



The Rising Sun News

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

web site: <http://www.risingsun4x4club.org>

mailing list: risingsun@topica.com

July 2002

Upcoming Events

Due to the wildfire danger and US Forest Closings, upcoming events will be announced on the Rising Sun Mailing List and the calendar on the club web site until conditions stabilize.



Kremmling Crawl

Hi all,
Sorry to leave everyone hanging all week. I've been real busy!

Scott is right, a 0 is a perfect score. Actually I had a -3. You got extra credit for attempting the optional obstacles that the open class had to do. I only made one. The other two were much more doable early in the morning. By the time I got there they

were so torn up my little 33" tires just weren't enough. The scoring was 100 points for timing out. You had 5 minutes to complete an obstacle, after that you got the hook! 10 points if you hit a flag.

But all in all I had a great time! It was hot and dusty! I didn't get many pictures because it was just too hard to drive and take pictures at the same time!

This would be a great place for a club weekend to do clinics and stuff. Like winching, picking a line, when



to gas it when not to. All kinds of good stuff. And the owner has invited us up to do just that. We just need to set a date that is good for us all. The camping area was pretty nice. A grassy pasture right next to the creek. I little horse stuff but not bad.

I would recommend some time this fall when it's a little cooler!

Rob

Rising Sun 4X4 Club Meeting Notice

There will be a meeting Wednesday, August 7th, 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.

Spring Creek Trail was a lot of fun as always. We had a huge turnout, with 15 trucks when we aired down, and at least one more who joined up later. The large number made for a long day. As leader, I decided to take most bypasses unlike previous trips; I had enough breakage at Moab to last the rest of the year! It was still fun and bouncy,

my son and his G/F really enjoyed it. Chris Healy broke a rear pinion in his S/O FJ40 (no traction bar) at the beginning of the rock garden. After a long delay, a couple people headed on out,

then Dave Brown and Bruce Minney decided to stay behind and tug him off the trail after he had



fished his pinion out of

the 3rd. Huge thanks for that! I got an email from Dave this morning and he said they all made it okay.

The rest of us continued on up and got back on to CO

103 at about 4:30 PM. Whoever said that way was shorter than going down to Georgetown was wrong! But at least we missed most of the I-70 traffic, so it was probably worth it. Thanks Perry for showing us that way out!

Happy cruisin'!

Jeff



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

Minutes of the June 2002 Rising Sun Four Wheel Drive Club Meeting

June 5, 2002

Commander Rob Meredith called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM. Rob asked if there were any visitors present, and Steve Bennett introduced himself and his Red FJ40. Chris Healy introduced himself and his Black FJ40. Then the rest of the attending members introduced themselves and their rigs.

Officer Reports:

Mike Koons made a motion to skip the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, as they had already been disseminated via the club email list, the newsletter. **Steve Crase** seconded, and the motion was carried by a vote of the membership.

Secretary Jeff Zepp reported that since the last meeting, 6 requests for copies of the newsletter had been received via the internet, 4 from the club web site, and two were referrals from others. The emails were answered and the prospective members were mailed newsletters.

Commander Rob Meredith reported that Cruise Moab 2002 was a great success. Unfortunately, the event recorded it's first injury-accident, a passenger's hand was crushed during a roll over. Other than that, it went "real well". Thanks to Steve Crase, James Bingham, The LSLC, TALC, and Wasatch Land Cruisers. Rob noticed that there were a lot of first timers at the event.

At the **Off Road Expo**, Rising Sun had several winners. Kim Brown won Best Female Four Wheeler, Eric Corbett won the Ugly Truck contest, and Ige Gustavson won the Best Toyota award.

Phil Johnson won the vote for the TLCA Administrative Vice President position. He is on the web site committee

The Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs is selling raffle tickets to raise money. They are raffling off a built 1992 Samari. Tickets are \$2.00 each. Dean Baranski volunteered to take over administering Rising Sun's sales of raffle tickets for the Association.

Vice Commander Dean Baranski reported that the swap meet went great. He suggested that whoever hosts us for an event should be honored in some way. Rob Meredith made a motion for reimbursement for the \$90.29 in food and drink for the event. Bruce Minney seconded, and the motion was carried by a vote of the membership. The club made \$47 in tee shirt sales during the event.

Treasurer Phil Simmons reported that the club has a current balance of \$2788.90 in the bank.

There was no **Land Use** report.

Webmaster Bruce Minney reported that he is off the internet for now.

Event Coordinator Mike Aaron reported that He attended the Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Club's quarterly meeting in Longmont. He suggested that Rising Sun needs to get someone very involved. Mike's personal opinion is that he is not pleased with our money going to the Association, he is not sure what they do with it that benefits us. He feels that a lot of people don't go to their meetings regularly. Attendees don't drive their wheeling rigs to the meeting. The Association delegate to Tread Lightly feels that Tread Lightly is on the way out. The Association was disappointed in the turnout for the Expo. Rob Meredith said he would attend the next Association meeting.

Scott Yoder reported that Red Elephant Hill was muddy and slippery. Both he and Kevin Ehrlick had to winch the first obstacle. Kevin got some body and sway bar damage.

This weekend (June 8,9) **Steve Crase** will lead the adopt-a-trail run up Dead Man's Creek. He has been in contact with BLM, hasn't been able to contact USFS yet. James Bingham is expected to meet the group at the trailhead.

The following weekend (June 16) **Jeff Zepp** will lead the Father's Day run up Spring Creek.

The Kremmling Crawl will be the next weekend, June 21, 22, 23. Of meeting attendees, Rob Meredith, Scott Brown and Kevin Ehrlick are scheduled to compete. Dan Dilly and his son Danny will compete also. There is the possibility that we could make this trail a club run. Friday will be for practice, and Saturday and Sunday will be the competition.

Rising Sun might do another joint run with the **Colorado Land Cruisers**. Possibly July 20, no trail has been decided yet, perhaps Wheeler Lake.

Old Business:

Jeff Zepp made a motion to authorize Dan Markowski to re-file Rising Sun's articles of incorporation with the Colorado Secretary of State and for the club to pay for the incorporation. Matt Farr seconded the motion, and the motion was carried by a vote of the membership. The filing will cost \$140 payable to the Secretary of State.

New Business:

Dean Baranski made a motion that we should give Christo Slee a plaque thanking him for hosting the swap meet. Dean Baranski seconded, and the motion was carried by a vote of the membership.

Mike Koons won the raffle prize, a first aid kit.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.