The Havasu 4 Wheelers TRAIL TALK

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

Presidents Message

January was an action packed month for Havasu 4-Wheelers, so it seemed to come and go in an instant. We started out with our holiday party, in the future to be known as the Annual Awards Dinner. Once again, Rodger and Diana Delk pulled out all the stops for this fun evening with the poker run, hula hoop and limbo contests. We had raffle items collected from many of our sponsors around town, including tote bags and coolers for each member provided by the Anderson Group. Dinner was delicious as always and the room was surprised by a flash mob group showing up to dance. We celebrated the 28 trail bosses who led 127 runs during the 2010/2011 season. The highlight for me was the honor to present Ladell Olson with the 4-Wheeler of the Year award. A fitting choice was made by the membership, and I am sure that Ladell was honored to be the recipient. We've said it once and I'll say it again "don't leave home without your Ladell!"

The Havasu 4-Wheelers made the news twice in January. The first reporting was the rescue of an out of town visitor who turned over his Blazer in the Jupiter mine area by Dave Opperman and the rest of the guys on his run. Dave was presented with a certificate of appreciation by Amanda Dodson from the BLM for his efforts. This should also serve as a reminder to never go out in the desert alone. The young man simply wanted to explore the area, and fortunately for him Dave and his crew were out there too. It could have turned out quite differently otherwise.

We also made the news with more mine fencing, for which Amanda also thanked the club. It is important to keep unsuspecting adventurers from going into or falling in these mine shafts. It is a project which the Havasu 4-Wheelers are proud to continue year after year.

It was standing room only at the January membership meeting, with 139 in attendance and 13 new members voted into the club. You could sure tell that everyone is back from the holidays!

Andy Lucas trained a record number of members at his last AED training, so we should all feel a little more secure. We've never had to use either of our two AED's and hopefully never will, but if we do hopefully there will be someone along who is trained.

To close, I would like to remind you to apply for or renew your State Lands Permit by logging on to http://www.land.state.az.us/programs/natural/recreation_permit.htm or go to the website and follow the link on the home page. We are surrounded by state lands, and for $15.00 per year it is cheap insurance against receiving a citation for crossing state lands without a permit.

Happy Valentine's Day

Happy Trails, Cheryl

2012 HAVASU 4 WHEELERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

(Cut out & complete application on back)

Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

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

Moss Wash (3.75)…..…….……..…….Feb. 1st
8:30am, Terrible's @ Hwy 95 & I-40, Ladell Olson

Swansea Loop (3.25)…..…….……..…….Feb. 6th
8:30am, Scenic Turnout, John Strong

Rovey's Needle (3.25)……..……..…….....….Feb. 8th
10:00am, Scenic Turnout, Charles Leipart

Tomcat Pass (4.0)……..……..……..……Feb. 8th
9:30am, Paso de Oro, Andy Lucas

Whipple Wash (3.0)…..…….……..……Feb. 9th
9:00am, SARA Park, Willie Williams

Creamery Canyon, Hualapais (4.0)…..……Feb. 9th
8:30am, Love's @ Hwy 95 & I-40, Jim Bowen

Driving 101 & 102 (None)…..……..…..….Feb. 10th
9:00am, End of Challenger, Snake Williams

Old Woman Mountains (3.0)…..……..…..……Feb. 12th
8:00am, Terrible's @ Hwy 95 & I-40, Bruce Speirs

McGuffie's Cabin, Back Way (3.25)……..……...….Feb. 13th
8:30am, Scenic Turnout, John Strong

Rovey's Needle (3.25)…….....…..…..……..……Feb. 13th
10:00am, Scenic Turnout, Charles Leipart

Desert Bar to Roadrunner (3.0)……..……..…….....……Feb. 14th
8:30am. Scenic Turnout, Kathlyne Speirs

Planet Mine (3.0)…..…….……..……..……Feb. 15th
9:00am, SARA Park, Willie Williams

Mine Shack/Hot Dog Cookout (3.0)…..……Feb. 16th
9:00am, Standard Wash Kiosk, Tom Bunnell

Gold Springs (3.5)……..……..…….Feb. 18th
9:00am, Standard Wash Kiosk, Snake Williams

Turtle Mountains (2.0)……..……..…..…Feb. 21st
8:30am, Terribles @ Hwy 95 & I-40, Leroy Larsen

K-2 (3.5)……..……..……..…..…Feb. 21st
8:30am, Standard Wash Kiosk, John Strong

Copperbasin/Monument Peak (3.25)...……..…..…Feb. 22nd
8:30am, Scenic Turnout, Sue Guibord

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

Annual Garage Sale…….…….. Feb. 3 & 4th
7:00am, 2870 Squall King Dr., Paul & Joyce Stephens

AED Training …….…….. Feb. 10th
3:00pm, Mohave County Library , Andy Lucas

Ladies Luncheon …….…….. Feb. 16th
12:30pm, Jasper's, 42 Smoketree Ave., Diana Delk

H4W Board Meeting …….…….. Feb. 20th
4:00pm, Mohave Comm. College, Rm 827, Cheryl MacLean

Cooks Night Out …….…….Feb. 22nd
5:00pm, Mario's, 350 London Bridge Rd., Rodger Delk

Men's Breakfast ..... Feb. 23rd
8:00am, Bad Miguel's, Bruce Speirs

H4W Membership Meeting ..... Feb. 23rd
7:00pm, Realtor's Center, Cheryl MacLean

2012 HAVASU 4 WHEELERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

To renew your 2012 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 2012 club meetings. Applications received after March 31, 2012 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, 2012.

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Please up date your personal information below for our records or circle SAME if unchanged

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Havasu 4 Wheelers Holiday Party

January 14, 2012

Hawaiian Holiday was the theme for this year's event. Thanks to Rodger & Diana Delk and crew for an amazing evening of games, music, dancing, food and prizes plus a few surprises thrown in.

Awards were given out to the 4 Wheeler of the Year, Trail Bosses, and our out-going President.

Sandy Webber and her flash mob provided a surprise entertainment topping off a great evening.

Whipple Mountains Mines

January 4, 2012

A bright clear morning greeted 15 jeeps with 22 Havasu 4 Wheelers and 6 guests. Our goal was to drive the entire border of the Whipple Mountains wilderness area and check out all the mining history still accessible by jeep. We departed the Scenic Turn Out southbound to Parker where we stopped for a break before crossing the river to California. West on Highway 62 for eight miles and then off at the trail head. We started north along the western edge of the Whipple Mountains Wilderness. Our first stop was the abandoned workings of the Twin Load Mine. A nice mine adit led to a crystal covered wall. On the road again we passed by Chamber's Well and then stopped to inspect the impressive headframe of the American Eagle Mine. This worked up an appetite so we proceeded down the trail to the second shaft and mill area. The feasting commenced. Off again and we passed by the numerous trails and working of the Sleepy Burro mine – not accessible as it is 'wilderness.' The road slowly turned east and then dipped south. All the while we have been enjoying a great day – absolutely perfect! But I spoke too soon as here's where 'the plan' came apart. Due to the dust and no wind the spacing between the jeeps got pretty big. A jeep lost sight of the one in front which resulted in jeeps 6-15 not making another turn south to the War Eagle Mine and continuing east for several miles. In the mean time yours truly the Trail Boss turned south, arrived at the mine, and spied only four other jeeps in trail. Then, while experiencing the sickening silence once the motors shut off, I swore I could hear a distant cow bell ringing. I could not raise Ladell on the radio but the phone worked and he explained that he was now the "Tail" Boss leading jeeps 6-15 from the rear and making great time. I grabbed my small band of jeepers and off we raced in pursuit. We finally caught up at the air up spot to much snickering and guffawing. For some reason I had a sudden urge to eat one of the carrots Kathlyne brought to feed the donkeys. "Thanks" to Ladell & Judy Olson for Tail Gunning and Rodger & Renee Melton for AED'ing.

Bruce Speirs – Trail Boss

American Eagle Mine - Photo By: Bruce Speirs

Photo By: Tom Bunnell

Upper & Lower Juniper

On January 5th we had 10 Jeeps that met at the end of Challenger. We proceeded to Cactus Canyon and went into lower Jupiter mine where we turned all 10 rigs around with no problem. Then we continued on to Upper Jupiter. We took the shelf road all the way to the top and had lunch. At the same time we had our run Jim Bowen had a run up K2 and we were able to see them on the ridge and talk to them on the CB radio. We had gone up K2 on Monday and placed a flag at the top so we could spot where K2 is when we were at Upper Jupiter. We have also placed a flag on top of Upper Jupiter so it can be spotted from K2. Thelma and Louise were along on the ride together in Sherry's Jeep which may never be the same. (AKA Sherry Hetzer & Anna Hofstedder). Thanks to Gary Wiskus for tail gunning.

Tom Bunnell, Trail Boss

Trail Boss of the Month

John Strong

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TO OUR TRAIL BOSSES

Run Leaders are the backbone of our Jeeping Organization.
During the year 2011 our 28 Trail Bosses led 127 runs, from Quartzsite to Kingman to the California side of the Colorado River and beyond.
T-Shirts for 1-4 runs, Polo Shirts for 5-9 runs, and Fleece Jackets for 10 -20 runs, were awarded to the Trail Bosses at the Holiday Party as a Thank You from the club.

1-4 Runs

B.J. Buckhout
Gary Bullard
Bob Carson
Rodger Delk
Bob Drew
Don Flood
Sue Guibord
Darryld Kautzman
Rick Keil
Dennis Kreuzenstein
Mike MacLean
Richard Marchus
Dave Opperman
Steve Riley
Bob Scholl
Kathlyn Speirs
Bruce Speirs
Dick Thomas
Gary Wiskus
Mike Yahrmarkt

5 - 9 Runs

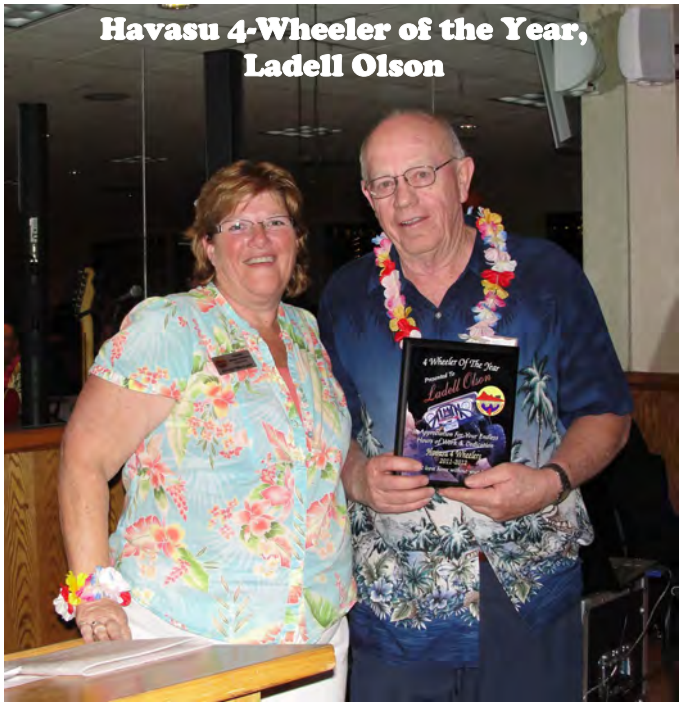
Tom Bunnell
Charles Leipart
Willie Williams
Snake Williams
Ladell Olson

10 - 20 Runs

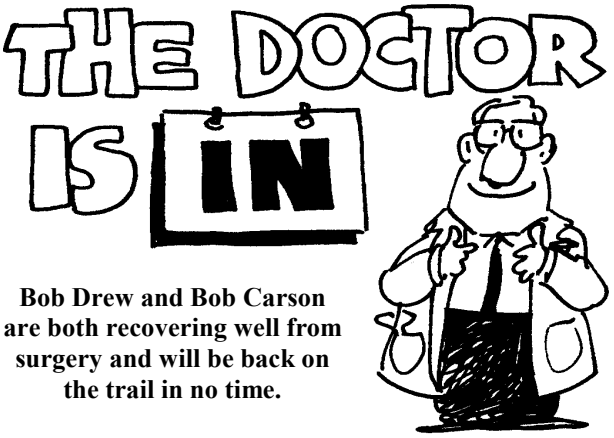
Jim Bowen
Andy Lucas
John Strong

Photo By: Amanda Dodson from BLM

While surveying the mines with the BLM above Bison, Darryld broke his steering arm. Even though Ladell could not respond as his jeep was getting new tires he was able to find Andy, give him the necessary parts and send him to the rescue.



The membership has voted on a person who is truly deserving of the title 4-wheeler of the year.
This member probably loves jeeping more than anything except his wife and family, and always with his wife there with him. After all, the Jeep is in her name! I would almost say that he'd rather go 4-wheeling than eat....well, almost. If "4-wheeler of the year" was in the dictionary, you would see his picture.
He's the guy you want on a run with you. Always ready willing and able to help, he goes out of his way to lend assistance anywhere it is needed. If you're broken down, he'll get you off the trail. If you're stuck, he'll get you out. And if he's not around, he can even talk you through a problem over the phone.
He's the one always there when someone has tipped, flipped, flopped, or otherwise turned over, ready to get that poor someone back on all fours and running again. As we like to say...don't leave home without your Ladell,
your 4-Wheeler of the Year!



Bob Drew and Bob Carson are both recovering well from surgery and will be back on the trail in no time.

Spotting Etiquette

A spotter is another pair of eyes and a 'jeeping brain' to help the driver navigate the tricky spots on the selected route. The most important occasions are when the driver cannot see the trail, or when minute adjustments in the placement of the wheels would make the difference between go and no go, or worse.

The spotter needs to know what the spotted vehicle can and cannot do. This means knowing at a quick glance WHAT will clear, and WHERE under the rig. A good spotter knows where to position the tires and differentials for that clearance.

A good spotter is usually also a good driver. Why? Unless you experience the capabilities and eccentricities of a rig, first hand, by driving it, it's very difficult to know what to expect of those characteristics on the rocks. Choose a spotter with long tested driving skills over aunt Bessie during her first off road adventure.

Use of a spotter

1. **Should you encounter an obstacle that you are unsure of, and you would like a spotter, just request one on the CB.**
2. **Remember it's your vehicle, and it's your body that is in the vehicle, so it's your choice as to who you want to spot for you.**
3. **While being spotted, your attention (100%) should be on the spotter and no one else. This is 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.**
4. **If at any time you become uncomfortable with the spotter or his line, you may decline by just waving him off, it's your vehicle.**
5. **ONLY THE SPOTTER GIVES DIRECTIONS TO THE DRIVER. Too many people giving directions only confuses the driver.**
6. **And remember "THE SPOTTER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO YOUR VEHICLE".**

Spotter duties & etiquette

- **The spotter should be a knowledgeable rock climber.**
- **The spotter is able to see and watch the progression of each tire placement on the terrain.**
- **The spotter should remain in the driver line of sight.**
- **The spotter will communicate with you through hand signals or voice commands. The use of the terms driver or passenger are much easier to follow (rather than right /left).**
- **The spotter should be of even tempered, and posses a clear, calm voice.**
- **The spotter should not be offended if a replacement is requested.**

Tin Barn-Whiskey Basin

Friday, Jan 13, 2012

Well, Friday the 13th was finally a lucky day for this run. After four cancellations for snow since last winter, six Jeeps with eight souls on board, (can be abbreviated sob's), left Terrible's at 08:30 and made the trip to the Griffith exit where we aired down and proceeded into the scenic Hualapai Mountains.

It was a beautiful winter day and the sometimes challenging trip was accomplished without problems. All enjoyed the day.

Andy Lucas, Trail Boss

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Photo By: Andy Lucas

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Gold Rice Mine

January 11, 2012

Six jeeps, 8 members, and three guests departed the scenic turn out at 8:30 toward Parker and then west arriving at Wyatt Earp's house. We aired down in front of this historic spot. Next we headed out on the old historic Blythe to Vidal Wagon Road. This trail starts out as a well traveled route but then slowly degenerates into a lonely track as it heads into the Riverside Mountains Wilderness area. We forged numerous wash crossings and then starting climbing the old mining road. We entered a canyon and proceeded along a very narrow shelf road which had been constructed by the miners in the 1880's which is supported by hand stacked rocks. By lunch we had reached our destination – the Gold Rice Mine on the top of a mountain ridge. We circled the wagons and ate our goodies while wondering how the miners were able to get here, dig all the tunnels and survive under such primitive conditions so far from civilization. On the way out some were carrying an extra ballast of pretty rocks & mineral specimens. As promised "solitude" was the most outstanding feature of this run second only to clear blue sky, fresh air and unlimited vistas. It doesn't get better than that. Thanks go to Rodger & Renee for Tail Gunning and for carrying the AED. No Cow Bell or No Bell nominations to report.

Bruce Speirs – Trail Boss

Photo By: Kathlyne Speirs

Our sincere condolences from the entire membership go out to Jim & Anna Hofstetter with the passing of her Sister...

Havasu 4 Wheelers

rescue visitor stranded in desert

Photo By: Dennis Kreuzenstein

Diamondback Sidwinder

January 12, 2012

Ten Havasu 4 Wheelers plus one YJ Guest, plus one riding guest on run. Dennis K. led us up the Gold Springs trail to the Diamondback entrance trail. Everybody did well. On the Diamondback Sidewinder trail everybody did well again. No mechanical breakage but one hardtop window broken on the YJ. We arrived at Dutch Flat Road at 12:05pm for lunch and were ready to depart for Yahoo about 1pm when a young man came running down the trail. He had seen us sitting there and was afraid we would leave before he got to us. He said he had rolled his K5 in the canyon. I said "what the ** are you doing up there by yourself?" He had no good answer. The Havasu 4Wheeler group decided to help him, so up the trail 4 miles to his K5 Blazer that was upside down in the trail. With the crew's help we put a strap around a large rock, put a block at the strap, took the winch line from my Mall Krawler to the block and back to the K5 and attached it to the frame. With a slight pull from the winch over came the K5 back on it's wheels. After getting the oil off the pistons it started and ran for about two minutes, then all was quiet! After checking the best we could we found there was no spark at the plugs. So out came the straps! Dennis K. in front and myself at the rear, we pulled him 10 miles to Standard Wash Kiosk arriving at 5pm. I placed a call to Merlin Johnson at the Old School Garage at 6:30 pm. I told him the situation that the vehicle had no spark. He said he would go out and get it running that night. A new coil did it! The next day Merlin got a new windshield in it. End of a lucky day for a young man! My many thanks to the Havasu 4 Wheeler crew and especially Merlin Johnson for assisting this young man.**

Dave Opperman, Trail Boss

Silver Creek

January 12, 2012

Our Silver Creek run provided nearly a full day of fun and one big surprise. The cancellations (5) and one "oh I forgot" equaled the final number of Jeeps on the run so we had a nice small group of adventurers. Thanks to Rodger Melton I discovered that the route to Bullhead using the Golden Shores exit was much nicer than the Needles exit and will use this on future runs to this area.

We arrived at the trailhead on Silver Creek Road about 9:45 am after a pit stop at Circle K on the Bullhead Parkway. The run began with up hills and down and through washes with beautiful skyline vistas. Just as we descended the last hill toward Moss Mine, our first destination, I came to an abrupt stop due to a sign posted strategically, obstructing my path, but facing the oncoming direction. I was absolutely certain I was on the exact same route I used on the pre-run the previous month and the sign was definitely not there then. Chuck got out to clip and clear a path around it and I walked around to its other side in order to read it: "Danger – Keep Out!" Oh great. Meanwhile a large truck approached us from the road we were attempting to enter as a couple of the Jeeps were still perched on the hilltop behind me. The miner got out and, friendly enough, informed us the area we wanted to examine was now being actively mined with very big equipment and was off limits. Fortunately he pointed out that the trail we intended to travel from there was still accessible and open. They are mining for gold and are still determining if it will be a profitable venture. So I relayed a brief story of John Moss's mining exploits there in 1863 to my fellow 4 wheelers and we took off on the rest of the journey.

It proved to be a fun run in spite of the alteration of the show and tell. I especially became amazed at the aggressiveness of my tail-gunner, Mike Yahrmarkt, who, only a few runs ago claimed "I suck at obstacles" as he was now doing extra credit challenges with a vengeance! Was this really Ladell in disguise? Or was it the java he had or the inspiration from his passenger, Ken Weller? Or maybe it was encouragement by the "new" Joyce Stephens, aka Joe Egilske…

At any rate, we all agreed the scenery, varied terrain, the history and the good group made this a fun and worth-while run. Now that's what 4 wheelin' is all about!

Sue Guibord, Trail Boss

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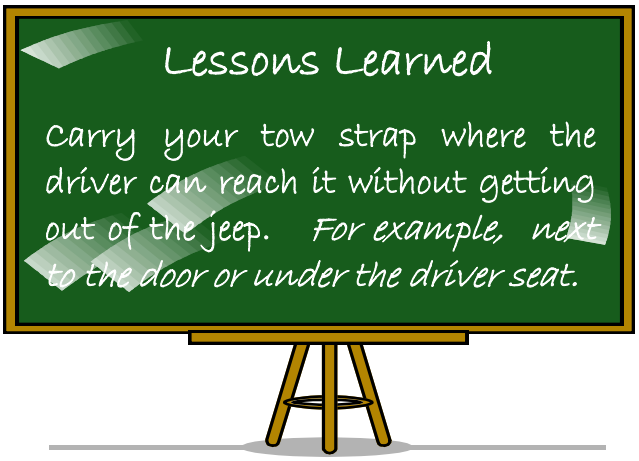

Anniversary Trail

January 23, 2012 fifteen jeeps met at the Elks Lodge for the drivers meeting and air down. Once completed, we drove to El Dorado Wash and preceded very slowly as this is a residential area and was sure not to stir up any dust.

Once on the trail, it was through a pretty canyon and on to a somewhat rocky road, which was quite dusty, however we had a cross wind and the dust was not a problem. Now this road led to some steep ups and downs and off cambers both positive and negative, which captured some folk's attention. And then there was more ups and downs, some were loose and rocky, and some were V notch type with tight turns at the top. I must say that this run did afford some spectacular views of the city, the lake, and the surrounding mountains. We ended up in Standard Wash for a lunch stop.

After lunch we continued up the wash to an unnamed waterfall with a go around. Approximately 6 to 7 jeeps climbed it with no problem, and we decided that this waterfall will be known as NO NAME WATERFALL. As if we had not enough rocks, ups and downs, off cambers, we found some more. And then it was a rocky, humpty bump, ride out to Challenger Dr. where the run ended.

Thanks to all who attended, as you are the ones that make it so enjoyable. And thank you Ladell and Judy Olson for tail gunning, and Willie for trail maintenance and trash pick up.

Snake Williams, Trail Boss

Silver Creek Run **Photo By: Mary Monia**

Black Mesa

January 18th was a typical winter day in Arizona with sunshine and minimal wind, making it a perfect day for the 15 jeeps to do this scenic run.

You start this run at the CAP aqueduct off of Shea Rd. and then head to the mesa's near the Bill Williams River and Mineral Wash area. From the viewpoints you almost feel like you are in a plane taking in all the surrounding. Our lunch spot overlooked Mineral Wash and the MHM mine, with the inactive Planet Ranch in the background and a fantastic view of the desert beyond. The last view point is the best in my opinion as you can see the lake, part of the city, the MWD air strip and part of the plant, and to the left the Colorado River almost all the way to Parker.

We weren't the only one enjoying the desert that day as we meet a group of about 7 quads who seemed to be going to the same locations as we were. They sure stir up a lot more dust than we do.

At lunch someone mentioned that this run wasn't as bad as was presented, but by the end of the run they were glad to be on smooth ground again. Despite all the uphill climbs and rocky terrain the group did a great job driving.

A big Thank You to B.J. Buckhout for his excellent job as tail gunner.

Willie Williams, Trail Boss

Can you guess whose jeep this is from the Black Mesa Run????

Photo By: B.J. Buckhout

The Cow Bell

The coveted ding-dong
Goes to: Bruce Speirs
Who lost half his run participants

No Bell

Goes To: Paul & Sherry Hetzer's hungry dog

High Line Run

Six jeeps left the end of Bison Monday, January 16, at 9:00 a.m. with 9 members and 2 guests. We arrived at the mine 4.62 miles from our starting point where we parked, investigated, and did a short clean up of the area. The open pit we fenced years prior had been torn down. Our next stop was the water catchment for lunch. Guests and new members were explained how the water catchment works for the wild sheep and other wild life. This water catchment was in good shape compared to K-2. After our stop at the old house foundation we went on to You Go Falls entertainment. Thanks to Snake's expert spotting two jeeps did the falls successfully and we ended our run at Havasu Heights (23.5 mi.)

Thank you Snake and Willie for tail gunning and carrying the AED.

John Strong, Trail Boss

Photo By: John Strong

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K-2, January 5, 2012

K2 is always a fun run with awesome views. The weather was great as we made our way out Standard Wash and up over our "Behind Crossman trail" over to the North side of the Mohave Mountains behind Lake Havasu. Our trip was uneventful until we started to make our way up to the top of K2 (we say it's the 2nd highest mountain next to Crossman Peak). Then one of our members realized his track bar was broken causing his wheels to be able to steer but move back and forth side to side in the front of his Jeep! The narrow road with significant drop offs was an exciting road for this to happen on! He was able to drive it to the top where were able to fix it with some cable (one of Ladell's "field fix's") so he could steer it back down. While at the top we were able to view our other club run led by Tom Bunnell to upper Jupitor. It was fun to talk to them on the CB and view them thru binoculars. Our trip back was uneventful. Thank you Snake for tailgunning.

Jim Bowen, Trail Boss

Jupiter Mine Fencing

At 8:00 a.m. January 24, Bruce Speirs & Ladell Olson loaded their army surplus trailers with BLM fencing supplies... A caravan of eight jeeps guided by Jim Bowen headed for the Upper & East Jupiter mines.

Fourteen Havasu 4 Wheelers members, one guest, and Lake Havasu BLM Assistant Field Manager, Amanda Dodson, spent the day fencing two dangerous mine shafts and placing posts and warning signs at eight aditz…

The mine fencing was part of an on going effort by the BLM and Havasu 4 Wheelers to make the public more aware of the dangers of open pits and mines as they travel the desert.

Dates are being considered for fencing the Lower Jupiter mines, the Plane Wreck Mine, and repairing fencing at the J&J and adjacent mines. The crew will also inspect the Bat Cave and the Buck Mountain mines at a later date. Members are invited to sign up when dates are set.

Darryld Kautzmann, Fencing Coordinator

Wyatt Earp Run

I have done this run about six times with about 12 jeeps signing up for it each time. Well this time I had 34 jeeps sign up for it. I did not want to turn anyone down, so I decided to make it work, I ask Mike Yahrmarkt if he would be co-leader with me so it would work, You know Mike, he is always willing to help. Out of the 34 jeeps signed up 27 showed up.

I left the scenic turn out with 14 jeeps, and Mike waited five minutes later with 13 jeeps, we stopped at Terrible's gas station in Parker for a pit stop, my group was leaving when Mikes group pulled in. We continued to the Calif. side and pulled into a large flat area in the canyon where Wyatt and Josie camped for a few years in the winter, while they mined the Lucky Day and the Happy Day mines until they got their home near the mines. After stopping there and going over some of the history of their mines. Since there was not enough room for both groups at each mine at the same time. I took my group and went to the Happy Day mine and Mike and his group went to the Lucky Day mine. Then we switched mines so everyone could see both mines. From there we continued on to the Earp home where we met Thelma and her sister Cindy who let us go through the Earp home. They said this will be the last time we will be able to go through the Earp home because the owners are going to sell it. Thanks to Charles Leipart for tail gunning.

Bob Carson, Trail Boss

Wyatt Earp Run

I was co-leader with Bob Carson on his Wyatt Earp run--I took 1/2 of the jeeps to the Happy Day and Lucky Day mines---we traveled 5 miles south of Parker to Wyatt Earp's campsite near the mines--I related my story of ghost encounters at Tombstone--and then on to the mines. This run is rated about a 2---but my trip around Lucky Day may have slightly exceeded that---thankfully no one complained--the next part of the run included going under a railroad trestle that I thought might be to low for some lifted jeeps, so I took my group on the north side of the tracks which turned out to be not a road only a motorcycle track. We all made it safely to Wyatt Earp's house. It was a fun trip--thanks to B.J. Buckhout for tail gunning and Bob Carson for asking me to lead a fun bunch of jeepers----

Mike Yahrmarkt, Trail Boss

• Roster Changes •

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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19	20 Claire Greb Ken Tarbutton *President's Day*	21	22	23	24	25 Patti Gant Diana Smith
26 Joe Egilske Sonny Schaffe Paul Stephens Betty Woosley	27 Patricia Billick Carolyn Gerth	28	29	**If we forgot your Birthday or Anniversary, please let us know so we can correct our records.**		

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February 7th - Larry & Loretta Robinson
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February 8th - John & Judy Thuneman
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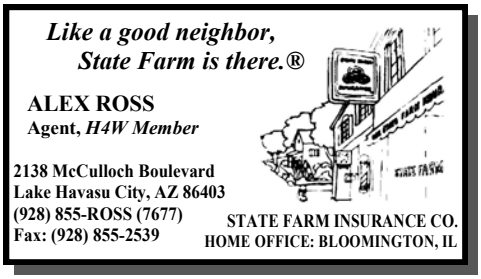

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