



The Havasu 4 Wheelers **TRAIL TALK**



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YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

February 2011

A FAMILY FOUR-WHEELING CLUB DEDICATED TO THE MOTTO ----- "TREAD LIGHTLY!"

Presidents Message

January saw us celebrate with our annual Holiday Party and the theme was *Vegas!* And low and behold someone screamed out "Elvis is in the building!" I was nearly crushed as a small stampede of crazed fans swept by. If you missed attending it was really a great event with excellent food, great entertainment, slot machine and poker prizes galore, plenty of fun and as always lots of very good friends. And to Rodger and Diana Delk and their team who did such a great job - as Elvis would say "Thank you, thank you very much."



The club also presented the annual "4 Wheeler of the Year" award to Dennis Kreuzenstein. For years Dennis has remained a dedicated member who has been solely responsible for the never ending and daily updates and changes to our club's website. He has also been instrumental in our ability to decipher BLM maps and he created easy to use tools to help us and the off road community respond back to the BLM with trail comments. The dictionary defines 'tireless' as *indefatigable - never slackening or stopping, and apparently immune to tiredness or fatigue.* That, my friends, is Dennis. And a 'thank you' is also due Maryrose for tolerating all of our demands on Dennis.

Last month also saw an Adopt-A- Highway clean up headed up by Sue Guibord and John Strong leading a small army of almost two dozen H4W'ers - Great job of giving back to the desert! Jim Hofstetter's hard work picking up trash "paid off" - he claims he "found a leprechaun and cashed in."

We also recognized 29 trail bosses who led a total of 90 runs in 2010. Jeeping and runs - that's what this club is about so THANK YOU! And speaking of trail bosses another monthly Trail Boss meeting was held. Communicating keeps the network strong. It's a new month so we need runs scheduled now and into March - check the H4W activities page and send 'em in.

Speaking of work the comment letter writing effort to save our desert trails from closure by the BLM continues. Remember - no comments received & the BLM WILL CLOSE 75% of the trails. The clock is ticking down and the comment period ends the 28th of this month. Here's how I see it - just take the energy you would normally spend on a full day Jeeping the trails and refocus that by sitting at your desk cranking out letters. Get 'er done!

And don't forget February 14th is Valentine's Day. Take her Jeeping!



See you on the trails, Bruce

**2011
HAVASU 4 WHEELERS
MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL APPLICATION**

(CUT OUT & COMPLETE APPLICATION ON BACK)



WHAT'S HAPPEN'N & WHEN

Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

Check the Havasu 4 Wheelers Website for updates on runs and events: www.havasu4wheelers.org

- Castle Mountains Turtles (2.5)..... Feb. 1st
8:30am, Loves@ 95/I-40, Andy Lucas
- Portland Mine (2.0)..... Feb. 3rd
8:30am, Terribles @ 95/I-40, Kathlyne Speirs
- Presidents Choice/Desert Bar (4.0)..... Feb. 5th
9:00am, Sara Park, Rick Kiel
- Moss Wash/Walnut Creek (3.75)..... Feb. 7th
8:30am, Love's @ 95/I-40, Ladell Olson
- Anniversary Trail (3.50)..... Feb. 7th
9:00am, Elk's Parking Lot, Snake williams
- Lost Trails/Mine Shack (3.0) Feb. 10th
9:00am, Standard Wash/Kiosk, Tom Bunnell
- Copper Basin/Monument Peak (3.25)..... Feb. 11th
9:00am, Sara Park, John Strong
- Whipple Washy (3.5) Feb. 12th
9:00am, Scenic Turnout, BJ Buckhout
- Gold Standard Mine (3.0)..... Feb. 14th
8:30am, Scenic Turnout, Bruce Speirs
- Rovey's Needle (3.25)..... Feb. 14th
10:00am, Sara Park, John Strong
- Yellow Pine Loop (3.5) Feb. 16th
8:30am, Loves @ 95/I-40, Andy Lucas

- Black Mesa (3.0)..... Feb. 18th
9:00am, Sara Park, Willie Williams
- Gold Rice Mine (3.25)..... Feb. 21st
8:30am, Scenic Turnout, Andy Lucas
- Gold Rice Mine (3.25)..... Feb. 22nd
8:30am, Scenic Turnout, Bruce Speirs
- Crossmans Peak (3.5) Feb. 22nd
9:00am, Sara Park, John Strong
- Desert Bar-Back way (3.0) Feb. 27th
10:00am, Sara Park, John Strong

Please Note: *Please be at the departure location 20 minutes before the departure time. Call Trail Boss if you are unable to attend.*

Other Club Happen'ns

- H4W Board Meeting Feb. 21st
2:00pm, Speir's Residence
- Cook's Night Out Feb. 22nd
5:00pm, Place To Be, 171 Swanson Ave. Ste. 100, Charles Liepart
- Trail Boss Meeting Feb. 23rd
9:30am, Mohave Co. Library, Rm B., Willie Williams
- Men's Breakfast Feb. 24th
8:00am, Bad Miguel's, Bruce Speirs
- H4W Membership Meeting Feb. 24th
7:00pm, Realtor's Center

Automatic External Defibrillator

If you want to carry one of the club's Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) on a run, please contact Snake Williams and make arrangements to check one out before your run.

Thanks, Willie Williams

2011 HAVASU 4 WHEELERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

To renew your 2011 H4W membership, please fill out this application form and mail it to the return address shown on the back of this newsletter, accompanied by a check in the amount of \$45.00. You may also bring your application and check to the February or March 2011 club meetings. Applications received after March 31, 2011 will be considered delinquent and the renewal amount will be \$60.00. Delinquent members shall be dropped from the roster after the last day of April, 2011.

Name _____ & _____
(first) (first) (last)

Please up-date your personal information below (IF THERE ARE CHANGES) for the 2011 roster

Mailing address: _____ Second Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Anniversary: _____ Birthday: _____ Birthday: _____ Check No. _____
\$45.00 Dues



Holiday Party

The Havasu 4-Wheeler Annual Holiday Party was held at Shugrue's on January 15. Rodger and I had a really great time planning the party and we hope that everyone had as good of a time as we did.

The theme was "Casino Night" and some of the ladies got to dress up and we even had Elvis drop by for a visit (Charles Leipart). That was fun and we all got a kick out of it.

We had some gambling - slot machines and a poker run. The winners received prizes provided by Havasu Slots, Rosati's Italian Restaurant, Anderson Chrysler/Jeep, Bad Miguel's, Chico's Tacos, and David of Hair Productions. And, Chuck Guibord collected some great liquor bottles and Rodger made some fun lights out of them which were also prizes.

We had an auction for silver belt buckles, donated by Bad Miguel's, and a certificate to the Refuge Golf Course for four (4) players and a golf cart. The proceeds went into our Club account.

I would like to thank Wanda Scholl for being our official photographer, Judy Olson and Anna Hofstetter for taking care of the reception table, Ron and Madeline Tingle, Bruce and Kathlyne Speirs, Chuck and Sue Guibord, Ladell Olson and Jim Hofstetter for running our casino games, and Larry and Loretta Robinson for running our 50/50 drawing.

And a special thanks should go to our President, Bruce Speirs, for his entertaining emceeing. I am sure that we all agree Shugrue's provided a wonderful dinner for us. The food and service were exemplary - I couldn't have asked for more.

Diana Delk



Elvis has left the building...

Upper Jupiter

On a clear morning with low trail dust conditions we departed from the scenic turnout on Friday, January 7th for our run to Upper Jupiter mines. For the first time I had no cancellations as well as a full run.

We started off using 4 wheel drive by going up Baby Bear, then wound our way through some ups and downs, over the Lost Trail, and across Standard Wash to Dutch Flat Road. We stopped to admire a good example of a mine opening fenced by the Havasu 4 Wheelers volunteers where we heard the story of a 4 wheeler member who previously had accidentally driven into the vertical shaft. Fortunately that will no longer be possible.

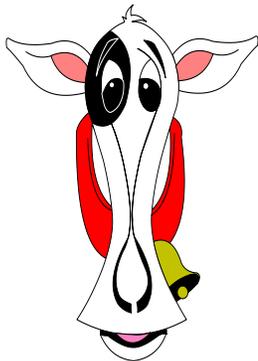
We had lunch at about 3400 feet not too far from some of the Jupiter mine openings and from there proceeded out to the Challenger Road ending. Although the sky was clouding up on our return, there was no rain. No one had any serious problems, just a few clearance issues that were easily enough resolved.

Thank you, Ladell for tail gunning, Wanda for being the photographer and thanks to all those who came out to enjoy our desert.

Sue Guilford, Trail Boss



Photo By: Wanda Scholl



I love
this Bell!

The Cow Bell
The coveted ding-dong
goes to
"Lockerless"
Larry Lutz



H4W AD'S

*H4W members,
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To place Ad's in the newsletter or web site,
Ads@Havasu4wheelers.org

For Sale:

2002 Jeep Wrangler 72,000 Miles, Green, 5 Speed
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miles, \$1,000.00. Shocks, bumpers, etc. all by Feb.

10th - R. Milton 360/220-0243

rwm51@comcast.net

THE DOCTOR
IS IN



Pat Trunk and Sharon Husted are
recovering from their hospital
visits and doing well.

Margie Christiansen will have
surgery next week, in Phoenix,
keep her in your thoughts and
prayers.

Buck Halterman is in the hospital, no calls or visitors at
this time, but cards are welcome and encouraged.

Roulette Mine Run

January 8, 2011

On a clear sunny Saturday 16 Jeeps departed Scenic Turnout at 0900. The first stop was the overlook just prior to entering the gates at Parker Dam. Following a brief Kodak stop we proceeded to the air down, 10/100 spot just before turning towards Havasu Palms. After a brief period we traversed thru the dust, along the power line road turning right at the geo cache. Lunch was along a wash and the history of the area was told, along with the naming of Roulette mine. Following a brief stop to pay homage to Silver Tongue the Indian, and Matt Dillard we proceeded to Whipple wash, stopping at the cave. Ladell acted as spotter for those attempting to enter the cave with their Jeep. It is at this juncture that Larry Lutz attempted the climb, unsuccessful on a couple attempts he tried again. This time his front wheels left terra firma, becoming airborne, then Larry executed a half roll in front of horrified spectators, only to auger in (Air Force jargon), landing wheels up with a thundering crash. Rescuers hurried to the crash site, helping to extricate Larry, unhurt (physically). After righting and cleaning the plugs the engine was started. Due to the lateness of the day, a 180 was made and a return via the shortest route to the air up point was made. All Jeeps and occupants were accounted for.

At the last report, Larrys' CO was not pleased at his heroics and he is temporarily grounded pending further investigation by the NTSB.

Thanks to Jim and Anna Hofstetter for transporting the AED, and to tail gunner extraordinaire, Mikey and Carol Yahrmarkt.

B. J. Buckhout Trail Boss



Photo by: Tom Bunnell



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The Red Line Trail

This run was on News Years Day with 13 Jeeps and one guest passenger. We left the Standard Wash Kiosk at 9:00am. The run proceeded until a small tight spot where one of the CJ's discovered that his front driveshaft was a little too short when it pulling apart and fell on the ground. This happened twice at the same spot and once again on another obstacle causing him to take the bypasses for the rest of the run. Everyone else made it through the run without any serious problems. Thanks to Cal Bowman for tail gunning.

Dennis Kreuzenstein, Trail Boss

Nominating Committee Report

President: Chery MarLean

Vice President: Bob Scholl

Secretary: Ro Beets

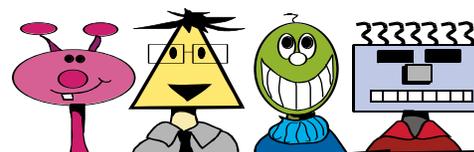
Treasurer: Loretta Robinson

Membership: Janet Drew

Member At Large: Jim Hofstetter

Past President: Bruce Speirs

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the February 24th meeting.



Havasu 4 Wheelers



A big Thank You to the following members who assisted with the Havasu Island Balloon Festival & Fair.

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| Jim & Jane Bowen | Bill & Nola Lawson |
| B.J. Buckhout | Charles Leipart |
| Tom & Lisa Bunnell | Andy & Nancy Lucas |
| Dennis Callaghan | Mike & Cheryl MacLean |
| Bob Carson | Rodger & Renee Melton |
| Rodger & Diana Delk | Pete & Mary Monia |
| Bob & Janet Drew | Ladell & Judy Olson |
| Hardy & Jeanne Edmondson | Tony & Annie Planas |
| Chuck & Sue Guibord | Steve & Jayne Riley |
| Terry & Joanne Harstad | Alex Ross |
| Joe & Deena Hazlett | Bruce & Kathlyne Speirs |
| Ed Heil | Bob & Sally Taylor |
| Bob & Dorothy Hill | Karl & Rosemary Thompson |
| Jim & Anna Hofstetter | Reda Trumbo |
| Connie & Kevin Hoppe | Ken & Joan Weller |
| Leonard & Sharon Husted | Snake & Willie Williams |
| Darryld & Trixie Kautzmann | Larry & Betty Woosley |
| | Mike & Carol Yahrmarkt |

Bob Scholl, 4 X 4 Chase Crew Coordinator



Daniel & Carolyn Gerth



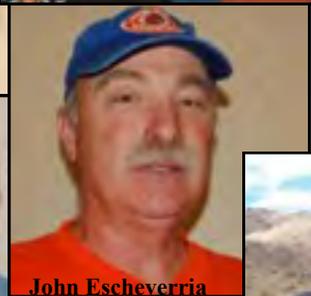
Den & Renee Fleenor



Ric & Patti Gire



Terry & Marilyn McGrew



John Escheverria



Doug & Anne Roberts



Lowell & Donna Owen



Steve Wood



Windy Burchard & Marlyn Zufall



Ronald & Carol New

• Roster Changes •

Correction: New email address, Reda Trumbo
trumbo38@gmail.com
 Brent & Sheila Keller: Home Phone: 928/854-6190
 Cell: 928/846-7249

New Members Voted In Last Month:

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Koozie's & Totes



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Can Koozie - Holds 12 oz Can	\$ 5.00
• Personalized on backside	10.50
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Tote Bag (Small)	11.00
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Tote Bag (Large)	22.00

All items come embroidered with Club Name and Jeep.
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McGuffie's Cabin

Twelve jeeps left terrible at 95/I-40 Monday, January 10, at 9:00 a.m. with 15 members and 5 guests. We arrived at McGuffies, parked for lunch. The majority did a short hike in Mississippi Wash to help work up an appetite. In Mississippi Wash a watering station for sheep and pictographs were viewed. After our hike and lunch we did a return side trip through Slot Canyon. Everyone was airing up by 3:30 and thank you Mike Yahrmarkt for being our tail gunner.

John Strong, Trail Boss



Photo By: John Strong



Fall Highway Cleanup



Photo by: Sue Guibord

So what was the main difference between December 16th 2010 and January 19th 2011? A whole lot of sunshine and about 35 bags of trash! The second scheduling for the trash pickup proved to be a bit more fruitful. About 17 people showed up to do their part and the task was accomplished in just a couple of hours. Thank you for helping Arizona keep her highways clean. Extra credit goes to Charles Leipart and Dennis Callaghan who also pitched in to clean up the area at the scenic turnout which was actually more in need than our stretch of highway. Check the photo to see who picked up a little cash along the way, too! Next time we schedule one we will have a food accompaniment as well, so if you didn't have the opportunity to help this time, you will have another chance.

Sue Guibord

*In Memory of a friend
and fellow
Havasu 4 Wheeler*

Carol Ann Glick

*Carol enjoyed being involved in golf, curling
and spending time with her husband Jerry at
their winter home in Lake Havasu City.*

*How fortunate we are that in our hearts we
keep forever the memories of those we love...
And the time we shared together.*



Warm Springs

January 13, 2011

Eleven jeeps met at Terribles for the warm springs run. One jeep had steering problems in the parking lot, so we had to leave them behind. It was a great day for jeeping, sunny and warm, not too dusty. The first stop was the gypsum mine north of I-40. The road up to the mine was washed out and challenging, but fun-everyone enjoyed the pure white mountain and spectacular views from the top. We then proceeded to Warm Springs, with navigation help from Bob Carson.

We ate lunch and many took a hike to look at a nice display of petroglyphs, there is a hike to see the springs there, but it takes too much time, so we skipped that. We left to return to I-40. The trail was bumpy and rough. Near the end you usually cross under the railroad track, but we found out that lifted jeeps did not fit, some people had shovels to dig some sand out-but then Ken Lusk saw a crossing on his GPS about 1/2 mile west so we proceeded to this crossing and we were back on the trail to our air-up spot. Thanks to all who came on the run. Thanks to Bob Carson for help with navigating and Bruce & Kathyne Spiers for tailgunning.

Mike Yahrmarkt, Trail Boss



Photo by: Tom Bunnell

McCracken Mine

January 5, 2011

We enjoyed almost perfect weather and no dust! The trip out through Standard Wash from the scenic turnout was very different. There was a heavy coating of frost on the ground! No one had ever seen this before! The frost and dampness led to an almost dustless trip. The trip by Casteneda Peak all the way to the area of McCracken Mine, was without any problems. The scenery all the way up to the "stone cabin" was great, as usual. A safe, quick trip, back to LHC concluded another great day Jeepin'. Thanks to Ladell and Judy for tail-gunning.

Jim Bowen, Trail Boss

Swansea Loop



Photo By: John Strong

Seven jeeps left the scenic turn-off Monday, January 17 at 8:30 a.m. with 13 members and 2 guests. We arrived near the Bill Williams River and toured a box canyon, trailer shelter, and old farming equipment. With a successful river crossing, many a first time, we had lunch at the end of the pipe bridge with panoramic views. Our next stop was near another watering station and arches where we saw 9 burros on our pre-run. Another stop was the second tin cabin in Mohave Wash, another first for many. Everyone was airing up by 3:15 and thank you Mike Yahrmarkt for being our tail gunner.

John Strong, Trail Boss



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Public Lands Access Committee Monthly Report



Help with your final letters

By now most of us are aware that if we want to write a letter to the BLM to help keep our favorite trails open that the comment period will end Feb. 28th.

Our comment letters need to give valid, meaningful, specific, comments to help the BLM feel confident in making a decision to keep a specific trail open. If you have already written a letter that you feel would help to do this—our club and future users thank you! If you would like to re-enforce your previous letter, or have been waiting to write yours—we have some final ideas that will help.

4-5 Easy steps

Go to our club website. Click on BLM Trail Closure Page. Click on 124 Comment Ideas (up dated 1/21/11) Click on a trail from the list “H4W Trail Comment Letters” From the “H4W Trail Comment Letters” you will get the specific HN numbered trail segments that impact your favorite trail. Then simply use the list of “124 ideas” to help you describe your thoughts in your comment letter to the BLM. From your own experience on certain trails, you can use the ideas to help you crystallize your thoughts onto paper. You can take an idea from the “124 ideas” and use it to formulate your own ideas, in your own words from what you have “cut and pasted”. Just word your comment in a way you think can help the BLM feel justified in making the decision you are in favor of.

(FORMAT suggestion)

When making the points as to why a certain section should remain open it will probably be helpful to both you and the BLM data analyzing team if you put the points in “bullet”, or outline form. This way in the “data analysis” step (done next by the BLM) your points can be quickly reviewed, instead of having to dig them out of the middle of a very nicely written and grammatically correct paragraph.

Thanks again, for all the letters and help you all have been—remember, your letter can make a difference!

Jim Bowen, Chairman
Public Lands Access Committee, H4W

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Bouse/Granite Mountains and Mines

January 12, 2011

We left LHC and stopped in Parker for a gas and coffee break. South of Bouse we met two of our Jeeps that had trailered their rigs. The trip from the highway to the Granite Mountains passes some interesting orchards and “cholla cactus meadows”. Then the canyons gradually climbed up into the mountains before we reached the area where we had a brief hike up to the Glory Hole Mine. The hike was only 5 minutes (in “dog minutes”), and was great exercise on a beautiful day! After lunch the trail became more challenging on our way to the Calcite Mine and finally the Desert Queen Mine with its’ great views of Salome, AZ. Thank you to my “4 tail gunners” (we took turns)—Ladell & Judy Olson, Don and Louise Flood, Andy & Nancy Lucas, and Reda Trumbo. Aired up just north of Vicksburg Jct., and headed home after a beautiful day Jeepin’.

Jim Bowen, Trail Boss

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"Trail Talk"

Safety Rant of the Month - The Art of Spotting - Jeep Techniques

Here's the scene: "The most difficult part of the route was now being negotiated. All four tires were wet and churning, the front axle started pulling the Jeep to the left, sliding slowly down into a monolith of granite. There was a crunching sound followed by a slow screeching of sheet metal. "A little more to the right!", yelled an onlooker. Four other people were also yelling at the hapless driver, cajoling him in an overlapping cacophony of shouted directions. "Doesn't look good over here", "Oh no, that beautiful paint job!"; and, "too fast". "Maybe a little lower tire pressure", yells another. The frustrated Jeeper, who had just sustained some major front fender re-adjusting, turned off the key and threw down his hands on the top of the steering wheel in disgust. "I can't listen to everyone at once!"

If this sounds too familiar, it may be time for a little lesson in "Spotting Etiquette". In the scene described above, everyone was trying to help, but the unorganized cacophony and sometimes unwanted advice just got in the way and sank of its own weight. This helps no one. What to do?

Crawling on the edge

In most situations, a jeeper need only follow the trail, and sees what's coming up just ahead. An occasional rock, or other impediment are no brainers. But, the fun is only beginning. It leads to the maximum pleasure of the sport: overcoming obstacles and routes that seem impossible. Many of us call this a major attraction of the sport; motoring right on the edge.

The first thing to do as an interested observer is to ask the driver if he or she wants to be spotted. You need to ask if they WANT help. Many overlook this obvious piece of etiquette. The great tendency is to start shouting advice from your vantage point. Some jeepers have such a high degree of ability on the trail, they do not want or need a spotter and rely on memorizing the trail just before they go over it, taking mental snap shots of the route. If you encounter one of these talented and highly developed jeepers, just sit back and watch the show. Alas, most of us are not of that caliber, and rely on someone to spot us over the really onerous areas. These may be where there is a good chance of getting out of control by sliding or rolling over, or a high degree of exposure, where you might actually go over a cliff, endo, or sustain vehicle damage or personal physical harm. Sometimes inches make a great deal of difference when driving on perilous terrain. This is where you DO need a spotter.



Ground rules

Once the driver has said he/she will accept your advice and directions, here's what to do:

1. One spotter at a time is preferred. The spotter usually stands in front facing the vehicle from the side of the route where the driver can see his/her hand signals.
2. Sometimes it is important to have an additional spotter at the rear, or where ever there is a problem area. This spotter only yells, "Hoap", "Stop", or "Wait", before the going gets to the damage stage. The second spotter only stops the proceedings and does not direct the driver in any other way.

Hand signals are the best. Both driver and spotter must clearly understand any hand signals before starting. My favorite hand signals are with one hand that the driver can easily see.

- **FORWARD:** Using the "thumb up" in the vertical position with one hand means, "move forward slowly". Slowly pivot your thumb fore to aft signaling the speed at which to move.
- **TURN RIGHT OR LEFT:** Leaning your thumb a little or a lot to the right or left, indicates the degree to which you would like the driver to change direction of the steering wheels. To be more insistent, you can jab your thumb more vociferously to obtain a quicker response.
- **STOP:** A flat hand held in the vertical "Stop" mode, means just that.
- **REVERSE:** If you need to have them back up and try again on another line, signal your intentions by waving them off and motioning for them to go back by swinging your hand toward them. Most of the time it is best to walk up and tell them this, as they will already be at a stop. This is a good time for the spotter to go to the rear of the Jeep and give "verbal's" to get back to a place where the driver can try again.

Getting Religion

Now we come to the religious part. The driver must TRUST the spotter. It's like believing in God. If you don't, you may make some big mistakes. I have made these mistakes, but I have learned to trust a few spotters. My son Matt and my brother John are my favorite spotters. We communicate. We know each other's signs. NO SIGNAL-NO MOVE, They signal-I move, and I just keep looking at one of them, not the trail, because I can't see the trail like they can. "Trust, my brothers and sisters, trust". This puts a lot of pressure on the spotter. If you don't trust the spotter, you're on your own, and unless you can remember "where you are" on the trail, then you may not need a spotter. Sooner or later if you're distracted by people yelling instructions, you may forget where you are.

So, next time you start yelling at someone creeping over some noxious real estate, thinking you're helping them out; think again. Try some of these spotting techniques yourself. You'll find a pleasant reduction in everyone's blood pressure, and hopefully a diminishing of those ugly grating metal sounds associated with a truly tough trail.

Thanks to John Strong for sharing this article.



During the year 2010, there were 90 runs lead by 29 different trail bosses. WOW! We had 24 run leaders who lead 1-4 runs, 2 run leaders who lead 5-9 runs, and 3 who lead 10 or more runs. What impressive numbers.

At the January meeting, shirts were presented to the trail bosses, as a small token of appreciation for time and energy put forth to lead a run. To have an active jeep club you need members who are willing to include the other club members on their trips into the desert. The following list of trail bosses have fulfilled that need. A great big THANK YOU to all of them.

1-4 runs

- Dave Billick
- B.J Buckhout
- Dennis Callaghan
- Vince Davis
- Don Flood
- Joe Hazlett
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- Tom Bunnell
- Bob Carson

- Dennis Kreuzenstein
- Charles Leipart
- Ladell Olson
- Ken Weller
- Mike Yahmarkt
- Sue Guibord
- Kathlyne Speirs
- Bruce Speirs

5-9 runs

- Andy Lucas
- Rodger Delk

10 runs or more

- Jim Bowen
- Snake Williams
- Willie Williams

Castaneda Well

Saturday, January 15, eight vehicles left the end of Challenger Dr headed for Castaneda Well, via Dutch Flat Rd. I made a wrong turn and went on a side trail that went nowhere. That lost a little time and the going was a little slower than I had anticipated. So we changed course and went down the Middle Mohave Wash to the main Mohave where we had lunch. There is a corral there on my map noted as Rudy's Tank. After lunch we headed down the main Mohave and turned into the West Mohave and proceeded to a trail that headed west to hwy 95. On the way we stopped and looked only at Five Dollar Falls. We went on to a lesser waterfall near there. Some of us went over that.

The weather was beautiful. But the washes were a little rough. They had a washboard/whoop-de-do pattern that jiggled our jeeps sideways! I had trouble keeping my magnetically attached radio antenna on my roof and a passenger lost a cap off a tooth!

Thanks to Tom Bunnell and Mike Yahmarkt for tail gunning and keeping me from getting the group lost!

Richard Marchus, Trail Boss



Photo by: Richard Marchus



If you know of anyone in the club who might need some cheering up, please call Lisa Bunnell at 855-1780. She will be happy to send cards for any occasion on behalf of the entire *Havasu 4 Wheelers* membership. ❖

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6 Connie Hoppe	7 Sue Jensen Moss Wash Anniversary Tr	8 John Strong	9 Chuck Guibord	10 Dennis Callaghan Mary Monia Lost Trails	11 John Justus Copper Basin	12 Ralph Burleson Bobbie Halterman Whipple Wash
13	14  Gold Standard Rovey' Needle	15 Terry McGrew	16 Mike Yahrmarkt Yellow Pine	17	18 Lisa Bunnell Black Mesa	19
20 Claire Greb Ken Tarbutton Gold Rice	 Sally Burgoyne Board Meeting	22 Crossman Pk Gold Rice Cook's Nite Out	23 Trail Boss Meeting	24 Mens Breakfast H4W Meeting	25 Diana Smith	26 Joe Egilske Sonny Schaffer Paul Stephens Betty Woosley
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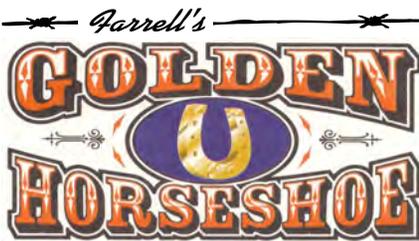
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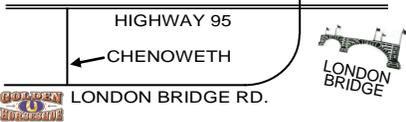
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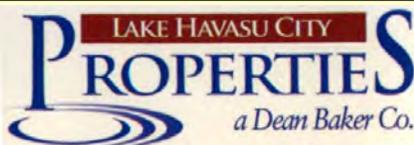
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