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February 2010

The Official Newsletter of the Montana 4x4 Association

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The M4x4A Race Lights are for sale. Bids will be accepted until April 1, 2010, and awarded at the April 2010 convention. Anyone interested in purchasing the race lights can send the bid to Roger Osborne. The bids start at \$500.00.

If you have any questions about the sale of the lights, call Roger Osborne, 406-628-8974 or 406-855-7252. Bids can be

emailed to Spidycats@q.com or mailed to Roger Osborne, 500 Lois Place, Laurel, MT 59044.

Also – we need to know the whereabouts of the PA system. It is not with the lights.

Roger Osborne,
Montana 4x4 Association Race Rule
Chairman

Race Numbers available at Convention

Anyone wishing to purchase their M4x4A Race Number can contact M4x4A Race Rule Chairman Roger Osborne (406-628-8974 or spidycats@q.com). Race numbers

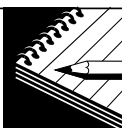
will be due by the April 24-25 convention. Race numbers are \$5. They can be paid to your regional tech person, who can send the money to Roger.

Nominations needed for state awards

The nominations for the three Montana 4x4 Association awards: 4-Wheeler-Of-The-Year, John Hazard Memorial Award for Conservation, and Junior 4-Wheeler-Of-The-Year must be submitted to the

previous year's winner by April 1, 2010. If you don't know who the previous year's winner is, contact a member of the M4x4A board of directors. The winner will be announced at Convention in April

From the Editor



I hope you enjoy the new layout for the 4xForum! Hopefully you find it more magazine like and more enjoyable to read. I also hope that you really enjoy the color version. I know you're thinking, "Wait, color?" Yes, there is a color edition of the 4xForum now, but you're not holding it in your hands. If you want to see the color edition, go to <http://www.m4x4a.org> and download it from the link on the front page. It is in a PDF format so that it should work on most computers that have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is free software that you can download from <http://www.adobe.com> if you don't have it on your machine.

As you can also see, producing this edition required more user-submitted pictures and writeups than ever before. I encourage everybody who is reading this to consider submitting their rig as a "Featured Rig", or sending me pictures and details of an upgrade that you did to your rig, or any other information you have and would like to share. I thank everyone who has sent stuff already. Remember: I don't produce the 4xForum; You do!

- Mike Hines Jr.

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LAND USE - MONTANA

Rehberg opposes Tester bill, suggests wilderness phase-in

Nick Gevock,
Montana Standard, Jan. 26
Montana Republican Rep. Dennis Rehberg this week said he opposes Sen. Jon Tester's (D-Mont.) plan to create 600,000 acres of new wilderness and mandate timber harvests in the state's national forests, but suggested ways to fix the plan that would tie wilderness to logging and forest restoration and prevent litigation from environmental groups.

"How can I in good conscience

lend my support to a piece of legislation that I don't know whether it's going to work?" Rehberg said Monday. Rehberg is withholding his support of Tester's Forest Jobs and Recreation Act following 22 meetings held in western Montana, mostly in the counties that would be affected by the bill. Critics in those areas said that while the bill's wilderness designations would be permanent, the logging quotas are designed to sunset in a decade.

More worrisome, Rehberg said, is that there is no legislative way to prevent groups from suing the Forest Service for carrying out the bill's logging mandate.

"Unless you do something to solve the problem of people standing in the way of managing our forests the way we want them to be managed, you haven't done anything," Rehberg said.

Tester spokesman Aaron Murphy would not say whether the

senator would support phasing in wilderness areas as more logging projects are carried out.

Environmental groups and timber companies that support the bill have not taken a position on Rehberg's proposals, but said they welcome his willingness to work on the issue. "We encourage the congressman to move forward toward a solution, to be a sponsor of the bill and to work closely with Sen. Tester," said Tom Reed, spokesman for Trout Unlimited



LAND USE - NATIONAL

Appeal filed on behalf of Tellico in November 2009

The Recreational Groups urge the Forest to actively and effectively manage the Upper Tellico OHV Area. Neither the Recreational Groups nor the Forest should be limited by past management deficiencies. Instead, we should be working toward a collaborative solution that advances the simultaneous goals of sustainable, yet enjoy-

able use of the Area.

The EA, and certainly any "emergency" closure order, are premised on an incorrect and unsupportable notion that the existing condition violates applicable law and cannot be improved. To the contrary, designated uses are being supported, state water qual-

ity standards are being met, and water quality can be even further improved through a cooperative and logical management solution that will bring common sense to planning and management of the OHV System at the Area. Sadly, the Decision reflects none of these goals and violates applicable law. As advocates of respon-

sible and effectively-managed vehicle-based recreation, we perceive little option but to ask for withdrawal of the Decision.

The full document can be found at www.ufwda.org/smf/index.php?topic=3077.0

Choke Cherry Canyon – Farmington, New Mexico

From a posting on Pirate 4x4... "we just need more responses to the BLM on the Glade Run Rec Area. The newspaper poll that was posted is way over 1000 for keeping the Glade open to 60 for closing it. But the important response will be the BLM Form at http://www.nm.blm.gov/glade_run/glad...ment_form.html

We need as many responses sent in to let them know that the Glade is an important recreation area for the 4X4, ATV, UTV and motorcycle crowd. That it brings much revenue into the Farmington area with the Rock Crawling Championships it hosts each year, the 4X4 enthusiasts that travel to the Glade to off-road and that

closing it would only push the crowd elsewhere and lose money for this area.

Plus, we need to write letters to the US Congressman Ben Lujan at his website, <http://lujan.house.gov> / pointing out how important this area is for those same reasons. Stress the fact that over 26%... one out

of every four people over the age of 16 in New Mexico is involved with off-roading, and under the age of 50, those percentages climb drastically as in the USDA US Forest Service Survey released June 2005"



EVENTS & RALLYS

2010 Snow Bash a "Smash"

The Big Sky 4-wheelers had their annual Snowbash on January 30 and 31 and it was a blast! Lots of ice and snow. After wheeling the day away we met at the Elks for dinner and a raffle. Once again, Carson was the big winner there.



The Blacktail Wild Bill OHV area is multiple-use



UPCOMING

WINTER BAJA hosted by Cascade County 4 Wheelers

February 13, 2010 :: 11AM :: Cascade, MT - Follow signs to the grounds.

Spectators

Adults: \$7.00,
Under 10: Free w/ Adult

Racers

\$30 per driver per class

Classes

4 Cyl & 6 Cyl 8 Cyl
Long Wheel Base,
Comp Mod
ATV
Cycles

Concessions Available

Classes may change on Race Day

Payback: 60/40 1st - 2nd - 3rd

Trophy for First

Land Rush Start

Heat 1: 8/LWB/COMP/Mod, 2+ Mile Course

Heat 2: 4CYL/6CYL, Variety of Terrain

Heat 3: ATV/Cycles, 1 Hour Race Time

50/50 Race Time Permitting

M4x4A Calendar of Events

Feb 13 - Winter Baja - Cascade, MT - 11AM

Jun 26-27 - Magic City Rally (Tentative)

Apr 24 - M4x4A Convention - Meeting 10 AM -
Happy Hour - 5:30 pm. Dinner - 6:30 pm.
Entertainment - 7:30 pm. - Shrine Aud., Billings

Jul 12-18 - Divide Ride 2010 - Boulder, MT

Apr 25 - Bozeman Mountaineers Swapmeet
Gal. County Fairgrounds - 8AM - 5PM

Does your club have an event coming up?

Let me know!

mike@redlinebillings.com or 672-5519



EVENTS & RALLYS

UPCOMING

Mountaineers "Motorspots Swap Meet"

April 25, 2010 :: 8AM :: Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Bozeman, MT

Announcing the Mountaineers' Motorsports Swap Meet, sponsored by Dark Horse Customs.

Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Bozeman. Gate for sellers opens at 8:00 am and closes at 5:00 pm. Gate for buyers will be open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Participants of all motorsports (4x4, motorcycle, snowmobile, stock car, ATV, etc.) are invited to sell, but please keep it motorsports oriented. Dealers and resellers welcome. Suggested items are: vehicle parts, tools, tires & wheels, CBs, helmets & snowmobile suits, other riding gear, vehicles or pictures of vehicles for sale, etc.

Buyers get in free and all profits will go to a dedicated land-use fund.

Seller space is \$10 for a 10ft x 20ft indoor spot to park

or set up a table. We'll provide a pro-rated spot to share with others if you have only a few small items to sell. For the commercial seller it is \$25 for a 10ft x 20ft space. There are spaces available for \$50 for really large trailers. Spaces will be provided on a first come, first served basis until all spaces are full.

For outreach purposes, free spaces will be provided to access-oriented organizations, i.e. CBU, Blue Ribbon Coalition, etc.

You are responsible for your stuff, you and your buyers' safety, conducting yourself in a professional manner, cleaning up your area when done for the day, and removing any unsold items from the fairgrounds. No alcohol. We reserve the right to reject any sale items or eject participants for just cause.

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EVENTS & RALLYS

Holly Guacamole!

Montana 4x4 Association Convention 2010
April 24, 2010

Señors and Señoritas

*Grab your sombreros and Mexican wear
and head to the border if you dare
We have plenty tequila, salt, and lime.
Cause its been declared Margarita time.*

Come join us for a Fiesta style dinner!
Fun, Entertainment, & Prizes
No Host Bar Available
Guest speakers to be announced

Following Dinner

Four Wheeler of the Year
Junior Four Wheeler of the Year
John Hazard Memorial Award
Patch Presentation
Door Prizes

Best Mexican dress gets a prize!

Meeting - 10 am.
Happy Hour - 5:30 pm. Dinner - 6:30 pm.
Entertainment - 7:30 pm.

Shrine Auditorium

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Registrations due
April 1, 2010

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x _____	Children
\$ _____	Total Child
\$ _____	Total Cost
Offered Vegetarian Meal	
Number of Vegetarian plates needed _____	

2010 M4x4A Convention

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Phone: _____ Email: _____
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Make checks payable to M4X4A



CLUB REPORTS



Skyliners

P.O. Box 416 Polson, MT 59860
1st Tuesday, Polson VFW
RVP: Nancy Hines, 406-883-2851

Greetings from foggy Western Montana! We've only had about 5 days of sun or blue skies since early December! The Skyliners participated in Polson's Parade of Lights in December and won a first place trophy for our train. We had eleven rigs hooked together and then hooked to a tow truck to form the train. About five more

rigs followed. It was great fun! Our Christmas party followed the parade and a lot of tools were traded back and forth in the Chinese gift exchange.

Think spring!

Nancy Hines
RVP Region 9



Bozeman Mountaineers

P.O. Box 951 Bozeman, MT 59715
2nd Thurs, MacKenzie River, Belgrade
7:30 pm
RVP: Larry Ellison, 406-587-4505

We elected new officers for the Mountaineers:

President

VP

Secretary/Treasurer

Trail Master

RVP

Delegates

Scott Schintzius

Brady Steinke

Linda Ellison

Andrew Braach

Larry Ellison

Mike and Heather Jongeling

The Mountaineers are planning a swap meet for Sunday Apr 25th at the Fair Grounds here in Bozeman. More details next month.



For our January 16th trail ride we went up South Meadow Creek in the Tobacco Root Mountains West of Bozeman. First we tried the Meadow Lake trail, but only got about 1/2 mile. Then we tried Daisy creek and made it most of the way to the top before we ran out of time. We only had 3 rigs, Blair Howze, Tom Pionke, and Larry and Linda Ellison. The snow was very dry and loose, but a little wet right on top.

Larry



Magic City 4-Wheelers

P.O. Box 21241 Billings, MT 59104
1st Monday, El Corral, 6:30 PM
RVP: Tory Roesch, 406-248-3581

Magic City had its annual Christmas Party on January 16, 2010. Turnout was less than usual, but all who attended had fun. The kids had a "bouncy-house" to play in and Mark Cardwell won a trifecta of our awards: 4-wheeler of the year, most stuck and worst stuck.

Our elections were held at the January regular meeting. Vernon Ball was elected President, Mike Hines - Vice President, Diana MacGill - secretary, Brian Casteel - Treasurer, Roger & Stacy Osborne - Delegates.



FEATURED RIG

A 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser that does it all

This is Linda's daily driver, we pull our 18' camp trailer with it, use it for a tractor for getting wood, and wheel the snot out of it.

We have made or got lots of other wigets installed and carry lots of recovery gear. We love this car/truck.



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05/10



A new heart for a mud truck

Bill Springer's "Redrino" is getting a new powerplant after the tired old 350 gave up the ghost last summer. In this first installment, watch the progression unfold as Bill swaps a Vortec 8.1, TH400 and NP205 in place of the 350, SM465 and NP205. Check back next month to see the evolution of this truck from mild to wild as we highlight it for the March 2010 Featured Rig, as well as continued progress from the swap.



Above: Front clip removed. Eddy and I took it off and it was heavier than we thought

Left: Motor, Tranny, Tcase, and crossmember all pulled out at the same time. Thank god for forklifts.



That is mud next to the flywheel. No wonder the starter was having a hard time.



More mud in the bellhousing.



Below: The shiny stuff is from rod bearings.

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TECHNICAL

A new heart for a mud truck

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Top-Left: Big block, turbo 400, 205, and crossmember all bolted together.

Middle Left: On the forklift getting ready to put in.

Bottom Left: Good thing I cut the hole in the firewall big.

Above: Exhaust manifolds with heat shields fit but it is tight. The driver side needed some trimming. Useless trivia: Did you know the exhaust manifolds for an 8.1 Vortec are cast stainless steel?

Below: The new custom motor mount/crossmember.

Bottom: I think it looks kind of cool, but it took a long time to build because of a lot of wierd angles



More to come later this spring!



QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES - JAN 2010

M4X4A Quarterly Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2010; Helena, MT

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

A motion was made by Linda, seconded by Larry to accept the minutes as they were printed in the Oct/Nov Forum. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Michelle Mandera. Michelle was absent but had sent a report to be reviewed. Tom passed out the report. A motion was made by Rae, seconded by Mike Kelly to accept the report as presented. Motion carried. The United dues are due. The M4X4A domain name is expiring in March. Vern turned in some bills.

Secretary's Report – Shirleen Wheeler. Absent

President's Report – Tom Mandera. Spent some time back east. The wheeling scout is almost ready to roll. Willie Worthy mentioned that his club hasn't been receiving the United Voice. The magazine hasn't been available. It is now available electronically at UFWDA.org.

Vice-President's Report – Don Apker. Working on Jeep to get it trail ready. Also working on Divide Ride.

Director at Large – Dick Riebe. Absent.

Regional V.P. Report

A.
Region 1 – Tory Roesch. Tory was absent but Vern Ball reported that the Rimrockers and Magic City are working with the BLM to make a new trail. Members have been working on getting their ham radio licenses. A rally is being worked on for this year.

B.
Region 4 – Bud Wheeler. Bud was absent but Tyler Gordon reported that the Winter Baja on February 13th at

Cascade/ Leonard and Trudy are the contacts.

C.
Region 5 – Kevin Kerker. Kevin was absent by Tyler Gordon reported that their Christmas party is tonight. There will be wheeling tomorrow.

D.
Region 6 – Linda Ellison. Larry reported that they had a good Christmas tree run with a chili feed. New officers were elected. There is an Ice Bog on February 13th being put on by the Renegade Off Road at the Fairground in Bozeman. There will be a Swap Meet on April 25th. Talking to the Forest Service about a 4-wheel drive play area. It hasn't been received very well by the FS. There is a private area south of Cardwell. Mike Joneling is talking to the land owner.

E.
Region 7 – Al Smith. Al was absent but Don reported that their club had their Christmas/ New Year's Party. Elections are next month.

F.
Region 8 – Dick Riebe. Dick was absent but Rae reported about the Mountain Jack. Larry DeMott is not the president of the club. The club is trying to re-organize the club. He is also trying to interest them in the M4X4A. Some race dates that are scheduled are:
June 26th and 27th and July 24th and 25th.

G.
Region 9 – Nancy Hines. The Skyliners have 27 members. They have had a trail ride most months. They came in first place at the Parade of Lights at Christmastime. The Christmas party followed the parade. The comment period for the Blacktail/Wildbill travel plan just ended. Elections will take place in April. The Big Sky 4-wheelers are having their annual Snowbash 1/30 and 1/31 at Blacktail. The cost is \$30 a rig. That

cost includes two dinner tickets for dinner at the Elks.

Committee Reports

A.
Land & Legislation

1. East – Mark Karey. Absent. Spring Creek still in the works.

2. West – Wayd Walker. Absent.

3. Northwest – Rob St. Clair. Absent. The comment period on the travel plan for the Blacktail/Wildbill area just ended.

B.
4XForum – Mike Hines. Mike was absent put sent in a report to Nancy. He reported that the layout of the Forum will be changing this year. Regular contributions are need. Thanks to Larry Ellison, Mike Hines, and others who have made contributions. He would encourage each club to appoint a correspondence secretary whose job would be to send in items to the Forum. The will be a member's rig section highlighting upgrades. With the new layout there will be the ability to have larger photos, so submit pictures in the highest resolution possible.

C.
Historian – Stacey Osborne. Absent.

D.
Conservation – Ed Melcher. Absent.

E.
Bylaws – Stacey Osborne. Absent

F.
Race Rules – Roger Osborne. He is trying to sell the state's lights. Bids are being accepted.

G.
Recreation Trail Grant – Ben Palmer. Tyler Gordon wasn't installed. Linda made a mo-

tion to provide M4X4A contact information to FWP for RT Grants; Kelly seconded; motion carried.

H.
United Report – Ted Riebe, Ed Melcher, Tom Mandera. The voice is now electronic at ufwd.org.

I.
Treasure State Alliance – Vern Ball. TSA is no longer in existence.

J.
CBU LP – Tom Mandera. The CBU is switching attorneys. Plate sales are still going good.

K.
Training Opportunities – Tom will send some paperwork to Rob. Ed Melcher is putting together an Avalanche Awareness program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A.
Divide Ride 2010 – Don Apker. The plans for this year's event are coming along. We will be camping at the Fairgrounds. We'll be needing a deposit soon. The big barn is available for Saturday night. Volunteer Hall will house registration. Showers will be at one of the schools for \$3. The Chamber is hosting a BBQ dinner for us for \$400. Famous Dave's will cater Saturday night. The price this year is \$100 for the driver, \$50 for passengers, \$40 for 13-17, under 12 is free. Trails are being organized and the registration packet should be ready soon. Mike J. made a motion to set up a program to compensate the Divide Ride working crew at DR 2010 with a raffle ticket; Mike K. seconded; motion carried. We need volunteers, so please step up and contact Don Apker or Vern Ball.

B.
Divide 2011 – Vern and Don will be chair and co-chair for this. They are looking at Whitehall.

C.
Awards – Nominations for the John Hazzard, Four Wheeler of the Year and Junior Four Wheeler of the Year awards are due to their respective committees by March. The names need to be to Dick by April 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

A.
April's Convention – Vern made a motion to have the convention April 24th in Billings at the Shrine Building; Mike J. seconded; the motion carried. The cost will be \$20 per person. More information to follow.

B.
Nomination for the slate of officers were opened.

President –
Tom Mandera by Mike Kelly
Vern Ball by Don Apker

Vice President –
Don Apker by Vern Ball
Vern Ball by Tyler Gordon
Roger Osborne by Vern Ball

Secretary –
Stacey Osborne by Vern Ball

Treasurer

The nominations were closed until the April Convention.

C.
From the Floor – Alex Tyhurst asked for procedures on how to start another club in Helena. Tom explained the procedures. Rae explained that people can become a member-at-large.

Mike Kelly made a motion, seconded by Heather J. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Nancy Hines



FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE HISTORIAN

February 1977 Four By Forum

Winter Convention – Newly elected M4x4A officers were President Don Harden, Vice President Gary Cull, Secretary Carol Peterson, and Treasurer Cookie Larson. Discussion was held whether to continue with the newsletter – it was agreed to continue with the newspaper. The cost was \$100 a month for 500 issues at \$25 per page for type written articles. \$200 per month was needed in advertising to pay for the paper.

Region 1 – RVP Spencer Peterson reported that Rimrock has been very busy, with several trips planned. They had a Feb. meeting planned at the Red Lodge Ranger station, which was a joint meeting with the

Forest Service and BLM to discuss the Pryor Mountains and Beartooths. The main changes for the Pryors was that all dead end roads will be closed. The Beartooth Line Creek Plateau roads leading off the highway and Hell Roaring Plateau are to be closed because of alpine ground.

Jay Moore reported that Region 5 – Frontier Four Wheelers – went on a Christmas Tree Run in December – they took the figure 8 route above York. In January they had a snow run to Park Lake.

Region 6 report by Jim McKinney stated that not much was happening in Bozeman.

Jerry Smith reported that the Five Valley

4-Wheelers were hosting the M4x4A Winter Convention in Missoula and have a July 4th rally planned. Region 8 was beginning to show signs of the “Land Use” battle in the Rattlesnake Area north of Missoula. Most of the area was owned by Montana Power and the USFS. The Forest Services was in the process of outlining the resources and the ways the area could be managed.

Dick Riebe reported for Region 9 – they were going to possibly have a one day drags and pole bending event at their fairgrounds, depending on comment from M4x4A members on whether they’d participate. They also made plans for a February fishing trip.

July 1983 Four By Forum

1983 Rallies Scheduled are: April 23-24 Powell Wyoming; May 28-30 Mountaineers (at Three Forks); June 18-19 Helena; July 2-3 Five Valley (Seeley Lake); July 30-31 or August 6-7 – Billings; August 20-21 Polson; Sept. 3-5

Great Falls, Oct. 1-2 – The Last Hurrah at Dillon

Powell Valley 4-Wheelers announced their new officers – Pres. Calvin Michaels, VP Suzie Bradish, Sec.-Treas. Dick Lock.

Rimrock 4x4’s RVP Don Harden re-

ported they had an overnight trip to the Belts. They also participated in Downtown Billings Western Days Parade. Their July 30-31 rally is scheduled to be at the Motorcycle Hillclimb Grounds. They’ll have a hill climb, dirt drags, and obstacle.

October 1987 Four By Forum



Ed Melcher shows off his T-shirt that says Don’t Feed Big Ed.

Independent Racers rally results filled two pages in the Forum. Some of the first place Dirt Drag winners were: Kim Melcher, Becky Buckmaster, Jennifer Slagle, Myrna McKay, Mike Jones, Dick Riebe, Mike McKay, Bruce Mennell, Ed Melcher, John Bradstreet, and Roger Osborne. Some of the racers who placed in the obstacle course are: Candy Osborne, Roger Osborne, Wayne Sherlock, Nancy Sherlock, Kathy Whitman, Jan Rigglesman, Jennifer Slagle, Bob Bradley, Kim Rigglesman, Steve Slagle, Mike Bradley, Dick Riebe, Mike Riebe, Mike Whitman,

Mary Olson, Kim Melcher, Don Gordon, Vic Eklund, Myrna McKay, Anita Elshire, Leanna Elshire, Fran Bradley, Darlene Hert, Marianne Fredrickson, Tim Hert, Jerry Fredrickson, Ed Melcher, Bruce Mennell, Dick Elshire, Bud Wheeler, Dale Hert, Rich Minch, Zenon Foroszowsky, Jim Bradley, Leo Miller, Ron Walker.

The Mountaineers reported a successful Mud Bog, which they are planning to do again in 1988. Also Mr. and Mrs. Bud Orr welcomed a new son, James Michael on Aug. 21, 1987.

July & November 1997 4XForum

July 1997

The 1997 convention minutes reported that there were 131 paid memberships. It was discussed selling the race lights - Race chairman Pappy Drebes reported the initial purchase price for the lights was \$2550. The only two clubs that would be using the lights at their 1997 rallies were Billings and Bozeman. Discussion was held on having a fund-raising event for M4x4A that would be a fee charged trail ride. Everett Hallman suggested having a run to Devil’s Canyon in Wyoming. Joan Lewis said we need to have a trial run for M4x4A members first. A trial run to Devil’s Canyon in Wyoming will be held in July. They are charging \$20 per vehicle with the balance of proceeds after costs going to M4x4A.

Independent Racers Mary Melcher con-

gratulated recent high school graduates Dameon Walker and Amy Fredrickson.

The Mountaineers were preparing for their mud bog and the delegates meeting in July.

Frontier Four-Wheelers held their Frontier Fun Day. The winners of their Cake Pan Obstacle were 1st Betty and Ted Riebe, 2nd Rob and Cindy St. Clair, 3d Leonard and Trudy Nelson. The Blindman obstacle adult winners were 1st Betty and Ted Riebe, 2nd Francis Carson and Tony Steber, and 3rd Chancy Ballard and Toni Lewis. Kids under 15 - 1st Ty McKay and Rob St. Clair, 2nd Shawna and Mike Kelly, and 3rd Layne McKay and Rob St. Clair.

Magic City 4-Wheelers had a good June rally. They welcomed new members Bill and Sally Springer, and Ernie,

Frances, Charlie and Cindy Shaw.

November 1997

The Mountaineers held their rally in Sept. They had a great showing of participants. The top female eliminator was Brenda Statton and the male was Mike Bradley. Some of the racers who placed at the event were: Teresa Cowan, Randi Sherlock, Marla Stanton, Heather Jongeling, Brenda Statton, Stacey Schessler, Bill Springer, Tim Kleppen, Blair Howze, Chris Kleppen, Bob Schessler, Marc Shepherd, Rob Schessler, Dave Cowan, Mike Bradley, Wayne Sherlock, Dale hert, Bob Bradley Jr., Jeff Bradley, Bruce McCampbell, Randy Statton, Ray Merwin, Zennon Forozowsky, Brent Burton, Linda Gerleman, Mike Ablott, Charlie Yochum, Willard Myers.



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