



DMFWDC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 18 January 2024



Location: **Pizza 9**

OPENING:

Welcome New Guest: Kris Thomas and his wife.

Voted in New Members: Jaxon Hukari and Perry Harris

REPORTS:

Vice President: Excused

Treasurer: Collected 2024 dues and we still have T-shirts, window banners, stickers and patches for sale.

Trip Report:

23 Dec 2023: Jack and Willey run. The official run got rained out but Ryan and Travis had a good time playing in the flowing arroyo. I did video it so check out You Tube.

30 Dec 2023: Body Damage run, Kris Thomas showed us a nice hard trail, Brian Mike and Ryan ran it with Kris as the lead. We made a quick trip to the Joker afterwards and found the folks from Ruidoso still on the trail broke. Isaac was there and ran one of them into town for parts while I supplied some tools to help as needed.

1 Jan 2024: Exploring trip east of Tuli, well this didn't net us any new trails we did get to practice our recovery skills on Dale's Toyota Prerunner.

6 Jan 2024: We got invited to join some folks from Carlsbad and El Paso to run Carnage Canyon in Oro Grande. It was a very capable group and we went through the trail pretty quick. I think there was a flat tire and a rocker arm came off on one vehicles, other than that a great trip. Oh we even had fresh made trail tacos for lunch.

Face Book Group Page: Total Members: 210 we continue to grow pretty well on the Face Book page.

You Tube Growth: Subscribers: 526 up 145 in the last 28 days, You Tube is growing nicely.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Scavenger Hunt to be held 17 Feb 2024 in Oro Grande area off of A-011 road. We will meet at the weigh station across from Dog Canyon Road on highway 54 south at 10:00 am. Event is for club members only, there will be a five dollar entry fee per vehicle, SxSs and 4x4s are welcome they will be split into two groups. Prizes will be awarded for 1st 2nd and 3rd. We will have a pot luck at Bill and

Darline's house afterwards, there will be a separate email for that to figure out what we need and who is bringing what.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attendance award for perfect meeting attendance for 2023: Mike, Dale, Bill and Darline made it to every meeting last year. I gave them a certificate and a video file with all of the footage I had of them on the 2023 runs.

Featured Vehicle: We haven't had a featured vehicle in a while so if you want your vehicle featured let me know. It will be featured on the Club Facebook page.

Annual Dues is now being collected. \$25 dollars for single membership \$35 for family membership.

New things to try out this year: I brought up the idea of trying some new things to get a little more interaction between club members, ideas were camping trips, cook outs, things to bring us closer together as a group, other ideas are welcome.

Changes in Club operations: It's a new year so now is the time to make any changes to the way we operate, look at the By-Laws and if you see anything you would like to bring up at the next meeting to change please do so. I would like to bring up getting rid of the door prize and use the money in support of the club to reduce cost of merchandise or what have you. Also brought up having member stickers and non-member stickers.

Alamogordo Parade participation: What parades do we want to participate in this year?

Scheduled Trips and Events:

20 January 2024, 9:30AM: Exploring trip in Rattle Snake Canyon. We'll be meeting on Sun Valley Road next to Hughes Feed in between La Luz and Tuli. Not sure how difficult it will be but if it gets to crazy you can always turn back. Maybe we can hit the two side trails we have not gone up yet in 4x4s.

27 January 2024, 9:30AM: Medium trip in Rattle Snake Canyon will be going up Sidewinder. This can be done by SxSs or 4x4s with some lift. You can check out the videos if you're unsure.

Open Discussion:

I guess we had some buggies make it up the Joker without winching and then they went to And Then Some and climbed out the top of that as well. Wish I could have been there to see that.

Vehicle Upgrades: Mike got his new shift levers installed in his Toyota, Dale has the parts to fix his Toyota, Bill got his Toyota repaired after it leaned into a bank, and Brian upgraded to a 12,000 pound winch and installed some overload/anti-wrap springs on his Jeep XJ.

DOOR PRIZE:

Door prize was won by Joanne Waldfogel

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 or so

Thanks for coming, have a great night!