



SUNDOWNERS 4X4 CLUB

Newsletter

July 14th 2022



Call to Order, A club meeting of Sundowners 4x4 Club was held on July 14th, 2022 and via ZOOM. Meeting began at 7:00pm 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
- Linda Sholdice – Treasurer
- + 10 members present, + 0 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).
- 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

- The Kalamazoo Gospel Mission kids run has been canceled because the Mission is not able to support weekend events.
- 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.
- The Kalamazoo Growlers Baseball family Jeep night was a great success, we had at least 36 people show for a great day to watch a ball game.
- Adopt-a-highway 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.
 - Next cleanup is July 23 & 24th
 - Must be 3 or more people at a session.
 - No kids under 12 years old, Kids 12-18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- The Dock at Bayview is continuing the Jeep Nights on the first Wednesday of the month.
 - They announce a different Jeep theme on their Facebook page for each month.





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Vice President's Corner

Our monthly Meet and Greet or, Wheeling Wednesday, is intended to provide members an opportunity to hang out together in a more casual setting and hopefully get to know people you would normally only see from across the room at a meeting. As of late they have been poorly attended and I, for one, think it's a crying shame. These types of events are a great time to move around the room and talk to people you've never had a chance to talk to or, better yet, to sit with a different group each time and have some good face to face interaction. The "Meet and Greet" is additionally an opportunity for non-members to meet club members and maybe learn a little more about our club. We should all try to promote these events within our own circle of acquaintances and, to other off-road related groups we may be members of. Maybe with a little effort we could get them back to pre-pandemic attendance levels when we had trouble finding venues big enough to hold everybody. Bring your Jeeps too! Not much draws a crowd of off-road enthusiasts better than a parking lot full of cool rigs. Meet and Greets are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month with the location determined at the preceding meeting. This month's Meet and Greet will be held at RJ's Sports Bar on Portage Road. Come on out and see us!



New Business

- We plan on having a Sundowners family/Meet & Greet picnic & potluck.
 - Sunday August 14th from 12 – 2 with a short trail ride to follow.
 - Yankee Springs State Park, 2104 Briggs Rd South, Middleville, MI 49333.
 - Sundowners will provide Subs and water.
 - Bring your own drinks and chairs and a dish to pass if you can.
- Saturday July 30th is the VFW post 3030 golf outing/fundraiser.
 - Club voted to sponsor a hole on the course for \$75.00.
- Sunday Aug 7th is the annual Great Lakes Burn Camp escort-kids-to-camp parade from Wings Stadium to Pretty Lake camp in Mattawan.
 - Club voted to sponsor 2 kids this year at \$600 each.
 - Club feels this is a worthy cause to help.
 - We are looking into the possibility of having a Jeep presence at this parade.

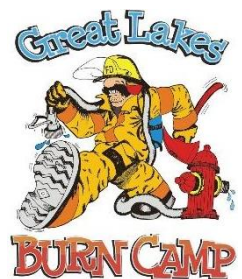


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2022 Summer Picnic

Sunday, August 14th at 12 Noon
Yankee Springs: 2104 Briggs Rd, Middleville, MI
Note: You will need a State Park Recreation Passport or pay for a daily pass.

Roosevelt Pavilion at Yankee Springs

- 12 noon to 2 pm: Lunch and games - Please bring a dish to pass, and your own drinks. Sundowners will provide the main dish. The pavilion has bathrooms and access to the beach area.
- 2 pm to 4 pm: Trail ride! Have with you in your vehicle water, snacks and recovery gear.



Treasurer Report

- Financial numbers were approved this month
- Some checks cleared;
- More details available upon request



Affiliation Director

- Please feel free to contact Adam with any suggestions he can bring up to the higher-level associations.





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Trailmaster

- Any other rides we'd like to participate in or donate to??

New Members

- A few new members have recently joined, Todd & Molly as well as Dan were in attendance this month.



Coming Up!

- July 16th Hero's on the Dunes, Silver Lake (public welcome)
- July 23-24th Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on US-131 (2 days)
 - Please try to help one of these days.
- Aug 12th Toledo OH Jeep Fest (public welcome)
- Aug 14th Sundowners Summer Picnic
 - Yankee Springs State Park, 2104 Briggs Rd South, Middleville, MI 49333
- Aug 17-21st Lake City Trail Ride (members only, limited space)



Next Get-together, Meet & Greet

- July 20th at RJ's Sports Bar at 6pm
 - 8118 Portage Rd, Portage MI 49002

Next Club Meeting

- August 11th 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

WINNER - Shari French



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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 12-13st 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~~
- ~~Apr 20-24th Rausch Creek PA (canceled)~~
- ~~Apr 30th Annual Jeep Blessing in Mesick Michigan (public welcome)~~
- ~~May 1st Adopt A Highway Cleanup on US 131 (public welcome)~~
- ~~May 4-8th Grayling Trail Run, Grayling Michigan (members only, limited space) Canceled~~
- ~~May 7th White Cloud/Baldwin Trail Ride (members only) NEW~~
- ~~May 6-8th Jeep the Mac (public welcome)~~
- ~~May 21st Go Topless Day Jeep/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 Canceled~~
- ~~Jun 26th Kalamazoo Growlers Sundowner's Jeep Game (open at 11:45, game at 1:35, public welcome)~~
- ~~July 9th Butler Speedway and Fireworks (public welcome) Canceled~~
- **July 16th Hero's on the Dunes, Silver Lake (public welcome)**
- **July 23-24th Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on US-131 (2 days)**
- **Aug 12th Toledo OH Jeep Fest (public welcome)**
- **Aug 14th Sundowners Summer Picnic Yankee Springs State Park**
- **Aug 17-21st Lake City Trail Ride (members only, limited space)**
- **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)**
- **Sept 24-25th Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on US-131 (2 days)**
- **Oct 5-9th Drummond Island Adventure (members only, limited space)**
- **Oct 22rd Fall Color Tour and Night 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)

