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# The Havasu 4 Wheelers **TRAIL TALK**

**YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER**



Arizona  
March 2014

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

## **P**residents Message

An interesting month of "firsts". First time we had over 40 at the men's breakfast. We had between 48 and 50 (they kept coming in and out and moving around). Our monthly meeting was probably the largest attendance we have ever had—tables were full way back on the side opposite the sign up sheet table. Bruce Speirs had 26 at the first ever visit to the local NASCAR racing shop in Parker. Steve Perry had a great Jeep 101 driving class with close to 20 Jeeps total in attendance! Andy Lucas held his last AED class for the season and finished up the year with several very well attended classes! Our run chairman, John Strong, told us we had over 30 runs conducted last month by our club! Congratulations to everyone that helped make it a great month!

### NEXT MONTH--

Tom Bunnell, Ron Saterfield, and Gary Wiskus, are having the largest group ever at the "annual hot dog run". They will have 5 different runs leaving from different locations all taking different routes and hoping to arrive close to the same time (should be interesting)! Charles Leipart has our out of town event in Cottonwood very well organized and is expecting 45-50 Jeeps! Charles has planned from 4 to 5 runs of different levels for each day!

We also have our Annual Ranch Day planned for Friday March 28. This is one of the main events each year when we work with Arizona Game and Fish. We are working with Cane Springs Ranch for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. We car pool to the ranch, spend a day helping with various jobs—then end with an ice-cream and cookie feast in the bunk house! It's a fun day and if you have not signed up yet—give me (Jim Bowen) a call and we will get you on the list!

Our nominating did an excellent job presenting a full list of members willing to serve on the board and different offices next year. Thank you Darryld Kautzmann for heading that up! We will be voting at our next month's meeting.

We have a full month of runs planned in addition to Cottonwood and the "hot dog run"—so have a great month enjoying the fantastic area we have to go "Jeep'n" in!



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

*Jim Bowen*

**2014  
HAVASU 4 WHEELERS  
MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL APPLICATION**



Arizona

(CUT OUT & COMPLETE APPLICATION ON PAGE 2)



### Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

Check the Havasu 4 Wheelers Website for updates on runs  
[www.havasu4wheelers.org](http://www.havasu4wheelers.org)

- Cattail (3.5)..... Mar. 1st  
 9:00am, Scenic Turnout Hwy 95 South, John Strong
- Warm Springs (3.0) ..... Mar. 3rd  
 9:00am, Terribles @ Hwy 95 & I-40, John Strong
- Mine Shack/Hot Dog Run ..... Mar. 6th  
 Regular Trail (2.0)9:00, Standard Wash Kiosk, Ron Satterfield  
 Lost Trail (3.25) 9:00am, Standard Wash Kiosk, Gary Wiskus  
 Redline (3.5) Standard Wash Kiosk, Tom Bunnell  
 Paloma Wash(4.0)8:30, Terraced area @ Cattail Cove,  
 Ladell Olson
- Mexican Hat Run & Hike(2.0)..... Mar. 7th  
 8:00am, Terribles @ Hwy 95 & I-40, Steve Riley
- Walnut Creek Tour (3.0)..... Mar. 8th  
 9:00am, Terribles @ Hwy 95 & I-40, John Strong
- McGuffies Cabin(3.25)..... Mar. 11th  
 8:30am, Terribles @ Hwy 95 & I-40, John Strong
- Cottonwood, AZ ..... Mar. 17—21  
 See Web Site for details, Charles Leipart
- Cherum Peak Run & Hike (3.0)..... Mar. 25th  
 8:00am, Terribles @ Hwy 95 & I-40, Steve Riley
- Ridges (3.25)..... Mar. 26th  
 9:00am, Terribles @ Hwy 95 & I-40, Mike Yahmarkt

Ranch Work Day (2.5)..... Mar. 28th  
 8:00am, Lowes Parking Lot, Jim Bowen

**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

- Awards Banquet ..... Mar. 14th  
 5:00pm, Shugrue's, 1425 McCulloch Blvd., Rodger & Diana Delk
- Sidewinders Desert Run Event ..... Mar. 14th—16th  
 Aquatic Center
- Trail Boss Meeting ..... Mar. 21st  
 1:00—3:00 pm, Genealogy Library, John Strong
- H4W Board Meeting ..... Mar. 24th  
 4:00pm, Genealogy Library, Jim Bowen
- Men's Breakfast ..... Mar. 27th  
 8:00am, Bad Miguel's, Gary Wiskus
- H4W Membership Meeting ..... Mar. 27th  
 7:00pm, Realtor's Center, Jim Bowen

### Future Happen'ns

- Gold Canyon ..... Apr 14th—18th  
 See Web Site for details, Willie Williams
- Death Valley (3+)..... Apr. 27th—May 3rd  
 See Web Site for details, Bob Drew
- Moab, UT ..... May 5-9, 2014  
 See Web Site for details, Mike & Cheryl MacLean
- Ouray, CO ..... Aug 18th—22nd  
 See Web Site for details, Willie Williams
- Green River, UT ..... Sept. 15th—19th  
 See Web Site for details, Willie Williams
- Turkey Roast ..... Nov. 15th  
 SARA Park Rodeo Grounds, Jim & Joanne Malara

## 2014 HAVASU 4 WHEELERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

To renew your 2014 H4W membership, please fill out this application form and mail it to Havasu 4 Wheelers, P.O. Box 1486, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405, accompanied by a check in the amount of \$45.00. You may also bring your application and check to the February or March 2014 club meetings.

**Applications received after March 31, 2014 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, 2014.

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\$45.00 Dues

## Secret Pass Run

January 26, 2014

**T**wenty five members, two prospective members and three guests set off in 12 jeeps and 3 Suzuki's for a day in the beautiful black mountains area northeast of Bullhead City. Although this was a few more than I solicited for (due to two sign-up sheets) it turned out to be a wonderful group and our outing was blessed with no mechanical hang-ups during the run. The scenery and terrain did not disappoint and the "new" lunch spot, chosen for its scenic quality, proved adequate for this size group.

We saw burros, deer and one bold, regal-like hawk along the ride. As for the tadpoles I wanted to revisit, however, I will not know for certain their fate, or if any pools were even still present near the Secret Pass Spring because I stopped at the wrong place to look! I had the waypoint marked on my track to signal me where it was, but instead, the lay of the land and wilderness signs as posted fooled me into thinking I was there before I was! Oh well, no harm, no foul... When we reached the correct location, I figured we didn't have enough time or the inclination to stop again so soon.

Near the end of the run, Ladell tried to challenge my "22 miles of off-road" announcement prior to the run because he had tallied a couple miles more. My GPS indicated 21.74 miles when we reached Silver Creek Road so we all figured his harassment was not only unwarranted, his greater distance was probably due to extra messing around on his part!

All in all, a nice day on the trail, thanks to everyone, including my tail-gunners, Snake and Willie Williams.

*Sue Guibord, Trail Boss*



Photo By: Sue Guibord



Photo By: Kathlyne Speirs

## Boriana/Copper World Mines

January 27, 2014

**T**his run encompassed a few trails us folks have not run before in the canyons around the Boriana Mine. Six jeeps, nine members and three guests departed Terrible's and headed toward the Hualapai Mtns. We aired down off of Alamo RD and then proceeded up the Boriana Mine Rd. Once in the canyon we took the first track west which is a very long and steep shelf road that hardly sees much use. We ended up high on the ridgeline above the Boriana Mine - quite the view from here. Then it was off to the Boriana Mine. The lunch bell rang so we munched away next to the gold fish pond overlooking the remains of the mill. We got a big surprise when two F-16's blasted over the ridge line and buzzed us good. Awesome! We back tracked down the canyon to the trail leading east and up to the Copper World mine and mill. We delightedly gawked at several buildings, lots of mining relics, old stuff, plus several mine openings. Everyone did great. A big 'thank you' to Mike & Linda Gephardt for Tail Gunning.

*Kathlyne Speirs, Trail Boss*

# Trail Bosses

Our 25 Trail Bosses, once again led over 130 trail runs during 2013, for 1600 members and guests

**If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.**

*John Quincy Adams*



# PALOMA WASH PETE

## DUTCH FLAT GROUP MINES

### - PART 3

Well howdy there folks. I'm known around here as Paloma Wash Pete.

This month I want to tell you about Jupiter and the Jupiter East mine. Last month I said you Havasu 4 Wheelers owed us old miners for the old mining road you now run. But now the favor has been passed on as the Havasu off road community owes the Havasu 4 Wheelers for keeping these trails open. Why's that you say? Seeing as all these mining roads lead to mines, they were all slated for probable closure by the BLM. And all 'cuz us old miners left plenty of deep vertical shafts and unstable tunnels open for any old danged burn fool to fall in. That, mixed in with plenty of city slicker tourists who think they can go just anywhere, spells T-R-O-U-B-L-E brewing for the BLM and the Sheriff's Rescue Team. You Havasu 4 wheelers realized that if the mines where fenced off and posted with warning signs the BLM was comfortable enough to leave most of the trails open. Without your efforts our old historical mining areas would be closed off forever. Good work!

You all call the Jupiter Mine "Lower Jupiter" 'cuz you don't know any better. It's OK because actually it IS lower, but only in elevation, and that by 100 feet. And it is about 1 miles SW of the Gold Band, Lost Dutchman mines - the ones you them all there call 'Upper Jupiter.' Are ya discombobulated yet? The Jupiter Mine consists of a vertical gold ore vein running up a ridge line. The miners used a series of several vertical shafts and horizontal adits to chase the gold. A large water tank and the remains of a mill remain. Across the canyon to the west about 1,000 feet you'll see a mine opening and grey tailings pile in front of a horizontal tunnel that goes in about 100 feet. And again, the trail to these mines are open 'CUZ the H4W fenced them off and posted warnings signs!

Now when it comes to the Jupiter East Mines no fencing or signs were required as "you can't get there from here!" As the crow flies they are north east of the Evelyn / Pioneer / Gold Band mine workings about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and are at 3,600 feet in elevation. Copy and paste these lat lon into Google Earth to see 'em - 34°32'16.33"N 114° 9'30.23"W. The original and only access trail comes down from the ridge above it to the north at 4,400 feet. To find it you use the trail that climbs east up out of Burro Canyon and you know it today as the route to K-2. Here's lat and lon for a waypoint - 34°32'40.38"N 114° 9'29.44"W The mine trail comes of the K2 trail, turns 90° to the south and drops down a ridgeline  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the mine while losing 800 feet in elevation along the way. It is very faint but still discernible if you know where to stop and look. And I encourage you to do so as this is how we got all the mining supplies down there and all that heavy ore up & out to the Borianna for milling. This mine consists of over 400 feet of workings with tailings piles, very deep vertical shafts, horizontal adits, and prospect pits.

Us old miners were a tough breed back then, we had grit. The saying in those days was "Work - or Starve to Death!"

That's it for the mines on the south end of the Mohaves. Next month I'll tell you about Gold Spring, Manitowoc, and El Campo mines down off of Standard Wash.

*The information herein was taken from the 1983 US Bureau of Mines, Mineral Assessment of the Crossman Peak Wilderness Study Area.*

## Back Road to the Bar

**O**n Wednesday, January 29th, six jeeps with ten members and one guest took part in the Back Road to the Bar Run. The run was an opportunity for newer members to see new, slightly rougher country. The group traveled to the back end of the bar area (which was gated), then proceeded to the Eagle Nest mine where they placed stays on the fences installed two weeks earlier.

One jeep with a straight stick lost his clutch when it separated. The problem was quickly fixed with a rubber band to hold the two shafts together.

Thanks to John Strong for tail gunning and all of the run members for helping finish the fencing.

*Darryld Kautzmann, Trail Boss*



Photo By: Cynde Choate

Trail Boss of the Month

**Bruce Speirs**

Congratulations

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

**Ron Olsen**



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



**Moab, Utah**

**May 4th—May 9th, 2014**

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.

See Web Site for details or  
Contact Mike Or Cheryl MacLean for information

# Above normal temps may wake venomous critters early in Havasu

By JAYNE HANSON  
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

This week's temperatures in Lake Havasu City may drop slightly but the area remains slightly above average temps for the area — and the phenomenon could be an alarm clock for venomous critters.

"The warm weather will persist the next few days," said meteorologist Randy Adkins, of Accuweather.com.

Monday through Wednesday is expected to top at 80 degrees for daytime highs. Then a weak cold

front, without precipitation, is set to blanket the area bringing daytime high temps down to about 74 degrees Thursday and about 76 degrees Friday, Adkins said.

Havasu's temperatures are about 10 degrees higher than its normal average temperature of 70 degrees for this time of year, Adkins said.

The cold front is expected to drop temperatures to the normal range however the temps still are expected to be slightly warmer than normal for this time of year in Havasu.

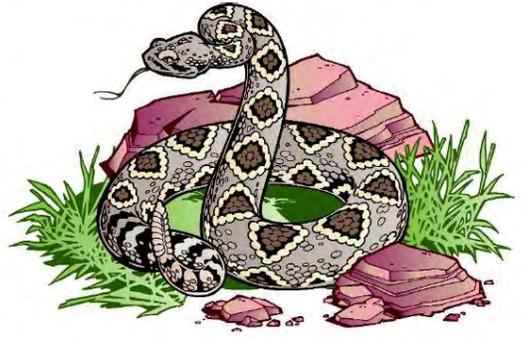
Arizona Game and Fish

Department officials warn that the warming weather trends make wake hibernating venomous critters a bit early this year.

"Although our days are still relatively short and the evenings are cooling off, snakes can certainly become active earlier than folks might normally see them," stated Zenon Mocarski in an email.

Mocarski stated that most low country snakes can already be making appearances but aren't travelling much yet.

You may contact the reporter at [jhanson@havasunews.com](mailto:jhanson@havasunews.com).



## Bennett Wash Run

**O**n February 3<sup>rd</sup>, nine jeeps left scenic turnout for Parker Dam road, which turned out to be a haven for burros. We traveled down Bowman Wash to Bennett Wash, enjoying the beautiful scenery and a very nice day. Several of the group hiked the 1-1/2 mile trip, seeing several mines. We had a great group and as always a lot of fun. We took a slightly different track out, and ended at the large sand dunes, which everyone crossed. Thanks to BJ Buckhout for the great tailgunning job.



*Mike Yahrmarkt,  
Trail Boss*



Photo By: Mike Yahrmarkt

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**N**ot long after leaving the meeting area, you are greeted with the first of several large hills. For some it may have been intimidating but you sure couldn't tell it by their driving.....up and over without any problems. After wondering through the desert we came to the Golden Gate Mine and had a chance to look into the shaft that some people have used to burn their Christmas trees leaving the opening darken from the smoke and flames. A few headed into the addit and caught a glimpse of the pack rat that has made a home at the end of one of the tunnels.

We continued to climb up and over the many hills, avoided the rock hidden under a bush at a sharp turn, enjoyed the variety of colors in the rocks and eventually came to the wildlife watering hole. From there it was onto the house that no longer looks like a house and then a trip down the wash to U-Go falls. With 4 brave souls willing to give it a try, the rest of us headed up the hill to enjoy the event. While watching jeeps go over some of the difficult spots you get to see a wheel up in the air or some other scary thing but not this group..... they did it picture perfect.

A big Thank You to Jim Liston for doing a great job as my tail gunner.

*Willie Williams, Trail Boss*

**Automatic External Defibrillator**

**I**f you want to carry one of the club's Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) on a run, please contact Bob Drew and make arrangements to check one out before your run.

Thanks, John Strong, Run Chairman



Lunch on the Highline Run

Photo By: Willie Williams



*April 27th—  
May 3rd, 2014  
Stovepipe Wells  
Hotel & RV Park  
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Contact Bob Drew for information

Arrive on Sunday, April 27th  
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 Kanarraville, UT and spend the night—300 miles  
Sunday, May 4th, Arrive Moab—300 miles

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# Club Elections

The following list has been submitted by the Nominating Committee for Club Officers of the 2014-2015 term.

Voting will take place at the March 2014 meeting.

President—John Strong  
 Vice President—Tom Christenson  
 Treasurer—Mark Corder  
 Secretary—Garnet Collins

Member At Large:  
 Janet Drew—Membership  
 Craig Laser

Past President— Jim Bowen

### Nominating Committee

Jim Bowen  
 Darryld Kautzmann  
 Charles Leipart  
 Cheryl MacLean  
 Bill Mitschele  
 Bruce Speirs

# Teflon Tom

Receives the



# No Bell/Bull Award



When it doesn't pay to be  
 Ron Satterfield's friend.  
 Just friends returning the favor of being  
 nominated for this award by Tom over  
 the last year.

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# The Guzzler

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February 5, 2014

## A roaring triumph for public access



*Fabio Manno's buggy runs the course of the 4 Wheel Parts Time Trials on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. King of the Hammers event, an off-road race that combines desert racing and rock crawling on Means Dry Lake at Johnson Valley. A last-minute compromise last year saved this event after the military pushed to take this land for training. (KURT MILLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)*

*BY DAVID DANELSKI  
Riverside Press-Enterprise*

**JOHNSON VALLEY** -- They crawled up almost-vertical boulder piles. They floored it across the flats. Some of them flipped, and at least one rolled and bounced across the desert floor before settling in a burst of flames. They are competitors in King of the Hammers 2014, an extreme off-road race in the San Bernardino County desert in which rugged terrain is the worthiest adversary. But this year's event in Johnson Valley is much more than a week-long contest of machines, drivers and nerves — it is a triumph for public access.

More than four years ago, the world's most formidable force — the U.S. military — announced plans to take over this off-roading mecca as part of a 424,000-acre expansion of the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. The same remote valleys and peaks that make for a challenging race course are a perfect venue for live-fire training exercises for tank battalions, the Marines said.

But the off-roaders rallied in force. They signed petitions, attended public meetings, submitted written comments and gained support from elected officials. Environmentalists also wanted the off-road area to stay open, so fewer off-roaders would be tempted to disturb sensitive wildlife habitat elsewhere in the Mojave Desert.

The Department of Defense agreed to a compromise.

Under a law approved by Congress in late December, 99,870 acres will remain part of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area, open to the public and under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The Marines can use about 56,000 acres of the valley for training twice a year, for a total of 60 days.

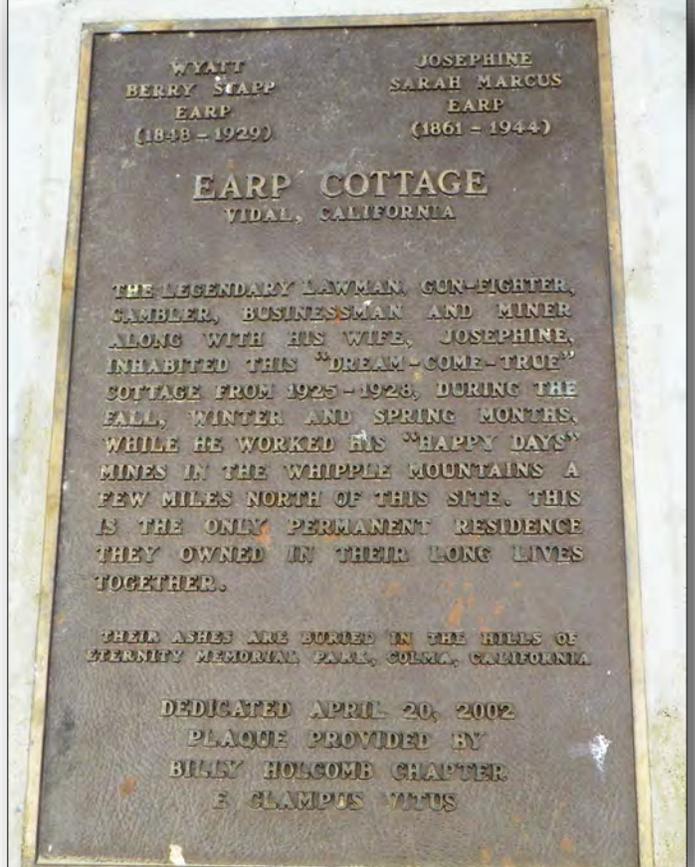
On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the victory meant that 7,000 people could be there to witness qualifying rounds for the 100-mile-plus King of the Hammers. Organizers expected the crowds to swell beyond 40,000 for the final race on Friday.

# Gold Rice Mine

February 3, 2014

The 'perfect sized group' of four jeeps departed south toward Parker, crossed the river and arrived at the historic Wyatt Earp house in Vidal. We checked out the home while airing down and then headed out south on the old historic Blythe to Vidal Wagon Road. This trail starts out as a well traveled route but then as our track turned off it and then east into the Riverside Mountains Wilderness area it slowly degenerated into a lonely track. We forged numerous wash crossings and then starting climbing the old mining road. We entered a canyon and proceeded along a very long & very narrow shelf road the miners built with hand stacked rocks high on the side of the mountain. An off camber area and some rocks rounded out the fun. By lunch we had reached our destination – the Gold Rice Mine on the top of a mountain ridge. We checked out several mines, old relics and such. The clear blue sky provided a great background as fighter planes from Nellis AFB chased each other in mock dog fights. This combined with fresh air and unlimited vistas, well, it just doesn't get better than that. "Thanks" go to Mike & Linda Gephardt for Tail Gunning.

*Bruce Speirs, Trail Boss*



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## Red Line/Black Falls Loop

**O**n February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am, Five jeeps started out on a combo run using 4 different club runs. After following Gold Springs trail we ended up at No Name falls. No Name is always challenging, then we continued on to Lost Trails where we all made it over a hidden fall that sometimes is over looked. Then on to Red Line where more falls were challenged. We stopped for lunch along Red Line enjoying each other's stories. Then in to Black Falls Canyon. As the trail descended we all enjoyed some technical driving over rocks then turning up the climb at Black Falls. Climbing out of the Canyon over 3.3/4 fall. All 5 jeeps took the challenge then continued out to Hwy. 95 where the run ended. Many thanks to Bill Trunk, Ladell Olson & Tom Bunnell for helping in spotting. Special thanks to Ladell Olson for being tail gunner. Way to go for Judy Olson, taking on the water falls great driving.

*Ron Satterfield, Trail Boss*



Photo By: Ron Satterfield



Garnet Collins "winching" a tree out of the way. Photo By: Jim Bowen

## Hualapai Yellow Pine Loop

February 4, 2014

**T**his run was promised as an ADVENTURE, and it was! This past summer in the Hualapai Mountains just south of Kingman there was first a forest fire and then about 10 inches of rain in one month on the East side of the mountains. Normally going up Soap Wash to the Yellow Pine Spring area would take about 45-60 minutes. It took us over 4 hours to go the same distance! The 10 inches of rain had moved large boulders, downed rather large trees and made huge cuts in the road where it was along side the wash. One washout in the road was 20 feet across and 12 feet deep! Several of the waterfalls were wet or covered with ice—it was interesting! We ended up winching and strapping and helping each other 5 different times. Two large trees had fallen and needed to be sawed and winched out of the way. We had plenty of opportunities to practice using our winches and tow straps to help each other. (One comment was made, "I didn't realize I would get so many chances to use my winch after the winch class just a few weeks ago!")

Almost all of the members commented that this trip will go down as --"fun and one of the most memorable trips they have ever taken!"

Time did not allow us to make the whole loop—we will return in the next few weeks to see if we can complete the loop!

*Jim Bowen, Trail Boss*

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## Yellowstone Roller Coaster

Eleven members and two guests, in 7 jeeps, tackled the Yellowstone Rollercoaster Wednesday, Feb. 5th. The group started from Love's Truck stop rather than the Havasu Heights turn off because of Highway plans to asphalt the new turn off cattle guards, thus shortening the run.

The members entered the first steep climb, into an off chamber right turn, onto a narrow ridge road, than into a left 90 degree turn and down a sharp hill, with no problems. They then continued on through three repeats of the same terrain. Reaching Goat head, the run continued east on the latter half of Goat Head Trail, finishing with an early lunch and air up at exit two on Highway 40.

The youngest driver on the run was an 18 year old guest and the oldest was an 84 year old member, both driving extremely well.

Thanks to Mike Yahrmarkt for tail gunning.

*Darryld Kautzmann, Trail Boss*

## Deliverance Plus

We met at Sara Park on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am and proceeded to the road that goes to the Desert Bar and aired down. Then we ran 5 different trails, all of which were all level 4 runs. We did a lot of strapping and spotting and we had no breakdowns or damage other than one flat tire. I had a lot of help with spotting from several members. Thanks to Ron Satterfield for tail gunning and all the guys that helped spot.

*Tom Bunnell, Trail Boss*



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## Topoc Maze / Eagle Pass

**M**onday, February 6<sup>th</sup> saw 14 jeeps, 23 members, and 2 guests head out from Terrible's to explore Eagle Pass in the Sacramento Mountains west of Needles. First we stopped at the Topoc Maze geoglyph, a significant spiritual and cultural ground markings created by ancient Mohave Indians. It was cold and light rain started as we continued on to Needles and began the off road trek west toward the pass, finding several mines along the way. Once on the east side of the mountains the rain stopped and we turned south until the lunch buzzer sounded. After grub we proceeded east through Monumental Pass with the goal of transitioning over to the next canyon south and the historic "Copper Gulch" mining area. The track was faint but with much patience by all, and much angst by me, we plodded on. Mike, being my #1 booster, radioed out to the entire world "Track? What track?" But we made it and what a find it was! The canyon was absolutely loaded with mines and littered with old mining debris. All agreed a return trip just to explore Copper Gulch is needed. The group aired up at US 95 and departed east for Arizona and home. A "Thanks" to Mike Yahrmarkt for tail gunning.



*Bruce Speirs, Trail Boss*

## Hualapai Whiskey Basin/ Rock Chair Loop

February 7, 2014

**A** beautiful run in the Hualapai Mountains south of Kingman that took our members about four different times of working on the trail before we were able to run it as a loop. This year we were wondering what all the rain did to the trail last summer. We were pleasantly surprised to find very little damage from the summer rains except for a few boulders that rolled down on the trail. The pin-stripping was at a bare minimum but the views were as awesome as ever! Early West had to try out the "Rock Chair" that our past member Butch Fostner made famous! We paused for a few moments at our "memorial bowling ball" (Butch always said he had a ball in the Hualapai Mountains!) We had no problems just an overdosing on scenery on one of the prettiest trails in the Hualapais!

*Jim Bowen, Trail Boss*



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## Copperhead Ca.



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### Signal Ghost Town & Gold Bug Mine

Monday Feb 10th, 2014

**A** great day greeted 17 members & 4 guests in twelve jeeps. First thing out after we had air'd down & settled in for the ride down Alamo Road a jeep had a blowout. That was changed no problem and off again. We got to Signal, checked out the mill ruins and then visited the lonely graveyard. It was obvious someone is tending to the graves and we noticed many new white crosses and the grounds cleared of weeds and brush. It is reported that 65 persons are interred there with the oldest grave dated 1888. We paid our respects and then left for the trail to the Gold Bug mine sites. A great view is offered from the steeply ascending shelf road we took. Next we stopped at a huge quartz float. The scramble was on and pockets, floorboards, lunch sacks, and glove boxes were filled to overflowing. Next we past the largest section of lichen covered rocks in the area. Then it was another steep, narrow shelf road up and over the McCracken Mtns. to Bateman Ranch. One jeep cut a tire working its way through a rocky wash but that was quickly plugged. We inspected the ranch ruins and then headed back up Alamo Road, aired up and drove home. We had some challenges but everyone did a great job. A "thank you" goes to Ladell & Judy for tail gunning and plugging the tire.

*Bruce Speirs, Trail Boss*

### "Sunshine"

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

**F**eb. 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 0900, we left the scenic view area on Hwy. 95 en route to the Copperhead Trail turn off of the River Road on the California side of the river. After the air down, we proceeded up the trail, which afforded some ups and downs, some little rocky areas, which became a little more challenging the further we went. There are some interesting rock formations in this area, along with a view of the base of Monument Peak. We then entered a nice little wash which led to a nice canyon, which became a little tighter and a little more challenging the further we went. Well the canyon is now got everyone's attention, and they are doing just great. They have now climbed a rock ledge, driven up a semi-washed out dirt ledge road, and are now in the process of dodging and driving around some fair size boulders. We have now approached the first obstacle, and to our surprise, someone has filled the entire base of this small tight little wash with rocks, thus eliminating most of the challenge. However it still required some spotting, and everyone did a great job. The rest of the canyon is littered with small to medium boulders and ending with a climb up a medium size waterfall, which had very good traction.

Now we are out of the canyon and on well-traveled trails, we arrived at our lunch spot, this being the mining area at the base of Copper Basin Reservoir overlook. And after lunch we drove up to the overlook, then on to the Copper Basin Mine, and checked out the large head frame and shaft. Then it's off and on the road again, around Monument Peak, to Bowman Wash to Bennett Wash, past Horse Head rock, and through the Red Sandstone Rock area, and then out and on towards the River Road.

Thank you to Todd Fleshner, for tail gunning, and a big THANK YOU to all who attended.

*Snake Williams, Trail Boss*



Photo By: Willie Williams



*Why we spend the winter in Havasu.*

This is the St. Joseph Lighthouse on Lake Michigan. After the January 2014 storm it was encased in ice as the Midwest was hit with wind chills that reached -50 degrees.

*Jerry Conrad*



*Whipple Mountains Mines*

**A** bright clear morning greeted fourteen jeeps with 24 Havasu-4-Wheelers and 4 guests. The trail head is 8 miles west of Parker off SR 62. We started north along the western edge of the Whipple Mountains Wilderness with the first stop the abandoned workings of the Twin Load Mine. A nice mine adit led to a crystal covered wall. On the road again we stopped and inspected “Chamber’s Well” – no water! We next stopped at and checked out the impressive head frame of the American Eagle Mine. This worked up an appetite so the feasting commenced. Off again and we passed by the numerous trails and workings of the Sleepy Burro mine – not accessible as it is ‘wilderness.’ The road around the Whipples then brought us to the War Eagle Mine. We poked around some scattered mining debris and a few adits and shafts. Back in the jeeps we were closely watched by a small band of burros as we came back out to the main trail. We hit the MWD dirt road and turned south to Parker Dam. Everyone did great. A “Thanks” goes to Craig & Jean Eggerman for Tail Gunning and for providing much technical and historic info on the mines we visited.



*Bruce Speirs, Trail Boss*



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# NASCAR Shop Tour

February 20, 2014

The snow birds at the K-Mart coffee bar had to move out of the way as 22 Havasu 4 Wheelers and 3 guests piled in to grab coffee, gab away, and gather up for the trip to the Parker strip and tour of the Gene Price Motorsports NASCAR Shop. Gene met us personally and opened the doors wide to his 25,000 square foot facility. We saw that he had a very complete shop with every imaginable metal fabrication machine you'd need and plenty of material. He normally runs 5 cars but we saw he had at least that many if not more spare ones. And speaking of spares there were racks of axles, differentials, transmissions and engines all built up and ready to go. What ever is needed for a race is loaded up in the 45' car hauler / shop trailer towed by a big Kenworth tractor. Gene was very accommodating and answered question after question. He also had some of his 'personal' hot rods in the shop and we got to see them up close, one, a very rare 1928 Ford Woody once owned by the late Dewey Weber of Dewey Weber Surfboards fame. The absolutely beautiful restoration took 'only' 4 years. After 2 hours we had gawked at everything we possibly could so the next stop was the nearby Road Runner floating restaurant on he Colorado River. A big "Thank You!" goes out to Gene Price for his hospitality. I think everyone enjoyed this day.

*Bruce Speirs - Trail Boss*



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## Alamo Slot Canyon

February 20, 2014

The group diligently travelled the 40 some miles of the dusty, dusty, dusty Alamo Rd to arrive at the amazing slot canyon. What a sight to behold. Once we hit the area where the walls of the canyon are narrow and twisty everyone was in “pay attention mode” and made the tight turns without any problems. After lunch a few people took the walk up a side canyon with a couple of them going to the end and along the way they came across puddles of water which I am sure the wild life enjoys. In the canyon it is evident how the water rushes through carving valleys in the rock and in other areas creating smooth surfaces. The most unusual sight was the huge honey combs located high on the rocks. When I say huge, I mean it hung down about 2 ft. and was probably 2 ft. wide and you could see the bees coming and going. Glad they stayed near the top.

After our hike we headed down the trail for a view of Alamo Lake before returning the same way we came. Even though we were going through the same canyon it now looked different because the sides were now in the shadows thus changing the color. The return trip was a little more challenging because of the angle of the turns and one front fender got a little scratched and another person had a flat tire which was quickly changed by the very helpful people on the run.

A special Thank You to Darryld Kautzmann for being the tail gunner.

*Willie Williams, Trail Boss*



Photo By: Willie Williams



Photo By: Mike & Linda Gephardt

## Piute / Old Woman Mtns.

February 23rd, 2014

As this is my longest run an early departure from the 95 & 40 was necessary. Fifteen members in 8 jeeps minus one ‘no show’ watched the sun crest at the meet location. It was then off west on I 40 to the Mountain Springs exit and then west on old Route 66 to the Piute Wilderness 4X4 trail head. There we aired down and started the trek through the mountains. We encountered deep sand in several places but no problems. At the saddle we stopped for a break and pics at the unique rock formation. Then we crossed the desert flats to the Little Piutes and then finally arriving on the east side of the Old Woman Mountains. We had lunch at the Copper King mine and picked up some nice rock specimens for dessert. Off again we passed the “Old Woman” herself and then turn east ignoring the 4X4 track to “Painted Rock” – a series of caves with its interior walls covered with rare ancient painted pictographs - an act on my part that resulted in some whimpering and several groans of disappointed. It can be visited however due to time constraints it was not possible on this run. Continuing on we glided past the Oro Plata mine, crossed Ward Valley, and then split the Stepladder and Turtle Mountain wildernesses. Once over the crest we turned south, passing Mopah Spring trail, tipped our hats to “Mexican Hat” peak and arrived at Brown’s Mining Camp. This preserved 1920-40’s era camp is a rare treat as few if any desert mining camps with ‘good stuff’ remain (reliable sources claim Paloma Wash Pete knows of several complete mining camps but he’s a cantankerous old cuss!).

This group qualified as true 4X4 desert rats as no whining about the run length or long day was heard. Your team spirit was appreciated - thanks! Note - Due to much interest about “Painted Rock” I’ll consult with Paloma Wash Pete and see if it is possible to rework the routing in a future visit to the Old Woman Mountains.

“Thank you” to Ladell & Judy Olson for tail gunning.

*Bruce Speirs, Trail Boss*

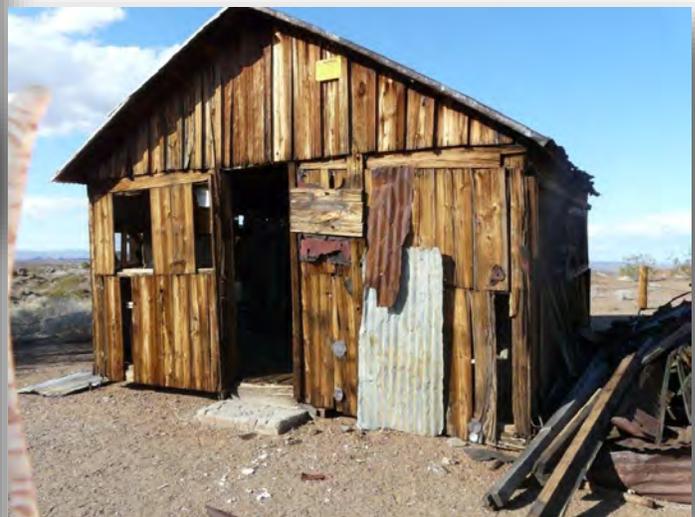


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## Mines of the Mohave Mtns.

Feb 12th, 2014

**F**ifteen members with six guests in twelve jeeps departed Lowe's on a search for gold - gold mines that is. The run itinerary had us going to or near the Wing, J&J, R&R, Osiris, and Pittsburg mines. Of those we stopped to inspect we found some nice rock samples, some mining camp 'stuff', got some history, took in some great views and just generally had a great day in the desert. Craig Eggerman was courteous enough to do some research and shared much interesting information with the group on mine history and mineral production as we visited the sites. We had one minor incident where a jeep started slipping off an off camber slope but he did the right thing and stopped before it got any worse. He immediately called out he needed help and the group jumped right in to assist. The passengers were unloaded and the jeep strapped back onto the trail. Thank you to all for the help with this. I believe a great time was had by all on our gold mine trek. And a "thank you" is due Kurt Smith for tail gunning.

*Bruce Speirs, Trail Boss*



Photo By: Ann Smith



Photo By: Steve Riley

## Coffin Spring Run + Hike

February 18th, 2014

**D**on Tuesday, February 11, eight vehicles with 13 members and 8 guests left for Coffin Spring in the Turtle Mountains. It was a great ride along the trails to the trailhead for Coffin Spring. We had 20 hikers on a beautiful day. The hike to the spring was fantastic and the scenery had to be seen to be believed. We had lunch near the spring, which did not have any water this year, just some bright green vegetation. After our return from the hike and gathering some of the pretty rocks, we continued to Charlie Brown's Cabin for some sightseeing, and then back to our starting point. The BLM has put up new signage at the trailhead, car corral and the cabin, which added to the enjoyment. Everyone did a great job with no problems. Thanks to John and Sue Strong for tail-gunning.

*Steve Riley, Trail Boss*

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