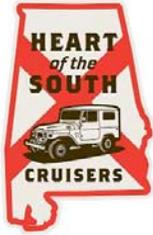




*Heart of the South Cruisers, Toyota Land Cruiser Association Chapter
A fellowship for all Toyota 4x4 owners and Toyota off-road enthusiasts*



July 2013 Newsletter

CALENDAR EVENTS

Next Monthly Meeting:

August 10th

8:30 a.m.

Bill Penney Toyota

Scheduled Events:

Monthly meeting

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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.

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A note from the club Secretary:

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

This will be an important meeting. I would ask that all members make a special effort to attend. There is a lot of business we need to discuss.

Monthly club meeting.

From the Trail Boss

I want to start off by encouraging everyone to go to our clubhouse on Ih8mud.com and at the very least subscribe to the trail riding thread <http://forum.ih8mud.com/al-hot-south-cruisers/750455-trail-ride-thread.html>. For those of you not IH8Mud savvy when you subscribe to the thread it will send you an email telling you to there have been updates to the thread. I try and keep it up to date with local events, this is anywhere from the GAP down in Auburn to Wooly's off-road park in Tennessee and all of those little parks in between. It also lets anyone post up last minute trail rides and hopefully get responses from multiple people or a place to call for help when you're broke down on the trail (if you have internet access).

Some of the upcoming rides, there are a lot of them, are:

August 3 Gray rock ORV Southern Rock Racing Series Event. These are the big boys doing crazy acrobatics in \$100,000 rigs.

August 17 Over The Mountain Tour Golden Mountain Park, TN. This is being put together by the IH8Mud group from South Carolina

August 22-25 Rockfest 2013 This is at the GAP in Auburn and will be the last official event at the GAP

August 29-31 Louisiana Land Krewsers are going to Hawk Pride for the labor day long weekend (I am doing my best to go to this one)

August 30-Sept 2 Southeast TTORA Presents: SETO 9 All Toyota event at Windrock park Tennessee

Like I said there are a lot of events coming up soon so there is no excuse not to go out and hit the trails.

Paul

Swap Shop

Parts Needed

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

Parts for Sale

Used half tub \$250.00 Kyle

Lots of 71'/72' FJ40 parts Ryan

Parting out an 86'/87' FJ60's call for availability and pricing
- Michael Blake

Minutes from the March 9th meeting

The meeting was held at Kyle's garage/house.

There were 8 members in attendance with 4 visitors.

There was 1 new members added during the meeting!

Welcome to the club: Chris Davis

Topics of discussion:

There was an update of on going rig work with discussions on future modifications.

Paul gave the "Trail Boss" report.

Kyle gave the TLCA report.

The logo work is complete. Still waiting on Kyle and Zack to get together on printing, cost and availability.

Another request was made for Mud handles for the club roster.

List of Off road parks in the area: (feel free to add)

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

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

President's Corner:

I hope everyone is having time to work on their Toyotas. I've missed the last few meetings but I did have the opportunity to go by Kyle's last Sat (the 20th) and help with Elsie. We chased parts most of the morning and found out he had purchased a 3 speed clutch and had to return it and order a 4 speed clutch. We did manage to get the tranny and transfer together and found out he is still missing parts! Namely the rear spacer that goes on the tail shaft of the four speed. We cut the old pilot bearing out and then found out he is missing the throw out bearing holder that sits on the fork and the clips that hold it to the fork, I know this is very frustrating for Kyle. After taking a break for some BBQ we looked to see if anything else could be done, so we got a new rear brake line and mounted it up and thought we'd bleed the brakes but a fitting was leaking and we couldn't get it to stop. Might have to reflare it. Time ran out on my 1st day off in 2 weeks so we cleaned up and we might jump back on it next Sat (27th). I had forgotten how much fun it was to mash a finger while working on a Cruiser! As most of you know I sent a pic of my Toyota collection to 4WD Toyota Owners magazine and they printed it. My copy was about 2 weeks late and that page was all folded up but I enjoyed seeing the collection in the mag and the wifey thought it was cool too. Says she's gonna frame the page and hang it up in her office! I hope to make the next meeting so I can meet the new members. We are getting them so fast I can't remember everyone's name! Welcome to our little family, I hope you enjoy hanging out with us. Just to put a little bug in everyone's ear: when the weather cools off maybe we can get a camping trip up! Some of the members don't like the serious trail rides and sometimes I just like to sit by a campfire and chat and get to know everyone. I'd like to thank everyone for making this one heck of a great club and I hope to see you soon. Till then, keep your rigs in granny low and crawl.

Your President,
Steve

Roma's Latest Adventure

To see Roma's latest modifications and vacation pictures click on the following link and go to page 11. Or if you have never seen his build thread just start on page 1 and follow it to the end. Regardless of which route you take it will be a great journey!

<http://forum.ih8mud.com/40-55-series-tech/609560-romas-78-fj40-gets-refurb.html>

WORK DAY AT RUNAMUCK'S



During the month of July, the club decided to have a work day in conjunction with the meeting. At first Stan's place was chosen but his boss had other plans and the work day had to be moved. Since Elsie, Kyle's FJ40 had been brought home and still needed some work, the club headed to his house on a Saturday to turn a wrench and tell a story. There was a list of some things that needed to be done but it was settled that the group would divide and conquer two items: Get started on the transmission swap and the removal of the homemade body lift kit.



The 3-speed and transfer case came out relatively quickly with the help of Craig and Ryan using two jacks to steady it. But we hit a wall with the "Kyle and Error" method when he didn't have all the parts necessary to bolt the 4-speed to the 3-speed transfer case. Word to the wise – Although, several on-line stores offer a complete kit, most of them are not. If you are keeping a 3-speed transfer case you will need a PTO spacer which does not come with most kits. Also, make sure that you have all the bolts from the 4-speed transmission and bits and pieces. You will need a 4 speed bell housing as well as a 4 speed clutch and slave and be ready to cut your drive shafts. The group was able to get it far enough along and President Cruiserhead returned the next two Saturday's to lend a hand.



The body lift was originally put on because the body was resting on the clutch fork. Instead of finding the problem, a work around was done, and, you guessed it, a two inch "custom" body lift as added by a shop. It did not take much to remove the makeshift brackets since most of them were never fully bolted into place. Once the new rear motor mounts were installed properly, the body could be placed back on

the frame. Some holes are still needing to be drilled in the new 1/2 tub which was not done at the shop, but it does look much cleaner back on the frame.

The party did not really begin until Big Al and Stan the Man showed up with Big Al's contribution to lunch – A Smoked Butt. Kyle grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and brats. It was a meat fest extraordinaire. Zachary celebrated his 4th birthday with us and then had a party with his family. Happy birthday Zachary! By 1 most guys had their own honey-do list to get to and we called it a day. We enjoyed some good laughs as well getting closer to having “Elsie” back on the road in spite of “Kyle and Error”. Thanks for making the day a success! We will plan to have another work day so if you need some help and willing to have a bunch of Cruisers pull in your neighborhood, let us know and we will schedule one at your place.

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.

Visit our club page on IH8Mud's clubhouse forum <http://forum.ih8mud.com/al-hot-south-cruisers/>

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