



# THE MID-GUNNER

News and whatever

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## Where did we go?

### LAKE MOJAVE



We spent a summer day at the lake! It's been over a year since the last time so we were overdue. We visited the north end of Lake Mojave on the Nevada side of the river and spent about 2 hours at the riverbank and in the water, including the Jeeps! We'll do this again when not so scorching out.

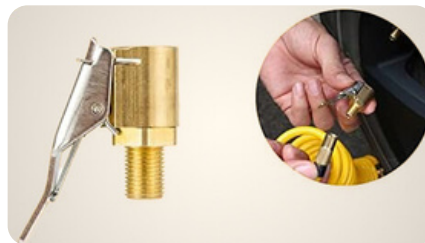
### DUCK CREEK VILLAGE



This was a 2 day event requiring an overnight stay in Duck Creek Village. The route was planned so the whole trip was completed over a weekend. This trip was more scenic than off-roading. We traveled mostly on forest roads with only a few areas that were narrow/rocky/rough. Dust and mud was guaranteed. Beautiful scenery and pleasant temps also guaranteed!

We visited the following attractions: Cascade Falls, Strawberry Point, Brian Head Peak, Mammoth Caves, Yankee Meadows Reservoir, Asay Knoll, and Second Left Hand Canyon.

### TIPS AND TRICKS



and flick the lock with your finger. Easy on / Easy off.

Airing Down/Up can be a pain (in the back), what with screwing/unscrewing those finely threaded deflator valves or the connection on your air hose. An inexpensive and easier solution is to purchase some speed chucks on Amazon or your local parts place, and attach them to your deflators and hoses. Now, instead of struggling to line up those threads and screw around (literally) for dozens of twists – you only have to slide the chuck over your tire stem

**PAST 90 DAYS**  
**33 EVENTS!**

**JOIN THE TEAM!**

Could you serve as as our **Industry Liaison**, who would seek out new sponsors for the club? Or help with our social platforms as our **Social Media Specialist**? We always welcome new **Trail Leaders** as well. If you're ready to join the team, email Fred Ginsburg if interested!

# WHERE ARE WE GOING NEXT?



## Hurricane Hilary has changed our plans and our trails! What just happened?

Spring Mountains NRA CLOSED Until Further Notice!

Date(s): Aug 19, 2023

Due to the historic flash flooding associated with Hurricane Hilary, on all National Forest System areas, roads, and trails in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area described in the Forest Order are closed until further notice.

[Forest Order](#) | [Map](#)

For updates on the Mt. Charleston flood recovery efforts, please visit the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's Facebook (<https://facebook.com/HumboldtToiyabeNF/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/HumboldtToiyabe>) pages.

- Lee Canyon - 9.8 inches of rain fell on the resort over the weekend, according to the resort
- Joshua Tree National Park - closed because of Tropical Storm Hilary
- Kyle Canyon Road near Mount Charleston sees 'extensive damage'. under boil water order. The Nevada National Guard provided assistance.
- Death Valley breaks rainfall record, 400 people stuck in park the park, received 2.20 inches of rain on Sunday
- Evacuation order was issued for Temple Bar and Willow Beach areas of Lake Mead National Recreation Area.
- High winds, flash floods, water ponding warnings and watches.
- Gov. Joe Lombardo declared a state of emergency



# Trail Briefs - DW Writes Stuff

## ***THERE IS ONLY ONE***

by: Keith Merrill

Unlike the movie Highlander where immortals travel the world to kill other immortals to be the only immortal left, there is only ONE spotter, ever. Period.

Spotter? If you are new to off-roading or have never in your years of off-roading adventures needed one, a Spotter helps you get over obstacles in the path without getting stuck, banging up your rig or to see things you cannot. They're the peeps in the videos barking strange commands to the driver who is trying to go over something that looks impossible to get over.

To start, read about the few golden rules to remember in [this blog post](#)

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## ***DESERT BALLOON PROJECT***



by: Jackie Smiley

Ever looked up to see a shiny balloon floating off into the sky? Ever been with family and friends and released balloons in remembrance of someone? I'm sure we can all say yes to one of those, but have you ever asked yourself where those balloons end up?

Christian Daniels found out about the threat to big horn sheep and desert tortoises and decided to try to help.

Read more about Christian's efforts in [this blog post](#). It only takes a few minutes to make a huge difference. Let's do it, Desert Wranglers!



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## ***PROJECT 150 CHARITY DRIVE***

Desert Wranglers is excited to participate in the Project 150 charity collection to assist homeless high school students. We have been asked to donate new or good quality used clothing (in adult size and suitable style for high school teens), school supplies, non-perishable food, or personal hygiene products (including female sanitary supplies) to help local high school students who are homeless.

Just bring your items to our next meeting at the Fraternal Order of Eagles lodge.

The FOE is very committed to this good cause; it is their pet charity. So our participation helps the needy, and also endears our relationship with the lodge. You may recall that the recent Go Topless Jeep Event also supported the Project 150, so it has become a jeep thing as well.

Keep in mind that your donations of clothing and school supplies are for high school students -- not elementary or middle school kiddies. And members of Desert Wranglers are invited to join the Fraternal Order of Eagles to help represent our club. Currently, Jim & Judi Taylor, Matt Landers, and Fred Ginsburg are Eagles. Membership is free the first year for vets and first responders (they do not ask for documentation) -- so give it a try for a year!

# Prez Report

**ACTIVE MEMBERS 356!**

Desert Wranglers membership is up to approx. 356 paid, Active members. Considering that this is virtually our one year anniversary since re-organizing in 2022 – we have come a long way! We are grateful for the trust our members have in our club.

We are not only one of the largest and best organized groups in Southern Nevada, but the most active. DW averaged 2 or 3 events per week! As the summer months are upon us, we slowing down a bit due to the extreme heat, but up to now, we have had a very busy calendar!

To deal with the high temps of summer, we have encouraged our Trail Leaders to add some evening/night runs, run in the early am, or choose cooler & shadier mountain passes. Rest assured that we will include trails that are perfect for beginners & stock jeeps. We are always scouting runs to find the best fit for our members including the current climate.

We have added a few more trail leaders to our roster. Jack Ross, an extremely experienced Leader from other clubs, has become quite active with us and brings a ton of knowledge. As folks gain experience going out in the dirt, more people are stepping up, such as Jackie, our club Secretary, Brad L, myself. Jai and Almarie (Bettie) will be leading soon.

The use of our Meetup event platform as proved to be a great fit for our club and we seem to have worked out any bugs in our sign up process and the conversion from the old account to the new account.

The RSVP feature, and the ability to limit the number of Jeeps that can participate in a particular event, has allowed us to remain organized, safe, compliant, and everyone enjoying the trails. Since we do have limits, it's important to RSVP only for runs you will attend. If things change please edit your RSVP to "not going" asap.

Also, get on the wait list if a run is full. Changes happen a lot, even the entire roster flips from original RSVP'ers to those that showed up, so there's a good chance you'll get to go!

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## Treasurer's Report

REPORT DATE AS OF | **AUG 14 2023**

### RECENT EXPENDITURES

- Club Meeting \$320.48
- Office Supply \$59.88
- Club Merch \$452.00

**MEMBERSHIP DUES | \$294.06**

**TOTAL CASH | \$5,423.58**

#### Special Note:

We have filed the club federal tax return for 2022 and by law made it accessible on our website under "Downloads & Links."

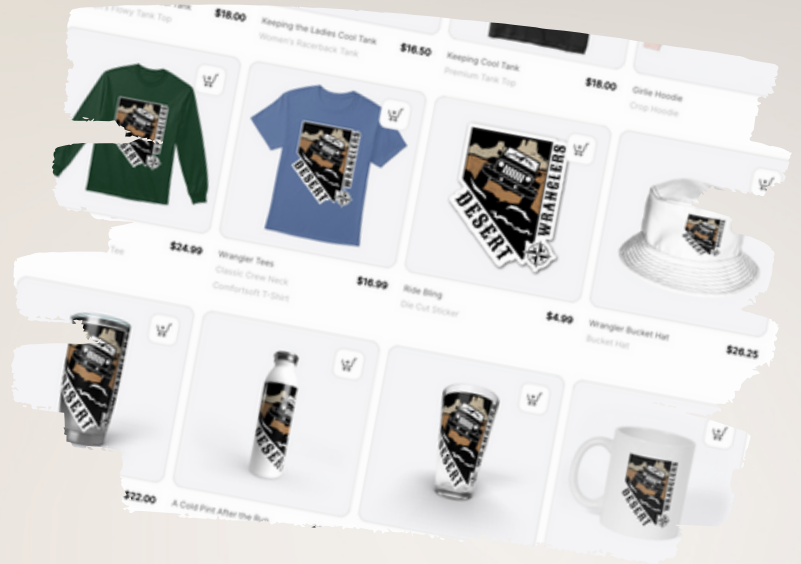
All of our financial accounts have been entered into Quicken 2022 Deluxe. The checking account has been reconciled. Copies of the Quicken account reconciliation reports are available by request

# DW Merch

Show the world that you're a Desert Wrangler!

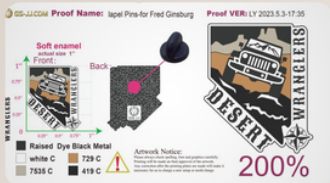
Mugs, t-shirts, tanks, sweatshirts, stickers – you can buy it all on our **Desert Wranglers Swag Shop**. Wear your club logo and trail badges proudly!

**GET MERCH** 



## ASK YOUR TRAILER LEADER OR GET THESE AT THE CLUB MEETING

### DESERT WRANGLER HAT PINS



### SINGLE COLOR VINYL TRANSFER DECALS



### DESERT WRANGLERS TRAIL BADGES



### BIO PRIVACY TENT HAT



## General Club Info

The DW Club enjoys the spacious hospitality of a fraternal lodge every last Thursday from 6-8pm!

- Conveniently located
- Ample, fenced in, parking lot.
- Spacious meeting/banquet hall
- Bar/kitchen
- Game room
- Out-door yard w BBQ kitchen.
- Menu offers a wide selection of entrees (with sides) for under \$10!

**Members are encouraged to invite family and friends to come and check us out.** Children and those under 21 are welcome in the banquet/mtg room and the playrooms in the back. The Bar is restricted to 21 and over. For location information and details about an upcoming general meetings please RSVP (required) on Meetup.

### Not a Member?

Click the Join button for a free 14-day trial and join us on a trail. Only \$25 per year per Jeep! Billed on Meetup after the trial period ends.

Questions? Email Kirk and Thom at: [membership@desertwranglers.club](mailto:membership@desertwranglers.club)



Connect with us!



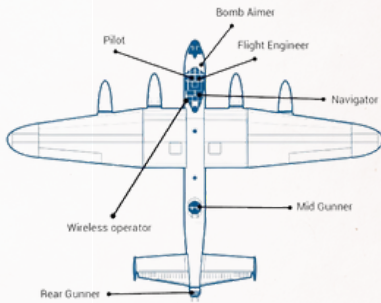
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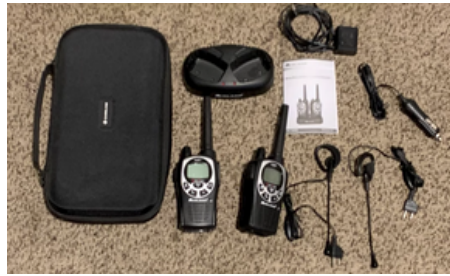
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- 1 Charging Station
- 1 Car Charger
- 1 Owner's Manual
- 1 Carrying Case

Contact Steve Zapparolli  
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#### 2017 Rubi \$38,5k

3.5 inch AEV lift, 35 inch M/T tires, ~46,000 miles - too much to list. See [Facebook Post](#)

Contact [Colleen Callahan Garrett](#) on messenger.

This thing is fully specced and very capable. Besides the fact that it is already a Rubicon it has a 3.5 inch AEV lift, 35 inch M/T tires, upgraded differential covers, lights and a whole host of extras. The mileage is low ~46,000 miles and the Jeep has been well maintained with detailed service records. The vehicle also has a Mopar warranty that expires July 2024 or 60,000 miles (warranty will be transferred). The vehicle does have some minor trail damage (pin striping and dents/scratches). Serious offers only and only cash is accepted.



#### CLASSIFIED ADS

Free to DW active members & sponsors; and really cheap for commercial businesses. Got something to sell or trade? Or looking for something to add to your Jeep? Send your info to the Editor! If you are concerned about putting your name or contact info out in public, we can run a blind ad and forward any responses to you.