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Schedule of Events

- * **February 9** ~ General meeting @ Godfathers 7PM
- * **February 23** ~ BOD meeting @ Godfathers 7PM

Meeting of the Minds

During our January 12th, 2010 meeting we covered a few things regarding the Christmas party and other small items. The possibility of a Farmingdale or Baja run was also brought up but no date was set.

We also discussed some things regarding Challenge. We have decided to set a limit of 75 applicants, with the usual May 15th deadline. The same trail ratings will apply. Need to be thinking about volunteering for Challenge duties.

Christmas Party:

The Christmas Party on the 22nd was a great success. We had a good turnout with lots of interesting white elephant gifts, as well as spill kits for each club member. The fried chicken and roast beef was excellent, and everyone had a good time discussing the last year and the year to come. Thanks again to the Elks Club and everyone who volunteered their time to make this come together.



Riggen it up!!!



Pluggers are very happy when they find duct tape the same color as their vehicle.

On the Run New Years Run 2010

By Terry Fuller

About 14 rigs, we split into 2 groups a mid group and the bigger boys. The bigger boys played down in the burn out and the rest of us followed Jason around on some trails near the burnout and down by Jason parents place.

The snow was pretty good, deep in some places but it was pretty loose and grainy making forward progress difficult.

Damage was minimal; Craig broke a mirror off the passenger side and Dan in the white Cherokee had the rear driveline pull off after hitting a stump at mach speed. Quick 10 minute fix and it was good to go.

Then all of the tow trucks got stuck getting out of Jason Parent's place. The on the way home Garret's trailer lost a wheel and had to change it in Hagger's parking lot.

Weather was great while the sun was out! Great day. I think everyone had fun.

Members:

Brian Cass
Craig Grunenfelder
Jason Paule
Nate Oyler
Grant Ness
Terry Fuller
Bradley Williams
Aaron Fredrickson
Brad Wagner

Guests:

Matt Bridge
Jeff Simen
Eric Nix
Garrett Ness
Kieth Torson
Sara and Quinton Sherman
Dan and Liz Buchko
James Hanson



Trail Master's Corner

I am excited about taking over the position of Trail Master for this great organization. I have some big shoes to fill following in the footsteps of Jay, Marty and those before them.

My primary goal is to make sure that everyone in the club has the opportunity to lead at least one trail this year. The old timers will enjoy leading us on one of their favorite trails or a favorite type of run. If you are a newer member or apprehensive about leading a run I will get you paired up with someone who has more experience, just let me know what you would like to do.

I have attached a copy of the Trail Leader Sign up sheet to this newsletter so if you have a run in mind just fill out the form and e-mail or give it to me.

As of the time I am writing this we have no runs scheduled for February, March or April. This is a great time for a Snow Run. Jay has lead some great ones the last couple years but he is without a 4x4 this winter so would someone step up please. I would also like to see a run to Farmingdale before it gets too warm and the ATVs and bikes get out in force. The new rules may shut down a large portion of the area.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns contact me.

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Land Use

Comments regarding Railroad Buttes/Farmingdale have been sent off. No firm date yet on a decision. The National Forest plan has been pushed back to next February.

Seasonal closures are in effect - check your maps before you go out!

Trail Leader sign up

Trail Leader _____

Tail Gunner _____

Date of Run _____

Type of Run _____

Location or Trail name _____

Difficulty - circle one or more if bypasses or alt. routes **3 3+ 4 4+ 5 5+**

Meeting location and time _____

Other information _____

Turn in to Trailmaster Terry Fuller or e-mail to terryfuller@rushmore.com

Suggestions

Types of Runs:

Snow Run	Night Run	Geocaching run
Tiny tire run	Christmas tree run	Halloween Run
Flashlight run	Campout	Bring a guest Run
Multi Club Run	Highway cleanup	DTC pre run
Plain old trail run	History Run	Fall Colors Run

Trails:

U Bolt -> 5+	Cheerios -> 4+	Iceman -> 4
Captain Crunch -> 5+	Rice Crispies -> 4+	Jake -> 4
Fruity Pebbles Rock Gardens -> 5	Apple Jacks -> 4+	Fullsize -> 4
Hal Johns -> 5	3.9 -> 4+	Nasties - Lower -> 4
T-Back -> 5	Elbow Canyon -> 4+	Moses Hill -> 3+
Bikini -> 5	Figure 8 -> 4+	Dugan's Prospect -> 3+
3 Blind Mice -> 5	Surprise -> 4+	Polo Peak -> 3
Kong -> 4+	Fruity Pebbles Bypass -> 4	Raspberry Ridge -> 3
Nasties - Upper -> 4+	Got Milk -> 4	Road to Galena -> 3
Forbes -> 4+	Calamity Canyon -> 4	Lost Gulch -> 3
Farmingdale	Vanocker Quarry	Private property