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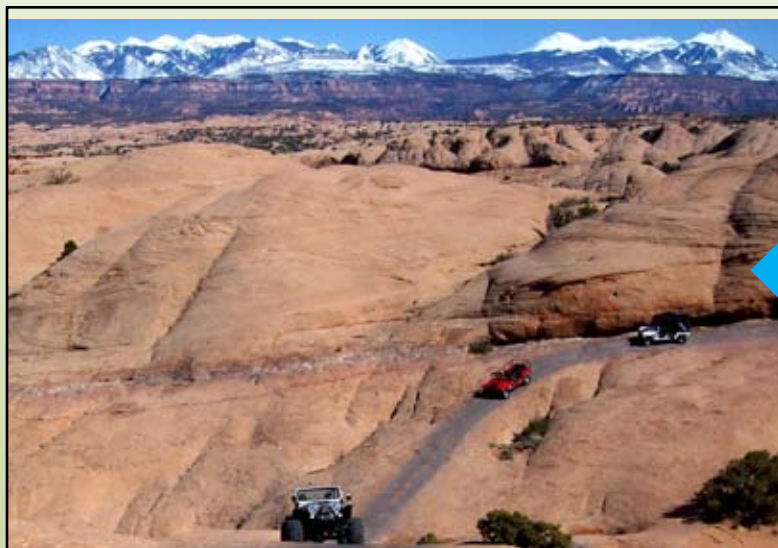
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FART RACING TEAM'
MEMBER IS
REMEMBERED**

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Original 'Old Fart Racing Team' member Bob Bradley Sr. passed away March 13, 2010

Robert L. Bradley (1929 - 2010)

Robert Leonard Bradley Sr., 80, a Bozeman native, passed away March 13, 2010, at Bozeman Health and Rehab Center. He was born on Dec. 27, 1929, in Bozeman, to James and Florence Nixon Bradley. He grew up on the family farm on South Gooch Hill Road and attended Rea School and Gallatin High School.



After graduation, Robert married Alice Akens in August 1950 in Bozeman. They had three children: Robert Jr., David, and Lori. The couple later divorced.

In October 1969, Robert married Myrtle Swanson in Bozeman. Together they raised Marilyn and had a son, Michael.

Robert was a diesel mechanic and an over-the-road truck driver. In the 1970s, Robert and his brother, Curt, formed Bradley Brothers Trucking and Bradley Repair in Belgrade.

Thanks to everyone who either called, sent flowers or e-mailed us, or came for the memorial service. Thank you. We really appreciated everything.

Bob and Fran Bradley

Robert enjoyed building and racing his Jeep. He was a member of the Bozeman Mountaineers Club and the Montana 4 x 4 Association.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Myrtle; brother, Curt; and sister-in-law, Susan.

He is survived by sons, Robert (Fran) Bradley Jr., David Bradley, and Michael Bradley; daughter, Lori McAllister; step-daughter, Marilyn (Ed) Cox; brothers, Raymond (Betty) Bradley, and Paul Bradley; sister-in-law, Betty Bradley; six grandchildren, Jeff Bradley, James Bradley, Johnny Cox, Aubrey Bradley, Deb Hawe, and Alan Aznoe; and eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel, followed by a reception in the basement of the Bozeman United Methodist Church. Robert will be laid to rest next to his wife, Myrt, at Sunset Hills Cemetery.

A special thank you to Dr. Harris; his nurse, Barb; and the staff at Bozeman Health and Rehab.

Donations may be made in Robert's name to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service; www.dokkennelson.com.

Published in Bozeman Daily Chronicle on March 17, 2010





LAND USE - MONTANA

Positions available on the BLM Resource Advisory Councils

The Montana/Dakotas Bureau of Land Management is seeking public nominations for 16 open positions on its Western, Central, and Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Councils, which advise the BLM on public land issues. **The deadline for nominations is May 10.**

The BLM's Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, help the Bureau carry out its stewardship of 253 million acres of public lands. The Bureau, which manages more land than any other federal agency, has 24 RACs across the West, where most BLM-managed land is located.

Each RAC consists of 12 to 15 members with an interest in public land management, including such individuals as conservationists, ranchers, outdoor recreationists, state and local government officials, Tribal officials, and academics. The diverse membership of each RAC is aimed at achieving a balanced outlook that the BLM needs for its mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple uses.

"I value the advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based Resource Advisory Committees, and I know that Interior Secretary Ken Salazar shares my view of their importance," said BLM Director Bob Abbey. "The people who live, work, and recreate near or on BLM-managed lands deserve

a formal voice on public land issues, and their input will enhance our agency's ability to manage the public lands for multiple uses while conserving resources for future generations."

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on an advisory council. Nominees, who must be residents of the state or states where the RAC has jurisdiction, will be evaluated on the basis of their training, education, and knowledge of the council's geographical area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decisionmaking. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations; a completed background information nomination form; and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

The 16 RAC positions open in Montana are in the following categories:

- **Category One** – Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

- **Category Two** – Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organi-

zations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.

- **Category Three** – Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

A term on a RAC is for three years. Following are the vacancies for each RAC. Nominations should be sent to the contact listed.

Western Montana: Two

openings in Category one (one is for a two-year term); two openings in Category two; and two openings in Category three. David Abrams, 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, MT, 59701, 406-533-7600.


Central Montana: One opening in Category one; two openings in Category two; and two openings in Category three. Craig Flentie, 920 NE Main Street, Lewistown, MT, 59457, 406-538-1900.

Eastern Montana: One opening in Category one; two openings in Category two; and two openings in Category three. Mark Jacobsen, 111 Garyowen Road, Miles City, MT, 59301, 406-233-2800.

Please send in your writeups and pictures to me by the 15th of each month.

Remember, the 4XForum is only as good as the information you send in!

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LAND USE - NATIONAL

BF Goodrich, United Four Wheel Drive Associations and Tread Lightly! Announce the 2010 Outstanding Trails

MOAB, Utah – April 1, 2010 – BFGoodrich Tires has announced the five trails selected for its Outstanding Trails program at a presentation held in Moab, Utah during the Easter Jeep Safari. Celebrating the program's five year anniversary in 2010, the Outstanding Trails program has recognized 19 trails, donating more than \$70,000 to clubs across the United States and Canada. The program was established to raise awareness for responsible use, and preservation of, off-road trails while providing aid in the trails' conservation efforts.

In collaboration with Tread Lightly! and United Four Wheel Drive Associations (UFWDA), BFGoodrich Tires is proud to present the 2010 Outstanding Trails:

- Rausch Creek, Pa.
- Drummond Island, Mich.
- Yacolt, Wash.
- Johnson Valley, Calif.
- Holy Cross, Colo.

The five 2010 Outstanding Trails cover the map from the Mojave Desert in Southern California to the green forests of Pennsylvania. The trails were narrowed down and selected by UFWDA, Tread Lightly! and BFGoodrich Tires.

BFGoodrich Tires will host several events honoring each of the five trails beginning in June and running through October. The events will highlight the beauty and uniqueness of each trail, as well as educate off-road enthusiasts on the responsible use of trails. A grant will also be awarded to each of the clubs associated with

the trails to help conserve the trail's beauty.

Following is a closer look at each trail:

* Rausch Creek provides a fun, legal place for 4x4 off-road clubs and organizations to go "wheeling." The off-road park consists of 1,700 acres of easy, intermediate and hard trails. Rocks, bowls, hills, the glacial "Rock Creek", club-friendly trails and free on-site camping combine to make Rausch Creek a unique 4x4 destination.

* Drummond Island has some of the most scenic and rugged off-road trails in the state of Michigan. With more than 117 miles of trail in a closed loop system, Drummond Islands' off-road trails provide a wide range of riding opportunities. Surrounded by the waters of Lake Huron, in a true wilderness setting, the riding experience is unparalleled by any other place in Michigan. With abundant wild life, lush vegetation and sweeping vistas, the trails on Drummond Island are truly special.

* Yacolt Burn is a new 4x4 trail that expects to have approximately 25 miles of dedicated off-roading [we will add more info prior to distribution, awaiting info].

* Johnson Valley is home to King of the Hammers, the ultimate desert race. Johnson Valley offers a varied landscape for the off-road driver. It is punctuated by steep red rocky mountains, rolling hills, open valleys, dry lake beds and sandy washes. Elevations range from 4,600-feet at

Hartwell Hills to 2,300-feet at Melville Dry Lake. The area's beautiful vegetation consists of creosote scrub, annual grasses, wild flowers and Joshua Trees.

* Holy Cross is a scenic and challenging high mountain trail in central Colorado. It is an old mining trail that gold miners built and used until 1883 when the mines on Mt. Holy Cross played out. One of the more challenging 4x4 trails in Colorado, Holy Cross holds a rating of 8 to 9 on a 10-point difficulty scale.

Each of the trails honored will be highlighted on BFGoodrich

Tires' Nation of GO throughout the year. Nation of GO allows visitors to interact with members, as well as share their experiences on the trails by tracking drives and uploading photos and videos. Visit www.NationofGO.com/OutstandingTrails to view the 2010 Outstanding Trails trailheads.

Both Tread Lightly! and UFWDA are non-profit organizations dedicated to responsible and ethical outdoor recreation. BFGoodrich Tires collaborated with these two groups to select the finest North American trails, and will continue to work with these organizations on restoration and education initiatives.

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EVENTS & RALLYS

UPCOMING

Powell Valley 4 Wheelers hosts the "High Desert 100" Baja over Memorial Day Weekend

May 29 & 30, 2010 :: Powell, WY



High Desert 100

Big Horn Basin Baja

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Memorial Day Weekend 2010
 Powell, Wyoming

Saturday, May 29: 5:00-9:00 - Tech Inspection & BBQ at track
 9:00 on - Bon Fire at track

Sunday, May 30: 11:00 - Race Start
 4:00 - Mini Rock Crawl

Race Classes*:	Rock Classes*:
Stock - 10 laps (35 mi)	Classes based on
Modified - 15 laps (52.5 mi)	participant turnout
Pro - 20 laps (70 mi)	and tire/ rig classification
\$100 entry free	\$50 entry per driver/rig

*-Final classing to be determined at tech inspection

More information check out www.powellvalley4wheelers.com

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M4x4A Calendar of Events

Apr 24 - M4x4A
 Convention - Meeting
 10 AM - Happy Hour -
 5:30 pm. Dinner - 6:30
 pm.
 Entertainment - 7:30
 pm. - Shrine Aud., Bill-
 ings

Apr 25 - Bozeman
 Mountaineers Swap-
 meet
 Gal. County Fair-
 grounds - 8AM - 5PM

May 29-30 - High
 Desert 100 Baja,
 Powell Wyoming

Jun 26-27 - Magic
 City 4 Wheelers Top
 Truck Challenge, BMP
 Speedway, Billings

Jul 12-18 - Divide
 Ride 2010 - Boulder,
 MT

*Does your club have
 an event coming up?
 Let me know!*
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 or 672-5519



EVENTS & RALLYS

UPCOMING

Divide Ride 2010 Registration Form: Due May 31, '10

REGISTRATION FORM Divide Ride 2010 — July 12-18, 2010, Boulder, MT

Registration is limited to 150 vehicles

Deadline: May 31, 2010 (No refunds after May 31, 2010)



Driver Name	Age
Mailing Address	
City	State Zip

Country	TRAIL SELECTION Select 5 choices for trails you wish to run, from the list provided, place them in the order of most desired (1) to the least desired (5).	Vehicle Information A copy of your PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST BE SENT IN with registration! RELEASE OF LIABILITY - all participants must sign liability release at event check in. Signatures of parent or guardian are required for minors.
Phone ()		
Email	Trail Name	Level
Additional Passengers — All Must Register	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
Name	Age	Vehicle Tech Information:
		Make Year Model
		Color License # State
		<input type="checkbox"/> Tire Size _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Front Locker
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rear Locker
		<input type="checkbox"/> Winch
		<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Cage
We will assign you to 5 from your list. Not providing the necessary information will delay your registration, as we will return it to you, and wait for your paper work to be com-		

Are you interested in an overnight ride? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you belong to a 4WD club or association? ☐ Yes ☐ No Club Name: Association:

	Price	x	Number of Persons	TOTAL
Vehicle & Driver	\$100.00	x	1	\$100.00
Each Additional Adult	\$50.00	x		
13-17 years of Age	\$40.00	x		
Children 12 & under - FREE	\$0.00	x		

***Register early to save money**

Registration after May 31, 2009: Add \$25.00 per person

REGISTRATION TOTAL

SHIRT & HAT ORDERS	S	M	L	XL	x	Price	2XL	3XL	x	Price
T-Shirt					x	\$15.00			x	\$17.00
Tank Top					x	\$15.00			x	\$17.00
Sweatshirt					x	\$20.00			x	\$22.00
Visor						Red		Royal Blue	x	\$15.00
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Camp Showers\$3.00 Per person, Per day	Number of People		x		Days	x	\$3.00	
Payment must accompany registration. Make checks payable to: M4x4A.								GRAND TOTAL

Mail to: Nancy Hines, P.O. Box 1521, Polson, MT 59860

Registration Deadline is May 31, 2010





EVENTS & RALLYS

Big Sky 4 Wheelers Easter Weekend Run



Three Skyliners families make a trip to Moab





CLUB REPORTS



Skyliners

P.O. Box 416 Polson, MT 59860
1st Tuesday, Polson VFW
RVP: Nancy Hines, 406-883-2851

Spring has sprung!

The Skyliners had their annual meeting in April. At this point in time, we are 19 members strong. We also had our elections at this meeting. Rob St. Clair was elected President. Congratulations to Rob! Thank you Ivan for your two years of service. John Wall is vice president, Mark Richer is treasurer and Nancy Hines is secretary and RVP. Our delegates this year are Mike Hines and Mark Richer.

Our club is planning the annual camping trip to Blacktail. We are looking forward to camping, wheeling and fellowship and maybe a little work too.

Kalispell's Big Sky 4-wheelers had their elections in March.

The officers are: President - Kelvin Michaels; Vice president - Brandon Pederson; Treasurer - Teri Arnst; and Secretary - Laurie Happ. They are planning a work weekend to Blacktail June 5th and 6th. The weekend of June 19th and 20th there is camping trip scheduled to Blacktail. For more information, contact Kelvin Michaels at 755-1712.

Happy trails.

Nancy Hines
RVP, Region 9



ard Hiltz who came down from Helena to join us. We only had about a mile of snow on the Maudlow road, but 3 rigs got stuck. Larry Ellison, the trail master for the day drilled down trying to free one of the others. He was still strapped to the other rig. A couple guys tugging on the strap freed him.

We had day light left, so we ran up Flathead Pass from the East side since we were only about 3 miles from the trail on our way home. We finally found more snow. By this time of day the snow was very wet, but slick. It packed well but didn't tolerate any wheel slip. More shoveling and strapping. We finally gave up about a mile from Flathead Pass. GREAT DAY!

Our April meeting was a week early, the 1st this month. Again we had about 20 in attendance. We are making good progress on the Mud Bog, still working on the White Rocks play area, and trying to get lined up for CPR certification. The Swap meet for April 25th is coming together.



Bozeman Mountaineers

P.O. Box 951 Bozeman, MT 59715
2nd Thurs, MacKenzie River, Belgrade
7:30 pm
RVP: Larry Ellison, 406-587-4505








First I want to remind Mountaineers that 2010 dues are due. Bring you money to the next meeting or mail to; Mountaineers, POB 951, Bozeman 58771. Dues are \$35 per year.

At our February meeting we had a good turn out of 21! We voted in 5 new members. Welcome Tom Wilson, Brian Hoener, Destry Walker, Ian Kirby, and Evan Schlotfeldt. Destry has taken on keeping our web page up to date.

For our February trail ride, we went to Townsend and meet up with some of the locals. From there we went to the East side of the lake and up Deer Creek road. We had 5 rigs and 11 people. We made it to within about 250 yards of the pass. One rig broke a front drive shaft and Scott toasted his transmission. Thanks to Ian Kirby for organizing this ride.

At our March meeting we had 20 attending.

For the March trail ride we ran the Maudlow to Ringling road. We four rigs and 5 people. We had 3 members, Larry and Linda Ellison and Tom Wilson and 2 guests, Caleb Augustine and Rich-

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CLUB REPORTS



Cascade County 4 Wheelers

P.O. Box 222 Black Eagle, MT 59414
1st Tuesday, Sheriff Posse's Club
RVP: Bud Wheeler, 406-453-4263

Greetings 4 Wheelers

Sorry we missed the Delegates' meeting. We don't do that very often. Thanks to Nancy Hines for stepping up and taking the minutes. We held our elections this month. New officers are President: Mark Blom; Vice Pres: Dale Nelson; Secretary: Shirleen Wheeler; Treasurer: Esther Neumeyer; Scout: Jim Miller. We have already gotten new members this year: Jim Lewis and Family; and Ron Culberson and Family. We held our Winter Baja on the 13th. THANK YOU to all of the people who came out and made it possible. It was really muddy, however, the weather held till we were finished and all the people were off the land. It was so muddy on the track that the two wheel drive vehicles had a hard time of it. The results are: 8 CYL: 1st: Tyler Gordon; 2nd: Ryan Clark; 3rd: Jim Forsman; 8 COMP MOD:

1st: Scott Schinthus; 2nd: Tom Mandera; 3rd: Leonard Nelson; ATV Class: 1st: John Wellcome; 2nd: Chris Smith; JACKPOT was won by Ryan Clark. CONGRATULATIONS to all participants. FFA from Cascade took care of the concessions and the gate. THANKS TO THEM. We had much extra help this year; new members stepped up and did a lot of work making this Baja a great event. We even had help from the younger members and their friends. Our club went even further and sold ads for an ad book handed out to everyone there. THANKS to ALL. The Driftwood put on a feed for us after the rally. THANKS the food was great. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. See everyone at the Convention; sounds like fun and one of my favorite foods.

Keep Wheelin'
Bud, Region 4



Perched on the hillside after the Winter Baja, Feb 13, 2010 in Cascade.



Frontier 4 Wheelers

1001 Poplar St., Helena, MT 59604
1st Wednesday, Ford Dealership, 7 PM
RVP: TBA

Greetings from the Frontier 4-wheelers. Our February meeting snuck up on us being so early in the month. I know myself and the president both missed the meeting in February. We had several people in attendance and they set up our monthly trail ride on February 20th and they went out and played in the snow by Park Lake. I also missed writing anything in the February forum I was busy getting racers ready for the winter Baja in Cascade. The Baja was a lot of fun as usual. We had our annual Christmas party in January at Dennis and Al-

lison's house. Kids went sledding, food was good, and then the kids decorated cookies. Thanks Dennis and Allison for the use of their house. We went on a trail ride the day after the delegates meeting. Larry and Linda from Bozeman joined us and we busted some snow and survived the day with out any breakage or damage that I'm aware of. We elected Mike Kelly as our new club president. Thanks Tom Mandera for I think 9 years as Frontier's president.

Tyler Gordon

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FEATURED RIG

REDRINO

(Bill Springer's Big White Mud Truck)

Redrino started with an 80's dream of a big truck.

I started with a big lift and big tires for the time.

I raced it in Columbus for the first time when I got to MT. Immediately found out that the front drive shaft wasn't going to work.

Rob Schessler talked me into moving the motor and the truck worked much better, but then I started breaking 10bolt parts. So naturally, I put in a dana 60 and raced it for several years, and still managed to break lots of dana 60 parts.

Tire progression;
35" dick cepecs
44" swampers
44" boggers
49" Iroks
54" boggers

Bigger, Badder, breaks more. Finally blew up the small block that was in it when I bought it.

I'm installing a big block 8.1L vortec with a turbo 400 auto. It had a 4 speed up until now.

Let the next chapter begin.

Follow the progression of Vortec 8.1/Turbo 400 swap in coming issues of the 4XForum in the Technical section.



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Boggers

OTHER ITEMS



One Sick SONOMA

Matt Norby had a nicely built 1971 Chevy Blazer. It was sporting 43" Super Swamper SX tires, 1-ton axles, a TBI 454 big block, a Turbo 400 transmission, and an NP203/NP205 doubler.

Follow along here and in a few upcoming issues as the Blazer body is removed and replaced with a smaller, lighter 1997 GMC Sonoma body, a custom 4-link rear suspension, an ex-cage, and other goodies.



Above: The Sonoma when it was picked up.



Right: The Chassis from the Blazer after the body was removed



Left and Bottom Left: Got body on and it fit really nice. Shifters came through floor perfectly, engine clears good. Radiator will have to go in front of the core support after all. The frame is about 2" from floorboards on main part of cab and 3/4" from back of cab and fenders clear the lines off the steering gear by about 1/2". For the shifters, I took an inner tube and cut to cover the hole in the floor and cut 3 slits in it for shifters to come through and glued it to the floor to keep the bulk of weather out. I also got a triple stick shifter boot off ebay to cover it from the in-cab side.

Below: Got some tube bent, frame capped, and some paint sprayed. I would have liked to do a full X in the C pillar I guess you would call it, but I wanted access to the cab vent and hope to put the fuel cell right up against cab instead of behind the tube if I can. Plus I think they would have been at a pretty steep angle and maybe not as effective. Also it looks tall in the pics but the top isn't as high as it looks compared to cab, just a picture angle thing.



More to come in an upcoming issue!





FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE HISTORIAN

March 1977 Four By Forum

The Forest Service and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Game Department published a comprehensive five-year program for improving and restoring fish and wildlife habitat in Montana's national forests. This complies with the provisions of the 1974 Sikes Act (Public Law 93-452), which provides for fish and wildlife habitat improvement, range

rehabilitation where necessary for support of wildlife and fish, and control of off-road vehicle traffic.

Region 4 – Dave Blom was planning a first aid course for all members. They held a Coffee Stop – free coffee and cupcakes were served. Approximately 200 vehicles stopped by and they received TV, Radio and Newspaper cover-

age. The event was organized by John and Ruby Hazzard. Cascade County 4-Wheelers celebrated their 5th birthday on Feb. 25.

Region 6 – Jim McKinney reported that they had meetings on the Beaverhead National Forest Land Management Plan. They expect the ORV plans to be released in April 1977.

December 1983 Four By Forum

The Skyliners posted their rally results – the Obstacle results are as follows: Women 4 cyl – Amanda Drebes, Leslie Schmachtenberger, and Aubrey Drebes; Men 4 cyl – Rex Keil, James Schmachtenberger, and Jim Brueckmann. Women 6 cyl – Darlene Hert, Karen Michels, and Chris Turpin; Men 6 cyl – Russ Riebe, Dale Hert, and Ted Riebe. Women 8 cyl – Fran Bradley,

Yvonne Bradstreet. Men 8 cyl – Bob Bradley Jr., Steve Wheat, and Willie McKinney. Women Mod. – Cyndy Bradley, Myrna Martens. Men 8 Mod – Calvin Michaels, Ron Ferguson, and Bruce Mennell. Women Long Wheel Base – Janet Altman, Karen Reum. Men Long Wheel Base – Bob Weir, Gary Patterson, and Pete Reum. Team Obstacle – Skyliners (Deon

Anderson, Russ Riebe, Don Munn, Pete Reum), Mountaineers (Jim McKinney, Jim Schmachtenberger, Bob Weir, Rex Keil), Old Fart Racing Team (Albert Drebes, Bob Bradley Sr., Vic Eklund, Rex Keil), Powell Coyotes (Evan Cross, Bruce Mennell, Calvin Michaels, Ron Ferguson), and Five Valley Four Wheelers (Allen Michels, Ron Bakke, Leo Miller, and Karen Michels).

February 1988 Four By Forum

M4x4A officers are President Gene Anderson, Vice President Bob Bradley, Treasurer Dick Riebe, Secretary Fran Bradley,

and Past President Don Harden.

Region 1 - Mary Olson reported that the Magic City 4-Wheelers had a run to the Pryor Mountains - great scenery! Their Christmas party was a potluck dinner, Christmas caroling, gift exchange, and scavenger hunt.

Region 4 - Cascade County 4-Wheelers - they had a club run to Wheeler's cabin - in attendance were Bud, Shirleen and G.C. Wheeler, Mike and Paula Dunnington, Dave Blom, and Wes and Karen Eads. Their officers are President Mike Dunnington, VP Wes Eads, Secretary Paula Dunnington, Treasurer Tom Dennis, Scout Dave Blom, Delegates are Shirleen Wheeler and Zenon Forozowsky.

Region 5 - Frontier Four Wheelers - RVP Roger Osborne invited everyone on

the club run from Boulder to Whitehall, cross country. They'll also be going on a run to Pangas Mine.



Shirleen Wheeler baked a birthday cake for Roger Osborne. From the 1987 Yearbook.



Bud Wheeler smokin' in the drags at the Seeley Lake rally. From the 1987 Yearbook.

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Magic City 4-Wheelers held their July 12 Benbow Jeep Trail Conservation Project. Conservation Officer Jack Hall did a great job of organizing the event. The club also participated in the 4th of July parade in Laurel. It was also reported that their June rally was published in 4x4 Power magazine. Some first place drags winners at their rally are: Heather Jongeling, Stacey Schessler, Brenda Statton, Brian Galvin, Scott Moore, Bob Schessler, Rob Schessler, Mike Ablott, Wayne Sherlock, Dale Hert, Al Jogan, Jerry Fredrickson. First place obstacle winners were: Frnak Donnes, Stacey Osborne, Brenda Statton, Al Hogan, Zina Hiltabrand, Toby Hiltabrand, Chris Klamert.

Rimrock 4x4 reported on their plans for their conservation project at Woodchopper Ridge.

Cascade County repported that several members went up the Middle Fork in the Little Belts over the 4th of July weekend - those participating were Leonard, Trudy and Kevin Nelson, Jason and Brenda Wilkinson, Zenon and Jeremy Forozowsky, and some prospective members. They had a tough time at the creek crossing - Leonard sank his jeep up to the bikini top!

Linda Walker reported on the Devil's



M4x4A members who took part in the Devil's Canyon trip in July of 1997,

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