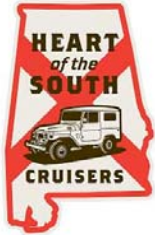




Heart of the South Cruisers, Toyota Land Cruiser Association Chapter
A fellowship for all Toyota 4x4 owners and Toyota off-road enthusiasts



May 2014 Newsletter



CALENDAR EVENTS

Next Monthly Meeting:

June 7th

11:00 a.m.

2338 Whitesburg Dr

*Scheduled Events:
Cook out & 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
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Michael Blake
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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

Cook out

Monthly club meeting.

President's Corner

Hey everyone! Hope you are all having fun driving and wheeling your rigs! I have been very busy with the National Guard and it doesn't look like it will slow down with this deployment coming up. Once again I will miss the June meeting, but I should be able to make the July meeting! I bought the black sliders from the club and put them on, and I was Cruiser Motivated! There was talk of the extreme trail teams but they sure are proud of them! Guess I'll just stick with the 40 and the paid for FJ...

I'm going to look at some other options for our T-shirts. Seems like we shouldn't have to pay for set up every time we get more. I will try to find out if everyone does this. The printer I had in Enterprise only charged me once. We need to keep the cost down so we can get ahead in the T-shirt arena!

Don't forget to buy more stickers, there should be one on all your vehicles and some of your friends' vehicles! If I could ever get over to Mike's I would get me 10 more.

Hoping I could make a trip to TN to go do some serious off roading, not sure if I'll get the chance before I deploy. Oh well, we'll see how that pans out once I get our schedule for the new fiscal year! Anyone want to go with? Looking at the Oct-Nov time frame (cooler weather).

Hope everyone has fun at the cook out, and I hope to see you in July! Till then keep it in Granny Low and take the hardest route!

Steve.

Swap Shop

Parts Needed

75' or newer FJ40 cowl
w/wiring harness. Michael B.

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 May 10th meeting

We had 10 in attendance.

There was a discussion about our newsletter. During the discussion of how to make it better or not have a newsletter at all the idea of a website updated monthly was brought up. After some discussion it was decided that we would move to a website vs. a newsletter format. No date has been set for this move. Some research and help will be needed. (Anyone with relevant experience in building a website should contact Michael Blake.)

Some ideas for different events were discussed with a cook out being planned for the June meeting. Other ideas included a "Mud for Blood" drive, and an "Iron Bowl Crawl".

In addition to the new events discussed it was also brought up that we need a couple of club banners. This is currently under development.

It was also suggested and discussed that we develop an "Action Committee". The idea was voted on and passed. We will be looking for volunteers for this committee.

Mike Taylor from the parts counter offered the club some new items that had been ordered in and never purchased at a greatly reduced price. We decided to buy the items as a club and offer them to club members at half price to raise funds for debt reduction.

Thanks Mike!

Hello All!

This is the first newsletter contribution from your current TLCA delegate. It's a good time for the first report because we just turned in our 2014 Chapter in Good Standing form, which helps maintain HOT South Cruisers as a viable chapter per TLCA bylaws and provides some numbers to report. Going by the roster, we have 33 members – 9 of which are also TLCA members. That's 27%. The reason to point this out is that TLCA bylaws state chapter rosters may not exceed 30 percent non-TLCA members. So we are off the mark by a ways. Please take a minute to check out the TLCA website if you are not currently a member and please consider signing up. You can find the site here: <http://www.tlca.org/>.

Rather than elaborate on the benefits of TLCA membership, it's better to send everybody to the site and to point out that if you are interested – sign up before the end of June because the price is going up in July!

Other places to look for connecting with TLCA and the other chapters are here:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Toyota-Land-Cruiser-Association-TLCA/169413739759748>

Ih8mud: <http://forum.ih8mud.com/categories/clubhouses.144/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TLCAvideos>

Twitter: http://twitter.com/T_L_C_A

Finally, Stan Wright is the TLCA social media point man. He's always looking for great content so if you want to share, here are his words on the topic: "In any case, I work very hard to get the photos I use for both those platforms (Facebook and Instagram). They are either my own personal photos or they come from a very few folks who are willing to share exclusively with TLCA. I can ALWAYS use more content. Please send anything you'd like to share to socialmedia@tlca.org."

Thanks for all you do for Heart of the South Cruisers and TLCA!

Chris Davis

HOT South Cruisers TLCA Delegate

TLCA Member #22396

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.

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"Renew your TLCA membership at <http://tlca.org/>"

"Join our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/176734685760612/>"

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