

North American Motorized Recreation Council
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The North American Motorized Recreation Council (NAMRC) meets once a year to promote motorized recreation and our interests in motorized recreation. NAMRC is an alliance of organizations, which facilitates communications: shares information, expertise and resources to enhance unity. NAMRC helps the organized motorized recreation community and other interested groups become more effective in their efforts to maintain, improve and expand opportunities and experiences in our many forms of recreation.

Update and welcome from SEMA.

Thank you SEMA for providing the room, refreshments and support of NAMRC.

Del Albright inducted into the Off Road Hall of Fame. Rod Hall is putting together a video for U-tube on the history of Off-Roading.

Presentation of \$5000 donation to Blue Ribbon Coalition from NAXJA.

ALAA shared the following statement from Kerry White:

I testified at the U.S. House Legislative field hearings in Billings about a year ago. Doc Hastings was the chair. (House Natural Resource Committee). About the last question that was asked of the panel I sat on was from Rep. Hastings. He asked 'it seems you and your organizations are always on the defensive, why don't you go on the offense?'

I raised my hand and he called on me. "Rep Hastings, *the problem is you have never given us the tools. You gave the environmental groups the CLEAN AIR ACT, THE CLEAN WATER ACT, THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT, THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, THE FOREST AND LAND MANAGEMENT ACT, THE WILDERNESS ACT, but you have failed in giving us any tools to fight these wrongs.*"

Grant Gerber passed away from an accident. He has worked on land access issues and organized the "Shovel Brigade."

Providing input to the Forest Service must be in writing. The Forest Service took 10 years developing the planning rule--recreationists must be involved if they want a seat at the table.

BLM is starting at ground zero on trail planning. Again, be involved or lose your seat at the table.

Russ Ennes is a member of the Federal Forest Service Planning Rule Advisory Committee. Talking planning rules.

Everything in Washington (D.C.) trickles down—like standing in the bottom of an outhouse looking up.

Membership issues: if you want younger members use social media. Let the youth bring in their ideas. Membership program PNW4WDA uses Vieth Consulting. MEMZEE is

also an on line membership renewal program. Both programs have the ability to register for events using the program.

Roundtable reports:

Please see the written reports at www.namrc.com

Cal 4 Wheel—Reviewed the projects and lobbying efforts for the year. 3000 DPU's

4X4 Wire One of the issues to be included in the planning rule is Climate change. John is the only recreationist on the Landscape Conservation Cooperation. Focus of the committee is climate change and water quality. There are 2 websites that deal with climate and water studies. Del will send out the information.

Vermont-Most of their focus is on state lands—all trails are on private property. 2500 DPU's

Blue Ribbon Coalition -Collaborative efforts on the Planning Rule and membership driven. Searching for a Director

Victory in Yellowstone—a success story! 6000 DPU's

Partners in Conservation—GPS trails when traveling on them—it creates a base. Logandale trails RMP just released 2000 pages – reviewing and will comment.

Grand Cherokee Association –listening and learning.

Pt. Mugu – membership using both new way (social media) and old way. Trying to police themselves.

CORVA—membership is flat. On several steering committees. Involved in smog issues, Feinstein monument, Johnson Valley, renewable energy, West Mojave area. **Stand up for your recreation.**

Authority for charging fees on federal land. SEMA is working on it. Representative Bishop working on the bill – use of special use fees.

Nevada 4-Wheel Drive Association-new group with 100 DPU's Membership is on line Advocacy—Nevada OHV Commission-Wilderness Bills. Reid sponsored Sage grouse bill – not sage grouse bill but a Wilderness Bill. Sage Grouse—three big issues 1) Fire 2) Encroachment 3) Common Raven. A Nevada bill proposed for gas tax funds for OHV

Mojave Desert Association- Mojave Road under restrictions from the National Parks-camping restrictions etc.

CORVA opposes desert/wilderness bills.

Johnson Valley—Congressman Cook responsible for saving Johnson Valley.

American Land Access Association –feel empowered know background on mining claims
Asking how you deal with problems –sharing information.

Utah Public Land Alliance—lost 6000 acres to Desert Tortoise Borrowed membership
from other groups.

Southern Nevada Land Association working with BLM 12-13 DPUs

Southern 4 Wheel Drive Association. Tellico cost \$100,000—lost some members
Created a grant program for trail use
Why do you belong to any association----Have to support each other.

PNW4WDA-invested in trail counters. Sage grouse an issue. Use caution in social media.
Created a sponsorship program and eliminated exclusivity 1100 DPUs

Don't give up—don't quit.

NAXJA-Supports other associations Gave away a Cherokee East Coast members push
West Coast members so they don't lose access 800 DPUs

Oregon Snowmobile Association support charities (Candle lighters) filed lawsuit over
snow parks Get a % of the gas tax and a \$10 permit fee. 600 DPUs

Rubicon Trail abatement order cancelled—trail cleaned up.

Washington State Snowmobile Association Scholarship program Avalanche training
Opened a new snow-park. Registration \$20---\$30 next year--- \$40 the following year.
Receive portion of the gas tax.

American Council of Snowmobiles 18 states -- provide information platform for
associations Yearly trip to DC -- on line webinars to assist clubs with various issues.
1.4 million snowmobiles registered in the U.S.

NOHVCC—not a membership organization. 40 state councils workshop series teaching
land managers how to do maintenance on trails. National conference –last week in
October 2015

Great Falls Trail Bike Riders-free membership

Utah 4 Wheel Drive Association -- 67% of land in Utah is Government land 1.8 million
acres in the Red Rock Wilderness Utah Congressmen do not support the Wilderness
proposal Bishop working to get Utah out of Antiquities Act GPSing trails.

President Obama plans to sign more Wilderness bills . BLM has 500 plus acres of
Wilderness Study Areas.

Volunteer Leadership Training Workshop –February 28 in Sacramento. This is a leadership boot Camp. Sponsored by businesses, Cal 4 Wheel. Open to 35 people contact Del if interested. Jeepindel@goldrush.com

How to get young involved
Encourage Youth

Presentation by Dave Logan—we are preaching to the choir.

Businesses have the \$\$\$ Rugged Ridge trail access funds available simple application with 5 questions. Applications available on line at Ruggedridge.com