



SUNDOWNERS 4X4 CLUB

Newsletter

Mar 10th 2022



Call to Order, A club meeting of Sundowners 4x4 Club was held on March 10, 2022 and via ZOOM. Meeting began at 7:00p and was presided over by Tim Lamphere, with David Perigo as secretary.

Attendees

- Tim Lamphere – President
- Doug Wine – Vice President
- David Perigo – Secretary
- Paul Cochran – Trailmaster
- Kerry Robbins – IT/Webmaster
- Adam Doll – Affiliation Director (zoom)
- + 13 members
- 2 on Zoom

- **DUES are due**
- **Club dues are \$60 (remember we all expired on New Year's Eve). These can be paid at any event or meeting, or visit our updated website and pay via PayPal of \$63 (Sundowners4x4.org).**
- **If you have recently moved, please keep us updated with your new address.**



Old Business

- Next year's participation award will be an awesome recovery kit valued about \$400. Paul will try to debut it soon. *(Picture is just a sample >>)*
 - We give out 1 ticket to each current member that shows up to a club function. That includes; meetings, runs, meet and greets, etc. At the end of the year one ticket will be drawn and one lucky winner will receive a cool prize valued up to \$400. This drawing will be held at the end of the year at the annual Christmas party.
- The Roodbergen's have again donated the dumpster for the Spring Cleanup of Allegan State Game Area.
- Kerry is planning a Ladies Only trail ride tentatively planned for June 11th.
 - She will be partnering with Michigan Jeep Girls
 - We still need 2 volunteers to help Kerry.



New Business

- We are still planning a date for our annual "Kids in the Woods" trail ride with Kalamazoo Gospel Mission.
 - Rouch World is excited to have us and this event (free for these kids and chaperones)
 - Rouch World is busy on these dates- Apr 9 or 16, May 28, July 2 or 30.
 - Currently we think probably June on a Saturday or Sunday?? But TBD.
- This year's Go-Topless event will be held at the Hayes Jeep dealer on Stadium Dr next to Seelye Ford.
 - We have created a Facebook page and we'll advertise on Facebook again.
 - We have post cards to pass out if anyone can help spread the word.
 - See Paul or Kerry for cards to pass out.
 - If you know of any other groups that would participate, please spread the word. They do not have to be offroad related.
 - See Facebook post if you are interested in a Go-Topless t-shirt.
 - We will have 2 food trucks (Skinny Kenny and Honey Bunny Catering) and vendors on site.





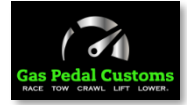
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- If you know of a vendor who would like to set up a booth, let us know.
- We are in the works to partner up with Gas Pedal Customs to help raffle off a custom Jeep they are building.
 - ❖ Tickets will be \$100 each. He is willing to also donate approx. \$1000 (\$500 ea) to 2 charities of our choosing (possibly to our Slim Toy Drive and one other).
- We will also have other door prizes to win on-site.
- We have insurance for this special event and are still working on getting our raffle license.
 - ❖ Sheri has all paperwork needed for us to hold a raffle but still waiting on the State of Michigan.
- Allegan State Game Area Trail Clean-Up is Apr 16th.
 - Extreme Terrain got ahold of us and they said they saw their ET Logo (badge) on our website and offered to donate \$250 towards our spring clean-up.
 - So we upgraded the 30 yd dumpster to a 40 yd.
 - Meet at 9am at the dumpster drop-off site (near the DNR Field Office)
 - We will have pulled pork and hot dogs for lunch.
- We now have an EVENTBRITE account to promote our public events and will have 500 “free tickets” for this event.
 - Eventbrite is a searchable platform of events in your area so we hope this also helps advertise our events and gives us a head count.
 - Allegan Trail cleanup: Saturday, April 16th, 9am: Eventbrite: 261812868337
 - Go Topless Day: Saturday, May 21st, 9am: Eventbrite: 261794192477
- We submitted a Sundowner’s SWAG order (t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc...)
 - See Facebook posting for more info.
- Bill Sherwood’s Celebration of Life is May 15th
 - At the Roosevelt Beach Pavilion Yankee Springs 2104 Briggs Rd, Middleville MI 49333.
 - There will be a short 2 hr memorial ride after the celebration of Life.
- Easy Off-Roading Magazine is righting a nice article about us in their on-line magazine.
- We gave the go ahead for Bill Johnson to get a status update for the Highway Cleanup.
 - We are still trying to pin down a stretch of highway. MDOT gives preference to returning participants.
 - The 3 cleanup session dates are; Apr 23-May 2; July 26-Aug 3; Oct 24-Nov 3
- Thoughts about sometimes moving meet and greets to a weekend day and meet somewhere family friendly for a potluck.
 - We might have a Sundowners family/Meet & Greet picnic/potluck this coming July or August.
 - More details to come.





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Vice President's Corner

ATTENTION MEMBERS. We will be updating our membership list this month and removing everyone who has not yet renewed. You are welcome and encouraged to rejoin at any time but the official re-enrollment period expired at the beginning of March. You can still keep track of current events through our public Facebook page you will just not be part of the fun.



We were recently contacted by Easy Off-Roading which is an on-line publication geared towards the 4 wheel drive community. You can check them out at <https://easyoffroad.com> and read some of their recent articles. We have filled out their questionnaire and hope to see Sundowners 4X4 featured in an up-coming issue.

As mentioned above and with spring right around the corner, our annual clean-up of the Allegan State Game Area happens on April 16th this year. We will meet at the drop-off site, which is just north of the DNR's 118th street field office, at 9:00 am to talk about the day's activities as well as enjoying some coffee and donuts. Gloves and trash bags will be available as well as maps for anyone who needs one. From there we will head off to pick up the tons of trash that has been tossed out on the side of the trails during the year. While we also try to clean up the roadsides our main effort is to remove the trash dumps that have become such a nuisance to the DNR and all other users of the forest.

Mark the Waterboy/La Transport has once again stepped up as a major sponsor of this event providing us the funds to rent a dumpster for trash collection with monies left over for other expenses associated with this effort. Come on out and lend a hand!

Treasurer Report

- Financial numbers were approved this month
 - Details available upon request



Affiliation Director

- Adam is establishing contact with GLFWDA and UFWDA.
- GLFWDA will advertise our Go-Topless Day event and our Trail Clean-Up on their website.
- We have not heard back from UFWDA, seems to be a little discouraging.
- Please feel free to contact Adam with any suggestions he can bring up to the higher-level associations.



Trailmaster

- Evert Winter Run was light on snow but heavy on the fun. Paul lost a drive shaft and still made it home safely.
 - Unfortunately, the area is being heavily logged but new trails were found due to detours.
- Any other rides we'd like to participate in or donate to??





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New Members

- A few new members have recently joined but no new members were in attendance this month.

Coming Up!

- Mar 26th Run at Bundy @9am (public welcome)
- Apr 16th Allegan State Game Area Trail Cleanup @9am (public welcome)
- Apr 30th Annual Jeep Blessing in Mesick Michigan (public welcome)
- May 4-8th Grayling Trail Run, Grayling Michigan



Next Get-together, Meet & Greet

- March 16th at The Hanger Bar & Grill at 6pm
 - 4301 W Main St, Kalamazoo, MI 49006



Next Club Meeting

- April 14th at The Club Car Grill and via [Zoom](#).
 - 6225 D Ave West, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
 - For those who wish to attend via Zoom, a link will be posted on our [Sundowners FB](#) site.



Awards

Turkey Award

...No Change (Doug Wine)

Cable Puller

...No Change

50/50 Drawing

...Kerry Won \$37.50/\$37.50



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2022 Club Events / Runs

PLEASE NOTE: Our events are private (current members only) or by invite unless listed as PUBLIC WELCOME.

- ~~Jan 8th Slim's ride at Rouch World from 10a-4p preceding the Party (members only)~~
- ~~Jan 8th Sundowners Christmas Party at Cowboy Up in Mendon (members only)~~
- ~~Jan 29th Doug's Birthday Run at Allegan State Game Area (members only)~~
- ~~Feb 12-13th Evert Winter Run, Evert Michigan (members only)~~
- **Mar 26th Run Bundy Hill** (opens at 9am, public welcome)
- **Apr 16th Allegan State Game Area Trail Cleanup**
 - (meet at 9am, public welcome, see Facebook or Eventbrite for more details)
- ~~Apr 20-24th Rausch Creek PA (cancelled)~~
- **Apr 30th Annual Jeep Blessing in Mesick Michigan** (public welcome)
- **May 4-8th Grayling Trail Run, Grayling Michigan** (members only, limited space)
- **May 13-15th Jeep the Mac** (public welcome)
- **May 21st Go Topless Day & Car Show**
 - (public welcome, , see Facebook or Eventbrite for more details)
- **May 26-30th Memorial Day Run at Bundy** (members only, limited space, 13 camp spots reserved)
- **Jun 2-5th Silver Lake Sand Dunes Jeep Invasion** (public welcome)
- **Jun 11th Ladies Only trail ride**
- **July 9th Butler Speedway and Fireworks**
- **July 16th Hero's on the Dunes, Silver Lake** (public welcome)
- **Aug 12th Toledo OH Jeep Fest** (public welcome)
- **Aug 17-21st Lake City Trail Ride**
- *Aug?? Silver Lake Run (public welcome)*
- *Aug?? Extreme Off-Road Expo Jeep Fest, Ionia Michigan (public welcome)*
- **Sept 1-5th Labor Day Run at Bundy** (public welcome)
- **Sept 14-18th Gaylord / Vanderbilt Trail Ride Pigeon River State Forest** (Elk sighting, members only)
- **Oct 5-9th Drummond Island Adventure** (members only, limited space)
- **Oct 22rd Fall Color Tour and Night Run**
- ~~Nov 4-5th Hollarwood Off Road Park Kentucky (cancelled)~~
- *Nov?? Jay "Slim" Stull Memorial Toy Run*
- **Dec 3rd Slim Stull 2nd Annual Christmas Toy Drive** (public welcome)



BOLD DATES – are confirmed dates

Keep an eye on the Facebook pages (both public and private) for “spur of the moment” runs.

Links (Click on pictures to go to websites)

