



BADLANDS POSSE

4X4 CLUB

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Meeting Information

By Freakshow, Bob, aka N6RBT

We have a few more weeks of Tuesdays at Starbucks but we will go back to Saturdays on September 11th, 2010. We are also going to change the time to 0900 Hrs., 9:00 A.M. Starbucks is located at 1081 W. Manning Ave. Reedley, CA. We will continue with the weekly meetings but the 1st meeting of the month is to be our official meeting. It will be this meeting when voting takes place. That is when we have something to vote on. Keep an eye on the web page for updates or changes.

Web Page Up-Dates

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I have been working a lot on the web page. I know it does not look that much different but I have done some much needed work. The best thing that has changed is the photos area. I found a FREE SOFTWARE that takes regular size photos and changes them to thumb nail pics. It does this by making a smaller version of the regular photograph without actually changing the original. This is great for me because when it comes to coding the page the name of the pic is almost the same as the original. Now you can access the photos area of the page and you will see small versions of our pictures that load up nice and quick. Just click on the small version of the pic and it will load the full size version. Check it out!

I have cleaned up the main page a bit and given the APRS tracking section its own page. I am still working on this page but you can track my Jeep, Steve Mitchell's 4X4 PU and Bruce's Bi Plane from the new page. I will be adding information to this page about what APRS is and what it is used for. Other items added to the web site are an "About

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Us" section, a BLP Business section, and a BLP Minutes area. Rod had made a request to have an area per our Bylaws that gave information on when Club business was to be voted on. The minutes page provides information regarding the issues discussed while at the actual meeting. This page keeps those who missed or who can not attend up to date on our meeting activities. The "About Us" page is just information on how the Club got started and how we evolved into what we are today. If anyone has any other ideas or something you would like to see on our page let me know so I can see what can be done. I am very limited on my web design abilities but am willing to try.

One last thing on the web page. I have wanted a message board / forum for the site for a long time but have had horrible luck getting anything to work. I contacted Steve Mitchell, N6SJM regarding this issue and he has agreed to help. If anyone can make this thing work he can.

Non- Profit Organization

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The Club is considering obtaining non-profit organization status. More information to follow on this issue. Anyone interested in being on the committee?

BLP Amateur Radio Callsign

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I have been working on getting our club an amateur radio club callsign. Rod and myself worked on the paperwork that was needed and I think we may have done it. I finally got the packet sent off a few days ago. I am hoping that within a week we have a club call. After that I will apply for the vanity call, W6BLP. As soon as I hear anything I will inform the Club.

Bylaws for the Club

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Updating the Bylaws is another project that the Club has undertaken. It is something that has needed to be done so Steve, Rod and myself have decided to take a look at the document and make sure it works for our Club. Once changes are made the document will be voted on to make it official. If anyone else wants to be a member of the Bylaws committee let one of us know so we can include you in any future discussions.

Electric Christmas Parade

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We have discussed at our meetings on a few occasions, Reedley's Electric Christmas Parade. The parade is actually a farm show that occurs the 1st Thursday in December, downtown Reedley. It starts at 1900 Hrs. Tractors and other vehicle types drive down the street covered with bright Christmas lights. I am not sure if we qualify to be apart of this event but I have seen a lot of vehicles in these parades that have absolutely nothing to do with farm or Ag. I have obtained the phone number needed to ask questions regarding the parade so I will call them to find out if we can do this. I will also ask if it cost any money and if there are any restrictions. I will get back to everyone on this later.

Club Newsletter

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I would like to have a newsletter from time to time but would need help with it. With the web page, Head Chess Coach at Riverview School and the kids it is hard to have the time. If there is anyone who wants to do the newsletter or at least help let me know. I could put it together if I was e-mailed the articles. I can also add pictures to the newsletter but that would be expensive. Any help would be great.

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