

**Happy Trails RV Resort
4-Wheel Drive Club
Minutes for February 8, 2013**

Minutes

Reported by Pat Potter, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

Minutes of January 11, 2013 were approved as read

Treasurers Report

Reported by Lindy Lippert, Treasurer

Beginning balance of \$195.74

Credits: 5 memberships \$50.00, 1 name tag violation \$0.50

Debits: 0

Ending balance \$246.24

Treasurer's report approved as read

Old Business

A. Discussion held on the upcoming Florence Ride. The starting date has moved back one day to Thursday, February 28th, rather than March 1st, returning to Happy Trails on Thursday, March 7th. Of those who were here at the meeting tonight a head count of 9 have made reservations. Still time to make reservations. Come earlier and pre-ride with the Swann's. Some people indicated they are planning to come earlier. There will be a potluck on arrival night (Feb. 28). For more info see previous email sent out to club members. There are driving directions on the website for Arizonian RV Resort.

New Business

A. Dave thanked Paula and Lorrie for the great Valentine decorations for our potluck tonight.

B. Discussed scenic rock collecting ride to Saddle Mountain next Thursday, February 14th, collecting desert rose chalcedony. Dick Potter will be leading the ride. Be sure to fuel up before the ride.

C. Pat Swann will be leading the ladies ride on February 21st to the Black Canyon area.

D. Discussed our next club meeting/potluck on March 8th. There will be a great Magic Show presented to us by Sam's friend, Tom Paine. Members can bring friends/guests to this event.

E. Dave is still taking orders on t-shirts, sweatshirts, club name tags, decals, etc. It isn't too late to order. Let him know if you need any items.

F. John Shurtz announced because of the Florence ride we will be canceling the Columbia ride on February 28th. Discussion followed if someone is interested in leading the Columbia ride (or some other ride) for those not going to Florence, please let Dave or John know and we will put it back on the ride schedule and send out notifications to members.

G. John also talked about “getting lost on rides” and trail etiquette. It is important to stay together as a group. Try to keep the vehicle in front of you in sight, but more importantly keep the vehicle behind you in sight. Be sure to “lead the follower”. If you don’t see the person behind you, stop and wait. Call on CB if possible to keep in touch. Don’t worry about the guy in front of you as that vehicle should also stop if they lose sight of you. Worry about keeping the guy behind you in sight. Particularly at turns/intersections, or when you clear an obstacle don’t drive away without making sure that the guy behind you also clears the obstacle. Dick Potter suggested during dusty times maybe we should turn on our headlights for safety. John said we will talk about this suggestion. Mark Becker also suggested maybe we should use a trail flag on our vehicles for better visual contact. Suggestion was made by LaDonna Cole for a more moderate speed on rides. We want to look around and see more of the scenery, etc.

H. Reminder, if anyone is injured on a ride, we have a first aid kit available in Dave’s vehicle, or in the trail leader’s vehicle.

I. Mark and Connie Becker would appreciate any input from club members for Nosey Coyote articles.

Motion to Adjourn 6:45 pm.