



Desert Mountain Four Wheel Drive Club

January, 2026 Meeting Minutes



Opening:

Welcome New Guest: No new guest

Reports:

Vice President: ??

Treasurer: Balance \$691

Trip Report:

- 3 Jan 2026: Mike, Kris, and Brian ran Upper Tecolote Canyon and completed the new hard trail which will be called Whiplash Trail. The trip went good except for a few falls and running into a dead end trying to find a new way out. Mike experienced some transfer case linkage issues, but that is all fixed now. Video is on You Tube.
- 10 Jan 2026: Upper Coyote Canyon run: Mike, Brian, Nate, and Greg B. ran Upper Coyote Canyon. We stuck to the easy lines since Nate and Greg were new to this type of wheeling. They did good and caught on pretty quick. Everyone made it without breaking anything or falling down as far as I can remember. Video on You Tube, I think.
- 17 Jan 2026: Power Line Road trip did not go as planned. The first hill going in from Highway 70 is pretty rough now so we opted for playing around in Coyote Canyon. Ryan and Sinead showed up in her new to her Jeep Cherokee for its maiden voyage. The rest of us were Mike, Gerald, Greg P. Kelly and Brian. We decided to take a short run up to the top of The Joker and have lunch and enjoy the view. Need to edit this one and post to You Tube.

Unfinished Business:

- Website: talked about the inputs I could use for members personnel pages if they want one, pictures, bio, rig build details, pics, things of that nature. If you decide to participate you can email me (bigbx300@yahoo.com) the stuff or bring hard copies by the house and we can scan them in.
- NM 4 Wheelers Club ride dates are either 11 April or 18 April we need to pick one. They will come down from Albuquerque for one day and possibly split up and run two trails, all the details have yet to be worked out.

- Ramp redesign, we got a good handle on this and the cost will be minimal.
- Face Book Group growth since a year ago, 283 to 335
- You Tube growth since last year this time period; 589 to 664. Currently we have 112 videos uploaded.

New Business:

- Since it's a new year and our By-Laws were signed 3 years ago, it's time that we review them and see if we need to make any changes. This is homework for all members, please review the by-laws make some notes and bring them to the next meeting. You can find the by-laws on the web site just click the link. <https://desertmountain4wdclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/DMFWDC-By-Laws-2023-signed.pdf>
- Order for new club stickers, the quote was 302.93 and it was voted on and passed. Stickers will be priced as follows: 3" will be \$5.00 each, 6" will be \$8.00 each and the 8" will be \$10.00 each. I ordered 40 three inch, 10 six inch, and 10 eight inch stickers.
- Cottonwood trail area entrance issue. Seems that some one has tried to block off our old entry point and put up private property signs by the gun range. Looking for some one to check into a new entry point or find out who put up the signs and see if we can talk to them. Kris is going to check into this for us.
- We need to groom some new trail leads this year since it has only been Al, Mike, and myself leading trails. If you're interested let us know and record the trails on your GPS app. If you don't have the app on your phone, I would suggest getting either OnX Offroad or Gaia GPS. OnX may be easier to use but Gaia GPS offers more options. They both work, I have both of them right now.
- Bringing back the monthly featured vehicle for the web site, get your submissions in before the months are all filled up. 😊

Open Discussion:

- Bob was concerned about being the only ATV and having to by-pass certain obstacles and making a new path in the desert. Most of the trails we run already have by-passes for the hard stuff if we run some thing that an ATV should not go on, I will try to add that to the run info.

Scheduled Trips and Events:

- **24 January 2026:** Meet 10:00AM at the Y in Tuli. Running Round About rated 4. This trail has a few small ledges, and one good washed out area. It has been run by stock 4x4s and side by sides. I don't know that I would run it on and ATV unless you can handle some ledges and steep descents.
- **31 January 2026:** Meet 10:00AM at the truck weigh station on Highway 54 South across from Dog Canyon Road. We will be running the southern part of the Oro Grande mining area. Should be an easy trip and stock 4x4, SxS and ATV friendly.
- **14 February 2026:** Meet 10:00AM at the Y in Tuli, running Power Line Road backward from Coyote Canyon, rated 4-5, SxSs have run this one in the past as well. We may just run this as an out and back and skip the hill all together. The hill is probably the hardest part and we will be going down it this time if we decide to go that way.
- **21 February 2026:** Meet 10:00AM at the Y in Tuli. Running up the Gauntlet till we can't go any further. There will be some good ledges to climb. This one I'm going to call a 7 rated run, based on what I remember from walking it a few years ago. I would like to also look at the upper portion of the trail but we'll see if we have time.

Door Prize Winner: Ryan.

Meeting adjourned: Didn't look at my watch.