

THE RANGER

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark these dates on your calendar or hang this on the 'fridge

May 23-25	Club Run: North Sand Hills near Cowdry, CO Trip Leader: Dewey Williams Meet 8:00 am @ Foster in Laramie. Leave at 8:30 am.
June 2	Club meeting: 7:45 pm at Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room. 6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne
June 13	Blind Chicken Races @ North Sand Hills near Cowdry, CO Contact Person: Aaron Lenz
June 19-21	Club Run: Lander, Wyoming Trip Leader: Contact Rod Pepper for more information.
July 7	Club meeting: 7:45 pm at Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room. 6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne
July 18-19	Club Run: Holy Cross near Leadville, CO Trip Leader: George Brook
August 4	Club meeting: 7:45 pm at Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room. 6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne
August 8	Hog roast and bonfire: @ George Brook's house
August 15	Club Work Trip: Camp in the same spot as previous years.



"Maybe we just need a bigger hammer."

RC4W NEWS

- I forgot to credit Howard with his summary of the trail run to Woods Landing last month, sorry about that. Thank you for sending me the information Howard.
- Paul Bickerton won the 50/50 raffle this month. Congrats Paulie. 🎉
- **Starting this month we are going to try and save the club some money by not mailing out paper copies of The Low Ranger to those of you who have an email address. If you really want to receive a paper copy as well as the copy via email, let me know. Those who do not have email will still receive the paper copies.**
- RC4W is now a member of The Blue Ribbon Coalition. For information please visit: <http://www.sharetrails.org/>

Anniversaries

Joe Huston - 05/2006

The Blind Chicken Races II will be held June 13th at the North Sand Hills. While this may not be an official club trip, you won't want to miss the sand drags with the Christmas tree lights, blindfolded driver obstacle course race, and egg race. Check out the flyer Aaron made at the end of the newsletter.



June 19-21 will be the trip to Lander WY lead by Rod Pepper. The Lander trip has beautiful scenery, good wheeling, and a great car show. It should certainly prove to be a good time. For more info on this fun event check out the article by Rod in the June/July 2007 newsletter at: <http://www.rc4w.com/newsletter.html>

The weekend of July 18th will be a double-header club trip. On Sat we are going to do the Holy Cross City trail near Leadville. This is one of the most beautiful trails in CO and is just a good, fun, trail ride. On Sunday we will head over towards Buena Vista to do whatever trail people want to do. There are several trails down there including Chinaman, Iron Chest, and Carnage Canyon. You can read a bit about the trails at: <http://www.4x4now.com/trlrpt.htm>

If you have any trip reports, events, announcements, or if you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please let me know. As always, submit your pics to the web site to help keep it up to date and let the world know what we do.

Editor: Chris Ladd

Tales From the Trails



Snow Crawl 2009

The April club run brought four club members Howard & Cody Segal, Marlon & Kristina Seals, George Brook and passenger Davy Nancy and myself Dewey Williams with passenger our newest club member Eric Brown. Three visitors Mike Jaskolski in his big blazer with passenger John Pulley, Mike Jacob in his Jeep JK and Lenny, Jane and Jordon Golding in there Jeep TJ came along to test there driving skills *on* the snow. The group headed out of the parking lot in Albany only to lose Mike and his Big Blazer to some kind of transfer case issues. Without 4-wheel drive you were not making it too far on this day. I sure Mike will have the Big Blazer fixed and back on the trail in no time.



The group made short work in getting to the Muddy Creek turn off (FSR 553). Turning down the trail I drive right past the spots that gave last years group some trouble. Feeling what was probably a little over confident

thinking this was going to be a breeze I was just about to enter the big meadow when I proceeded to plant my jeep in the deep soft snow. With several strong pulls from George on the end of the strap I was moving again. Once the group was all in the meadow Marlon took off in his Fat tired Jeep

making it all the way to the second creek crossing before forward progress was stopped. George and I started to follow only to find that neither of us could make it past the first creek crossing. We made several attempts but each would find Howard, Mike or Lenny working to pull us out of the watery holes we would sink into. Marlon used Warn (winch) to free him self. After a short meeting it was decided to change directions and try our luck with the big snow drifts in Cinnabar Park.

Marlon & Kristina were have some running and fuel pump issues with there Jeep so at the fork in the road they took a right and headed back to the trailer the rest took a left and headed to Rob Roy reservoir and Cinnabar



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Dewey Williams	4
Howard Segal	3
Marlon Seals	3
John Stone	2
Paul Bickerton	2
Steve Wykoff	2
George Brook	1
Joe Huston	1
Rod Pepper	1
Zach Martin	0
Taylor Olson	0
Chris Ladd	0
Craig Goble	0
Travis Kolbo	0
Brian Kubal	0
Scott Grimm	0
Richard Cisco	0
Jim Carter	0
Matt Romero	0

* Superday

** Work trip



Park. We stopped to enjoy some lunch before making our way into the big open meadow. As we headed across what looks to be a nice flat meadow I found one jeep sized hole to get stuck in. Takes talent to find that one hole in that big of an open area guess I had it that day. With a little shovel work and a few a strong pulls with a strap we were off to the big drifts. All the jeeps looked like toys crawling over the big drifts. (If I was a betting man I would bet these drifts will be around all the summer this year.) Behind all the drifts we found a nice little bowl that Howard and I dropped down into to try our skill at doing a little high markin. As I was winching myself back out of the bowl Howard was turning around in the bottom of the bowl and snap was heard from out from under

his jeep. After quick inspections all look good. But as he was winching him self out of the bowl another loud crack was heard and pieces were flying out from under the jeep. The right front axle u-joint had called it a day taking the ears of the axle with it. After getting the jeep to a level spot and top of the drift Howard and George swapped in a spare shaft from Howard's tool box.

The trip back out saw each of us take turns on both ends of the strap. Back to the main road we pointed the Jeeps back toward the trailers and the thought of steaks, burgers and a cold beverage at the Albany Lodge filled my head.

The weather was not quite as perfect as the other runs this year have been but it was awful close. The clouds would come in dump some snow then move on leaving behind blue skies and lots of sunshine. This cycle happen several times through out the day. At the end of the day all the wheelers young and old had a blast. To all that could not make it we missed you, but you're the ones that missed out on a great day in the mountains.



See Ya On The Trail

Dewey



Easter Jeep Safari 2009

Marlon, Paul, and Aaron made the trip to Moab Utah for Easter Jeep Safari this year. If anyone

else was there that I missed, I apologize. From the stories at the meeting it sounded like they had a blast. Aaron worked hard to get his Samurai ready, I even ran into him buying rod ends and link material a week before they were supposed to leave. Marlon and Cristina talked of the fun they had running trails with guys like Walker Evans, and all the antics that go along with the madness that is EJS. Here are a few pics Marlon and Christina took; apparently some Luchadors showed up as well.



2nd annual



Blind, Chicken, Races!

When: Saturday June 13th (Starting around 11a.m.ish)

Where: Walden Colorado (North Sand Hills)

What: A fun day at the dunes!

Blind: This would be your typical blind fold race, driver is blind folded and the passenger is navigating. This is a timed event

Chicken: This is where the passenger holds a egg with a spoon while the driver races the same course as the blind fold race!

***Races: 100 yard Sand Drags! Christmas tree start with finishing cones!
Any and all 4wheel drives and Sand Rails/Dune buggies welcome!***

Contact Aaron Lenz @ 303-915-3063

Or Go to www.RC4W.com for directions and more info.