



It's hot, hot, hot!!!

June 2011

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May Trail Run - Rim Country!

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Lisa and I ran up to meet the Phoenix Club near Heber. I met up with Jason and family at the junction of FR 300 & SR 260, near Heber, at 8:00 on Friday night. It was late, and dark, so we set up camp at a location I had spotted on my way north from Young. I hadn't seen Colt in several years, and Alyessa in even more: They looked "all grewed up", so to say. Both Friday and Saturday nights were cold. We were at 7700 ft, and there was frost both mornings. Friday was a little colder because of the drizzle. But the days were beautiful. On Saturday, around noon, Dustin and Tamra showed up, and we ran FR 300 east to the Gentry Lookout and campsite. We all climbed up. Both J. and Stephanie spent some time chatting up the lookout. Several groups of travelers stopped by: Dustin & I chatted up two guys on cross-country motorcycles. One was from California, near the Rubicon. Several years ago, I had by chance come across two riders in the Gila Wilderness, which was surprising because the nearest fuel was over 50 miles away. These guys indicated a 225 to 275 miles range, which is impressive. We decided to backtrack to the Black Canyon Lake, where we ate a late lunch, fished, talked about the club, and "made merry". On the way there, we had seen some wild horses: They arrived at the lake shortly after us - but now with a foal. Tamra mentioned that it was nearly 3:00 - the time when Rev. Harold Camping predicted that the "rapture" would occur. We all bowed our heads as we sat by the lake - And felt as tho' Jesus was with us. I prayed for those poor souls struck by affliction - and asked God to be merciful in their agony - to quicken it, so to say. Then we went back to the campsite and had fun. Sunday morning, I waited for the others to rise, said our "good bye's", and drove the length of FR 300 east to US 60. It runs just along the northern boundary of the reservation, and I had never been on it, nor know of anyone who has. Much of the area was scarred by the Rodeo-Chediski fire. Along the way, I saw more wild horses.

-Eric Jouse

The trip was very nice. Eric met Stef, Colt, Alyssa and I up on the rim Friday Night. Dustin and Tamra met us on *(continued on Page 2....)*

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Upcoming IH Events

2011 Red Power Round Up
June 23 - 25, 2011
Freeborn County Fairgrounds
Alberta Lea, MN

IHSTO Binder Bee
July 15 - 17, 2011
The Antique Powerland
Brooks, OR

18th Annual Rocky Mountain IH Rendezvous
July 22 - 25, 2011
Park County Fairgrounds
Fairplay, CO

IH Super Show
August 5 - 7, 2011
Heritage Park Fairgrounds
Chilliwack, British Columbia (Canada)

12th Annual Sunflower IH Show
August 13, 2011
Halstead, KS
For more info: sunflowerih@wamego.net

22nd Annual IH Scout & Light Truck Nationals
September 8 - 11, 2011
Clark County Fairgrounds
Springfield, OH

5th Annual IH Sierra Fall Rallye
October 7 - 9, 2011
Lake Francis Resort
Dobbins, CA

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

REMINDER: YEARLY DUES WERE DUE IN JANUARY!

If you have not yet paid your 2011 dues, 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:

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(Trail Report, continued from Page 1...) Saturday morning. We had a grand total of three Scout II's: Eric's water scout, Dustin's crab scout and our saggin' wagon Friday Night got pretty darned cold but no frostbite. On Sunday morning we woke up to a beautiful day and relaxed for a bit waiting for Dustin and Tamra to show. Then we went on a lil' trail ride down FR300 on the south side and checked out Gentry Lookout, which is a forest service lookout tower. Very nice views from the tower and the inside looked a lil' like a doctor's office and camper. After Gentry Lookout, we went to Black Canyon Lake and had lunch, relaxed, laughed at people loading boats, laughed at ourselves and survived the Rapture! After Black Canyon Lake, we traveled to Heber for gas and goodies, then went back to camp and ate a great meal, made smores, enjoyed the fire and laughed a lot ... On Sunday, Eric left to explore new roads back to Tucson and the rest of us went to Woods Canyon Lake to fish and relax. Dustin and Tamra left about lunchtime then our family drove the saggin' wagon to Bear Canyon Lake to check it out - it was a very perty lake!
- Jason Pfeifer

May Minutes: Phoenix

Attendance: James and Nicole Friedl, Dan Heath, Jennifer White, Bill Danyluk, Robert Tripp, Jason Pfeifer, Stefanie Trujillo, Charna Callaway-Heath, Mark Guatney, Ronnie & Stephanie Rasmussen with Baby Aaron attending his first meeting!, Peter Evans & Emily Mock, Steve Graham, Tim Klawinski, Pete Acosta, Jerry Stewart, Raul Stephenson, Denise Quick, Lowell Roemke

* 7:07 Dan calls meeting to order. Introductions of officers is made: James Freidl – Vice President, Jennifer White – Newsletter Editor, Denise Quick – Secretary Treasurer.

* Jennifer stated that if anyone has not received newsletter by email, or regular mail, please let her know so she can correct addresses, she also brought several copies to distribute at the meeting.

* Dan brought up that Dues are way over due, and please note that they are prorated \$2.50 per month. Microphone was passed around for introductions and description of rigs.

* Jason Pfeifer did April's Trail Report to Sunflower Mine. "Everyone met up approximately 7:30, 8:00 or so and all drove up to Sunflower Mine. Slow drive, did trail and everyone made it through. Had a few flats, did more rock stacks than highway workmen. Everybody learned a few things. 13.6 miles in about 13 hours – we were "flying" and no one got hurt. We ran into some RZR's who tried to run Stef off the road. Mine was cool, we had great weather and we had fun."

* Dan had heard about other problems on the trail run and Dan believes everyone has a right to their opinion. No one's opinion is more important than anyone else's. When we discuss trail runs, especially for members who have not been on that particular trail before, please pay special attention. Experienced members need to be more specific about trail ratings and more straightforward. When Dan first started, there were trails he walked that were scary at the time, but now he doesn't think twice about them. "What is easy to me won't be easy to other people; however we will pull you through with a strap. Damage to your truck will happen." The more experienced members need to be more conscious of "easy" trails. In the future if you are not sure, feel free to ask questions. There was a discussion among SDS members about trail etiquette and Dan reiterated that in the future the difficulty rating of the trail should be taken into account. "If you get on a trail that you don't like, then you don't need to go on. You should go back. Ask yourself is it further to go back or to go forward? Just say when enough is enough." James added that a good trail guide is essential and Jennifer posted on the website how to get it on Amazon.

* Breakfast Run in April was to Deer Valley Airport. It was fun. The food was good and about 8 or 9 of us showed up.

* Jennifer White advised that AZIHR 2012 is in the planning stages and first thing we are deciding is the venue. We will be gathering information to vote where it will be. Only members in good standing (dues paid) will be receiving ballots. The next AZIHR 2012 committee meeting will be at Monkey Pants, after the regular club meeting, on June 14. Everyone is welcome and all ideas, suggestions and volunteers are appreciated.

* Tech Tip: Dan is working on motor mounts and suggests we all check these due to the age of our trucks.

* May monthly trail run: Friday 5/20 through 5/22 camping towards Woods Canyon Lake possible, James will post on forum.

* Please turn in your "Meet the Member" interview sheet to Jennifer. Send pictures! Your truck does not "have to be a garage queen".

* For Sales: Jason brought his broken bucket of parts, check it out, we all need parts. If Jason doesn't have what you need, go online and look at Coonrod's he is a staunch supporter of SDS and if you are going to Colorado, be sure you look him up. Also, Pete is looking for an extended drive shaft.

* IH of the month for April is John Fulgenzi's 1973 Scout II – congratulations John and Amy!

* Regarding the website – Nicole and Teresa were going to discuss transfer of website to SDS ownership.

* Newsletter editor is always looking for articles or new pictures, please submit to Jennifer

* Please note: your vehicle must be licensed and insured to go off-road or have an off-road sticker unless you want to pay a fine. Officers have been out in popular areas checking for tags and issuing tickets.

* AZ state law has passed exempting vehicles up to 1974 from emissions testing. It is awaiting EPA approval.

* Denise will be looking into again producing some membership cards for all members with paid dues.

* 8:20 Motion to Adjourn made by Steve Graham and seconded by Emily Mock.

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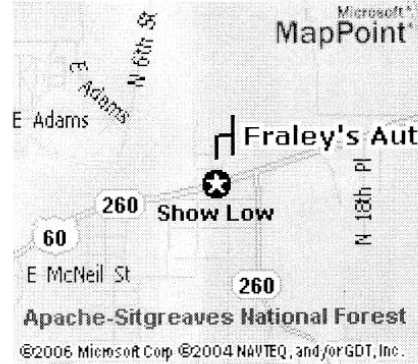
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Sonora Desert Scouts presents....

IH of the Month - May 2011

Chad McNeil's 3/4 ton Pickup Truck

(Picture to come!)

Treasurer's Report

Main Club Account Balance - Ending May 12, 2011	
Deposits	\$ 30.00
Misc. Withdrawals	\$ 352.00
Debit Card	\$ 10.00
TOTAL:	\$1,987.75
Arizona Rendezvous Checking Balance - Ending May 12, 2011	
Deposits	\$ -
Withdrawals	\$ 37.00
Balance	\$3,942.53

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:

I will be sending out "reminders" for unpaid dues. If you feel you have rec'd a reminder in error, please contact Denise Quick. Also, apologies for the Paypal account, which is not working at the moment. Please send checks to the P.O. Box for now. The Paypal account should be corrected soon. Thank you for your patience. - Denise Quick

May Minutes: Tucson

Tucson Club Mtg: Mike W., Harry, Lonnie, and I sat around the table, ate ice cream, and talked about roads and brakes. (We normally do not meet on holidays, but defer the meeting.)

Road News: The Gap has been milled all the way back to the cattle guard at the saddle. So, no more "Roy turn-around step", no more "Eric fell down step", no more "look-out big rock", no more "ruts", and no more "no stock scouts past this point" step. This is from word-of-mouth from one of the locals.

Conversely, the news is the Rug Run (to Klondyke) is passable only by lifted rigs. No more weekenders in Parson's Grove. Oh well.

Other news: Eric found a rear disk brake conversion kit for his Warn full-float rear end. This prompted a discussion on "rear lock-up" problems on Scout II, proportioning valves, and what happens when river gravel makes its way into drum brakes (scored drums). This then led into a discussion of "The Luge" at upper Martinez's Cabin, and of the day I became a "tree hugger" on the Fire Run.

We also talked about meeting in the summer: We usually do not. But we may next month. We'll wait to see who is in town.

Best, Eric Jouse

Meet the Member: Dan Heath

Name: Dan Heath

Current City/State: Phoenix, Arizona

My IH is a: 1975 Scout II, 1977 Traveler, 1973 Travelette, 1958 Panel Truck, some others and some parts

I like IH Vehicles because: I'm weird. They are different. They have a great history - it's not a hobby, it's a cult!

My IH wish-list includes: having time to work on them! And, an IH refrigerator.

Anything else you would like to include? You can't own too many IH trucks!



TRAIL TIPS! By Dan Heath

When I first started off-roading, I spent a lot of time on what to bring and got carried away with what clothes, tools, parts, starter, alternator, brake sleeves, etc, and then decided maybe I should fix my Scout and not carry so much stuff...One big advantage of owning a Scout and going out with other Scouts is the parts are interchangeable. The following is a sample list of the most minimum items you must carry in your rig:

1. spare tire
2. jack - a hi-lift jack for off-road
3. tire iron
4. jumper cables, especially if you have an automatic transmission
5. tow strap
6. tow shackles
7. gas can – 5 gallons, at least
8. a pair of good work gloves
9. a small rug or piece of carpet
11. water – at least 2 gallons per person in the vehicle
12. a good basic tool kit

You should also carry a first aid kit, of which you should make a habit of checking its contents on a yearly basis. Thirty year old band-aids are not going to stick!

Its is also important to have good, sturdy recovery points, such as tow hooks or a trailer hitch, on both the front and back of your rig. This will help minimize damage to your truck when you need someone to pull you out, as well as making it easier on the person and truck doing the pulling.

Taking the time to go over your gear, and to go over your rig, before you hit the trails will save you a lot of heartache (and walking!) in the end.

If you have a Trail Tip, Tool Tip, story, article, announcement, product review, pictures, cartoon, trail report, or just want to brag about your IH - send it to Jennifer White at wyndfire@gmail.com!

Newsletter Highlights:

** Rim Country Trail Report ** Meet the Member: Dan Heath **

** Trail Tips ** Calendar of Events **

Upcoming Dates:

PHOENIX

July meeting is July 12, 2011/August meeting is August 9, 2011

TUCSON

July meeting is July 10, 2011/August meeting is August 14, 2011

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