

Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club, Inc.
Minutes June 24, 2010
Jaker's Restaurant, Missoula

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm. Members present: Steve Knutsen and Brittany, Willie and Jeanne Worthy, the Evelo family, Bruce Erickson, Fred McDowell, Gil Floyd, Mark Pickles, Dave and Karen Knapp, Pete and Karen Elmer, and guests Bill Babington, Steve Gehring, James Riggs and Alaina, and Jeremy Hitchcock.

Decals: We now have 25 new club decals, at cost of \$62.50; unfortunately, they were again printed with black background rather than white as ordered from Rebel Graphics. Do we want to order more with white background? New members receive two, and if members want more, they're \$2.50 each.

Club now has 25 members, six previous members didn't rejoin, but we gained three new members, have four prospective members who need to complete one more trip, and have several other interested prospective members.

Tire cover interest: Jeff MacGill charged \$50 each for tire covers, which included art work. He charged additional \$25 total for shipping, which Willie paid, and now has to collect from those members who ordered tire covers. The tire covers are a great way to help publicize the club. Rebel Graphics would charge \$75 each, using Bestop covers (as were ones from Jeff), needs a minimum of five orders. Curtis could possibly pick up covers from Jeff in Billings.

Fred made motion to reimburse Willie \$25 from club treasury, Bruce second, all ayes, motion carried.

Joe Lorenzo working out of town, so no treasurer's report.

Ticks are out...so be sure to check your children and pets. Bruce is a tick magnet when working outside...two in a day!

Willie and Jeanne are leading June 27 trip to Snowcap Mine Drummond area. Leave from Bonner truck stop at 9 am.

Bruce had sent information to members regarding washout of Magruder Corridor, impassable at this time, and closed by Forest Service. Club will re-schedule trip later this summer. Bruce worked at Red River Ranger Station in ID and has driven the Corridor many times. His opinion is it would be best to start at Elk City and head east.

Possible July 4th weekend trip led by Willie and Jeanne, east of Melrose, near Dillon. There are lots of mining remains as well as current mining operations. There is a commercial campground and motel in Melrose, as well as a FWP campground.

Willie, John Ayres, Dick and Sue Riebe, and Larry Garrison are attending Divide Ride in Boulder July 12-17. Willie still working on way to take the club index ramp.

Pete Elmer passed around flyer for the **RCORUA Fun Run, Saturday, June 26th** at the Rye Creek Lodge, 458 Rye Creek Road. Registration starts at 8 AM. They have 55-60 miles of vehicle trails as well, near Big Hole area south of Darby. \$10 per vehicle includes lunch and one raffle ticket. Camping on site.

Willie asked for how many members want to order t-shirts. Quite a few, so club will pursue. Dave Knapp will follow up with his friend. Chris and Curtis stated they'd had several problems with Team Shirts orders, good prices, but very slow, smeared prints, etc.

Pete Lawrenson, Montana Rail Link detective, chief of security (hobo buster! yard bull), had conflict and wasn't able to speak at meeting. Wade Herbert, owner of Black Knight Security and Investigations, and spokesperson for Operation Life Saver, was our speaker. He provided much information in a humorous manner regarding safety around trains. One of his examples is to think about how an automobile will squash a soda can, a train could do the same thing to an automobile. If you should see a problem/malfunction with a railroad crossing, call 9-1-1 or the MRL number and report the DOT number that is listed at the crossing. He answered many questions from members on subjects from train graffiti to handling derailments, to his opinion on future of railroad.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.