



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



## CALENDAR EVENTS

*Monthly Meeting:*

*February 23rd*  
*8:30 a.m.*  
*Bill Penney Toyota*

*Scheduled Events:*

*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**

**Kyle Massengale**  
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**Paul Howell**  
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## **Next Meeting Agenda**

Report from Kyle on monthly TLCA phone call

Logo discussion

Progress report on club member rigs

## **Trail Rides**

On April 4th-April 7th the Louisiana Land Krewswers are hosting a event. We are proud to announce the First Annual Mardi Krawl at Hawk Pride ORV in Alabama. Everyone is welcome to enjoy our first ever event held by us.

<http://forum.ih8mud.com/la-louisiana...ril-4-7-a.html>

22<sup>nd</sup> annual GSMTR May 13-18  
Geographic location TBD

## **Swap Shop**

### **Parts Needed**

1 used right rear tail light lens for a 76' FJ40- Michael B

### **Parts for Sale**

A pair of doors 72' \$75.00

Windshield frame 72' \$100.00

2 heaters 72' \$50.00 each  
– Michael B

## **Minutes from the Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Minutes from the December meeting were read and accepted with out corrections.

The meeting was held at Bill Penney Toyota.

There were 14 in attendance.

Introductions were made.

Topics of discussion:

Everyone gave an update of their rig with discussions on future modifications.

A request was made for more “Parts for Sale” to be listed in the newsletter.

Kyle reported on the TLCA phone call for the month of January. A result of that phone call was Kyle being elected to a new position in the TLCA. His new position is the [TLCA Eastern U.S. Representative](#) and he can be reached “officially” at [easternrep@tlca.org](mailto:easternrep@tlca.org).

There was a discussion on holding a car show or participating in one as a club.

No progress has been made on the club logo. Gary has offered to help.

We voted to create a new position of “Trail Boss” in the club and Paul Howell was elected to fill the position.

During the meeting Craig and Caitlin made pictures of the dealership with our rigs out front. Thanks again Craig an Caitlin!

## Aiming To Be An Amateur

For the past two months after the meeting, a group of exploring an area just north of Gurley, Alabama called Cove. It is about thirty minutes away from Penney well worth the trip. This past trip Paul, Steve, Roma attempted to go further than the last trekkers. After Highway 72 by the county high school, we meandered foot of a mountain chain where the Killingsworth tucked away. Although a google search shows the trail road, it is not much more than a rock bed where a creek Many hunters travel the trail on ATV's and when we pulled up in our Yotas they would just smile as if to say "good luck".



us have been Killingsworth Toyota and myself turning off of on back to the community is as a county once ran.



This trip was not as memorable since no one had tires to blow out or a loss of their differential, but it did leave a mark on my FJC rear quarter panel when I had mistaken an ATV trail for the real one. As I got about half way down a steep sloping drop, I realized that the trees were coming closer together. It was to late to back up so I squeezed on through and tattooed the back corner. Oh well, a new battle scar to tell about. We made it past the point of the last expedition only to find that the trail seemed to continue forever!

of running we decided to turn save the rest for another trip. One day we will finish it but some great climbs and challenges that will test the Yotas driver skills. The hunters call one part "the falls" which is climb up cascading rocks. A good skilled spotter is this type of step. In fact, one hunter that stopped to talk could not believe that we were going to try it.



After 4 hours back and so far it has as well as a quite long needed for with me,

Trips like these are enjoyable because of the camaraderie that takes place. Whether it is a day trip or excursion, these explorations do wonders in shaking off the work and allows the taking in of the natural world as we friendships and experience something in which we have a interest. The definition of an amateur is one who does for the fun of it. I hope to always be an amateur on trails, friendships.



weekend stress of build up great something rigs, and

Kyle

"The amazing adventures of Crawford & Gombay, Part II"

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Gombay: "Hello! This is Gombay speaking.. is that you, Rainey?"

Crawford: "No, this is Crawford..Who's Rainey, anyway?"

Gombay: "He's my best friend in the whole world! I think I'm going to buy his truck, Zebrinator, if I can only pawn this stereo and my bicycle"

Crawford: "I thought you pawned your bicycle already?"

Gombay: " Oh, yeah, you're right....Anyway, what's up with you?"

Crawford: "Nothing, just finished waxing and polishing the chromed accessories on my Wrangler"

Gombay: "Cool! Did you get that chromed exhaust tip you wanted?"

Crawford: "You better believe it! Hey, do you want to go to a four wheeling event with me?"

Gombay: "What kind of event? This is not going to be like that Broken Birfield Bar you took me to last week, with all the rusty, intimidating trucks?"

Crawford: "No man, this is totally different, nothing like that scary place!"

Gombay: "Okay, then, what kind of an event is it?"

Crawford: "It's a J\*\*p event that I heard about from a friend. It's in a place called Catamount, and it's hosted by a club called TLCNJ. I think it stands for Totally Lowered and Chromed New J\*\*ps"

Gombay: "Hey, that sounds really cool!"

Crawford: "Yeah, it's supposed to be a big event, there's even a bunch of Canadian J\*\*ps coming down for the event. I've heard they really care about their trucks' appearance"

Gombay: "Sounds like our kind of crowd"

Crawford: "Oh, yeah! It's going to be great, and we're sure to stand out with my nice new chrome accessories, lowering kit and blue neon"

Gombay: "Yeah! We're definitely going to stand out. When is it?"

Crawford: "It's next weekend, but I want to get an early start. I'll pick you up on Wednesday night, and we'll drive together up there"

Gombay: "Excellent! I'll go pawn my jacket for gas money later today!"

Crawford: "All right, bro! I'll see you next Wednesday then!"

Gombay" Right on! I gotta go, I have to call Rainey. Bye!"

Crawford: "Bye!"

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Don't forget to tune in for the exciting conclusion of Crawford & Gombay's trip to

Catamount..... :) BY Henry J. Cubillan



## Steve's Corner:

Wow, January is really flying by! I got the preload set on the rear output of my split transfer case only to find out there was nothing wrong with the transfer case. Seems the double cardon joint in my driveshaft is going bad so a rebuild is in order. I believe I will let the drive shaft shop handle this one.

Craig took some awesome pictures of Bill Penney Toyota and our Cruisers from the air! That was awesome!! After the meeting last month 3 intrepid adventurers took the "county road" run and I must say, I really like that trail!! I actually took "Olivia" the FJ40 this time to avoid getting beaten around the face and neck by the "War Department". She still has not seen the damage I did to the wheel of the FJ Cruiser yet. :)

I previously posted that GSMTR '13 was going to be at Sparta, TN at the Golden Mtn OHV park, but after getting an email from Roger Theurer, it appears the event is now going to be held at Coal Creek OHV area in Oliver Springs, TN. The Southeast TLCA club wanted to move it because there are longer trails and something for the semi stock vehicles to run too. This will be the week of May 13 - 18, 2013. I will verify the location because the TLCA site still says Golden Mtn OHV area.

I am submitting another part of the Henry Cubillan story of the Heep Wrangler driving Crawford and his friend Gombay.

I'm still working on getting the contactor mounted and connected so I can use my winch. I still need to purchase three 5 ft cables and a DPDT switch for the in cab controls. Who said this hobby (sickness?) was easy?

I won't be able to make the next meeting in February as I have drill on the first weekend, have to be there to feed Soldiers the next weekend during a Commo exercise, and the 3rd weekend I have to take Kyle to KY to pick up his 4Runner and hang out with my friend Mike Nie. I hope everyone has a good time at the meeting!

Till next time, keep that t-case in low range!

**Steve**

## 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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