



# The Rising Sun News

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

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## November 2002

**Upcoming Events** from the calendar:

### Crystal Mountain Nov 9th:

Trail Leader - Bruce Westlund [westlund3@attbi](mailto:westlund3@attbi)  
Meet in Target parking lot in Loveland (Hwy34 & I25) at 9am and leave at 9:30. Channel 4

### Rising Sun...a lot more than meetings and bylaws!

Jan 1 Independence Trail  
Feb Hackett Gulch  
Mar 10 Carnage Canyon  
Mar 22 Moab Prerun  
May 1-5 **CRUISE MOAB!!!!**  
May 18 Red Elephant Hill  
June 2 Swap Meet  
June 8 Deadman's Creek  
June 16 Spring Creek  
June 21-22 Kremmling Crawl  
July 13 Glacier Ridge  
July 20 Argentine Pass  
July 28 Middle St. Vrain  
August 14 Slaughterhouse Gulch  
August 17 Spring Creek  
August 17 Triple Bypass  
September 6 San Juan Trip  
September 7 Caribou Flats  
September 28 Carnage Canyon  
October 19 Spooky Night Run  
November 2 Deadman's Creek



Alan Loshbaugh of Tornado Alley Cruisers Takes On Moab's Slickrock

### Spooky Night Trail Report

Here's a report from my driver's seat.

The Spooky Night Run was an awesome trip. I brought along my 63-year-old Dad from Missouri, who had a great time. The trail up to the top of Nugget Hill, after we stopped at the old mine for the barbeque, was good fun -- a few challenges, but nothing really scary. It was a very cold, very clear night. After eating hot dogs, the moon came out and lit everything up to the point where we

had shadows. It's a fun trail and Mike Aaron did a fantastic job leading us up. Kevin Ehrlick and Barbara Miller entertained us with a constant stream of chatter on the CB, intermixed with some extraneous snippets of another conversation occurring nearby in Spanish. Speaking of the Millers, they showed up in a mighty fine BJ-70 that had me drooling. They always have a new, cool Crusier that I covet, it seems.

When we turned off the main trail to go to the top of Nugget Hill, there were two lines -- the difficult one to the right and another to the left. I'm not sure that anyone took the left route. I was behind Mike Aaron (in the lead) and Cheeseman, who both went through the very rutted trail with ease. I followed on the hard line and got a wheel stand that had to be a good four feet on my left front. Drove through it and came down gently (my four wheeling skills have improved immensely in the last 3 years as a direct result of being a member of Rising Sun -- you don't need any other reason to be a member!) This was the only point in the trip where my Dad let out a "Whoo-ooa!" He's a pretty cool cat.

We all made it up to the top of Nugget Hill, which has an outstanding view of the Front Range lights. We could see as far north as Greeley and Loveland, and as far south as downtown Denver. Cheeseman broke out the binoculars, which helped us spot the glowing Qwest building in downtown Denver and other landmarks. We stood outside for 15 minutes or so until the cold began to seep into our feet, whence we turned around and headed down in reverse order, with Robbie from Slee Off-Road in his fabulous FZJ-80 acting as tail gunner. We all made it down without a hitch. We stopped to air up just before we left the trail, so that we didn't disturb the sleeping residents of Jamestown. Many of my fellow night troubadours amused themselves by making fun of my little 12-volt air jammer, which managed to fill my tires up to the 22-lb. level in about 15 minutes. I've gotta get one of them Power Tanks. Once aired up, we crept slowly and quietly through Jamestown in an effort to not disturb the sleeping residents. The only injury was to Bruce Lawson's FJ-60. He bent a shock.

It was a great time! My Dad enjoyed the four wheeling and meeting all the Rising Sun members and guests. Thanks to Mike for organizing and for all the members and guests who showed up.



**Matt Farr**

**Rising Sun 4X4 Club Meeting Notice** There will be a club meeting Wednesday, December 4th, 2002 at 7:30 PM at Larry Miller Toyota.

## **Minutes of the Rising Sun Four Wheel Drive Club Meeting October 2, 2002**

Notes by **Vice Commander Dean Baranski**, transcribed by **Secretary Jeff Zepp**

**Vice Commander Dean Baranski** called the meeting to order.

There was no **Commander's** report.

There was no **Secretary's** report.

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

**Treasurer Phil Simmons** read the minutes from the September meeting.

Matt Farr made a motion to spend club money to order 75 Land Cruiser calendars at \$18 each, for a total expenditure of \$1350 and resell the calendars at that cost to club members. \$1 of each calendar goes to TLCA. Neil Quigley seconded the motion, which was carried by a vote of the membership.

Steve Crase made a motion to reimburse Dave Brown \$30 spent on a set of drill bits donated as a raffle prize on behalf of Rising Sun at the Black Hills Cruiser Classic. Chris Hatfield seconded the motion, which was then carried by a vote of the membership.

**Interim Land Use Coordinator Steve Crase** corrected the typo about Rising Sun adopting "Forbes Hollow" as an adopt a trail.

**Event Coordinator Mike Aaron** reported to be successful with lots of trucks in attendance. Including member(s) of Wasatch Cruisers, which are to be heavily involved next year. Mike also reported that at the "Castle Gulch" trail run that CA4WDC was there handing out tread lightly info. Mike reported that Mile High Jeep Club has a flow chart for putting together a raffle vehicle. The Kremmling Rock Crawl still has 12 open spots and spectators are allowed. The night poker run will be posted on the list.

Steve Choquette introduced his 4x4 performance and repair service center, and offered use of his shop for wheel bearing packing parties and the like. Leaflets were handed out.

**Neil Quigley, Chairman of the Cruise Moab 2003 Committee** reported that Jim Sanville and Mary MacLeod are on the committee. The Bar M is reserved. October 15 is the next committee meeting. We need to suggest donor possibilities for Cruise Moab money. A Cruise Moab prerun was discussed. Previous Cruise Moab committee members should be recognized, included but not limited to Dave and Linda Spratlen, Chris Hatfield, Rob Meredith, Bruce Minney and Dave Brown.

Dave Brown recommended that we create a Cruise Moab Guidebook.

### **New Business:**

#### **Officer Nominations:**

Mike Aaron nominated Scott Yoder for Event Coordinator

Dave Brown nominated Phil Simmons for Treasurer

Scott Yoder nominated Jeff Zepp for Secretary

Steve Crase nominated Matt Farr for Webmaster

Neil Quigley nominated Jeff Zepp for Commander

Chris Hatfield Nominated Neil Quigley for Vice Commander

Dave Brown nominated Rob Meredith for Commander

Matt Farr nominated Ige Gustavson for Vice Commander

### **Meeting Dates:**

There was discussion to move meeting dates which were near or on holidays to alternate dates. Move Wednesday January 1 2003 to Wednesday January 8, 2003 and move Wednesday July 2, 2003 to Wednesday July 9 2003. According to the notes made by Vice Commander Dean Baranski, these were made as motions, seconded and passed, but the names of members who made the motions and who seconded them were not recorded.

**Dave Brown** recommended that board elections become staggered. It was also suggested that a 14 month term with a 2 month overlap be considered.