



SONORA DESERT SCOUTS

AN ARIZONA 4WD CLUB FOR INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER ENTHUSIASTS

Happy New Year!

January 2012

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Celebrate AZ's Centennial Year!

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On February 14, 2012, Arizona will celebrate its 100th year of statehood! What better way to celebrate our great state than by exploring some of our amazing trails and natural areas? Grab your Scouts (and your cameras) and go! Need information on trails? The Arizona Game & Fish has great information on their website at: www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/arizona_ohv_trails.shtml. Another great resource is our State Land Dept, including permit info, at their website: www.land.state.az.us/programs/natural/rec_permitPlacesToGo.htm.



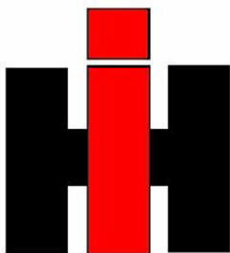
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November Minutes: Phoenix

7:15 Dan meeting to order. In attendance are: Pete Acosta, Denise Quick, Dan Heath, Jennifer White, Bill Danyluk, Jerry Stewart, Peter & Emily Evans, Jason Pfeiffer, Stef Truillo, Robert Tripp, Lowell Roemke, Patrick and Aubrey Backaric, Michael Smith, Chad McNeil, Armando Verdugo, Jayson LaFrance, John Fulgenzi, Mark Guatney, Jim Giordano, Michael Lostetter, and Jimmy Lobjrigo.

Dan passed the microphone for introduction of members and rigs. Ronnie texted Dan that he forgot about meeting tonight. Today's meeting is important as its time to vote for officers for 2012. Open nominations today and must be member in good standing. Ballots were passed out and Current officers were sent out of room for voting. When they were called back in results were read by Lowell and Mark as follows: Dan Heath is President. Jerry Stewart is Vice-President. Denise Quick is Secretary/Treasurer. Jennifer White is Newsletter Editor.

2012 AZIHR entry registrations packets were mailed out Saturday and will also be posted on website. There are different levels of registration and if anyone needs additional packets please see Jennifer. If there are an questions at all please contact the AZIHR committee: Jennifer, Denise, Emily, Pete, Jerry, Dan, or Jason.

Email newsletter was barely sent out today for those that are mailed it will be out Friday. We really need pictures for the newsletter, and our Editor welcomes anything for newsletter or website. All suggestions are welcome. Dan also stated that anyone having problem with newsletter being late will be taken outside.

Jennifer will be convening a By-Law-Committee this year for club approval prior to AZIHR 2012. First meeting will be approximately 12/10/11 or TBA. Any suggestions welcome and votes to be decided at 2/2012 meeting. Our resident lawyer was convinced to be on committee, and mostly we want to update wording and include By-Proxy voting as well as include the website and Webmaster. Please email any suggestions and ideas.

Parts for sale: John Fulgenzi needs a new fender-passenger side. Jayson and Jason have parts. Pete has heavy duty drive shaft CV joint, HEAVY DUTY.

Dan advised as we all have older Scouts it is wise to replace choke cable, bushings, rat joints, etc. Brack lines to be checked, as well as motor mounts. Jason illustrated how motor mounts look when worn and has some in stock if anyone needs some.

Trail run for November 9:00 in.....??.November 19 Iron Mountain can be run by stock scout. Turn off to Queen Valley then 1st turnoff to right at Florence Junction, or meet 8:30 at Canyon Offroad.

Mark took his 16-year-old daughter to Box Canyon where there were a bunch of ATV's and dirt bikes. Got to trail about 11:00. Stopped at casita for lunch where mother nature has torn down half the house down. Trail looks like a waterfall with the water. His daughter drove some but he had to take over. Mine exit was blocked off by 30 foot mound of dirt. They took pictures and Mark will forward to Jennifer. Dan went out there in the dark and spent 3 hours trying to get back out. If its confusing during the day its plenty worse at night.

Armando mentioned Wheelers-4-Warriors December 3rd. A project he is involved in for an injured soldier who was wounded in Afghanistan. He was the lead driver and had his hands blown off and sustained brain damage. He has been through several surgeries. His jeep has been sitting for about a year and the reveal will be at Crown King. There will be a run starting at 8:00. Meet at Deer Valley Airport@ 9:30 for highway 74 to crown king. It is an easy run with 3 different levels. Armando will place details on website and wonders if club would like to make a donation . \$30 pre-registration or \$35 day-of. Please contact Armando with any questions 480-247-9545 or 480-290-5993.

Dan will be starting a section in the newsletter for trail etiquette & trail rules. If someone stops and cant get them on CB, check them out. Don't just leave them If they are non-committal, possibly they are embarrassed. Try to be prepared. You need to bring some stuff & check out rig prior to leaving. Dress appropriately and make sure your truck is ready and you are ready. Some basic essentials to bring are: spare tire, jumper cables, jack, 5 gallons of gas, roll of white paper, and shovel.

Reminder: Dues are due in January and reminders will be sent.

Sponsorship for AZIHR 2012 is on a separate form this year. Start working on your rig now. We received a second \$150 sponsorship check today. Get ready and send in registration.

Jerry went up to Jerome for Don Robertson's museum (\$5 for admission)and had a great time. Also, just wanted to thank everyone for their support.

8:33 Mark made a motion to close meeting and Jim seconded.

(Ed: See page 4 for December minutes)

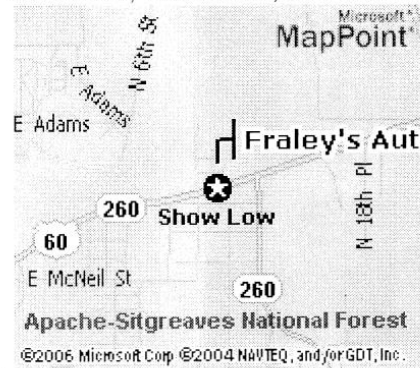


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FIFE'S SCOUTWORKS

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Remember to renew your corporate membership for 2012 to retain your ad in future newsletters!

Upcoming IH Events

Arizona IH Rendezvous 2012
 March 23 - 25, 2012
 Everett Bowman Rodeo Grounds
 Wickenburg, AZ

If know of or are having an event and would like it to be listed here, email Jennifer White at wyndfire@gmail.com

REMINDER:

**Dues are due
 January 1, 2012!!**

Please contact Denise Quick at dqscout@gmail.com or see her at one of the Phoenix meetings.

You can also pay dues by mailing a check to:

Sonora Desert Scouts
 P.O. Box 62421

Phoenix, AZ 85082-2421

(A reminder will be mailed in December!)

December Minutes: Phoenix

7:15 Dan calls meeting to order. Present at meeting were: Denise Quick, Dan Heath, Bob Hall, Robert Tripp, Luke Hanson, Thomas Hansen, Bill Collier, Jerry Stewart, Jennifer White, Jason Pfeifer, Stef Trujillo, Tamara Wilson, Dustin Wilson, Jayson LaFrance, Guest-Thad Fleming, Chad McNeil, Lowell Roemke Ronnie Stephanie and Aaron Rasmussen.

Dan passes the microphone for introductions and rig descriptions. Clarification is made that Scouts are not an addiction, it's a hobby.

Please note that December 31st is the last day for pre-registration and after that it is \$5 more. 2012 AZIHR is our annual Car Show being held March 23, 24, and 25, 2012 in Wickenburg Arizona. There will be a meeting of the committee after the regular meeting tonight. Anyone interested in attending should stay.

Dues are due January 1st. You are most welcome to pay early.

We still have plenty of club merchandise available for sale and Denise will be bringing it to the next meeting. Also we will be discussing t-shirts to non-members.

By-laws are being worked on and next meeting in February we will be meeting with Tucson Club. Copies are available for anyone who is interested. Any input is appreciated. A committee has been formed and bring your suggestions, or email to Jennifer. Ronnie will be also be assisting.

Dan had to replace bearings on car which were surprisingly more expensive than on the Scout.

Trail run report: Wheels for warriors run to Crown King for reveal. Back road is pretty much the same, a little rough but...there was a Chevy being helped by a Jeep, but instead of pulling the Chevy up-it pulled the Jeep down onto the Chevy cab. 2nd part of trail at junction could have been driven if there hadn't been snow, but there was easily 4 inches of snow. At Crown King Armando was already there. We went to lookout and the snow got deeper and deeper to about 8 inches. It was super cold. We went back down to Crown King and it was really nice to be out. It was a good trip and a good time.

Trail run report: Iron Mountain. Chad did Iron Mountain with Jayson and Mark Gualtney with Jim Giordano. Scout had a little bit of fire. Mark decided he didn't want any additional "pin striping" and turned back. Willow Springs and Apache Junction offered beautiful scenery. On the trail were Jayson, Chad and a couple of Jeeps. Eric came up from Tucson. It was not too crowded. Jerry really appreciated the spotting by Jayson and Chad. Jayson really prepares you for trails. Towards Saguaro Lake there was a huge boulder field and it gets marshy probably 1 mile from lake-did not like it.

Tech Tips – Jason advised you to check your motor mounts and change them due to wear. They should sit above the frame. If you do not change them you could be subjecting your scout to substantial damage. It will ruin your day. You will probably not notice it in town, but as soon as you step off-road, you will know it.

Also, if you have a tranny mount and it has never been changed, you need to change them out. Look into changing them. Auto or T-19 are the same, but T-18 or 3-speed are different.

Parts to sell: Jayson has body mounts for \$75, rear hatch struts. Chad and Jayson have several vehicles for sale. Bill Collier has an 800 driver's side seat. Greg is looking for front of 345water tube, motor and tranny mounts, and template for headliner and a good upholsterer.

Congratulations to Jared and his family on the birth of their baby boy.

Patrick bought carb off a guy who had 64 scout factory original and lifted 18 inches with camper.

January trail run ideas: Coke Ovens 1-21-12. Meet at flagpole in Florence Highway at 9:00 or Canyon Off-road at 8:00. Please note that a stock Scout II may not make it. But you can park and ride.

Canyon Off-road worked on Dale Eaton's rig and it is to be delivered tomorrow.

Please fill out member info for newsletter Editor.

Jerry commented on Wheels for Warriors and how they built a great Jeep for a very deserving guy. It was a very emotional thing to see. Unfortunately Armando did not attend this meeting so we can't thank him in person (yet) for allowing SDS be a part of this great project.

Jennifer has postcards for anyone to take and place on local scouts.

8:21 Bob Hall made a motion to adjourn and Ronnie seconded.

Mark your calendars!!

AZIHR Planning Committee Dates:

January 10 (after regular meeting), January 29 (at Jennifer White's house), February 14th (after regular meeting), March 13 (after regular meeting), March 17 (place TBD) - additional meetings to be held as needed

By Law Committee Dates:

January 10 (after regular meeting), January 29 (at Jennifer White's house), February 12 (at Tucson monthly meeting) - additional meetings to be held as needed

All SDS members are welcome to participate on and attend committee meetings. Please come join us and get involved in your club! If you have any questions regarding a committee, a meeting date/place, please contact any board member or the head of any committee.

Thank you!!



Call for VOLUNTEERS!!

Our 2012 Rendezvous is nearly here, and we need a crew of volunteers to help out!

If you would like to volunteer at AZIHR, please contact Denise Quick at dqscout@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

Main Club Account Balance - Ending December 31, 2011	
Deposits	\$ 150.00
Misc. Withdrawals	\$ 24.45
Debit Card	\$ -
TOTAL:	\$2,228.47
Arizona Rendezvous Checking Balance - Ending December 31, 2011	
Deposits	\$ 717.00
Withdrawals	\$ 253.86
Balance	\$3,594.27

December Minutes: Tucson

No minutes for December. No meeting in January. See you in February!!



Have you registered for the 2012 Arizona IH Rendezvous yet????

Newsletter Highlights:

**** Pictures! ** Updates! ****

**** Meeting Minutes ****

Upcoming Dates:

PHOENIX

February meeting is February 14, 2012

March meeting is March 13, 2012

TUCSON

February meeting is February 12, 2012

March meeting is March 11, 2012

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