



# DMFWDC Meeting Minutes

## April 2026



### OPENING:

 **New Guest:** No new guest, but we voted in Jason & Justine Macklin and Richard & Jake Brown.

### REPORTS:

#### Trip Report:

- **28 March 2026** – Coyote Canyon run. It was your typical windy New Mexico day. Six of us showed up for the run; Brian, Mike, Sinead & Ryan, Greg, Gerald and Kelley. We played around a little in the arroyo then decided to take a ride up to the top of the Joker. It was nice easy trip and everyone made it to the top and back. The wind at the top was a little much to deal with, but the views were still great as always.
- **4 April 2026** – Power Line Road run. After trying to find a drivable way into the power line road we finally found one a little further up Coyote Canyon. You drop into the arroyo then head right back out the other side up a nice little hill. Six of us showed up for this trip, Alan, Mike, Al, Perry, Rodger, and Brian. Overall nice easy trip, some of the hills are a little washed out, but nothing to bad. I was leading so we had to make a few wrong turns, I think its required if I lead. We tried making our way down an arroyo near the other end of the trail but it was blocked by a fence so we turned around and headed back, another nice out and back trip. Oh, I almost forgot Alan managed to slide into a rock and rip off his rear plastic fender on his Jeep.
- **11 April 2026** – Round About work party. Five us ventured into the wild unknown for this one, Al, Rodger, Greg, Mike and Brian. We split into two teams Al and Rodger started at the normal entrance and Brian, Mike, and Greg went in the back way. I would say we got about a third of the trail done before the rain and lightning forced us to pack it up and get out of there.
- **18 April 2026** –Baby Rattler and Sidewinder run with the NM4Wheeler, Mary and Doug. This was a really good trip Mike and Brian showed up from our club and Doug and Mary drove down from Albuquerque in their Jeeps. We took them up Baby Rattler and then to Sidewinder. No one broke and we all had a great time; I did more walking than I'd like to but again another great day.

### **Financial:**

- We have \$722 in the funds department, the new t-shirts have been paid for.

### **Face Book Group Page:**

- Current members went from 342 to 345 over the past month.

### **You Tube Info:**

- Subscribers on the You Tube channel went from 672 to 680 this month.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- The Cotton Wood Trail area entrance issue was checked out by Kris and Jason and it doesn't look promising. The route we use to take is now decorated with Private Property signs. We can always enter from the back side through Rattle Snake Canyon, just makes it a longer trip.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- I threw several things out for new business for everyone to think about.
  - Establishing a bank account again. Pretty much this was a no.
  - This one hinged on the bank account, setting up credit card payments online for memberships. No bank account to online payments.
  - Mentioned that I revised the Waiver and Release form as well as the Video Release Form.
  - I have also developed a Trail Leader Checklist which may be helpful to any new trail leaders and may remind the seasoned ones about a few key items.
  - I have also worked up letter to provide to the land owners that own private property we would like to cross. With it there will be a form they sign allowing us to pass or not allowing us to pass. This is a double edge sword and I think we would use it as a last resort. Cotton Wood Area may be a good start if we can figure out who owns the land we want to cross.
- Sinead volunteered for the monthly vehicle for May.
- Trail of the month for May will be Round About.

- Articles for the website. Looking for members to write articles to put up on the web site, something related to four wheeling, land issues, technical 4x4 or SxS stuff or the club it's self.
  - Thanks Jason for the first input, will be posted soon, it will be on the Off Road Info/Special Interest/

### OPEN DISCUSSION:

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### TRIPS:

- **2 May 2026**, meet 9:30AM at the Shell Gas Station on corner of Highway 82 and La Luz Road, will be running up La Luz Canyon, Mike will lead this trip
- **9 May 2026**, meet 9:00AM at the truck weigh station on Highway 54 south across from Dog Canyon Road, will be heading out to Red Sands to play around and get some video, Brian will lead this trip until he gets lost.
- **16 May 2026**, meet 9:30AM at the Jason Macklin's house (367 Mountain View Road) this will be an extreme level 8 trip up Sweet Pea.

### DOOR PRIZE:

- NY Bill was the winner of the coveted door prize this month.

### ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM. Thanks for coming, have a great night!