

**Minutes of the Meeting  
June 11, 2002  
at El Pinto Restaurant**

Ken Rice, President, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30, noting that the minutes from the May meeting are currently on the High Desert Rovers of New Mexico web site. He asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes before we accepted them as official. No changes were proposed.

Susan Kitsch provided the Treasurer's Report, noting that the current balance is relatively constant with \$640.00 in the treasury, but noting that funds had not yet been transferred to cover the cost of decals. This will be approximately \$200.00. This figure is also before receipt of dues from Stuart and Jeanne Klein, our newest club members. It also does not represent receipt from sales of decals.

Ken introduced the Nogal Canyon trip as the next item of business. Mr. Tom Harper has stated that he will be glad to serve as our guide. Those leaving from Albuquerque will meet at the Isleta Pueblo Bingo Palace at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 15. From there we will convoy to Socorro, exit 147, where we will join Ken and Tom at the closed Texaco station at approximately 9:00 a.m. Everyone was reminded to bring plenty of water and to pack a lunch for a day of off-road exploration.

Susan discussed the arrangements for our July trip to Ouray, Colorado and our expedition to Black Bear Pass and the surrounding areas. We are planning on leaving Albuquerque on Friday, July 12 and returning on Sunday July 14, 2002. Susan has been in frequent contact with Rob Dassler who will serve as our guide and has some suggestions for treks as well as hotels and such. Ken suggested that we might have a barbecue on Saturday night. Ken, incidentally, has an excess cabin reserved which he will hold temporarily in case anyone else is interested in it. If you are planning on attending and need a hotel/cabin reservation, contact Ken for more information.

Susan stated that Rob had told her that Black Bear Pass is expected to be open by July 4, but that it is still snow covered. Everyone is advised to dress appropriately and bring some cold weather gear. Rob will be going to Ouray a couple of days early to check out the trails. Everyone is reminded to bring recovery gear, radios, tools, etc., if they have them. Everyone is also reminded that there will be no open fires. Ken mentioned that there is camping available in the area for those that prefer to camp instead of staying in a hotel.

The current plan is that we will gather at the Tramway and I-25 intersection on Friday, July 12 at 8:00 a.m. and convoy to Ouray, Colorado.

Kent Christensen reported, tongue in cheek, that the last time Carol was in Glacier National Park, the glaciers had not yet begun to melt.

There followed some discussion about other upcoming planned activities, particularly the

Eaves Ranch/Santa Fe Movie Set. It had previously been reported that the set might not exist anymore, but several members thought that it was still there and formally known as the J. W. Eaves Movie Set, located near Gallisteo, New Mexico.

Ken volunteered that his daughter and son-in-law, Barbie and Chris Hoffman, had traded in their Range Rover for a Jeep. He wanted to be sure that club members were aware of this and, good-naturedly, gave them a bad time. Continuing his facetious indignation, he wanted to know what the process was for drumming them out, but was reminded that membership and participation at club events was open to “Land Rover and other off-road vehicle owners and those with an interest in off-road activities of this region for camaraderie in group activities.”

The club membership also discussed the possibility of putting together a trip to Moab and Canyonlands area as a club activity. Some of the discussion was about the reluctance of Land Rover of Albuquerque to again sponsor such a trip (excessive vehicle damage), timing of such a trip, guides, and how far in advance this needed to be put together.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45.