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Schedule of Events

- * **January 2** ~ New Years Run @ Brad William's Burnout. Meet at Elk Creek Steakhouse at 9AM. Lead by Brad Williams
- * **January 12** ~ General Membership Meeting @ Godfathers 7pm – Treats Steve Jones and Terry Fuller
- * **January 22** ~ Christmas Party @ Elks Club. Social hour from 6-6:30, dinner at 6:30
- * **January 26** ~ BOD meeting @ 7pm GF
- * **February 9** ~ General meeting @ Godfathers

Meeting of the Minds

At the December 8, 2009 meeting we went over land use for the Railroad Butte area and looked some proposed areas and made a lot of good comments that will be passed on to the Forest Service.

We also voted in the new board members the same night. Congratulations to:

President - Brad Rikken

Vice President - Darla Jones

Secretary - Ryan Stulc

Treasurer - Robert Luera

Board Members - Craig Grunenfelder and Terry Fuller.

We also need some volunteers for the 2010 Challenge committee. We need the Challenge chairperson and subchairpersons. We also need to be thinking about a theme, and getting apps out.

The Christmas Party will be held on January 22, 2010. Social hour is from 6-6:30 PM and dinner will be at 6:30. Remember to bring your White Elephant gift (used or \$10 new.)

Make sure your membership dues are paid before the party! There is a dues form at the end of the newsletter that can be mailed in.

At the December 22, 2009 board meeting Terry Fuller volunteered for Trail Master. Big thanks to Terry! We also voted to do up to a \$50 reimbursement for run supplies, such as food, door prizes, etc. Receipts need to be turned for this.

January is also a good time to start getting runs in for 2010. Remember that there are seasonal closures so check your maps!

In other news, January is here and so are the new driver's license renewal requirements. You will need to bring some additional documentation with you. The licensing fee was also raised last July to \$20 for standard licenses and \$25 for CDLs. Attached is a list of the documentation that you will need to bring with you to the DOT office when you renew your license.



Riggen it up!!!



Pluggers have a very hard time getting rid of things.

On the Run Forbes Gulch Run, December 5 2009 By Craig Grunenfelder

From today, good day of wheeling and had a fair amount of carnage. We found out that Jason blew up his tranny on the way to the gas station, so we figured they would head back to the shop to start repairs. So the the rest of us headed out to the trail. Brian got hung up on some slick rocks. As soon as we got Brian unstuck the Twisted Crew showed up. So then the trouble started up with the Grand. For some reason it decide to blow oil all over the engine but it seemed to be running just fine so we deemed it non critical. Soon after on trying to climb the first obstacle the Grand started running rough, then died and the battery seemed to be dead. So out came the jumper cables and restarted the Grand and had to change the fuel filter. Seemed to run pretty good then. We figure the alt was charging the battery. The Grand ran pretty well but had to unhook the fuel filter ever 15 mins and jumping it everytime it died. Later on we found out it has a bad ground. No idea what was causing the fuel filter issue. No other issues until Ryan decided to one up himself and crunch the oil pan **And tranny pan!**



Land Use:

At our December 8 meeting, we discussed quite a bit about the Railroad Buttes area and filled out our comment sheets. This was very important because the comment period was only through December 24th. Hopefully our comments along with several other organizations' input will help keep the Railroad Buttes/Farmingdale area open, accessible, and enjoyable to everyone.

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

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Attention Dues

Club Dues Form

Please find enclosed my payment to continue my membership in Black Hills 4-Wheelers for 2010.

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