

High Desert Rovers Meeting  
June 10, 2005

June's High Desert Rovers meeting was held at Jim Vititow and Shannon Green's house. Jim and Shannon hosted a barbecue and presented members with CDs of various Moab pictures taken by members, totaling over 640 pics! High Desert Rovers Club would like to give a big "thank you" to Jim and Shannon for opening up their house and for the picture cds.

Robert Dassler, President started the meeting by requesting approval of May's meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

Old Business –

This month's trip will be an outing in the East Mountains with KC Carpenter. Rob will contact KC and confirm our outing on June 20. We will meet at the Ranger Station located in Tijeras at about 10am. Some of the club will meet at the Smiths on Tramway and Central at 9:30 and we will convoy to the ranger station to meet with Steve and Christine.

Update on National Land Rover in Leadville, Colorado. Everyone that plans on going has made reservations. Details will go out to club members that are attending the closer we get to the event about convoying together to the event.

A September trip to Ouray was discussed. The time frame of later in September is a concern due to weather conditions at that time of year. Tim will try to set up the event for early September, tentatively set for the second weekend in September.

New Business –

The possibility of having club meetings on weekends (the second Saturday of each month) was brought up for discussion. Since this month's meeting is at Jim and Shannon's, club members thought that having the meeting on the weekend was a good idea and may bring new members on board. Meetings during the week has been an issue for some of our members in the past and the club decided to re-think the scheduling of meetings to meet most of our member schedules. Tim Rainwater volunteered to host the July meeting at his house. Information and directions will be posted before the meeting.

Jim Vititow suggested that we concentrate on why we have the same members (six) participating in events, even though we have 20 members/families. Jim would like to concentrate on getting new members and expanding our membership. Tim would like to concentrate on active members (those that have paid their dues) and see what we can do to help them participate more in club events. Jim agreed that we need to concentrate on getting more participation from members that have paid their dues. Jim suggested sending a survey to club members, but Tim volunteered to contact members and get feedback about how to meet their needs and what they expect(ed) from the club and give

a follow up report at next month's meeting. It was agreed that the issue of expanding the club membership would be tabled until we have a chance to investigate how to get out active members to participate.

Steve Grabiell is working on a brochure about the club. More information will be released at July's meeting.

Jim would like to have the website updated. Several members have noticed that the website has not been updated as regularly as in the past. Suzanne Miller the club Web Master has had a few computer problems with updating site and also downloading pictures. Susan Kitsch will contact Suzanne and see if she can help her get the website updated and also help with any technical problems if possible. The idea of possibly getting rid of the newsletter was suggested with using the website as our main source of information and publication. Instead of printing newsletter stories, they could be published on the website with less time constraints and printing concerns.

The discussion of the newsletter turned to the issue of advertisers. At this time we do not have any paying advertisers, although we have several ads in the newsletter and on the website. Unfortunately, the past editor did not leave detailed information on advertisers as far as when contract dates. At this time (according to Treasurer's report on recent deposits for advertising space), we do not owe any advertising space to anyone. Susan Kitsch will verify with Pangaea. Jim motioned that we table the newsletter discussion until July along with membership drive. Motion seconded.

Club officers motioned for Jim and Shannon to be reimbursed for their contribution to the Moab trip in the amount of \$50. Motioned and seconded. A check for \$ 17.00 was written as the difference in food contribution in Moab and items purchased (shirt/sticker).

Susan Kitsch will need a check for renewing website and will have more details/paper at July's meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Tabled Issues:

1. Increasing club membership.
2. Incorporating newsletter along with website and do away with the printed newsletter.

Follow Ups:

1. Trip updates.
2. Update on Website.
3. Report from Tim about club membership needs and expectations.
4. Advertisers – verify standings.
5. Treasurer's report.
6. Tabled items.