



SUNDOWNERS 4X4 CLUB

Meeting Minutes

November 10th 2022



Call to Order, A club meeting of Sundowners 4x4 Club was held on November 10, 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
- Kerry Robbins – IT/Webmaster
- + 11 members
- + 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".
- Our Fall Color Tour and Spooky Night Run was Oct 22nd.
- Sundowner Foreverwave flags are in.
- Holding a 50/50 drawings at all events/runs.



New Business

- Growlers rep Justin came by to talk with us about our feedback with our growlers game experience.
 - Was everything ok? Do we want to keep doing these? Do we want to upgrade? What about a different day? Friday evening games always have fireworks afterwards. Games run from June – August. Have a designated Jeep parking area for this game.
- **Dues are due now.** There is the real possibility that dues may need to be re-evaluated if GL4WDA and/or U4WDA raise their dues.
- 2022 Toy Drive to benefit the kids from the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission is less than 3 weeks away.





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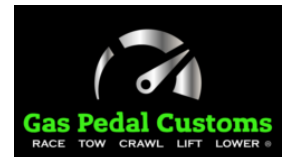
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- Saturday Dec 3rd at the Gull Road Menards in Kalamazoo
- We will meet before setting up for breakfast around 8:00 at the Rosters Call on Gull Rd.
- Tim and Lecia will be bring:
 - Motorhome and Tent
 - Fire pit/overhead heater (if required)
 - Tables and Extension cords
 - Plates, bowls, silverware, cups hand warmers, and stuff in the boxes
 - Chicken Chili
 - Hot water for Chocolate or cider
 - Coffee (unless someone donates again)
 - Flags
 - Candy canes
- Other Suggested additions:
 - Chili
 - Crackers
 - Donuts and Cookies
 - Water bottles
- PLEASE help spread the word for December 3rd



- The addition of the Webmaster position and duties were voted on and approved by the members at the monthly meeting.
- Raffle license is still in the works, we are still working with Gas Pedal Customs...
- Club agreed that the Toy drive will now be a stand-alone event, no extra solicitation from the club of donations is needed. Any money raised for the sole purpose of the toy drive will still go to the toy drive.
 - Other donations and fundraising will go towards sponsoring kids to attend the GL Burn Camp in August and/or other charities like Wreaths Across America.



- Club also agreed with a motion for a \$100 budget for toy drive Facebook advertisements.
- Club Christmas party will be on January 7th at Cowboy Up in Mendon.
 - Club will purchase the hors d'oeuvres
 - 22046 M-60, Mendon, MI 49072
- Club Officer positions are up for voting at the next monthly meeting. No new candidates have come forward.



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| ○ President -Tim Lamphere | ○ Trailmaster -Paul Cochran |
| ○ Vice Pres. -Doug Wine | ○ Affiliation Dir. -Adam Doll |
| ○ Treasurer -Linda Shouldice | ○ Webmaster -Kerry Robbins |
| ○ Secretary -Dave Perigo | |



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Vice President's Corner

Hi All, It feels like it has been a long time since I've shared anything in the newsletter and that may be why I'm struggling to come up with a topic. I guess I'll just start thinking out loud and see where it takes me,



We do have two major events before the year ends that are worth talking about and those are, the **toy drive**, and the **Christmas party**. We usually have a good turnout for both and I'm hoping this year is no exception. Our annual toy drive is on December 3rd this year and will be held at Menards on Gull Road. Some of us will head out early and meet up for breakfast at the Roosters Call Restaurant just east of Menards. We plan to be there at 8:00 AM and then go get set up at Menards at 9:00. Don't feel obligated to spend the whole day but we'd love to see you at breakfast and could certainly use a few hands to help get everything set up. We will once again collect toys out in the parking lot and at both front doors and could use some greeters at all three locations. The more of us there are the easier it is for everyone. Let's fill that truck this year!

We have next month to talk about the Christmas Party so let's move on to some old/new business, specifically the Color Tour and Spooky Night Run. I have tried joining in with the Melonhead Games for two years now and, even though it was fun, I'm thinking I should go back to the old way of doing things. That means I will be looking for some volunteers before and during the event to help set-up and then be part of some "attractions" beyond what the forest already offers. I'm still imagining what that will look like and hope I can pull off at least some of my ideas. I'm getting excited just thinking about it! It will be a good time!

Well, that's enough of my ramblings for one day. I would like to take a minute to thank all the old members for sticking around and the new members for joining us. I invite you all to come to our upcoming club meetings as we start adding events to next year's calendar. Maybe we can find some new, fun things to do that we've never done before. I'm not sure what that means but if we put our heads together, I'm sure we'll come up with something. I'm outta here. See ya next month, VP.

Treasurer Report

- Board has set a minimum monetary threshold on the Sundowners bank account at \$5,000
 - There is the real possibility that dues may need to be re-evaluated if GL4WDA and/or U4WDA raise their dues.
- Financial numbers were approved this month
 - Checking – \$7085.03
 - Savings – \$1561.44
 - Grant/Donation – \$175.44
 - Slim Memorial – \$985.44
 - PayPal – \$29.59
- Cleared expenditures;
 - \$20 – State of Mich Non-Profit fee
- More details available upon request





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Affiliation Director

- Please feel free to contact Adam with any suggestions he can bring up to the higher-level associations.
 - [Great Lakes Four-Wheel Drive Association](#)
 - [United Four-Wheel Drive Association](#)



Trailmaster

- Drummond Island went well
 - About 12 vehicles attended.
- Color Run went well also, however no spooky event portion was held this year.
 - Lots of jeeps/rigs, about 20-24 attended.
 - Excellent color was seen and lots of fun was had
 - Will try to bring back the spooky



New Members

- Tim Yakes (past member, rejoining)

Coming Up!

- **Dec 3rd Slim Stull 2nd Annual Christmas Toy Drive at Menards (public welcome)**
- **Jan 7th Sundowners Christmas Party**



Next Get-together, Meet & Greet

- **Nov 16th -6pm** at Buds in Schoolcraft
 - 220 N Grand St, Schoolcraft, MI 49087

Next Club Meeting

- **Dec 8th -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 [Sundowner Members FB](#) prior to the meeting.



Awards

Turkey Award

No Change

Cable Puller

No Change

50/50 Drawing

\$26 to Bill Johnson



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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 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)
- 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 (public welcome)**
- **Jan 7th Sundowners Christmas Party (members only)**



BOLD DATES – are confirmed dates

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

