



SUNDOWNERS 4X4 CLUB

Newsletter

December 8th 2022



Call to Order, A club meeting of Sundowners 4x4 Club was held on December 8th, 2022 and via ZOOM. Meeting began at 7:00pm and was presided over by Doug Wine, with David Perigo as secretary.

Attendees

- Doug Wine – Vice President
- David Perigo – Secretary
- Linda Shouldice - Treasurer
- Paul Cochran – Trailmaster
- Kerry Robbins – IT/Webmaster
- + 7 members
- + 2 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**".
- Holding a 50/50 drawings at all events/runs.
- Foreverwave.com Has updated their website with our flag to order now.



New Business

- 2022 Toy Drive at the Gull Road Menards in Kalamazoo
 - Huge thank you to Gas Pedal Customs for a \$625 donation to our toy drive.
 - Gas Pedal Customs also donated \$675 for our Burn Camp Parade.
 - Joel Tipton raised \$400 plus bags of toys.
 - Bosch, Kalamazoo office, raised \$220 plus toys.
 - Menards had 10-12 bags of toys for us.
 - We collected about \$625 in cash during the day as well as more toys.
 - We ended up with \$2392.44 for toys.
 - Kalamazoo Gospel Mission estimates we collected about 1300 toys for the kids.
 - ***Tim would like to personally thank each and every member and friend, who came out or donated in any way Saturday to make our toy drive a huge success. Everyone fought through windy and chilly temps to hang out for as long as they could and it is greatly appreciated.***



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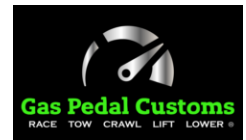
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- Club sent a check in honor of Jason Crawford to the Jehovah Witnesses per his wishes.
- Growlers would like a down payment for our Jeep outing night in the amount of \$321.56 with a remaining balance of \$964.69 (\$1286.25)
 - Club voted to gather more info on this before voting to approve
 - Game date TBD, games run from June – August.
 - They will advertise for us and 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.
- Club will look at how well the **Participation award** is doing and evaluate if this should continue.
 - Possibly expand to add one extra ticket for multiple day events.
 - What will 2023's award item be with a limit of \$400.
 - Maybe a portable power station like a Jackery 300 (for \$299).
 - Need other ideas for a yearly award.
- Raffle license is still in the works, we are still working with Gas Pedal Customs...
- Wreaths Across America (at Fort Custer) Dec 17th 2022
 - Looking for 3 more volunteers to place requested wreaths
- 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 were voted on. Below are your Club board members.

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



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
- More details available upon request



Affiliation Director

- Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive **WINTER BLAST** Jan 19, 2023 5 PM – Jan 21, 2023 8 PM
 - 2980 Cook Road West Branch, Michigan, United States 48661
 - Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association is sponsoring a two-day event exploring the wonderful and hopefully snowy, trails through the St. Helen area! (Similar to Sno-blind and Snofari)



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- ORV permits required
- Sign up here, Space is limited, so sign up today!
https://www.memberplanet.com/.../winterblastinthelen_1
- Drivers - \$90/person and includes banquet dinner on Saturday and FREE T-SHIRT
Passengers - \$35/person and includes banquet dinner
- There will be raffle prizes too! Be sure to order your hoodies and hats when you sign up. 😊
- 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

- 2022 Toy Drive at the Gull Road Menards (see above)

New Members

- No new members tonight



Coming Up!

- **Jan 7th Sundowners Christmas Party at Cowboy Up**

Next Get-together, Meet & Greet

- **Dec 14th -6pm at Vickers Lakeside Tavern** in Vicksburg
 - 130 W Prairie St, Vicksburg, MI 49097



Next Club Meeting

- **Jan 12th -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

Club voted to split recognition between Kelsey Robbins and Joel Tipton for both their efforts with the toy drive this year.

50/50 Drawing

\$20 / \$20



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2023 Club Events / Runs

BOLD DATES – are confirmed dates

PLEASE NOTE: Our events are private (CURRENT MEMBERS ☹ ONLY) or by invite, unless listed as (PUBLIC ☺ WELCOME).

- Jan 7th Slim's Ride @ Rouch World from 10a-4p preceding the Party (members ☹ only)
- Jan 7th Sundowners Christmas Party @ Cowboy Up in Mendon (members ☹ only)
- Jan 19-21st GLFWDA Winter Blast @ St Helens (public ☺ welcome)
- Jan 28th Doug's Birthday Run @ Allegan State Area (members ☹ only)
- Feb 11-12th Evert Winter Run @ Evert Michigan (members ☹ only)
- Mar 25th Spring Warmup Run @ Bundy Hill opens at 9am (public ☺ welcome)
- Apr 15th Allegan State Game Area Trail Cleanup (public ☺ welcome)
- May 6-7th Annual Jeep Blessing @ Mesick Michigan (public ☺ welcome)
- May 12-14th Jeep the Mac @ Mackinac Bridge (public ☺ welcome)
- May 20th Go Topless Day Jeep/Car Show @ Hayes Jeep (public ☺ welcome)
- May 25-29th Memorial Day Run @ Bundy (members ☹ only, limited space, 13 camp spots reserved)
- Jun 2-5th Silver Lake Sand Dunes Jeep Invasion (public ☺ welcome)
- Jun 4-10th Mild to Wild Ride @ Windrock Park, Oliver Springs, TN 37840 (members ☹ only)
- July 15th Hero's on the Dunes @ Silver Lake (public ☺ welcome)
- Aug 6th Great Lakes Burn Camp Parade @ Wings Stadium (public ☺ welcome)
- Aug 4-6th Toledo Jeep Fest @ Toledo Ohio (public ☺ welcome)
- Aug 31st - Sept 1-5th Labor Day Run @ Bundy (public ☺ welcome)
- Oct 11-15th Drummond Island Adventure (members ☹ only, limited space)
- Oct 21st Fall Color Tour / Spooky Night Run @ Allegan State Area (public ☺ welcome)
- Dec 2nd Slim Stull 3rd Annual Christmas Toy Drive @ Menards (public ☺ welcome)



Other Rides not yet finalized;

- Jun 26th Kalamazoo Growlers Sundowner's Jeep Game (open at 11:45, game at 1:35, public welcome)
- July 23-24th Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on US-131 (2 days) (public welcome)
- Aug 14th Sundowners Summer Picnic Yankee Springs State Park (public welcome)
- Aug 17-21st Lake City Trail Ride (members only, limited space)
- 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) (public welcome)

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

