



# The Rising Sun News

Official Newsletter of the Rising Sun Four Wheel Drive Club of Colorado, Inc.

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## Upcoming Events

**COHVCO Off Road Expo** April 6-7. National Western Complex.

**5th annual Cruise Moab** May 1st through 5th Contact [Rob Meredith](mailto:RobMeredith@risingsun4x4club.org) [commander@risingsun4x4club.org](mailto:commander@risingsun4x4club.org)

**Red Elephant Hill\Bill Moore Lake** May 25th. Trail Leader Scott Yoder.

**Swap Meet** June 2nd. Sneeze Off Road, Highway 93 in Golden

**Deadman's Gulch Adopt-a-Trail** June 7-9. Trail Leader Steve Crase

**2nd Annual Father's Day Four Wheeling, Spring Creek Trail** June 16th. Trail Leader Jeff Zepp

**Kremmling Crawl** June 22-23, Kremmling CO, CA4WDCI

**Wheeler Lake\Mt. Bross** July 6th. Trail Leader Rob Meredith

**Middle St. Vrain\ Cony Flats** July 28th. Trail Leader Mike Aaron

**Spring Creek Trail** August 10th. Trail Leader Neil Quigley

**Slaughterhouse Gulch** August 14th. Trail Leader Matt Farr

**Chinaman's Gulch** October 5th. Trail Leader Rob Meredith

**Crystal Mountain** November 10th. Trail Leader Bruce Westlund

Note that there are a number of other events which are tentatively planned but do not yet have trail leaders who have committed or firm dates. Check the calendar on the web site and the Rising Sun mailing list for updates as soon as they are available.

**Matt Farr grins at Scott Brown after he**



**I laid his 40 on it's side**

## Rising Sun 4X4 Club Meeting Notice

As has been customary, due to Cruise Moab there will be no business meeting on the first Wednesday of May. The next business meeting will be Wednesday, June 5th, 2002 at 7:30 PM at Larry Miller Toyota, located at the northwest corner of I-25 & Boulder Turnpike (US 36). Park on the 3rd level of the parking structure, meetings are held in the conference room on the second level.



Scott Yoder's 2000 4Runner

## Trail Report - Left Hand Canyon

We had a blast at Left Hand Canyon a few weeks ago. It was a bit of a zoo up there for a while. But in the winter, if you don't go to Moab, you don't have a lot of wheeling options. We all got to see Matt Farr lay his FJ40 on it's side. (no significant damage done), and a Jeep snap his rear drive shaft. I got myself in a tricky situation on some ice higher up an a shelf road. Thank goodness for friends with winches! We stuffed a pick-up full of trash in the spirit of a well needed clean-up effort. Scott Brown and Matt Farr were the attending rising Sun Members. We also had four 3rd generation 4Runners and a mini.

I set this trip up in order to get some of my Colorado 4Runner internet buddies together. The OutdoorWire TrailTalk Forum at <http://www.4x4wire.com/> has been extremely helpful to me in the pursuit of various Toyota modifications. This board specializes in 3rd Generation 4Runners. I hope to see some of these guys join Rising Sun. I plan to invite them to join us on various runs this summer.

Scott Yoder

### Stay Connected!

All members of Rising Sun should be subscribed to the Rising Sun mailing list. All you need is an email account, even if you don't have your own computer you can subscribe under one of the free web based ones like yahoo and hotmail. Many times, trips and events come up between meetings, so this is the quickest and easiest way to stay up to the minute on club happenings! To subscribe, send a blank e-mail to: [risingsun-subscribe@topica.com](mailto:risingsun-subscribe@topica.com)

## Minutes of the March 2002 Rising Sun Four Wheel Drive Club Meeting March 6, 2002

**Commander Rob Meredith** called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. Members and visitors introduced themselves and their rigs to the meeting. Visitors included Carlos from Florida and his 85 FJ60, Jeff from Colorado Springs and his 82 mini truck, and Robbie from New Mexico, who works as a mechanic part time at member Christo Slee's Land Cruiser shop.

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary Jeff Zepp** read the minutes of the February 2002 meeting.

**Treasurer Phil Simmons** reported that the club has a current balance of \$2306.03 not including outstanding items. Dues are still owed by a number of members; so far 27 have paid.

There was no **Vice Commander's** Report.

There was no **Land Use Coordinator's** Report.

**Event Coordinator Mike Aaron** has drawn up an event schedule for the upcoming year. He reported that Carnage Canyon was icy. The Cruise Moab pre-run is still on, despite overlapping with the Easter J\*\*p Safari. Also coming up will be the Kremmling Rock Crawl.

There was no **Webmaster's** Report.

**Commander Rob Meredith** reported that we need volunteers to help with the Show and Shine for the upcoming Off Road Expo, which will be April 6-7. Len from the Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs suggested that Rising Sun could have a booth at the Kremmling Rock Crawl, and he envisioned a possible J\*\*p vs. Toyota competition, separate from the main event. They could have 40 Toyotas and 40 J\*\*ps, with 4 different classes and a minimum of 4 women drivers.

### Old Business:

**Rob Meredith** reported that we have 100 entries for Cruise Moab out of 125 openings, but the registrations have been slowing down. Linda Bingham will be running the Registration Booth. James Bingham will be in charge of Vehicle Safety Inspections. Kim Brown and Darryl Brooks will run the Merchandise Sales. Chris Hatfield and Jeff Zepp will coordinate the Dinner and Raffle. Trail leaders were discussed.

Rob reported that in the wake of **Butch Lewis'** resignation, **James Bingham** had been nominated to fill his **Administrative Vice President** slot on the **TLCA Board of Directors**.

Rob had some questions from the **CA4WDCl**:

Q: What expectations do we have of the Association? A: Keep trails open.

Q: Have they failed to follow through? A: No answer from membership.

Q: What improvements can be made? A: No answer from membership.

Q: Do we have delegations to represent us regularly at their meetings? A: No, but Mike Aaron has volunteered to attend the 2nd quarter meeting as representative of Rising Sun.

**Bill Van Beek** delivered Rising Sun Cruise Moab tee shirts to Burt Toyota and Larry Miller Toyota for their parts staff.

**Jeff Zepp** made a motion to allow the Rising Sun bylaws and meeting minutes to be available for viewing by the general public on the club's web site. Kevin Ehrlick seconded the motion, and the motion was carried by a vote of the membership.

**Mike Aaron** made a motion to nominate Robbie as an Associate Member. Steve Crase seconded and Robbie was voted in. Rob Meredith nominated Brian Wilson for membership. Brian had filled out an application from the online form. He was voted an active member. (Secretary's note: the bylaws do not require a motion and a second for nomination for membership).

The raffle was held, and then the business part of the meeting was formally adjourned at 8:22 PM. Then **Matt Lewis** gave an excellent presentation on GPS basics.