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Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025

By Shirley Godfrey

The meeting was held at North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

President Jack Dickey called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm, thanking Jeanne and Cliff Meier for hosting the meeting.

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Jeff Boggs, Guy Conway, Cathy Dickey, Jack Dickey, Patrick Dobson, Doug Elkins, Shirley Godfrey, Diane Henry, Ric Henry, Allison Martinez, Cliff Meier, Jeanne Meier, Myron Myers, Jack Nutter, Oly Olson, Stefanie Olson, Matthew Ray, Lauri Rector, Jonathan Rivera, Don Roy, Beth P. Steele, Richard Steele, Josh Tucker, Mary Turpin, Anthony Weaver, Frank Whiston, William Zobel

GUESTS ATTENDING: Janet Crosby, Mike Crosby, Aimee Domines, Snow Petersen, Andrew Schwebke, Doug Story II

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – VP Jeff Boggs

Jeff requested everyone make sure to sign in for the meeting.

The 5 points system to become a club member and transgression fines were explained.

Guests attending introduced themselves and the vehicles they drive.

Janet Crosby and Mike Crosby, Aimee Domines and Andrew Schwebke, Snow Petersen and Doug Story II are eligible for full membership. A motion was made and seconded voting in each as new club members.

Transgression fines – Ric Henry, one transgression for using lockers when not needed.

Jack Nutter, left his air pump on the front bumper and drove away. The air pump was recovered by another club member and returned to Jack.

Jeff reported there have been 14 ride leaders since the beginning of the fiscal year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Shirley Godfrey

Meeting minutes - A motion was made and seconded to approve the April minutes as published in the May newsletter. A motion was approved by a majority of members present without discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Rich Steele

Current balances for both checking and saving accounts were provided.

Richard informed the new members the dues are prorated and only \$15.00 by joining this evening.

Jack Dickey reserved the camp site for the June picnic. A motion was made and seconded to approve reimbursement to Jack Dickey for the annual picnic reservation fee of \$200.00. An

additional \$400.00 was approved by a motion and seconded for the food for the June picnic.

Richard has been checking the post office box only to find junk mail.

Don Roy mentioned the renewal for the website is due May 11. The cost will be \$1007.00 for three years.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was approved by a majority of members present without discussion.

TRIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Mary Turpin

More trail leaders are needed because we have more people going/wanting to go on more rides.

Mary attended the NMOHVA annual meeting, March 29, where they discussed the bills presented in the legislature.

Past Trips

March 15, American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid. This was Mary Turpin's first time teaching the class. Thank you to Ric Henry for providing his office for the class.

March 22, La Ventan Mesa – Frank Whiston

March 23, La Ventana Mesa – Cliff Meier

Frank and Cliff wrote an article about the rides and is published in the newsletter.

Upcoming Events and Trips

There are a lot of upcoming rides. Please check the website for all the information. Some of the rides are slated for members only.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPORT - Bill Zobel –

The NMDG&F Grant application for the trail markers signs has been submitted by NMOHVA.

The 2 off road legislations bills both cleared the House and died in the Senate.

Socorro County no longer maintains the Quebradas Backcountry Byway. It is now handled by BLM.

PROGRAM CHAIR'S REPORT - Cathy Dickey –

Cathy has a restock of t-shirts, hats and stickers. Business cards are available to pass out.

50/50 tickets available. Hats, license plates and stickers are can be purchased with a credit card. 50/50 tickets sales are cash only.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT - Frank Whiston –

Keep sharing your pictures!

WEBMASTER'S REPORT and NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT - Don Roy

Don is working on the "clean up" in the wait list area of the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections are held at the July meeting. Think about becoming an officer for next year. There are written descriptions of all the positions on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Socorro County no longer maintains the Quebradas Backcountry Byway. It is now handled by BLM. Please note, "Mathew Atencio, field manager of Socorro BLM, said the county has always been a wonderful partner in maintaining roads. However, he said BLM does not get funding for

maintenance and do not have access to a grader, only a backhoe and bulldozer.”

“ The Quebradas Backcountry Byway is an unpaved county road traversing about 24 miles of rugged, colorful landscapes east of Socorro. Two National Wildlife Refuges are only a few miles from this Byway - Sevilleta to the north and Bosque del Apache to the south. Much of the Byway includes rolling bench lands that rise above the Rio Grande floodplain to the west and rugged north-south running ridges of alternating bands of red and yellow sandstone, red and purple shale, and white to gray limestone.

The region includes upper Chihuahuan desert mountain ranges with sparse vegetation. The Quebradas road crosses several arroyos, which drain into the Rio Grande. Erosion has created scenic geological settings such as the Arroyo de la Presilla, Arroyo del Tajo, and the Loma de las Canas ridgeline. Many areas along the road contain near vertical, multicolored cliffs, twisted and convoluted badlands, narrow box canyons, and other topographic landforms. Colorful soils and banding of rock formations can be viewed midway through the drive.”

50/50 raffle - \$65.00. \$32.50 split, winner, Jeff Boggs.

Jacky Dickey mentioned that the fine (transgression) money is raffled off at the Christmas party.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion was approved by a majority of members present without discussion. Meeting adjourned at 7:4303 pm.





Jemez Maintenance and Trail Ride

By Jeff Boggs

We met up at Walatowa Gas Station on 4-19-2025. We had snow falling and it was just above freezing. When I planned this ride, I did not see this kind of weather, but we altered our plans. After airing down, we drove up thru Ponderosa, NM and got onto dirt Forest RD 10.

We found mud and snow. We chose to try FR 266, above Paliza CG. Up we drove into the snow storm. Turning south on FR 137, we found about 3-4 inches of snow, but we drove slow and found a beautiful area. Some cows, led us down the road, for a while. They seemed to be enjoying this weather, too.

We stopped at an area where several FR's came together. We got out and visited, ran the dog, Baine, and just soaked up how beautiful it was to be where we were.

After that stop, we decided to drive back up to FR 266. This up hill drive, on FR 137, went well. We then turned up hill on FR 266 and climbed on up. Things were going well, but it was still snowing, and up front I was driving into more snow, maybe as deep as 6 inches. In the back of our group, the traction was not as good, after this snow was packed down and polished by the tires in the lead group. "I'm not moving forward anymore" came over the radio. "Too slick!!"

That was the agreed on warning that it was time to turn around where we could, and go back down.

It was very slick in places going back down this road, but our newly acquired snow driving skills kicked in and we made it back down for a lunch break. Everyone was having a good time.

We decided that we had run out of roads to explore in the mountains. Let's go back down to San Ysidro and check out the Cabezón road. We tried the Cabezón road for about a mile and it was muddy. Glenn and a few others did some fun mud zigzagging, though.



Our next idea was to drive back into town, then turn off onto sandy roads just west of Rio Rancho. That is what we did. Still snowing, but sand was fun too. We went to several play areas and did some hill climbs and drove through sections where we could see what kind of articulation we all had. What a fun day, and mostly we made our route as we went along. We drove in rain, snow, mud and sand.

Thanks to everyone. We stayed positive and enjoyed a wonderful and unusual snow ride in April!! Without the date, you would think it was January!! Some of us ended our day at Turtle Mountain Brewery for some great food and visitation. See you all on our next trips up on Mt Taylor in May.



Withington Wilderness v1.1 Trip

By Bill Zobel

After a delay of a week due to inclement weather, six vehicles met in Magdalena, New Mexico, on Sunday, April 13, 2025. After airing down, we traveled south on NM 107 for approximately 23 miles before turning west onto Rosedale Road - FR 330. Our first stop was at the Rosedale Mining District to check out the foundation of the old mill. Unfortunately, the road was closed off and we did not get to explore this artifact. We then continued on FR 330 climbing from around 6,000 feet to over 9,000 feet before reaching the Grassy Lookout and stopping for lunch. The views were spectacular. After lunch, we traveled north along the mountain



ridge on FR 138 passing Tower Peak and arriving at the Mt. Withington Lookout. Once we finished enjoying the views, we continued on FR 138 to the Monica Saddle and the intersection with Old State Highway 52. After descending and reaching the intersection with FR 52, we turned east onto FR 52 and past Monica's Cabin on our route back to NM 107. Once reaching NM 107, we headed North back to Magdalena and diner at the Tumbleweeds Dinner before airing up and heading home.



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