



SUNDOWNERS 4X4 CLUB



* Newsletter *

October 13th 2022



Call to Order, A club meeting of Sundowners 4x4 Club was held on October 13, 2022 and via ZOOM. Meeting began at 7:00pm and was presided over by Paul Cochran, with David Perigo as secretary.

Attendees

- David Perigo – Secretary
- Paul Cochran – Trailmaster
- Linda Sholdice – Treasurer
- + 3 members present + 3 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 Christmas party.



Old Business

- Amazon will donate a portion of your purchases to our charity if you use Amazon through Amazon.smile, look for "Sundowners 4X4 Incorporated" 
- Adopt-a-highway clean-up of our stretch of US-131 Hwy was held Sept 24 & 25 however clean-up was finished on Saturday so no need for Sunday crew.
- Sept 24th was the Jeep Invasion at Bundy Hill. Don't know if anyone was able to attend to represent us.

New Business

- Our Fall Color Tour and Spooky Night Run is Oct 22nd
 - We will meet at the Plainwell Meijer at 4pm, public is welcome
- Sundowner Foreverwave flags are in.
 - They have sleeves and mounts for all sorts of stuff (antenna, bumper mounts, spare tire mounts). The sleeves are a heavy mesh and zip on with velcro cover to secure them in the wind. Roll bar sleeves are \$25.00, any of the small sized flags fit on the sleeves and go for around \$25.00 as well.
 - Flags are nice quality and printed on both sides.
 - We ordered 8 to start.
 - We also ordered a 3x5' flag (\$75.00).
 - Our club logo shows up on the website so we can order at our own pace and quantity after the first 8 so any member can order when they want too.





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- We still need some solid money raising ideas for our annual Toy Drive and Burn Camp.
 - Members agreed to start holding a 50/50 drawings at all events/runs
 - Some other ideas are;
 - A Rodeo, or a 4-wheel drive blessing
 - Poker run -maybe in Allegan Forest
 - T-shirt/hat sales, or Swap meet
 - Car Crush (like a Rage Room) Paul can donate the first victim vehicle.



Treasurer Report

- Financial numbers were approved this month
- 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.

Trailmaster

- Gaylord / Vanderbilt ELK run was Sept 14-18th
 - 2 Sundowners and 1 Two-Tracker attended
 - Unfortunately, there was too much camping activity in the area so no Elk/Moose were seen this time but it was still a great and beautiful run.
- Drummond Island run was Oct 5-9th
 - Lots of jeeps/rigs attended
 - Lots of fun was had



New Members

- No new members

Coming Up!

- Oct 22nd Fall Color Tour and Spooky Night Run (public welcome)
- Oct 29th Silver Lake Sand Dunes Trunk-or-Treat on the Dunes (public welcome)
- Dec 3rd Slim Stull 2nd Annual Christmas Toy Drive at Menards (public welcome)
- Jan 7th Sundowners Christmas Party



Next Get-together, Meet & Greet

- *Non planned at this time*

Next Club Meeting

- Nov 10th -7pm 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
Goes to Dan Finstrom for helping Sheri with a winch

50/50 Drawing
Not held tonight



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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 Evart Winter Run, Evart 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~~
 - ~~o (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 7th Great Lakes Burn Camp Parade~~
- ~~Aug 12th Toledo OH Jeep Fest (public welcome)~~
- ~~Aug 14th Sundowners Summer Picnic Yankee Springs State Park (public welcome)~~
- ~~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 @ Bundy (public welcome)~~
- ~~Sept 10th Truck/Jeep Show @ Gilmore Car Museum 9a-4p (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)~~
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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)

