

Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club meeting
Montana Club, North Reserve Street, Missoula
May 21, 2009

Members present: Willie and Jeanne Worthy, Derek Emerson, Bruce Erickson, Rachel Maxwell, Steve Knutsen and Brittany, Mark Pickles, Larry Garrison, Jim and Lorna Younkin, Jeff MacGill, Pete and Karen Elmer, Curtis Evelo, and Jason Vaughn, and guests Dan Simens, Mike Shaylor, and Tom and Perri Schelat.

Welcome and introduction of Tom and Perri as they're attending first meeting, they have two Rubicons, one with a hemi!

No treasurer's report as waiting for receipts from Jeff on new web site host and from Curtis for club bbq.

Jeff presented receipt for new web site host in the amount of \$49.98 and was reimbursed. Curtis will submit receipt soon.

Thanks to web master Lori, our club web site was only out of service for about a week. There will be many updates as she finds the time.

Willie reminded several members they need to pay \$26 Montana Association dues.

Encouraged club members to submit helpful tips, book reviews, and for sale items to be added to web site. Some members also need to submit their biographies and photos.

Joe Lorenzo was unable to attend meeting but he submitted new club dog policy for vote as follows:

Dogs should be on a leash any time they are outside of a vehicle.

Dogs should be kept at a comfortable distance from others unless further interaction is invited.

Dogs are expected to be well mannered and friendly.

Trip leaders can state: "no dogs on this trip"

No dogs on overnight runs unless prior approval is received from all in attendance.

All dogs riding in vehicles must have an approved dog restraint system.

If there is a problem with a dog (as stated in rules and regulations as with a member), it should be stated at that time and taken care of.

Motion was made to approve new policy, seconded, all ayes, and motion carried.

Ron MacDonald recently donated a kidney to a high school buddy, they are both doing well. Jason got married and is expecting a baby end of December. Derek

graduated from U of M with degree in sociology/law enforcement and is going to get his masters.

Food Bank postal carrier food drive went well, brought in 13,800 pounds of food for the hungry. Thanks again for their help to Pete and son Chris, Diana MacGill, Russell Mills, Erik Engleburt, the Evelo family, and Willie and Jeanne.

Curtis and Jeff have trip planned up Petty Creek area for May 22-25, Memorial Day holiday. Email them if you're interested in going. It is one of the only 4x4 trails listed on Lolo National Forest map that is open year round. They'd tried it two weeks ago and ran into too much snow and downed trees (got tired of cutting). There is possibility of adopting this trail, could have alternate route next to it that would be harder (as Polson club as done at Blacktail/Wildbill), would be a good relationship builder with Forest Service.

There will be a club trip sometime this summer to the Polson club's Blacktail/Wildbill trail.

Willie has two trips planned for now. Saturday, June 20 to Snowcap Mine south of Drummond, and Saturday June 27 to Emery Ridge area. More info to follow in emails.

Mark will lead trip to Carruthers and Mountain Ben Lakes sometime in July, and Larry will lead trip to Thompson Lake.

Mark, Larry and Joe all went to Moab, and had some interesting experiences. Contact them if you want to hear some good stories.

Bruce is heading to Moab first of June and has a new addition to his family: a 2008 Chevy Colorado, with an air conditioner and cool tires and wheels.