority mail for these. Dean Baranski made a motion to reimburse Phil for this expense. Kevin Ehrlick seconded the motion, which was carried by a vote of the membership.

Interim Webmaster Jeff Zepp reported that several bios have been added to the club's web space.

Interim Land Use Coordinator Steve Crase was not in attendance.

Event Coordinator Mike Aaron reported that the Crystal Mountain, Gillespie Gulch and Castle Gulch trail runs were fun! Upcoming events include the club's holiday party.

Vice Commander Dean Baranski reported that the club's Christmas party would be held at the Meadow Hills condos in Aurora. He will buy the main courses, a turkey and ham, sodas and hot mulled cider. Side dishes and desserts will be potluck. We will have a gift exchange, and there will be raffle prizes. Bruce Miller shopped for the raffle prizes.

Cruise Moab Committee Chairman Neil Quigley reported that Terry Holben came to the CM planning meeting, and will be doing the artwork. He will need a photo to work from, and will paint a watercolor from it, which will then be used for the artwork for the t-shirts. He will donate the watercolor for the CM raffle. Neil reported that this year, instead of plaques for the awards, there would be mugs, which will have pictures on them of the various models of Land Cruisers. The t-shirts will cost a bit more this year, but they will be of better quality than in years past. The price we will be charging for registration will not be going up this year, although our costs for some items will be going up. For example, dinners will cost \$1 more. Joe Calleja suggested that we should allow Rising Sun members to sign up for Cruise Moab at the next meeting, as an incentive to attend the meeting. Neil reiterated that our arrangements with Slickrock Campground are all set up. Dean commented that the letters that will accompany our donations to the various groups need to be signed. Scott Yoder made a motion that the Commander-Elect should sign them. Dean seconded the motion, which was carried by a vote of the membership.

New Business:

Voting for club officers for 2003 was held. The results were as follows:

Commander: Jeff Zepp

Vice Commander: Ige Gustavson

Secretary: Matt Farr

Treasurer: Phil Simmons

Event Coordinator: Scott Yoder

Land Use Coordinator: Kevin Ehrlick

Webmaster: Tory Roesch

Raffle winners: Greg Luer and Bruce Miller each won survival cards. Jeff Zepp won Truck Nutz.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.