

Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club, Inc.
Minutes November 18, 2010
Joker's Wild Restaurant, Missoula, MT

Members present: Willie and Jeanne Worthy, Steve Knutsen and Brittany, Dave and Karen Knapp, Bruce Erickson, Joe and Jenny Lorenzo, Dick Riebe, Bill and Char Boldt, Derek Emerson and Kristina, James Riggs, Steve Gehring, Gil Floyd, Steve Emerson, and guests Will Daniels and Jay Schweitzer.

Slide Show: Bruce reported that Lori has been using a very cool slideshow/javascript on FS internal websites. It is simple and elegant and she'd like to create a slideshow for the MBR4x4 site on the home page if we're interested. Send several **quality** action photos, 5 - 7 is best for one show, along with captions to Willie. She'll change it every couple of months.

Missoula Food Bank needs help for turkey distribution, Monday morning Nov 22, 9 am. Jim Younkin and Bill Boldt volunteered to help. Dick would have volunteered also but his truck is getting new front end for \$2800 after he hit a rock while hunting and broke front differential.

Watson Children's Center: Bruce came up with great idea on volunteering at Watson Children's Center by taking the kids on a trip to Blue Mountain area; and between he and Willie came up with a letter/email to them; they are interested, but at this point it will be spring. The center provides housing for children in difficult circumstances, and usually has between five and ten kids between ages 9 to 14, and would also require two adult supervisors. Some ideas for trip: talk about the blow down and how it happened, weather in the area, the different trees, why some are dead looking, animals in area, problems with people going off the trail, and how four wheel drive works. Response from members was positive and all agreed club should buy picnic lunch for kids and those who take part. Bruce will check if we need a permit for more than ten vehicles on the Lolo National Forest.

Club participation: Any other ideas for club participation? None were brought up, and Curtis Evelo and Jay are playing telephone tag regarding clean up in Fish Creek area.

Club speakers: Willie asked other members to recruit speakers. James volunteered girlfriend Alaina Strehlow from Watershed Education Network. Other suggestions were a photographer on how to take better outdoor/action photos, someone from Big Brothers/Sisters, Eco Compost, REI on winter survival, Blue Mountain Observatory, Department Natural Resources and Conservation, Boldt's game warden friend Dan Curtin from Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, plus Char has a contact at Roseburg Forest Products who could speak on their variety of products. Possibly club member Larry Garrison could also do a short tour of

Roseburg. Char also has friend at the Fire Lab at the airport. Also mentioned was Missoula Technology Development Center (MTDC), which works on fire related products, such as fire shelters....

What other types of things/places are members interested in?

In the past we've had speakers from Missoula County Search and Rescue, Ravalli County Off Road Users Association, Missoula Food Bank, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Montana Rail Link, Missoula Library, Bear Aware, insurance agent on what type insurance four wheelers need, Missoula County Weed Program, National Weather Service, representatives from the Forest Service several times, Mike Lenz on how to winterize your vehicle, and REI with GPS class.

Elections: Dave nominated Willie for President, Willie nominated Dick for Vice President, Jenny nominated Joe for treasurer; no other nominations from floor, so officers were elected by voice acclamation. Willie did state that he will delegate more often. The current board of directors: Bruce, Joe, Curtis, Dick, Dave, and Willie.

Party? Discussion of December meeting the 16th or Christmas party? Gil volunteered to host party at his house in Stevensville, and Char volunteered to make big pot of chili, and have everyone bring a dessert. Look for an email with more information.

Decals: Dick had checked with Montana 4x4 Association and decals are received by new members only, not each year at renewal. He brought decals for those new members who hadn't received them.

Swap Meet: Jay talked about the Moonshiners 4x4 Club swap meet, March 13, Puyallup, WA, which has super deals. All their profit goes to a local children's hospital. Willie brought up that the best thing to do is buy a space as most trades/sales take place before the swap meet officially opens. Willie will post on web site when he receives information.

Spare Tire Covers: Discussion of spare tire covers, Jeff MacGill had charged \$50 each, with covers being \$35 from Best Top. Willie had checked with Rebel Graphics in Missoula who wanted \$75 each. Char will check with Opportunity Resources as they do some screen printing.

Steve E. talked of his experiences as mechanic working in Nome, Alaska for International Tower Hill. They're drilling for flour gold, sometimes to 1500 feet deep, sampling every 5 feet. He's working for them here in Missoula as well, and will head back to Nome the first of February.

Congratulations to Karen Elmer for being elected secretary of RCORUA; and Pete returns as a board member.