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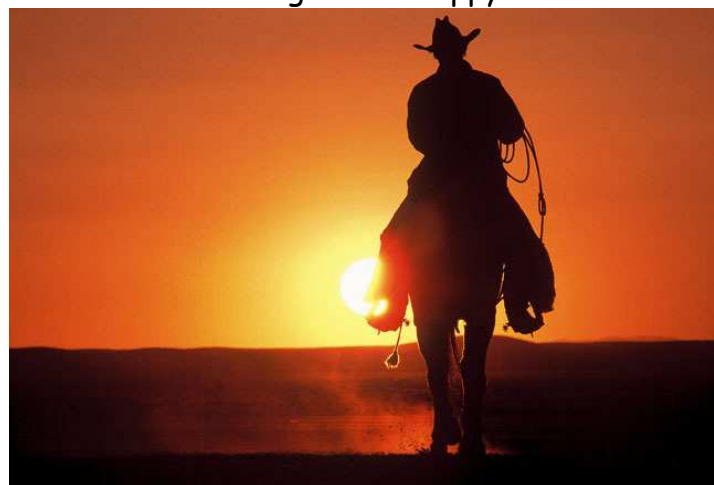
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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Mar 20	Club Run: New trail near Red Feather Lakes, CO Trip Leader: Rod Pepper Meet at the McDonalds at I-25 and College Dr. in Cheyenne at 7:30 AM, leave at 8:00 AM. Meet at the church parking lot at Red Feather at 9:30 AM, leave at 10:00 AM. Rod Pepper will be trip leader.
Mar 27	Club Event: Easter Jeep Safari. Moab, UT Contact Person: Rod Pepper.
Apr 6	Club meeting: 7:45 pm at Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room. 6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne
Apr 17	Club Run: Snow Crawl Snowy Range, WY Trip Leader: Rod Pepper Meet at Fosters, I-80 and Snowy Range Exit. 8:00 am Leave 8:30am
May 4	Club meeting: 7:45 pm at Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room. 6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne
May 29-31	Club Run: Memorial Day Sand Bash at North Sand Hills near Walden, CO Trip Leader: John Stone Details to follow

Adios Low Ranger and Happy Trails.....



RC4W NEWS

Anniversaries:

Rod Pepper - 03/1977

Brian & Kristy Kubal - 03/1999

Steven Wykoff - 03/2000

Travis Kolbo - 03/2008

The March 20th run has been changed to a trail that we have never done before near Red Feather Lakes. This is a trail that Rod and George found a few years ago and Rod will lead the group on it. Bunce and the nearby areas just don't have enough snow to make for an interesting trip.



March 27th marks the start of Easter Jeep Safari in Moab. If you are wanting to go, get in contact with Rod to set up plans. Hopefully you have reservations by now though! Be sure your vehicle meets all the rules as they apply to Utah and the city of Moab or you will find yourself spending that gas money on tickets!

The End and The Beginning

I write this newsletter as the final issue of the Low Ranger. The newsletter has been a love/hate relationship for me as I love writing it and putting it together but I hate that I don't have time in my life to do it. Such has always been the case with the newsletter; as Rod said "it's always been the hardest job in the club" and that's because of the time demands to get it published and sent out. In today's electronic world and with the club website the newsletter is redundant anyway. Heck, I check the website to get information for the newsletter.

Just the same the newsletter had it's day, and in it's day it was great; dare I say magical (to me at least). I remember first joining the club in 1997 and I couldn't wait to get Rod's newsletter. I would read it over and over because it was so entertaining and a tangible link to the club and the hobby that I so loved. I have saved almost all of those newsletters because it seemed a shame to throw them away (or recycle... whatever). Over the years the newsletter has been passed from hand to hand, sometimes it was great and sometimes it was good enough; but the fact is that it was always there and the work that every member put into it to keep it going is highly appreciated. Thank you all for your efforts in keeping this old steamer going, thank you for your compliments, and thank you for reading.

Farewell Low Ranger, old friend, you will be long remembered..... 'nuff said 🤖

Chris

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Farewell, Old Friend

This issue of The Low Ranger will be the last one. For 25 years it has been the main line of communication with our members and friends and has served us well. I "produced" the first newsletter back in 1985 on an old electric typewriter I had. Actually, the very first newsletter was done by Cheryl Matheson in the late '70's but was only one of one and has long since disappeared. Cheryl also designed the Club logo in 1977. "Cut and paste" literally involved a pair of scissors, a bottle of Elmer's glue, and a bottle of whiteout. Hey, it was high-tech at the time! At least for me!

There have been 7 or 8 different editors over the years, each adding there own flavor.....or not! It first became "The Low Ranger" with the January 1991 issue. We haven't missed 3 issues in 25 years. Not bad! The first computer-generated newsletters started showing up in the early '90's.

Fast-forward 25 years to 2010. RC4W is rockin' through it's 4th decade and changes are inevitable. Technology always marches on. The Low Ranger has become a relic of the past, not unlike most print media in the 21st century. Chris Ladd recently made the comment that his Walden videos were averaging 15 views a day on YouTube. After putting them on the Club website he was averaging 100 views a day! The Internet has changed everything, especially the way we receive our news. In the 8 years that we have had our website, it has basically replaced the newsletter. It also gets a lot of traffic and has a large following of offroad enthusiasts from literally, all over the world. At least 95% of the newsletter content is already on the website and at least 2 or 3 weeks sooner. We can wheel on Saturday and tell the world about it no later than Sunday or Monday. The power of the website is obvious.

The newsletter has always been expensive to produce and mail. It contains only a tiny fraction of the unlimited info that the website can provide. 3 or 4 pictures vs. 1000's on the website. And, it always contains last month's news. At it's height we were spending \$600/Yr on it. E-mailing it brought the cost down considerably. The website is easier to keep current and way more cost-effective. Chris has found out what every other newsletter editor has found out. The newsletter is time-consuming and generally a pain in the butt to do. Congrats to Chris, though. He has produced a great newsletter during his tenure as editor. The Low Ranger has been in good hands and is going out on a high note.

In it's place we will create a new link on the website to "Member News". This will contain everything that was in the newsletter but not on the website. Announcements, stories, trip

details, meeting notes etc. We just need to work out the details and get a more consistent flow of information to our webmaster and to our members. We also are going to make more effective use of e-mail. In addition to having all needed information on the website, we will regularly send e-mails to all members to remind them of upcoming trips and events.

As with all changes, there will be growing pains, but in the end we will end up with a smoother running and more successful looking club.

Happy Trails,
Rod



December 1998

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- DEC. 12 K-Mas Tree Run. Meet at 7:30 a.m.; leave at 8:00 a.m. Meet Colorado folks at Fosters at 9:00 a.m.
- 19 Kids' X-Mas Party. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- JAN. 5 Adults' X-Mas Party. Cocktails 6:00 p.m.; dinner at 7:00 p.m.; Awards at 9:00 p.m.
- 5 Tuesday, Club Meeting at Uncle Charles, 6001 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne. 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Club Run to Walden. Doug Schock Trip Leader. Meet at 7:00 a.m.; leave at 7:30 a.m. Meet Colorado folks at Fosters at 8:30 a.m.
- FEB. 2 Tuesday, Club Meeting at Uncle Charles, 6001 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne. 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Club Run to ?? Ronnie Spencer Trip Leader.

BALD MOUNTAIN RUN

Seven o'clock came too early but despite that fact, lots of rigs showed up. The wind was wicked-it kept my hood latches stretched to the limit. We had a good turn out from the Colorado rigs who we met at the Forks. The wind headed all the way to the Pot Belly where we increased our numbers once again. The trailhead was a welcome relief from the wind. Things went at a good fast pace until a broken oil filter on the S-10. The next slow spot was the first set of rocks-good time for some position changes to take place. The snow wasn't that deep, but it was fun to break a trail in. Howard and I had a great time taking turns. I only wish Howard had taken the downhill as it didn't like my quarter panel much. Two hundred yards from the top found Howard giving his all. Halfway through, Dewey showed us how to handle hood-deep snow. While we waited for him to break to the top, a few of the dogs tried to cut a trail to the side. !!!FUN PLAY!! Most of the group got bored and zoned back to the Pot Belly but got held up by some stock trucks in the way. Great trip-great turnout.



Newsletter Staff
Rod Pepper, Editor
Dewey Williams
Bek Pepper

The Low Ranger

2002 Club Leadership Voted In

At the January 1st club meeting the officers for 2002 were voted in. Thank you to everyone who was willing to serve as an officer. Your involvement in the club is essential.

2002 Officers

President: Dave Hardin
Vice Pres: John Stone
Secretary: Steve Wykoff
Treasurer: Dewey Williams

Board of Directors:

Mike Hixson
Brian Kubal
Chris Ladd
Rod Pepper
Jerry Young

A big thank you to the outgoing officers who served the club so well in 2001.

Board Meeting & Video Party January 26th

There will be a Board Meeting to discuss revising the by-laws. Video Party following the board meeting. Bring along any video you have of past club runs and your own drinks.

Saturday, January 26th
8:30 PM
Dewey & Heather Williams' house
1305 E Riding Club Rd.

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7:30 PM
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Club Newsletter
January 2002

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Special points of interest:

Please return your Member Profile by February 4th.

2002 Roster

Rig Quick Reference List

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January 17 Club Run: North Sand Hills near Cowdy, CO Trip Leader: John Stone
Meet 8:00 am @ Fosters in Laramie. Leave at 8:30 am.

February 5 Club meeting: 7:45 pm at Uncle Charles, upstairs meeting room.
6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne

February 23 Club Run: Bald Mt. near Red Fosters, CO Trip Leader: Marlan Sisk
Meet 8:00 am @ The Forks on Hwy 287. Leave at 8:30 am.

February 28 Awards/Video Party: Possibly @ Dewey's house. More details to follow.
Bring your own drinks and a dish to share. If you have any videos to watch bring them along. Past awards winners bring the awards to pass on to the new recipients.

August 15 Club Work Trip: This is important so I'm putting it on the calendar now for reference. Details TBA.

RC4W NEWS

Welcome to the New Year. I think this will be an exciting year for the club. A big thanks to all the people who volunteered for officer and board member positions, thanks for putting in the effort. Also a big thanks goes to those who volunteered last year and kept the club going. Great job.

I will be taking over the club newsletter this year, thank you to Stephanie and John for handling this job. The newsletter is important to the club so I am going to try and do my best this year to make it fun and interesting. I used to do the newsletter for the Bronco Registry of Northern Colorado so I have some experience and I hope I can do the club justice and I hope you enjoy the new look. Let me know what you all think and feel free to contribute anything if you'd like.

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Chris

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