



Trail Tales



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Meeting Minutes July 13, 2024 By Jack Dickey for Shirley Godfrey

The July meeting was hosted by Diane and Ric Henry at their far-northeast heights home in Albuquerque. Members provided a variety of potluck dishes resulting in a great meal. Dinner was served around 4:00 PM. President Jack Dickey called the business meeting to order at 5:12 PM. Rich Steele was announced as the NM4W four-wheel of the year for his contributions to NM4W and four-wheeling as a whole. Jack Dickey presented Rich with an award plaque.

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Cathy Arlowe, Jeff Boggs, Paula Boggs, Glenn Boudreaux, Karl Byrd, Jack Dickey, Cathy Dickey, Patrick Dobson, Linda Dobson, Ric Henry, Diane Henry, Diana Kelleher, Cliff Meier, Jeanne Meier, Myron Myers, Jennifer Myers, Jorge Pacho, Donna Pacho, NaDeen Roland, Don Roy, Chris Sears, Richard Steele, Beth P. Steele, Wayne Sullivan, Mary Turpin, Ian Watson, Tonia Watson, Frank Whiston, Bradley Wilson, William Zobel

GUESTS ATTENDING: Jason Haynes, Ed Hernandez, Michael Hoffman, Angel Pena, Matthew Ray

VICE PRESIDENT'S MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Jeff Boggs

Applicants since last meeting included: Joseph Cowan, White Rock; Angel Pena, Albuquerque; William A Reed, Los Lunas; Jeff Gruger, Santa Fe.

Two new memberships were voted on by members present. Motions were made and seconded to approve Tonia and Ian Watson and Bradley Wilson as voting (full) members. Both motions were approved by a majority of members present without discussion.

There were no transgression fines levied.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jack Dickey for Shirley Godfrey: A motion was made and seconded to approve the June meeting minutes as published in the July newsletter. Motion was approved by a majority of members present without discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Richard Steele: Rich provided current balances of both checking and saving accounts. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurers report. Motion was approved by a majority of members present without discussion.

Rich also provided the annual financial report which will be posted in NM4W webpage documents. A motion was made and seconded to approve the annual financial report. Motion was approved by a majority of members present without discussion.

Rich reported that he has purchased the PayPal Zettle point of sale device. The Zettle will be shipped to Frank Whiston's residence.

A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Cliff Meier \$65.11 for the award plaque purchase. Motion was approved by a majority of members present without discussion.

TRIP REPORT – Cliff Meier

Past Trips

June 22 - Withington - Hudson – Rosedale, Dan Ross

June 23 - Cedro: Checking out the spring forestry work, Don Roy

June 29 – Jemez Ride, Cliff Meier

Upcoming Trips

July 14 - Mt. Tayler from the East, Cliff Meier

August 3 - Jemez Ride, West Side of Jemez Mountains, Jeff Boggs

August 16 to 18 - Chloride Canyon Overnight Camping, Jeff Grenier

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPORT – Bill Zobel: Bill and Frank Whiston provided members with information about the Rugged Ridge/Real Truck trail access program grant. The grant provides up to \$5,000 for OHV related projects. NM4W proposed project will be to have trailhead signs made for various trails at Gordy's Hill. Frank provided examples of signs. Bill and Frank will prepare and submit a grant application.

Cliff Meier suggested that if funding is available, NM4W could publish a NM OHV Information Handbook. Cliff provided a handbook published by AZ State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs as an example.

PROGRAM REPORT – Cathy Dickey: The store was open for business. Cathy will be working on getting rectangular club stickers and business cards for members.

HISTORIAN REPORT – Frank Whiston: Frank noted that some trip galleries have little to no photographs. He reminded folks to upload photographs sooner rather than later. He will be closing older galleries.

WEBMASTER & NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT – Don Roy: Don noted that the July newsletter was very large due to submissions by multiple members. He also reported that fewer than 30 members viewed Trail Tails but over 80 non-member visitors had view it so far in July.

OLD BUSINESS

Gordy's Hill Kiosk: Jack and Frank reported that on July 11th, members (Jack Dickey, Frank Whiston, Mary Turpin, Rich Steele, and Glenn Vialpando) meet Denny Apachito from Socorro BLM at the kiosk location to complete the kiosk. Members painted the structure, installed the signboards, and mounted the graphic panels.

CPR and wilderness/remote location first aid courses: Mary reported that the CPR course will be held on October 26 and first aid course will be over a weekend in March 2025. A motion was made and seconded for NM4W to provide \$2,000 for up to 15 members to attend the CPR course. Motion was approved by a majority of members present without discussion.

NEW BUSINESS – FY25 Officer Elections

A motion was made and seconded to open nominations for FY25 officer positions. Motion was approved by a majority of members present without discussion. The following nominations were made by the membership:

President – Jack Dickey

Vice President – Jeff Boggs

Secretary – Shirley Godfrey
Treasurer – Rich Steele
Trip Chair – Mary Turpin
Historian – Frank Whiston
Director of Environmental Affairs – Bill Zobel

There were no other nominations made for any of the positions. A motion was made to close nominations and accept the slate of nominees as the FY25 NM4W officers. Motion was approved by a majority of members present without discussion.

50/50 RAFFLE – winner Jayson Haynes

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved by a majority of members present without discussion. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.



President's Report

By Jack Dickey

GREAT PEOPLE

Well, after several months of writing entertaining, inspiring articles, I'm having trouble getting into the groove. But, not to worry. Lately, I have been reflecting on what great people belong to NM4W and the four-wheel drive community as a whole. Visiting with people whether on the trail, at a meeting, on a club ride, or at an organized event; it's reassuring to find that we speak the same language. It doesn't matter if we are talking about each other's rig or the trail we are traveling. We quickly relate to each other and have a pleasing conversation.

Speaking of great people, at the last meeting Rich Steele was recognized as NM4W 4-wheeler of the year as selected by the membership. Rich embodies this distinction. He has and continues to serve as treasurer, regularly leads trips, attends meeting and trips, and really helped with the Gordy's information kiosk. Plus, he's fun to visit with.

Also, at the last meeting officers were selected to lead the club over the next 12 months. Cliff Meier chose not to run for re-election and retire from any officer position. Cliff and Jeanne have been strong NM4W supporters and the four-wheel drive community for many years. Cliff and Jeanne have held many NM4W officer positions and were tirelessly involved in the Southwest 4-Wheel Drive Association. Cliff assures me he will continue to come to meetings, go on trips, and be a trip leader.


I'm excited that Mary Turpin has joined the officer team as Trip Chairperson. Mary brings to the position many years of 4-wheeling experience and enthusiasm that only a kindergartener teacher possesses. It is gratifying that Jeff Boggs, Shirley Godfrey, Rich Steele, Frank Whiston, Cathy Dickey, and Bill Zobel have continued in their positions. Don Roy is continuing as web master/newsletter editor. Don created and maintains our

website, which is an invaluable tool for promoting and managing the club. Many thanks to each of these people for being a member of our outstanding leadership team.

Please be sure to visit with each of your officers. Let them know your ideas of ways we can continue to have meaningful meetings, satisfying trips, and be good stewards of our hobby. Remember we all speak the same language!

Happy Trails,

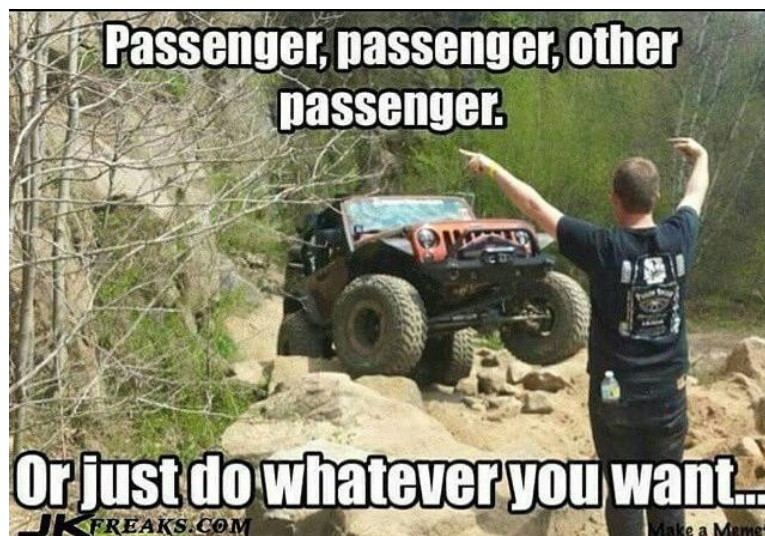
Jack Dickey

	<h2>2024 Chile Challenge</h2> <p>By Jeff Boggs</p>
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This annual New Mexico off road event is just south, down I- 25. It is every Fall, in October. The first one we went to was in 2009. I would encourage NM4W members to consider checking this out. Trails range from easy to extreme and is in some of the best off road areas that New Mexico has to offer.

The Las Cruces 4 wheel drive club does a good job organizing this event. NMOHVA is one of the participants and they have an ice cream social one night. Check out the information on our club Calendar.

If you have the time, sign up and enjoy the trails and the evening activities, too. This is a regional event, so you will meet folks, and drive the trails with 4x4's from many different states. We are headed down there this year. Hope to see you there!





2024 New Mexico Four-Wheeler of the Year

This award is the most coveted of all as the winner is selected by the club members and presented to the person who has gone beyond the norm and has made significant contributions to the New Mexico Four Wheelers. This year, several people received multiple nominations – Jeff Boggs, Jack Dickey, Jeff Grenier, Cliff Meier, Rich Steele. Thanks to each of them for their support. The winner of this year's award goes to Rich Steele. Congratulations Rich!

Previous winners: Current club members are indicated in blue.



- 2024 [Rich Steele](#)
- 2023 [Jeff Boggs](#)
- 2022 [Don Roy](#)
- 2021 [Frank G. Whiston](#)
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- 2018 [Ross Burchard](#)
- 2017 [Bill Gardner](#)
- 2016 [Jennifer Chapin](#)
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- 2012 [Jeff Boggs](#)
- 2011 [Dixon Patrick](#)
- 2010 [Jeanne Meier](#)
- 2009 [Cliff Meier](#)
- 2008 [Frank G. Whiston](#)
- 2007 [Mark Werkmeister](#)
- 2006 [Glenn Bontly](#)
- 2005 [Lauri and Jeff Rector](#)
- 2004 [Chuck Peeples](#)
- 2003 [Leon Duggar](#)
- 2002 [Glenn Bontly](#)
- 2001 [Pat Brady](#)
- 2000 [Mark Wolf](#)
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- 1998 [Bob Telepak](#)
- 1997 [Charlie Wilson](#)
- 1996 [Mark Werkmeister](#)

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