

MINUTES

HAPPY TRAILS 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB FEBRUARY 13, 2026

OUR 20th SEASON

President John Hostettler called meeting to order at 6:05 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by John Hostettler

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS:

1. John Hostettler-President
2. Larry Kerscher-Vice President
3. Jeff Long-Past President
4. Sarah Till-Secretary-absent
5. Russ Moes-Treasurer
6. Sam & Connie Giamarvo-Founders

Event Coordinator: Nancy Strand **Merchandise Administrator:** Terry Bader

Nancy Strand will serve as secretary pro-tem

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS:

NEW MEMBERS: Al & Tamera Runyon and Rob & Megan Johnston GUESTS: Mike & Bev Rugland, Dale and Molly Hannon in attendance for the 20th Year celebration

TRAIL LEADER RECOGNITION By Vice President "Larry Kerscher"

MEMBER: Larry Kerscher DATE: Jan. 15, 2026 TRAIL: Trilby Wash & San Domingo Wash

MEMBER: Karen Moes DATE: Jan. 22, 2026 TRAIL: Box Canyon & Stanton

MEMBER: Gary Younger DATE: Jan. 29, 2026 TRAIL: Black Canyon City Menagerie

MEMBER: Larry Kerscher DATE: Feb. 5, 2026 TRAIL: Crap Shoot

MEMBER: Tim Kash DATE: Feb. 12, 2026 TRAIL: Crown King

Larry also reported that the trail leaders checklist will now include a line item for the trail leader to check on our AED system. Before going out on trail, the trail leader must verify that the green light is flashing on the AED unit. This must be noted on the checklist.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2026 as posted on website & sent out by email.

Motion to approve by Chuck Hegel, a second by Larry Kerscher. Vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT for JANUARY 31, 2026 as posted on website & by email.

Motion to approve by Hal Murphree, a second by Jim McCullough. Vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Club Merchandise: Terry promised that he would order himself a club shirt. He will also be ordering our new members their name badges.
2. St. Mary's Food Bank "RECAP" Nancy thanked Tom Donahue for the great article that he wrote in the Nosey Coyote regarding the club volunteer time at St. Mary's. 27 members participated this year with club members expressing a desire to continue with this outreach. Nancy will coordinate for next season.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jamie Hegel reported that she is now the **Caretaker of Photobucket**. Members were encouraged to send photos to Jamie from rides or other club events. They can be submitted via email, airdrop (if close) SD card or flash drive. She is still working out the kinks
2. **First Aid Training**. Chuck reported that the city of Surprise is no longer offering courses so he is researching. May be something we would do next season.
4. **Happy Trails Club Parade** - Kathi Shurtz volunteered to coordinate our club's participation in the Happy Trails parade to be held on March 9, 2026. The Jeep Club is to represent Colorado - a tribute to our founders Sam and Connie.
5. **Appointment of Nominating Committee for Secretary & Treasurer**. Chuck and Jamie Hegel were gracious to accept the appointment to the Nominating Committee. Their report will be presented at our next regular meeting in March.
6. **Any new business?** At this point in our meeting, the club honored Sam and Connie as founders of the Jeep Club 20 years ago. The club pulled off the surprise celebration with memories being shared, past presidents being introduced, Club Song and Mojito tribute song being led by Russ and Karen Moes, a FUKRWE tribal presentation of headdresses for Sam & Connie, cutting of the 20th year cake and a champagne toast by Lindy Lippert. Carol Scott presented to Sam and Connie the club gift of denim shirts displaying her embroidery handiwork depicting the club logo, FUKRWE logo and their names. 70 members and guests were in attendance. NC-1 was turned into a 20 year gala with decorations.
Chuck Hegel made club coasters that were at everyone's place setting with their champagne flutes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Hal Murphree made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Alan Scott. Vote was unanimous.

A beautiful cutting board/charcuterie board was donated and a ticket was drawn with Dean Loveland being the lucky club member.