



# SUNDOWNERS 4X4 CLUB



## \*Newsletter\*

May 12<sup>th</sup> 2022



**-Call to Order,** A club meeting of Sundowners 4x4 Club was held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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
- + 11 members
- + 1 on Zoom

- 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](http://Sundowners4x4.org)).
- If you have recently moved, please keep us updated with your new address.



### Yearly Participation Award

This year's participation award will be an awesome recovery kit valued about \$400. Paul debuted the gear from Discovery 4x4 Adventures.

- 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.



### Old Business

- We need to pick a date for the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission kids run. Tim spoke to Rouch and they are excited to participate. We have SEVERAL calls into the Kalamazoo gospel mission to arrange the date, however KGM has been in the process of moving to a new location.
- Easy Off Road published a great story about us, check it out if you haven't already.
  - [OffroadBusinesslist.com](http://OffroadBusinesslist.com) will be a site where a customer or business can list a shop or parts store that they recommend. It's just getting started but should be cool when it launches.



### Vice President's Corner

Saturday 5/21/22, was our version of Extreme Terrain's "Go Topless Day". This year's event was held at Hayes Jeep and will kick-off our fundraising efforts for the year with all proceeds supporting our Christmas Giving Program and Summer of Slim Memorial Toy Drive. The "Go Topless" event included a Balance Beam challenge, Flex Rail, 2 Food Trucks, Kids Games, and a whole lot of fun. There were lots of door prizes to win? We concluded the festivities at 3:00!





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Since this is my opportunity to speak, I'd like to remind you we (Rhonda and I) are considering leading one more run to Silverton/Ouray Colorado. We would head out September 2nd 2023 and probably head for home around the 14th. It's a long way off but that gives us plenty of time to plan. Please let me know if you are interested and I will start working on a tentative itinerary. If you wonder why I chose that date, it is to help avoid the crowds. We prefer to vacation after the masses have gone home for the summer and the kids are back in school. This plan makes running the more popular trails a much more pleasant experience simply because you are not waiting in line at each obstacle plus, accommodations are much easier to book. Campers and RV's are a great way to go but we will be staying in motels the entire trip. Not to worry though there are RV Parks in Silverton so we could all still be very near each other once we get to town. Let me know.

### New Business

- Allegan State Game Area Trail Clean-Up was held Saturday Apr 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Awesome turnout, about 40 people came to help.
  - We filled a dumpster with 5 tons of rubbish in 3.5 hours.
  - DNR Adopt-A-Forest representatives found out about what we are doing and informed us that they will supply the dumpster for next year's event!!
  - DNR might be able to help with port-a-johns next year.
  - Extreme Terrain sent us \$250 towards our spring clean-up. Thanks, Extreme Terrain!!! So, we use it to upgrade the dumpster to a 40 yd.
- We conducted our first clean-up of our stretch of US-131 Hwy between mile marker 36 and 38 (Stadium Drive and West Main/M-43) for Adopt-A-Highway.
  - 9 members showed to help fill about 120 large bags full.
  - The 3 cleanup session dates; Apr 23-May 1; July 16-24; Sep 24-Oct 2.
    - Next cleanup is July y23 & 24<sup>th</sup>
    - Must be 3 or more people at a session.
    - No kids under 12 years old, Kids 12-18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Mark and Sheri lead a ride in White Cloud/Baldwin area. Very beautiful. Could add another 2 hours to this ride no problem.
- Bill Sherwood Celebration of Life Sunday May 15, 2022 Roosevelt Beach Pavilion Yankee Springs 2104 Briggs RD Middleville, MI 49333
- This year's Go-Topless event was held at the Hayes Jeep dealer on Stadium Dr next to Seelye Ford on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - We created a Facebook page and we'll advertise on Facebook again.
  - Kerry put up a FB ad and it seems we are getting traffic on the site from it.
  - Eventbrite: Tickets are free, set at 500 units.
  - Raffle license is in the works. Just waiting on the state. Of course, the idiots can't find our information (lost) so it had to be submitted AGAIN (thank you for handling that Kerry).





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- We plan on having a Sundowners family/Meet & Greet picnic & potluck.
  - Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Location is yet to be determined.
  - This will be Pot-Luck style
- The Dock at Bayview will be continuing the Jeep Nights on the first Wednesday of the month.
  - They announce a different Jeep theme on their Facebook page for each month.
- We are working with the Kalamazoo Growlers Baseball team to have a Sundowners family Jeep night.
  - \$30 per ticket (See flier below for what's included)
    - minimum of 20 people for the Fan Deck or Porch
    - minimum of 50 people for the BullPen, Covered Awning or Home Run Alley
    - **Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> Gate opens at 11:45, game starts at 1:35pm**
    - See flyer below ↴



# June 26<sup>th</sup>



### YOUR TICKETS INCLUDE;

- 7 INNINGS OF ALL-INCLUSIVE FOOD & DRINKS IN THE MILLER LITE BEAR TRAP PORCH
  - GUEST RECEIVE 5 TOKENS TO USE FOR;
    - \*ICE CREAM
    - \*GROWLERS HAT
    - \*VIP KID ZONE
    - \*BEER/WINE OPTION
- BEER OFFERING FROM BELL'S AND MILLER LITE

**\$30 PER TICKET**



SCAN THIS QR CODE

**Game time 1:35pm**



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### Treasurer Report

- Financial numbers were approved this month
- More details available upon request



### Affiliation Director

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



### Trailmaster

- Trail Ride on May 7<sup>th</sup> to white Cloud/Baldwin area.
- Any other rides we'd like to participate in or donate to??



### New Members

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

### Coming Up!

- **May 26-30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Run at Bundy** (members only, limited space, 13 camp spots reserved)
- **Jun 2-5<sup>th</sup> Silver Lake Sand Dunes Jeep Invasion** (public welcome)
- **Jun 26<sup>th</sup> Kalamazoo Growlers Jeep Night Game** (public welcome) See flyer



### Next Get-together, Meet & Greet

- May 18<sup>th</sup> at Fletchers in Texas Corners at 6pm
  - 6946 W Q Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49009



### Next Club Meeting

- June 9<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Cable Puller

...No Change

#### 50/50 Drawing

...Not held this month



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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 8<sup>th</sup> Slim's ride at Rouch World from 10a-4p preceding the Party (members only)~~
- ~~Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Sundowners Christmas Party at Cowboy Up in Mendon (members only)~~
- ~~Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Doug's Birthday Run at Allegan State Game Area (members only)~~
- ~~Feb 12-13<sup>th</sup> Evert Winter Run, Evert Michigan (members only)~~
- ~~Mar 26<sup>th</sup> Run Bundy Hill (opens at 9am, public welcome)~~
- ~~Apr 16<sup>th</sup> Allegan State Game Area Trail Cleanup~~
- ~~Apr 20-24<sup>th</sup> Rausch Creek PA (cancelled)~~
- ~~Apr 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Jeep Blessing in Mesick Michigan (public welcome)~~
- ~~May 1<sup>st</sup> Adopt A Highway Cleanup on US 131 (public welcome)~~
- ~~May 4-8<sup>th</sup> Grayling Trail Run, Grayling Michigan (members only, limited space) Canceled~~
- ~~May 7<sup>th</sup> White Cloud/Baldwin Trail Ride (members only) NEW~~
- ~~May 6-8<sup>th</sup> Jeep the Mac (public welcome)~~
- ~~May 21<sup>st</sup> Go Topless Day Jeep/Car Show~~
  - ~~(public welcome, see Facebook or Eventbrite for more details)~~
- **May 26-30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Run at Bundy** (members only, limited space, 13 camp spots reserved)
- **Jun 2-5<sup>th</sup> Silver Lake Sand Dunes Jeep Invasion** (public welcome)
- ~~Jun 11<sup>th</sup> Ladies Only trail ride Canceled~~
- **Jun 26<sup>th</sup> Kalamazoo Growlers Sundowner's Jeep Game** (open at 11:45, game at 1:35, public welcome)
- **July 9<sup>th</sup> Butler Speedway and Fireworks** (public welcome)
- **July 16<sup>th</sup> Hero's on the Dunes, Silver Lake** (public welcome)
- **July 23-24<sup>th</sup> Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on US-131** (2 days)
- **Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Toledo OH Jeep Fest** (public welcome)
- **Aug 17-21<sup>st</sup> Lake City Trail Ride** (members only, limited space)
- ~~Aug?? Extreme Off-Road Expo Jeep Fest, Ionia Michigan (public welcome)~~
- **Sept 1-5<sup>th</sup> Labor Day Run at Bundy** (public welcome)
- **Sept 14-18<sup>th</sup> Gaylord / Vanderbilt Trail Ride Pigeon River State Forest** (Elk sighting, members only)
- **Sept 24-25<sup>th</sup> Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on US-131** (2 days)
- **Oct 5-9<sup>th</sup> Drummond Island Adventure** (members only, limited space)
- **Oct 22<sup>rd</sup> Fall Color Tour and Night Run**
- **Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Slim Stull 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

