

Meeting Minutes
Capo's Hideaway
March 11, 2003

Tonight's meeting started with the continuance of the "Pull Pal" issue. Steve Grabiell stated that after looking on the Internet the cost of the recovery device was at least \$275, more than the club had agreed to allocate for the device.

A few concerns were brought up about how environmentally friendly the Pull Pal would be. A motion to purchase was brought up, but another motion to table the Pull Pal was seconded.

Again the issue of using funds from the club to help with guide fees was mentioned. The event to Canyon De Chelley in Arizona will require each vehicle to pay fees for a native guide. Nothing was definitely decided until the accurate rate of the guide fees could be figured out.

Mike discussed La Bajada and a show of hands for participants and the meeting place is the corner of Tramway and I-25 at 9am Saturday. 10 vehicles signed up.

The Las Cruces trip participants decided that they would travel down on their own, but Ken Rice suggested a convoy for those that wanted to travel down together. Tim Rainwater is making reservations for everyone and any interested parties need to contact Tim. Meeting for trail runs will be at the hotel at 9am Saturday.

April club activity, the G-4 Challenge in Moab has been canceled due to lack of accommodations and the fact that a spokesperson for the G-4 challenge stated that this event was not a spectator friendly event. A future trip to Moab in May or October with the Rover Riders is in the works by Rob Dassler and Jackie Brandenburg.

New Business

Low key night run suggested by Scott Hutchinson and Todd Pfortmiller maybe in the Cedro Peak area.

Newsletter articles are due by the end of the month.

Mr. Rice discussed his "water bottle" ordeal, where a simple water bottle replacement turned into a service nightmare due to incomplete instructions, missing parts, and a very heavy front bumper. Future article?

Michael Villanueva graciously donated his \$50 gift certificate he received from Bill Burke's 4 Wheel America event. Since the issue of the Pull Pal was tabled it was decided to look again into the purchase of the device.

Introduction of guess, Skip Heitzig a new Defender 90 owner. This is Skip's third Land Rover vehicle. We hope to see Skip at future meetings and events.

Bill Lawrence brought up the issue of the BLM volunteer program, "what ever happened to that?". Since the fires last year the BLM volunteer program has been tabled.

Mike suggested doing a clean up of the Cedro Peak area. More information on proposed events will be discussed at April's meeting.

Meeting adjourned.