

Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club Meeting

February 3, 2017

Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club meeting called to order at 6:30 pm, Perkins Restaurant, Missoula, MT

Members present: Jason and Jolene Summerfield and children, Jim Henningfeld, Willie and Jeanne Worthy, Dick Riebe, Larry Garrison, Steve Slagle, Bruce Erickson, Dave McCord, Bill Boldt, Jim Younkin, Jeremy Hitchcock, Jeffrey and Jessica Stiner, with daughter Dakota; and guests Gerald Dong and Bob Biggens.

Dick did Snow Bash up at Blacktail/Wild Bill. Way too much snow..and it was sugar snow, hard to get around in, he used his Jeep hard. Many of the rigs had 47 inch tall tires. He and his son in law had to winch downhill 200 yards to get out in the dark! There were 30 people in the group, only 5 ended up getting out by 7 pm.

Club dues are \$5, you can pay Jason, mail to him at 3360 Big Flat Road #63, Missoula 59804 240-0493 or stop by J & K and pay Jeremy.

Willie wants club to have a new president as of January 1 next year.

Does any one want to plan a snow trip? Bruce will coordinate the "Go Topless" day again in May, with a half day trip following to Blue Mountain. Bill, Jessica and Jeffrey, Larry, and Gerald are all going to Moab. Sometime in June, depending on weather and snow, Willie and Jeanne will be back in Melrose area, little above Dillon. It's high altitude but fairly dry.

What have other people been doing?

Jim H. bought a quad. He added new lights to his Jeep. He hunted 8 Mile Creek and "bear got my tire" \$350 for two new tires!

Jessica's four wheel drive in her Cherokee is now fixed, it was a broken motor mount.

Larry has new front axle for his Jeep sitting on jack stands. It has DOM tubing, is a Ford 250 high pinion 44, with racing knuckles.

Bill walked around his Jeep and started it in preparation for Moab. He had a good hunting season.

Jeremy has now moved J & K to location on Broadway.

Bruce added a security box from Best Top under driver's seat.

Gerald ran trail from Lolo Hot Springs to Superior on New Years day.

Bob said it was way too cold in Seeley Lake, MINUS 20 this morn!

Willie learned a \$400 lesson. He wanted a new belt for the Can Am so he'd have a spare. He looked on line at all the forums and bought a Gates belt that everyone recommended. Unfortunately it ended up being a little different in tooth pattern, as

well as a little shorter, so the Can Am wouldn't shift, and had a funny noise. Loaded it up and took it into Murdochs to find it was his own fault! They installed a new factory belt and all is well. He put a snow plow on it, and has sold his Bobcat tractor