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The Havasu 4 Wheelers **TRAIL TALK**

YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER



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January 2014

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

Presidents Message

Wow! What a month December has been! We started with a great turn out for our Desert Clean up! Our "Trash King", Mike Yahrmarkt, organized a great event! We picked up almost 6,000 pounds of trash—including a hot tub , a ski boat, and a sleeper sofa! For the hours we worked it was about 140 lbs. per person or about 40 lbs. of trash per hour! Bruce Spiers did another fine job in helping our club get some very good publicity—a front page article and a nice editorial by the editor a few days later.



Our run Chairman, John Strong, reported we have over 120+ runs so far this year, about the same number as last year! Darryld Kautzmann made a recon trip with three member Jeeps and three BLM employees to map out the dangerous mine openings we will be fencing in the near future.

We also had several of our members donate an afternoon to helping the Arizona Game and Fish Dept. film a brief movie about off roading in the LHC area.

Our retired medical doctor, Andy Lucas, held a very successful AED training class.

Our club received a nice certificate from the LHC Marine Corps League for our contributions of toys to the Toys for Tots program in the past and the very large stack of toys at our last meeting! Cheryl MacLean took charge of all the cans we had for the food bank in making sure they got to the proper place!

And—we have 23 events scheduled next month! From runs to mine fencing, gps classes, winch classes, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and a run leader training/meeting.

However, as we were having a great month, and planning our next month—another "force" is steadily at work in the opposite direction.

"On Friday, October 25, 2013, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) published a notice in the Federal Register about their proposal to list certain California and Nevada populations of greater sage grouse as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. FWS is also proposing to designate 1.8 million acres as critical habitat to help protect this subgroup of grouse."



What does this mean to us? It means that while we are having a great time in our little corner of Arizona that we have to be ever mindful of another area each of us can contribute to each month—that is to help stem the tide of the continual chipping away at areas where we can enjoy our great hobby of "off highway travel".

Challenge for each of us: take about 20 minutes per month and write one letter in support of keeping our trails open. If each one of us would commit to write just one letter a month—it could have a very positive impact. I will be sending you an email every so often with details of an area of need and what and who we can write. We had many people write letters and emails in support of our LHC area when we were involved in the TMP (Travel Management Plan)—we can do our part to help other areas when different challenges arise!

Have a great "Jeepin" new year!

Jim Bowen



Dave Opperman receiving his "Silver Member" name tag from President Jim Bowen.



Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

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

- Rock N Roll (3.5)..... Jan. 3rd
 8:30am, Sara Park, Tom Bunnell
- Planet Ranch (3.0) Jan. 4th
 8:30am, Scenic Turnout, Hwy 95 South, Willie Williams
- Desert Bar, Back Way (3.0)..... Jan. 4th
 9:00am, Scenic Turnout Hwy 95 South, Jerry Kuhnle
- Red Line/Black Falls Loop (3.5)..... Jan. 7th
 9:00am, Standard Wash Hwy 95 South, Ron Satterfield
- Python (4.0)..... Jan. 8th
 9:00am, Scenic Turnout Hwy 95 South, Bob Drew
- BD Roulett Mine (3.0) Jan. 9th
 9:00am, Scenic Turnout, Hwy 95 South, Sue Guibord
- Northwest Passage (3.0)..... Jan. 11th
 8:30am, Across from Havasu Heights Rd. Willie Williams
- Castle Mountains (2.0) Jan. 14th
 8:30am, Terribles @ Hwy 95 & I-40, Andy Lucas
- Black Mesa (3.0)Jan. 14th
 8:30am, Scenic Turnout, Hwy 95 South, Willie Williams
- Mine Fencing (3.25)..... Jan. 15th
 8:00am, BLM Parking lot, Darryld Kautzmann
- Desert Bar, Back Way (3.0) Jan. 19th
 11:00am, Safeway Parking Lot on McCulloch, Sheryl MacLean
 (In conjunction with Balloon Fest to take Pilots on this run)
- Winch Class Jan. 20th
 8:30am, End of Challenger, Jim Bowen
- Goat Hill Passage (3.0) Jan. 22nd
 8:30am, Reef & Fathom, Willie Williams
- Secret Pass Enhanced (3.5)..... Jan. 26th
 8:30am, Terribles @ Hwy 95 & I-40, Sue Guibord
- Creamery Canyon(4.0)..... Jan. 27th
 8:30am, Terribles @ Hwy 95 & I-40, Andy Lucas
- High Line (3.0)..... Jan. 31st
 8:30am, End of Bison, Willie Williams

Please Note: Please be at the departure location
 20 minutes before the departure time.
 Be sure your Gas Tank is full.
 Call Trail Boss if you are unable to attend.

Other Club Happen'ns

- GPS/iPad/GAIA Workshop Jan. 6th
 1:00pm, Genealogy Library, Andy Lucas
- Ladies Luncheon Jan. 16th
 12:30pm, Javelina Cantina, 1420 McCulloch Blvd N, Diana Delk
- Trail Boss Meeting Jan. 17th
 1:00pm, Genealogy Library, John Strong
- Basic GPS Course Jan. 17th
 2:30pm, Genealogy Library, Steve Riley
- H4W Board Meeting Jan. 20th
 4:00pm, Genealogy Library, Jim Bowen
- Cooks Night Out Jan. 21st
 5:00pm, Mario's, 350 London Bridge Rd. , Diana Delk
- Men's Breakfast Jan. 23rd
 8:00am, Bad Miguel's, Gary Wiskus
- H4W Membership Meeting Jan. 23rd
 7:00pm, Realtor's Center, Jim Bowen

Future Happen'ns

- Garage Sale Feb. 13th & 14th 2014
 Paul & Joyce Stephens
- Driving Off Road 101 Feb. 19th, 2014
 8:30am, Scenic Turnout, Steve Perry
- Awards Banquet Mar 14th 2014
 5:00pm, Shugrue's, 1425 McCulloch Blvd., Rodger & Diana Delk
- Cottonwood, AZ Mar 17-21, 2014
 Run levels range from 3.0—3.75 , Charles Leipart
- Ranch Work Day Mar. 28th
 8:00am, Lowe's Parking Lot, Jim Bowen
- Death Valley (3+)..... Apr. 27th—May 3rd
 See Web Site for details, Bob Drew
- Moab, Utah May 5-9, 2014
 Information TBA, Mike & Cheryl MacLean
- Turkey Roast Nov. 15th, 2014
 Sara Park Rodeo Grounds, Jim & Joanne Malara

Trail Boss of the Month

Steve Riley



Vampire Mine/El Supremo

November 22, 2013

After our club's monthly meeting on Thursday evening it rained pretty hard off and on thru the night. The rain was predicted to be 80% for our run day on Friday. I was impressed when I arrived at the meeting spot and found all the Jeeps for the day's run already lined up ready to go rain or not! The overcast was heavy with very fine misting on the way to Parker. Then it turned into a great day for 4 wheeling! After airing down and then heading up the narrow shelf road to the Vampire Mine it was damp with no dust but not really slick at all. El Supremo was in great condition with no dust and no real washed out holes from the previous rains. We still had no rain as we made our turn and headed for "the slot canyon". Our goal was to get thru the slot canyon before any real evidence of rain (the canyon would not be a good place to be during a rain storm!). We made it almost all the way thru the canyon with no problem until almost to the end. Then we ran into a hole that Mother Nature had created for us that needed some filling in! Out came the shovels and we took turns filling it in to a safe level to pass. We made it to our air up spot and then a light rain finally caught us as we aired up. We were all amazed at how we could go all day with no rain on an "80% day" until our final air up. We had no problems at all and enjoyed one of the beautiful and challenging runs in the Parker area.

Jim Bowen, Trail Boss

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Desert Bar

On a drizzly day 13 jeeps embarked for a great day of jeeping. We first aired down in water soaked & mud area before we could start the back-way to the Desert Bar run. Unfortunately, Steve & Jayne Riley had problems at the first climb. His vehicle would not stay in 4 wheel drive. He returned to Lake Havasu to learn that his cable for his 4 wheel drive needed to be replace. We continued our run stopping at the Grey Eagle Mine & explored the mine. Then on to Eagles Nest Mine area where we stopped for lunch. On the trail from Grey Eagle Mine to Eagles Nest, we encounter areas where the rain had changed the trail. After adding rocks and a few detours we were able to continue run. The run ended at the Desert Bar. Driving skills were challenged due to past few days of rain, everyone on the run did an outstanding job of driving. Many thanks for those members that joined me on this run. The day turned out with sunshine and we did have a great day jeeping.

Ron Satterfield, Trail Boss



Photo By: Ron Satterfield

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BLM Mine Fencing project -

"You load sixteen tons and what do you get..."

On January 15th, your H4W Conservation Committee Mine Fencing Group will, again, be working in conjunction with the Lake Havasu BLM Office. The group will be heading out into the trackless deserts to put up fencing to help prevent inadvertent falls into unmarked vertical mine shafts. These mines, some dug in the 1880's, present a serious hazard to the unsuspecting desert visitor.

Some of these openings have been found on the top of some small peaks with trails, leading right to them. For you non-believers out there some years back we had a H4W'er accidentally drive his jeep up to and into a vertical shaft. His rig fortunately got wedged in at the top of it or it would have been like Arnold Schwarzenegger says, "Hasta la vista, baby!"

New volunteers are always welcome as trips are planned. The BLM supplies the fencing materials, but we volunteer the tools, time, and trouble to do it all. It is suggested that you wear long sleeves and levi's; bring lunch, leather gloves, phillips screw driver, water and a chair.

Contact Darryld Kautzmann with your name and your Passanger along with T-shirt sizes. Meet at the BLM office 8:00am sharp to consolidate rides and break into small groups to Cienega Springs Road parking area. (1/2 Mile off Highway 95)

Check email the night before, if the weather is bad, Fencing will be held on the 22nd.

Darryld Kautzmann, Chairman

Time to start cleaning out the closets, cabinets and garage. Save those treasures for the **Havasu4Wheeler Yard sale** Feb. 13th & 14th 2014



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This N' That

We met at the end of Bison with 10 jeeps. We ran the power line trail south to Blue Berry Jam Canyon at which time I told everyone that this was an extra and no one had to go if they did not want to but to my surprise every jeep wanted to go, so as we started I heard Jim Young on the radio say he had a broken spring. Everyone jumped into action with Ladell as the lead man and they all got him hay-wired back together so he could drive out. Sam Clevenger volunteered to follow him and off they went. On their way out they ran across a guy that was out of gas by himself with a dead battery so Sam hooked him up and pulled him back with them. It was a great day. No dust and no mud. When we got to the Squeeze, 3 jeeps went thru then John Warren in his KJ 4 door said he wanted to try it. I have to say he gave it a heck of a try, but that first big turn just wasn't going to happen. John had fun trying and we all had fun watching. We continued on to Hawks Nest and aired up at Standard Wash. Thanks go out to all the guys that patched Jim's Jeep. Also thanks to Steve Perry for tail gunning.

Tom Bunnell, Trail Boss

Photo By: Tom Bunnell



"Sunshine"

If you know of anyone in the club who might need some cheering up, please contact Trish Reister at trishreister@gmail.com. She will be happy to send cards on behalf of the entire *Havasu 4 Wheelers* membership. ❖



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Boriana Mine

On Friday, November 29th, Seventeen Jeeps with 28 members and 3 guests headed out to the Boriana Mine to work off Thanksgiving dinner from the previous day. The long trip was very scenic with no problems. After stopping for a break in the pine forest we began to meet up with other 4-wheelers enjoying the day. The run ended at the Hualapai Mountain Lodge where 20 members of the group stayed behind for an early dinner before heading home. Thanks to Ladell and Judy Olson for tailgunning.

Mike MacLean, Trail Boss



Photo By: Rodger Melton

How to Use Your GAIA-GPS App



Andy Lucas will be conducting a class on the App GAIA-GPS for iPad
Monday, January 6th at the Genealogy Library 1:00pm.
Contact Andy for information and details.

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COTTONWOOD AZ

Cottonwood Scouting Trip



Braving the cold and wet (rain and snow), six Havasu 4 Wheelers, Bob Carson, Bob Scholl, Tom Christiansen, Mike Yahrmarkt, Ken Weller and Charles Leipart, scouted several trails around the Cottonwood, Jerome and Sedona areas. After several calculations and wrong turns, tracks for six interesting and scenic runs were made. Several others were discussed and could be added to the inventory.

A number of restaurants were tried and found to be very good. Accommodations were scouted and found reasonable. Thanks goes to the scouts for their time and patience. It will be a fun time in the Cottonwood area in March.

Charles Leipart



Cottonwood, AZ
March
17th—21st
 Contact Charles Leipart
 for information
 or to sign up

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Runs are rated 3.0 to 3.75 levels, Wednesday has no runs scheduled and can be used for a shopping/sight seeing day with the club dinner scheduled at the Verde Valley Resort that evening.

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| ♦ Little Daisy Motel: 34 S. Main—928/634-7865 | \$57.00—\$62.00 Per Night |
| ♦ Pines Motel: 928/483-9618 | \$65.00 Per Night |
| ♦ View Motel: 928/634-7581 | \$58.00 Per Night |
| ♦ Super 8: | \$60.00 Per Night |
| ♦ Quality Inn: | \$80.00 Per Night |
| ♦ Sundial Motel: 928/634-8031 | |
| ♦ Best Western: | \$100.00 Per Night |

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| ♦ Turquoise Triangle: 2501 East Highway 89A—928/634-5294 | \$30.00 Per Night |
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| ♦ Dead Horse State Park: 520/586-2283 | \$30.00 Per Night ,Electricity & Water only |
| ♦ Verde Valley Resort: 928/634-8158 or 928/567-2405 | \$185.01 Per Week |
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| ♦ Cabins at Verde Valley: Phone same as above | \$578.84 for 6 Nights (Rates are with 30% discount) |

Today's
News-Herald

Havasu 4 Wheelers remove 6,000 pounds of trash from desert



Havasu 4 Wheelers removed 6,000 pounds of trash and debris Tuesday from local desert areas skirting northeast Lake Havasu City to the east. About 65 volunteers, most from the group roster, turned out about 8 a.m. Tuesday and split into two groups. The groups tackled the areas of desert off of Bison Boulevard and Paseo De Oro Drive.

"It's our way of giving back to the desert areas we all use and enjoy," said Havasu 4 Wheeler spokesman Bruce Speirs. "We filled two Dumpsters." Each trash bin contained 40 cubic yards of trash. For comparison, 10,000 pounds of trash was collected by the group from local desert areas last year.

The annual effort is a partnership between the Havasu 4 Wheelers and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. In this case, U.S. Bureau of Land Management provided donuts and trash bags. Bashas' Starbucks donated the coffee.

Neighbors of the area were thrilled. "This is great," said Rose Baldo, of Havasu. "It's just a mess. I try to chase people out of there all of the time." Baldo, who rides her horse Chantella in that area three or four times weekly, said the debris and litter are dangerous for horses and dogs that are walked there.

The land there is littered with an immeasurable amount of shotgun shells, bullet casings, cardboard targets, a discarded hot tub, and an old fiberglass flat-bottom ski boat. Havasu 4 Wheelers removed both the hot tub and boat Tuesday.

Fifty-Eight volunteer men and woman showed up on a cold December morning to clean up a portion of the desert at the end of Bison, and Paseo De Oro. The BLM furnished coffee and donuts. We split into two groups, and recovered about 6000 lbs. of trash including a hot tub, a boat, bedroom set, all kinds of targets and spent ammo. I can't thank these volunteers enough, they brought pickups, trailers and working bodies at their own expense, and did a great job. Thanks to Kurt Smith for getting rid of tires, an old battery, and old oil. This group did a great job for a piece of pizza.

Mike Yahmarkt. Chairman

Today's
News-Herald

Opinion: Let's just dump the old hot tub in the desert!

Somebody out there really has to be kidding!

A hot tub dumped in the desert at the end of Bison Boulevard and Paseo De Oro?

Over the years, Havasu 4 Wheelers have taken tons of trash out of the beautiful desert surrounding Lake Havasu City. But the hot tub kind of takes the cake. In its most recent effort, with the cooperation and help of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 6,000 pounds of debris was removed from the desert area on the north end of town.

Six thousand pounds! That's a tragedy and an outrage.

People who desert dump were never apparently taught to clean up after themselves. It shows a complete lack of respect for the environment in their own surrounding neighborhood. It really makes you wonder what their houses look like.

Some 65 volunteers turned out last week to once again take care of Mother Earth. And they are owed a huge debt of thanks. Along with the hot tub, a fiberglass ski boat was hauled away. Immeasurable amount of shotgun shells, bullet casings, cardboard targets and more were removed. Most everyone is familiar with the slogan, "Pack it in, Pack it out." That's just lost on those who would trash the desert.

Dumping doesn't always happen in the desert around Lake Havasu City, it also takes place along the shoreline of the Lake and in various other places in the area. Some years back, the Lake Havasu City Marine Association made an effort to eliminate some of the trash around the Lake by installing garbage bag poles and ensuring the poles are constantly stocked with bags. It has worked relatively well.

The desert area surrounding Lake Havasu City is a favorite spot for target shooters and that's all well and good until the refuse left behind amounts to "immeasurable" amounts.

What could be easier than removing spent ammunition, targets and other items that have obviously been brought in for someone's enjoyment?

Not to mention the possible harm that could come to folks hiking or walking their dogs in the area. Stepping on broken glass from bottles shot for fun and spent ammo takes the enjoyment out of taking in the desert wonders.

If everyone would just clean up after themselves and remember there is a landfill also on the north end of town, some of the 6,000 pounds could be eliminated next time the stalwart volunteers make the effort to clean up for them.

— Today's News-Herald



Santa's Helpers???



Bill French, Elf Joe Egilske and Nancy French

Warm Springs

On 12/3/13, eleven jeeps left Terribles at 9:00am with 19 members for Warm Springs and its notorious bumpy road. Our destination was on the edge of the 112,400 acre Warm Spring Wilderness where we had lunch and a walk. The short walk after lunch we saw hundreds of petroglyphs. Further up the wash can be found Palm Trees, running water, rock foundations and corrals. Thank you Steve Wirick for being our Tail Runner. Everyone did a great job and were aired up by 3:00.

John Strong, Trail Boss



Photo By: John Strong

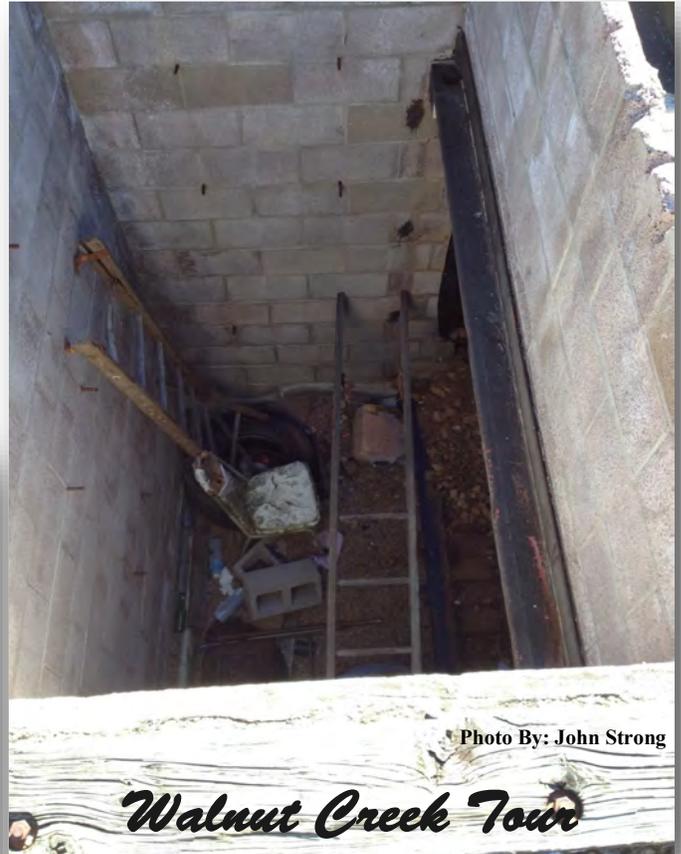


Photo By: John Strong

Walnut Creek Tower

On 12/5/13, ten jeeps left Terribles at 9:00 with 17 members for the Hualapais. The destination was a survivalist area with a lot of deserted old dwellings, trash and bunker. Stories were told from a variety of experiences from previous visits going back to the 80's. Trash papers found lying around verify some of the stories. Previous stories from club members were shared by the Trail Boss. Elevation gain is gradual from 2200' to 4600' where the run changes from cactus to pine trees. Two other high lights are the petroglyphs and a working ranch. Everyone signed out and aired up by 2:50. Thank you Marlo Brackelsberg for being Tail Gunner.

John Strong, Trail Boss

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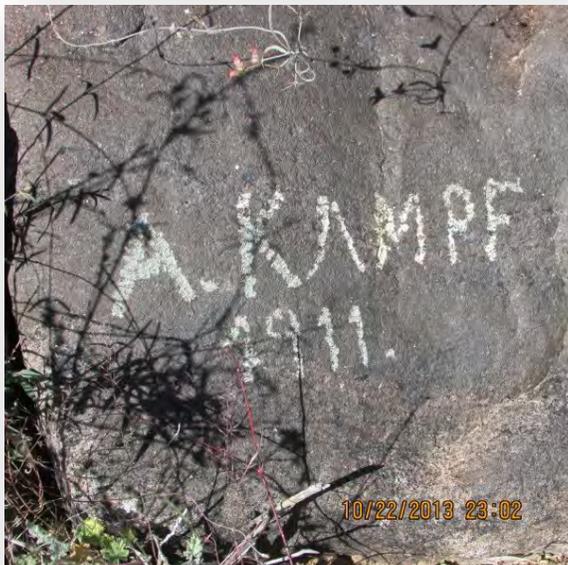
PART 1

Well howdy there folks. I'm known around here as Paloma Wash Pete (aka Bruce Speirs).

A few of you have stopped by my mine shack to say 'Howdy' and I do appreciate it. You always have questions about this here desert, the critters, the old mines and such. I've been here through it all so

sit back and enjoy.

This month I want to tell you about A V Kampf. He was a prospector who wandered this here desert area for 50 years. His largest and most successful gold strike was the "Gold Band" claim. The other mines in the area are the Lost Dutchman, Pioneer, Evelyn, Little Maud, Jupiter and Jupiter East. These mines are all considered part of the "Dutch Flat group" or what you Havasu 4 Wheelers call "Upper and Lower Jupiter Mines." The Dutch Flat group was originally located in 1870's. I know that Kampf was here from 1911 to the 1940's working his "Gold Band" mine. The mine adit (horizontal tunnel) goes back in 370' and at the end splits into two shafts and produced an estimated 100 tons of gold & silver bearing ore.



As you approach the end of the trail you drive by this mine shaft on your left with a large dark grey tailings pile. It's on the west canyon wall and you can't miss it. And the flat area the end of the trail where you circle your 4X4 contraptions and always eat yer vittles is where you'll find the small foundation from his old mining shack. Kampf and Colin McIntosh wrote their names in the wet concrete back on May 13, 1927. But he was prospecting here well before that as evidenced by his name & "1911" chiseled into a stone not 50' away. They got their drinking water from Jupiter Spring which is located further up at the end of the canyon. Kampf 'improved it' by digging a 3 foot diameter shaft straight down and inserting a metal pipe which would syphon water out and then downhill a short ways to a big 1,000 tank. He made a wooden deck surrounding the hole and you can see the water level which is usually just a few feet down. The miners would then fill small barrels that would be transported to camp by burros. I suggest if you want to see it to walk there as if you try to drive it the old mine trail gets so narrow that "you'll be sorry". Just Ask Ladell and Judy Olson.

Next month I'll tell you about the other mines in the area.



Paloma Wash Pete wants to thanks Judy Olson for the photo.

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WANTED

Trail Bosses

Now that the "wheeling season" is upon us it is time for some runs, but we always need new run leaders. Do you have a favorite run you'd like to take folks on but are not quite sure how to lead it? Are you unsure as to what all must be considered before you commit to become a "Trail Boss?"

The Trail Bosses and I have all have agreed to help break in new run leaders. We stand ready and willing to help you. Collectively the Trail Bosses have all of the tracks around Havasu. If you have a GPS we can get you the info you need. And pick a run that is a favorite of yours and not too tuff. Let's try to keep your first time as a leader simple. We certainly don't need folks flopping over to add to your apprehension level. Wait for them to do this on your second run! We will help you with planning and will go with you on the pre-run. And on the big day we will be there as your 'silent partner,' in the # 2 spot as a ready resource. We'll set you up with a portable two-way radio that we can use discreetly so no one will hear us working together as we go along. Plus we'll recruit a veteran to be your tail gunner.

Remember this club is just chock full of good people who are just plum crazy about Jeeping our desert areas. They all know being a Trail Boss is work and because of this they are very appreciative of those who put the runs on. I know the first time is scary but once you've done it you'll really realize it's a good thing and lots of fun. You'll also realize that, what the heck, everybody wants to go and have a fun time so this just makes it easier!

Just let me or any one of our Trail Bosses know you want to try taking the reins on a run and we'll get you partnered up pronto!

Please, we need MORE Trail Bosses you ladies included!

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John Strong, Run Chairman

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Mohawk Spring Run & Hike

On Wednesday, December 11, Ten vehicles with 16 members and 7 guests left for Mohawk Spring in the Turtle Mountains. We stopped at Brown's Cabin on the way in to the trailhead. At this point Andy Lucas led 2 Jeeps on an exploratory trip to a mine while the rest of us headed off to hike. We had 19 hikers on a beautiful day to the dry spring. 13 hikers continued on the loop around Mexican Hat peak and the others returned along the trail we took in. When we returned to the parking area for lunch, we were again joined by Andy's group. We then went in search of another cabin. Though we did not find the cabin, we had 14 people enjoy an additional hike of about 2 miles. From there we headed back to Turtle Mountain road. Everyone did a great job with no problems. I want to thank Andy Lucas, Marlo Brackelsberg and Steve Wirick for sharing tail gunner responsibilities.

Steve Riley, Trail Boss



Photo By: Sue Guibord

Upper & Lower Jupiter Mine

Under partly cloudy skies, 6 jeeps took off from the scenic turn out toward the Jupiter Mine complex via Sue's "scenic route". We had lunch at the usual site about 3400 feet and the wind was calm enough for Mark Corder to give us a flying demonstration of his remote controlled quad copter and Craig Eggerman provided us with some historical research about the mining in the area. We were fortunate that the surprise shower did not begin until after lunch when we were making our descent. By the time we closed in on Lower Jupiter the light rain began to "ping" and "plink" on our roofs indicating it was showing signs of turning to hail, so we stayed in the jeeps rather than taking a break there. On the drive out, I decided next time I was in the area I would improve the trail into Lower Jupiter by trimming some overgrown brush to relieve the pin-striping. Next time there, I am sure it will be dryer, too. Thank you Snake and Willie for the tail gunning and to all who made the run enjoyable.

Sue Guibord, Trail Boss



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Are you interested in running for an office or being a Committee Chairman? Perhaps you know someone who would, now is the time, talk to our nomination committee.

Nomination's Committee

Jim Bowen, Darryld Kautzmann, Charles Leipart or Bruce Speirs



No Bell/Bull Award

Ron Satterfield was once again nominated for this award for his up close and personal photography of a Bull on a scouting run with Tom Bunnell.



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Mine Shack

Twelve Jeeps left the Scenic Turn Out at 9:00 with 18 people on 12/17/2013. We took the trail over to \$5 wash and took the high route for sky line mountain review. All the Jeeps were parked on the high hill before West Mohave Wash and we talked about our land ID points starting on the left going to the right and they are: Mohave Mountain, Black Mountain, Skull Mountain, McCracken Mountain, Aubrey Peak Wilderness, Rawhide Mountains, and Buckskin Mountains. You can really see how Castaneda Hills got the nick name "Sharks Tooth" which is in the fore ground of McCracken and Aubrey Peak. The next stop was Teflon Tom's frog pond where there is still water in it from this summer's monsoon season. Lunch was at the Mine Shack where we toured and had our group pictures. After lunch our next stop was another tin cabin that needs a little repair and grave site. We exited West Mohave Wash on an alternate route where we needed 4 wheel drive for some and driving 101. Everyone did a great job and we were out to the high way by 2:00. Thank you Marlo Brackelsberger for being our tail gunner.

John Strong, Trail Boss



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Monday, April 28th—Tour Scotty's Castle
Tuesday, April 29th—Run, Echo Canyon
Wednesday, April 30th—Run, Race Track/Ubehebe Crater
Thursday, May 1st—Free Day
Friday, May 2nd—Run, Cottonwood & Marble Canyon
Saturday, May 3rd—Depart for Moab
We plan to drive to Kanarrville, UT and spend the night—300 miles
Sunday, May 4th, Arrive Moab—300 miles



We will have runs Monday through Friday with choices of easy, moderate and difficult on each day. Runs will be announced at the April membership meeting but sign up for runs will be on Sunday, May 4th at the Spanish Trails RV Park beginning at 5:00pm (meet & greet)

Club pot luck dinner is Wednesday May 7th, 5:00pm at Spanish Trails RV Park. Sign up for the pot luck during the meet & greet on the Sunday before along with run sign-ups.

Spanish Trails RV Park 800-787-2751 to make your reservation, we have 25 spots held.

Moab Rustic Inn, located in middle of town, call 435/259-6177 for reservations, we have a group rate of \$89.00 per night, deadline is Feb. 17th after that date price goes up to \$110.00.

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1. Arizona has 3,928 mountain peaks and summits, more mountains than any one of the other Mountain States (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming).
2. All New England, plus the state of Pennsylvania would fit inside Arizona.
3. Arizona became the 48th state and last of the contiguous states on February 14, 1912.
4. Arizona's disparate climate can yield both the highest temperature across the nation and the lowest temperature across the nation in the same day.
5. There are more wilderness areas in Arizona than in the entire Midwest. Arizona alone has 90 wilderness areas, while the Midwest has 50.
6. Arizona has 26 peaks that are more than 10,000 feet in elevation.
7. Arizona has the largest contiguous stand of Ponderosa pines in the world stretching from near Flagstaff along the Mogollon Rim to the White Mountains region.
8. Yuma, Arizona is the country's highest producer of winter vegetables, especially lettuce.
9. Arizona is the 6th largest state in the nation, covering 113,909 square miles.
10. Out of all the states in the U.S., Arizona has the largest percentage of its land designated as Indian Lands.
11. The "Five C's" of Arizona's economy are: Cattle, Copper, Citrus, Cotton and Climate.
12. More copper is mined in Arizona than all the other states combined and the Morenci Mine is the largest copper producer in all of North America.
13. Clark Gable and Carole Lombard, two of the most prominent movie stars of Hollywood's Golden Age, were married on March 18, 1939 in Kingman, Arizona and honeymooned in Oatman.
14. Covering 18,608 sq. miles, Coconino County is the second largest county by land area in the 48 contiguous United States.
15. The world's largest solar telescope is located at Kitt Peak National Observatory in Sells, Arizona.

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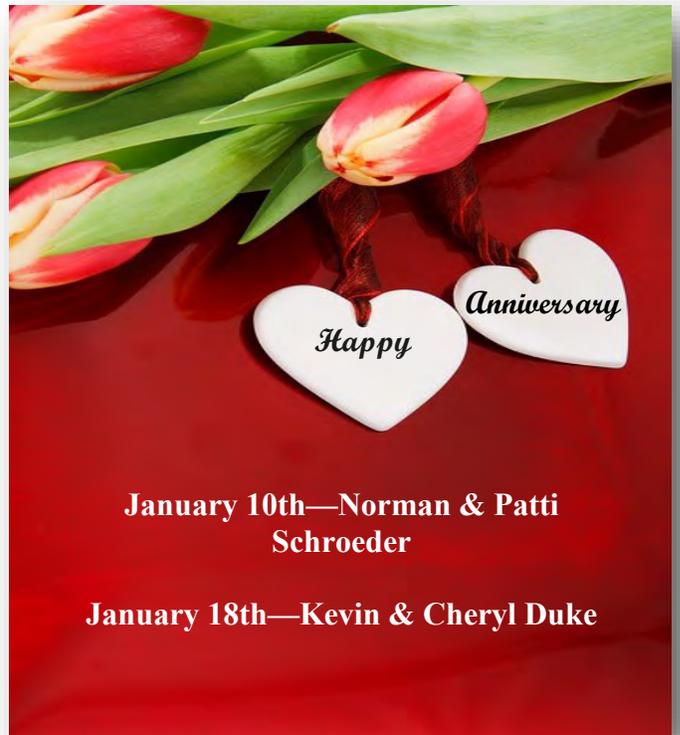


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2	EASY: Use of 2 wheel and some 4-wheel drive. Trail may have some rocks, loose road surface, and ruts but a reasonable line for driving.
3	EASIEST MODERATE: 4-wheel drive with aggressive tire treads. Expect a rough road with rocks and sand that requires lower tire pressure. Substantial sections of single lane.
3¼	MODERATE: Some 4 wheel driving experience needed. Same as above with some use of high and low range gearing. These trails have a rough, rutted surface, rocks and deep sand. Sections may be steep enough to cause traction problems, narrow shelf roads with steep drop-offs and tight clearance between rocks.
3½	HARDER MODERATE: For experienced drivers. At least a 2" lift and 33' tires with aggressive tire tread, one locked differential, high and low range gearing. Potentially dangerous, large rocks, ruts, steep slopes, loose surface and narrow clearances that need to be negotiated.
3¾	HARDEST MODERATE: Skilled experienced drivers only. Same as above with both differentials locked, some strapping/winchng. Very challenging sections, extremely steep grades, loose surfaces, large rocks, deep ruts and tight clearances.
4	DIFFICULT: Highly skilled experienced drivers only. Same as above with belly up, 4 to 1 transfer case or equivalent, skid plates, beefed up axles and suspension system. Probable strapping/winchng. Vehicle width and wheelbase should be considered. Possible body damage.
5	HARD: All of the above. Probable body damage.

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