The Western Slope ATV Association was founded on the principle of promoting ATV use as a legitimate family recreational activity on public lands. In doing so, we will promote reasonable use and educate the general public, media and elected officials on land use. The WSATVA will provide search and rescue assistance to Mesa County and will work with the local BLM and Forest Service offices to obtain grants and to provide trail maintenance and construction to help the outdoor community.

MISSION STATEMENT

Next membership meeting

March 18, 2020
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Sheriff’s Posse Building

This is a photo from the past of our Hightower Camp location. All of the rigs shown are part of our group.
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Please check out photos of club rides on our Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/WSATVA/! Don’t forget...if you go on a ride and take pictures, please share. Everyone loves pictures. If you have a ride report or a funny story we would also like to share the information! Please go through your pictures of past rides, past events and any picture that relates to the club for the web page https://wsatva.org/. Send to Jim Reed. His email is jreed@swiftcom.com. Also, please don’t hesitate to let us know of corrections needed.

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~ MINUTES OF WSATVA MEETING ~
February 19, 2020

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Stephanie Jackson.

GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS: The meeting was called to order by President Steve Chapel. Guests & New Members: We welcome Tom Smatla and Terry Blevens. The Minutes for January stand as printed unless there are corrections.


SARC: Chris Jackson stated that there had been no callouts.

SAFARI: Tom Derryberry announced there will be a Barrel Springs ride in early May. There may be other rides including Escalante Canyon, depending on snow and mud conditions. Ken Sanders announced a Ride in Mesquite, Nevada the last week in May. Contact Ken to indicate your interest and get details.

TRAILS: Tom Derryberry stated that there will be one-day work parties to remove problem rocks in Bangs Canyon and ‘Paint the Rocks’, to mark the trail across the slick rock, near the end of March and into April. Finally, if you go riding and pick up trash, record your time from when you leave home until you return and turn those hours in to Tom or Steve Chapel via email. The Club gets credit with the Federal Government for those hours we provide.

OLD BUSINESS: Pat Wehling took the floor to state that Grand Valley Trails Alliance is working with the BLM & the WSATVA to create new 50 inch ATV trails in our area.

President Steve Chapel stated that the Club video, ‘The Trail From Here to There’, is on YouTube and on our Club Website and he suggested new Club Members view it.

Steve revealed more information on our new grant applications. He told the Members that March 4th and 5th he, Tom Derryberry and Jeff Wendland are traveling to Denver to make the presentations for our 2021 Grants. Steve asked for a show of hands to have the Club reimburse these three for mileage, meals and an overnight motel room. The vote carried. Steve went on to say that the Grant request will be #1 for trail supplies, #2 BLM Cultural surveys and #3 a Kubota loader/backhoe (3 grants total).

NEW BUSINESS: Jon Gartz addressed the Membership and announced that the Concert Parking for this year is in the planning stage. Jon asked for a show of hands of those willing to help out with parking. There were about 15 hands raised. Jon also asked the Membership for an assistant to help with the Concert Parking when Jon is out of town. Please indicate your willingness to help in this regard by telling a member of the Board of Directors. Thank You!
Steve Chapel stated that Perri’s Power Sports is having a Parking Lot Sale March 21 and the Club has been invited to ‘man a booth’ in the parking lot. Jim Reed will have his computer here showing pictures of Club activities. In addition we will have free maps & Club Brochures to give out. Please contact Jim Reed if you are able to help man the booth.

President Steve Chapel also announced a project to cut pipe for placement on trails. Help is needed to help cut the pipe (Plasma Cutter is necessary) and then transport the pipe to Hightower for storage. Contact Steve with your willingness to help.

Steve also mentioned the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council will be in Grand Junction May 5th from 6-9 pm at the Springhill Suites, Main Street Room, 236 Main Street, Grand Junction. Their purpose is to ‘listen to the public land users’ about what folks would like to see in the out-of-doors. You can also visit their Website at www.nohvcc.org for more information.

Bill Smith took the floor and announced that Club Business member, Pro-Tow Transportation is ‘expanding’ into another area by purchasing Big Daddy Auto. He announced the new business, Big Daddy Auto, which can repair ‘high end’ vehicles like BMW and Mercedes Benz.

Steve Chapel told the Membership that Colorado Parks and Wildlife has changed their policy regarding State Parks: It used to be that, if you found an ‘empty spot’ at a State Park, you could take that spot and fill out the paperwork. The new policy: Reservations for State Parks will have to be made ‘in advance’ through COP&W Website or by phone.

Vice President Ken Sanders stated that he has been in contact with the town of De Beque about a possible Poker Run again this year. The Club receives funds for helping and a minimum of about 30 people are required to ‘man’ the Poker Run in mid-August. Ken asked for a show of hands of those interested. There will be more information later.

SAFETY: Larry Bullard gave excellent information on First Aid & SAM (structural aluminum malleable) splints. They are compact, lightweight and highly versatile devices designed for immobilizing bone and soft tissue injuries in emergency settings. It consists of a layer of strips of soft aluminum with a polyethylene closed-cell foam coating. SAM’s are intended to provide POC (Position of Comfort) and immobilize injuries while the victim is transported to medical care.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Annual Ed Ruland Memorial Desert Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday April 18th.

Jim Martin advised the Membership of a ‘change’ in Arizona law concerning ATV’s and SXS’s. A ‘grace period’ for out-of-state visitors is no longer in effect. Arizona now requires purchase of an annual sticker in amount $30. The stickers can be purchased online.

♦ Steve Chapel has Trail Work Shirts available free to those that help with trail work.
♦ Ken Sanders has Club shirts, sweat shirts and hats for sale.
♦ Paul Frey has Club Whip Flags for sale.
♦ Next Meeting: March 18th at the Sheriff’s Posse Building, 25 Road and F ½, (Southeast corner) Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.
♦ Refreshments to be supplied by Tony Ippolito and Stephanie Jackson.

Ken Sanders won the drawing of $27.00.

Kenton Page moved to adjourn.

~Respectfully Submitted, Conrad & Mary Tucker

Annual Dues—please remember to send in your annual dues, $30 per family, to Conrad Tucker.
Annual dues are due by March 1, 2020.
On Tuesday Morning, February 25, Club Member and business sponsor Bill Smith (Pro Tow) had a stroke. Kris recognized that something was wrong and call 911 immediately. Currently Bill is partially paralyzed and unable to talk. He seems to be getting some movement back in the right leg but nothing in the right arm at this time. He has been moved from ICU to the Neurological floor but with limited visitors at present time. At some point he should be moved again with more visitation access. Kris is doing generally ok and thankful for all the help from son Toby and Grandson Tanner as well as other family members. We will supply updates as they become available.

Recognizing stroke symptoms and signs early - FAST

Acting fast is critical if you suspect that someone may be having a stroke. Immediate treatment of a stroke can minimize long-term effects of the stroke and can even help reduce a person's risk of death from stroke.

FAST is an acronym that can help you quickly recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke. You can even download a FAST app from the webpage of the American Stroke Association to help you remember these signs.
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Schedule of Events
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Events Details
- Easter
- ATV Meeting at Sheriff’s Posse Building
- Annual Ed Ruland Desert Cleanup – depending on weather
We would love to see you there!
CAMP-OUTS, WORK PROJECTS & RIDES

We are gearing up for our annual multi-day work projects/camp-outs in May, June & July. Those dates are published in the newsletter. Almost all of our work and riding is on 50" trails as that is what we frequent the most. The Uncompahgre project will feature the most routes with no width restrictions. Starting in April, directions to the campsites will be published and we will begin to recon some routes on the Uncompahgre Plateau to get a feel for snow melt and what needs to be done.

People tend to arrive at these camp-outs most any day within the dates given. Some arrive earlier some stay later. Some just come up a day at a time. The work projects will usually see small groups go to multiple locations to address problem areas which could include hauling rock to mud holes, fixing deep ruts, breaking rocks with a jack hammer, cutting fallen trees or replacing signs. We try to mix in a "good time" regardless of what we are doing and don't expect anyone to over exert themselves beyond their capability. Some people can't do every type of work that we do and that is perfectly fine. Some people just ride along with us and enjoy the scenery. Our main purpose is to make the trails a more user-friendly place to be. We have a group campfire every evening and attendees gather around the fire pit after dinner until they wander away into the darkness to prepare for another day. Some camp-outs will feature a group BBQ or an "FAC" event on Fridays. Some may feature a community Breakfast.

Stay tuned for more information as we do have a good time and we do make a difference on the trails. One more note on rides; we hope to have another multi day event of nothing but rides coming up in August from the Hightower area. We hope to set dates for either the week of August 17th or the week of August 24th. Stay tuned!
This photo is from last June at our Hightower work project. It shows that most of the creek crossings can be deep and swollen from the run-off. Lots of fun!

This photo from last year shows there may still be snow up high and always time to allow for a snowball fight!
2020 Work Party/Camping Trips~Mark Your Calendars!

Work Dates for the 2020 season have been scheduled. More information will be available in the coming months and as riding/camping conditions change.

Uncompahgre ~ Depending on the snow level, the dates for the work party are May 12 through May 17th. The location is the same as past years and will be detailed in the April Newsletter.

Hightower ~ June 8 through June 14th (to beat the cows to the camping area!) Location will be at the Powerline camp area and will be detailed in the May newsletter.

Vega ~ July 6 through July 12th. As of this publication, Early Settlers Campground sites are all reserved unless there are cancelations prior to that time. There could be cancellations when it gets closer to summer so continue to check. More information will be announced in the May and June Newsletter.
Reservations at Colorado State Park Campgrounds ~ New Rules

As of January 1, 2020, all Colorado state parks require camping reservations. You will no longer be able to get a camping spot at the campground as a walk-up.

Campers can make reservations, 24/7 by phone (1-800-244-5613), or on-line at https://www.cpwshop.com/campinghome.page?e4q=164fc88e-3129-4a44-9237-53d62b765f20&h=9a98db9-9593-4984-9918-d1931799ed6d&et=1582227387&e4c=aspira&e4e=snasocom1&e4r=5afyntenet&h=1670ecee25bd59ec78070c48a1a3d66a the day they plan to arrive at the park or up to six months in advance.

Parks with seasonal closures/walk-up only periods (when these parks are taking reservations, they are by reservation-only).

Topic for March ATV Meeting
The Debeque Poker Run will be held in August this year. We will need 30 volunteers to help mark trails, man booths and hand out the cards for this event. We need to decide if our WSATVA club will have enough volunteers to participate.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bangs Canyon Paint The Rocks Event
The annual Paint the Rocks Event is scheduled for the end of March or early April.

Ed Ruland Cleanup
The annual desert cleanup is scheduled for April 18. Tom Derryberry will be asking for volunteers to help clean up the desert.

NOHVCC Meeting
The National Off-Highway Coalition Committee will be holding an informational meeting May 5 at Springhill Suites, downtown Grand Junction. The NOHVCC would like the hear your input and ideas that could lead to enhancements to the areas and trail systems you enjoy.

These sessions are not being organized by the BLM, USFS, or CPW, however staff from these agencies have been invited to attend these meetings as participants and will be on hand to discuss current travel management processes and how your suggestions could help shape future decisions. These organizations are interested in developing partnerships with individuals and organizations to improve the management of OHV recreation on public lands.

The more information gathered, the higher the quality of each statewide strategy and action plan, so please participate in the listening sessions and invite your fellow club members and riding buddies as well. For more information on the meetings please contact Marc Hildesheim, NOHVCC Project Manager, at (208) 416-3557 or at marc@nohvcc.org.

Or go to https://www.nohvcc.org/event/blm-listening-sessions-colorado-grand-junction/.

Barrell Springs Ride
Tom Derryberry is planning a ride to Barrell Springs sometime in May. The trailhead is at the end of 16 Road, north of Fruita. For more information, you may contact him at (970) 858-7366.

Mesquite, NV Ride
Ken Sanders is planning to go to Mesquite, NV and is willing to lead the ride. Ken has made reservations at The Virgin River for $24.00/night. The ride is scheduled for May 25 ~ 29. Contact Ken at 970-434-5827 for more information.

Concert Parking at Las Colonias Amphitheatre
The WSATVA’s participation with concert parking raises funds for the club to perform additional work. The concerts only require about 4 hours of your time. Free entrance into the concert is provided after your work is done! Jon also needs an assistant to help the logistics. Please contact Jon Gartz for further information.

WSATVA Video
Check out the WSATVA Video Trail from Here to There on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9IXlqSnFsr0

Annual Dues
Club annual dues are collected October 1 through March 1. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. Being a part of the club helps keep the trails open for others to enjoy.
The WSATVA is proud to support and be affiliated with the Blue Ribbon Coalition, The Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition and the National Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition in protecting public lands for the people instead of protecting public lands from the people.

www.asatva.org