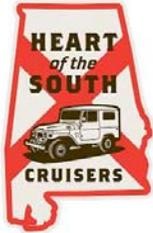




*Heart of the South Cruisers, Toyota Land Cruiser Association Chapter  
A fellowship for all Toyota 4x4 owners and Toyota off-road enthusiasts*



December 2013 Newsletter



## CALENDAR EVENTS

*Next Monthly Meeting:*

*January 11<sup>th</sup>*

*8:30 a.m.*

*Bill Penney Toyota*

*Scheduled Events:  
Monthly meeting*

## Heart of the South Cruisers purpose statement:

HOT South Cruisers is a growing group with a positive attitude and desire to have fun as we help one another in skills and projects.

## Officers

**Steve Lawrence**  
**President**

**Roma Scosyrev**  
**Vice President**

**Michael Blake**  
**Secretary**

**Chris Davis**  
**TLCA Rep.**

**Paul Howell**  
**Trail Boss**

**HOT South Cruisers**  
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**hotsouthcruisers@gmail.com**

I still need your MUD handle, if you are a member. I will include this info on the club roster.

Thanks,  
Michael <><

## **Next Meeting Agenda**

Monthly club meeting.

All,

Mark your calendars. There will be a ride at Stoney Lonesome Feb 21-23 this will be a camp and ride trip and is being put together by the group in Bham. Stoney has cabins, tent areas and RV parking so no matter how you want to camp you can get it done. For those who haven't been this is a park where you can have fun in a 2wd or one you can have fun bouncing on rocks so bring your trucks down for the weekend and lets have a good time.

Event #2 is the Mardi Crawl. I know several of our members made the journey to the Florence area last year for this event held at Hawk Pride and had a great time. This year will be even bigger and better, this will be the 2nd annual event and is close enough not to miss. It will be held April 10-13 with lots of Cajun food and friends and it is rumored that there will be a [Barbie jeep race](#) this year so that will be worth the price of admission.

Paul

## **Swap Shop**

### **Parts Needed**

### **Parts for Sale**

Used half tub \$250.00 Kyle

Lots of 71'/72' FJ40 parts Ryan

Pre 85' H42 transmission complete and an H42 for parts, Paul Howell

**List of Off road parks in the area:** (contact Paul Howell with suggested additions to this list)

Hale Mountain, 83 Big Rock Ln, New Market AL

Stoney Lonesome, 10075 AL Hwy 69 South, Bremen AL 35033

Gray Rock, 7468 Old Mt Olive Road, Gardendale, Alabama

Golden Mountain OHV, 6338 Golden Mountain Rd Sparta TN

Morris Mountain ORV, 1524 Henry Davis Rd, Delta AL 36258

Choccoloco Mountain OHV, 1312 Louise Dr SE, Jacksonville, AL 36265

## **Minutes from the December 14th meeting**

There were 14 members in attendance. With one guest and one new member added. Welcome to the club James!

There was a welcome time with reports of rig building status and introductions.

TLCA report was given. There is a possible dues increase coming and national elections are starting.

A report was given on the WAAY 31 Christmas Parade. Everyone had a great time and we made friends with another off road club in Huntsville.

Steve is still working on business cards for the club.

We are starting a pictorial directory of our club members. Please send a picture of you and your rig/rigs to the club secretary. To date we only have one picture (thank you Paul).

A discussion was brought to the floor about the possible addition of an under age club member. It was decided that a signed waiver along with a parent on trail rides would be the resolution for our potential new member.

## President's Corner

Wow, how fast has this month gone by! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and got some Cruiser parts from Santa!

The next meeting is on the 11th of January 2014 and as usual the National Guard has my undivided attention that weekend. I hope you guys have a good meeting and enjoy your fellow Cruiserhead's company!

I, like most of you have come to a dead stop on playing with our Cruisers. I got the power to the water temp gauge, just wish I could see it in the dark! The little details seem to never end. My FJ Cruiser has developed a vibration and I've narrowed it down to the rear drive shaft's front u joint. The shaft has a little play in it up front but the rear is tight. Now my old butt has to crawl under "The Brick" and pull the shaft and drive it around in 4WD to see if the vibration goes away. I guess it will be fun. Ha Ha!

Keep the Louisiana Krewesers Mardi Krawl run 10-13 April 2014 in your sights. I missed it last year, maybe it won't be on a drill weekend. GSMTR 14 is just around the corner 11 - 17 May 2014, this year the top is coming off and watch out hard trails! No bunny trails for "Olivia" the FJ40, she was hating life hanging with FJ Cruisers and wagons last year. Don't get me wrong, the FJ Cruiser and the wagons are very capable vehicles, but I would not take mine where I like to go with the 40, the body damage and carnage would be heart breaking!

I'm looking at my calendar and realize I might not make the Feb meeting either. Hopefully I will be in TN at our camp doing some cold weather camping and doing some work on the property. This being my birthday, maybe the Ball and Chain won't complain!

I hope everyone has a Happy New Year! Get started on those resolutions and hope to keep them up all year! Keep it in Granny Low range and crawl over anything in your path!

Your Prez,  
Steve.

## WAAY-31 Christmas Parade

For those of you who may have missed the parade either in person or on TV we have a few pictures. Many thanks to all who were able to make the event, for a first time outing as a club we had a good turn out. It was reported that everyone had an awesome time! Thanks to Zack for the loan of trucks for this event as well as a thank you to the volunteer drivers. Hopefully next year we can have more members with rigs ready and time available to participate. Oh yeah, I can't forget a great big "THANK YOU" to Al for making all of this happen! Good job Al!!!





## Club Highlights and Spotlights

I'm still in need of suggestions on the type of information you want to see in the newsletter. I also need more parts to list in the "Parts for Sale" section. Don't be bashful. I can also use ideas and material for articles on a monthly basis. I can be reached at 256-508-9282 or [michaelbb7@juno.com](mailto:michaelbb7@juno.com).

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