



Happy Spring!

March 2011

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On a rainy Saturday, we went to the Harquahala Observatory in the Harquahala Mountains in southwestern AZ. I had been looking forward to driving my own IH Scout II on the trip, but Babe the Blue Ox had other ideas. We took Bill's Toyota Tacoma instead. With us were Bob Hall in his Scout Traveler, Jerry Stewart in his Scout II, the Pfeifer Family in their fancy new Dodge pickup and Tom Hansen in his 1970 IH pickup.



We met up in Wickenburg and headed down US 60 out to Aguila. The rain came down hard on us as we headed for the trail turn off..

The turn off for the Harquahala Mountain Back Country Byway is

well marked, and directs vehicles into a "staging area". Tom's pickup had been towed out to the site on a trailer by Jason's Dodge, and we used the staging area to offload the pickup. While we did this, a group of Jeep folks drove in and prepared for the trail as well. They were quicker than us, and headed off down the trail first. We were not far behind though, and later caught up to them. With Bob in the lead, we left the staging area and headed out! The first part of the trail is fairly easy, but soon we began to climb. The trail has some fairly steep parts, and is nothing more than a shelf road for the majority of the trail. The rain was on-and-off for most of the trail, with some gusty winds. The trail is well maintained by the BLM, and though it was wet, it didn't seem all too muddy.

At about 5000 feet, the rain turned into big fluffy SNOWFLAKES! Yes, it does snow in the Great State of Arizona... we just hadn't been planning on finding it this day! At this point, the Jeep folks decided they had had enough and decided to turn around. Tom's pickup also decided it was time to stage a protest and broke a U-bolt. Bob decided to make it the short way to the summit and await a progress report. Bill and I followed, and joined Bob at the summit. At the summit, it was snowing pretty good. So cold! The snow fluctuated between soft, fat, fluffy snow and stinging ice crystals. *(continued on Page 2...)*



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(Continued from Page 1...) Meanwhile, below, Tom had decided to try and fix the issue on the trail. With Jerry's and Jason's help, he began taking apart the shaft to retrieve the broken bolt and install a new one. (Thankfully, Jason had some extra parts with him!)



Bill and I walked around a bit and read some of the signs about the historic Observatory. The Harquahala Observatory was built in 1920 by the Smithsonian Institution to study the sun's effect on weather. The building isn't much more than a tin shed with a rock foundation. I can't imagine how difficult life would have been - freezing cold in the winter, and blazing hot in the summer. All supplies had to be brought up by donkey, up the same steep 5 mile path that we had just taken in the trucks. In the trucks, it had taken about 90 minutes... by donkey? In 110F-degree summer heat? No, thanks.

The repairs on the pickup continued, and we went back to the warmth of the Tacoma for lunch. And a siesta. And snacks. And, maybe, another siesta. The snow stopped, and some of the clouds cleared away. We could now see the valleys below us, but not too much further. Updates from the repair scene came via CB radio on a periodic basis, and it was slow going on the repair itself. The truck had come to a stop on a slight upward angle, and that was hindering some things from fitting back together. The ice, snow

and cold weren't helping a whole lot either. Finally, after 2 hours and some, the pickup roared back to life and clambered up the final ascent to the summit! Hooray, the gang was reunited!

After a while of standing around shooting the breeze, we all packed up again and down the mountain we went. The snow had stopped, but the rain was still on-and-off. The trail itself isn't very long - about 6 miles or so - but its full of switchbacks and rocks so the descent is slow and steady. About 1/3 of the way down, Tom's truck went down for the count. The repair hadn't stuck. At this point, it was also brought to light that the pickup's brakes weren't working so well either. Jerry tethered his Scout II to the back of the pickup via tow line and the Pfeifer Dodge hooked on to the front end with a 2nd tow line. Tom was towed down the rest of the way, using Jerry's brakes for extra drag.

Back to the staging area, where the IH pickup was towed back up onto its trailer with surprising ease. A round of goodbyes, and laughs, and we were on our way. The Pfeifer/Hansen crew took off towards new adventures in the direction of the Salome Highway. Jerry stopped for gas in Aguila... Maybe he is still in Aguila? Bill and I took the Carefree Highway home, and stopped to pick up some pizzas on the way home for dinner. And Bob took US 60 off into the night. It was a great trip, and I hope we can return to the Observatory again in warmer weather!

-Jennifer White. Pictures by Jennifer White

March 26 - 27, 2011  
Arizona Rendezvous (AZIHR)  
Wickenburg Rodeo Grounds  
Wickenburg, AZ

July 22 - 25, 2011  
18th Annual Rocky Mountain  
IH Rendezvous (RMIHR)  
Fairplay, CO

### Upcoming Events



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

If you would like to submit an event for the newsletter, please email to: [wyndfire@gmail.com](mailto:wyndfire@gmail.com)

## February Minutes: Phoenix

Attending: Joe & Karen Lopez, Denise Quick, Charna Callaway Heath, Teresa A. Terranova, Bob Hall, James Friedl, Dan Heath, Mark Guatney, John Fulgenzi, William Johnson, Tom Hansen, Jerry Stewart, Jason Pfeifer & Stefanie Trujillo, Steve Graham, Lance Freeman, Ron & Stephanie Rasmussen, Michael Smith, Lowell Roemke, Jim Giordano, Robert Tripp, Ken Fahlman, Jennifer White

At 7:10 Dan calls meeting to order: Introduction by President Dan Heath, of Vice President James Freidl, Newsletter Editor Jennifer White, and Secretary/Treasurer Denise Quick, after which the microphone was passed for general introductions of the club.

Note on Dues – Please pay in January or February and we will be prorating \$2.50 per month so that dues are always due in January.

We will need volunteers for AZIHR so please sign up. Camping will be available behind dirt lot. For newcomers, please note that there will be RV people exploring on outside lot to North East but please be nice and visit. Bring stuff to sell at Rendezvous.

Lowell asked about registration and Rendezvous discount for 2 vehicles.

Dan noted the trail run for the newsletter was written up by Eric Jouse in Tucson for Charouleau Gap - an easy run but 1 truck turned around due to technical problems.

Phoenix trail run was to Crown King. Dan rode up with Bob as a passenger and was given a different perspective. Also rode with Teresa, whose seats, by the way, are too hard. Saw a guy in a lime green Scout, but not a member of the club. Got up to Bumble Bee and cruised past & up the hill. Bob's tranny cable got loose and melted but being Bob, got it working. Got to Crown King and there was no snow. Got to Towers and still no snow. They are building a new tower 150 feet or so but no one volunteered to climb up, so relaxed and took pictures. On way back found a dodge truck that had slid off the road didn't seem to want help. It was very quiet so went to the Mill and had some food. Everyone had a good time and had ZERO problems, nice and uneventful.

Teresa needs rotors and hubs for her scout. Armando looking for power steering box. Dan needs 2-wheel drive hubs & head lights bezel for front head light. Armando says junkyard in Coolidge has them.

Tech Tip: Lowell suggested that you check resistance prior to returning fuel sending unit. Tech Tip II: Bob checked his transfer case and it was shimmed with a coke can. Mechanic used to use Budweiser cans but changed to Coke. However, aluminum tends to smash more and will probably not hold up as well as steel.

Johnny Lightning (die cast toy car maker) is selling Scout II toy cars. Check Toys R Us or online.

Jason showed a prototype for the Rendezvous trophies. He is getting an estimate for the work. Dan and James will check on materials and suggested \$100 donation to person doing it. Approximately \$150 material passed onto Rendezvous committee for final decision.

Jennifer asked everyone to look in the back of newsletter for new feature – Meet the Member. January's member is Tom Hansen with picture of Tom's IH's and facts about them. Also, January IH is Jerry Wilson's 1972 Scout Diesel from Flagstaff.

This months run to Harquahala Observatory, or if no one is interested, please let us know because we will go somewhere else. Date is set for 02/19/2011. We will meet at 9:00 at McDonald's. Can use this run to see if truck will make it to Wickenburg (for later Rendezvous).

Tom Hansen's truck is for sale and runs good with gas. It is pictured in meet the member in the newsletter.

At 8:09 Bob made a motion to adjourn and Teresa seconded. All were in favor.

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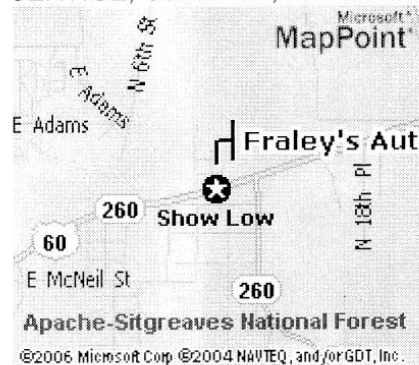
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Ads will be printed as space allows.

SDS reserves the right to refuse any ads submitted, and also reserves the right to reformat ads for space considerations.

Sonora Desert Scouts presents....

**IH of the Month - February 2011**

Armondo Verdugo's "Orange Crush"

1973 Travelall 1010 2WD



## Treasurer's Report

Main Club Account Balance - Ending February 20, 2011

Prior Balance	\$2,145.19
Deposits	\$ 180.00
Misc. Withdrawals	\$ -
Debit Card	\$ -
TOTAL:	\$2,325.19

Arizona Rendezvous Checking Balance - Ending February 20, 2011

Previous Balance	\$2,095.67
Deposits/Withdrawals	\$ 687.00
Balance	\$2,782.67

Hey everyone, just a quick note from your Secretary/Treasurer: I am now giving out receipts whenever I get paid for anything, so please check and see if I have any receipts for you.

Also, we have 11 pre-registrations and 1 sponsorship so far for 2011 AZIHR!

## February Minutes: Tucson

Harry, Mike, and I met at CoCo's at 5:00pm.

We spent time talking about upper shock mount studs and rear springs.

Harry had Ivan (the Mad Russian) Russell at Arizona Spring install a new spring set. Ivan, true to form, put in stock springs and stock shackles. But the rear end still looks like it is lower than the front. So we talked about spring kits and shackle center-to-center distances. Stock springs are made of a stiff, thick material. The 4" Triangle lift that I ran for years is even stiffer, and because of the arc the wheels travel front to back as the spring flexes. The is not good for Harry, because of his 35" tires. Mike likes Skyjackers, because they are softer. But whatever, they need to be flat because of the tire set up unless he hogs out the wheel wells (like Jerry has done).

After the meeting, I showed the shackles that I manufactured for the Triangle springs. They are cut from 3/8 x 2" mild steel, and run the stock diameter eye bolts on a 5 /12" spacing. They are available for use - to see how the vehicle rides. I'll make Harry a pair to his specs, if he chooses.

I mentioned that my rear upper shock studs had worked loose (again). On the last build, I had fabricated and welded in a new (heavy duty) cross member, just in front of the fuel tank. Harry had similar problems the months before - upper mount rippng loose.

The ProComp studs that I use "eliminate" the bushing sleeve, so I brought in the one that had worked free. Subsequent to the meeting, I stopped at 4 Wheel Supply, and picked a new set (two for me, two for Harry) and a 20' strap (to replace the one that got gnarled on Charoleau). I use a "full wallop" of impact hammer, and this is one of the few places that I use "Red". So, I have a pair for Harry (\$8 ea).

I did not make it to the Greenbacks/Sierra Ancha's on Feb 19. It was the weekend that the PacNorWesterly blew into Arizona, and the target location was exposed. (Eric Jouse)

## Sonora Desert Scouts: Meet the Member!

We would like to feature you in a short profile in a future SDS newsletter! This new monthly feature in our newsletter will allow members to get to know one another better, and provides another opportunity to show off your truck(s)! Participation is voluntary.

If you would like to participate, please complete the following questions, and return this questionnaire to Jennifer White (wyndfire@gmail.com) along with at least two photos of your IH truck(s). Your profile and photos will be published, as space permits, in a future edition of our monthly newsletter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SDS Forum Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Current City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

I've been an SDS member since: \_\_\_\_\_

My IH is a: \_\_\_\_\_

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I like IH vehicles because: \_\_\_\_\_

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My IH "wish list" includes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anything else you would like to include?: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return your completed questionnaire, and at least two pictures of your IH truck(s), to Jennifer White (wyndfire@gmail.com).  
Thank you so much!!

(P.S.: If you would prefer a version of this in either a .doc or .pdf format, please contact Jennifer White. Thanks again!)

**Schedule of Events**

**Saturday March 26**  
 8am - 4pm Registration  
 11am - 2pm RTI Ramp  
 2pm - 4pm Vehicle Judging  
 (Arrive early to be in the judging)  
 4:15pm - 5:45pm Vehicle Games  
 6:30pm - until? BBQ Dinner, Awards & Raffle

**Sunday March 27**  
 7am - 9am Breakfast  
 9:30am - until? Trailride or Road Tour

**Show and Shine**  
 JUDGING BY YOUR PEERS  
 AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE  
 FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATION AND CATEGORIES.

Stock - Mild - Wild - Extreme

Scout 80 Scout II (71-75)  
 Scout 800 Scout II (76-80)

Stock - Non-Stock - Extreme

Pickup Traveler Travelette  
 Terra Travelall Wagonmaster

UP TO 3 TROPHIES MAY BE AWARDED BY CLASS.  
 EACH VEHICLE MAY ENTER ONE CLASS ONLY.

Single trophies may be awarded in the following categories.

Best Engineered Ugliest  
 Other IH Vehicles Best of Show

VEHICLE MAY BE RECLASSIFIED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICIALS

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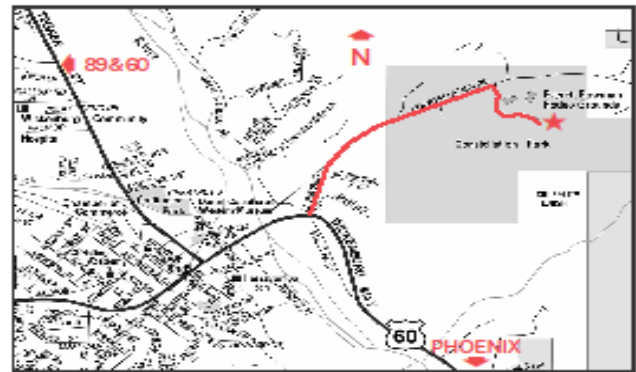
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**Campgrounds**

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Primitive camping also available on Rodeo Grounds.



**Registration Form**  
 (PLEASE PRINT)

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 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
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 CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Info**  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_  
 Engine -  IH  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Suspension -  Stock  Lifted \_\_\_\_\_ inches  
 Tire Size \_\_\_\_\_ Body Lift \_\_\_\_\_ inches

**Registration Info**

Early Registration by February 28th - **\$40.00**  
 Thereafter - **\$45.00**

Early registration gets you 1 FREE T-Shirt. Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Price includes: Family admission to event at weekend, one truck registration for vehicle judging and truck games, 1 raffle ticket, 1 BBQ dinner Saturday night and 1 breakfast Sunday morning and either a trailride or road trip after breakfast.

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Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Highlights:

Harquahala Observatory Trail Run!

AZIHR Registration Form!

Upcoming Dates:

PHOENIX

April meeting is April 12, 2011/May meeting is May 10, 2011

TUCSON

April meeting is April 10, 2011/May meeting is May 8, 2011

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