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The Havasu 4 Wheelers TRAIL TALK

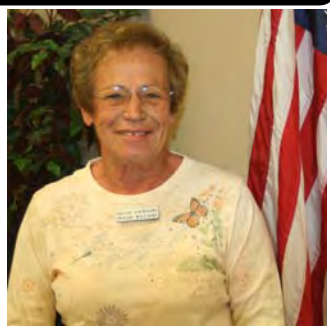
YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

Lake Havasu City Arizona

May 2016

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

President's Message



It looks like summer has decided to come a little early this year. Maybe our winter visitors have the right idea……leave when it gets too warm. Wishing them safe travels back to their home state, a wonderful summer with family and friends, and looking forward to seeing them in the fall. While on the topic of weather, it was just perfect for our annual trip to Moab. Once again Mike & Cheryl did a great job putting together this event. I am sure everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year's trip. This is a month when we celebrate two special events…..Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Mother's Day is that special day set aside for us to let our mothers know how much they are loved and appreciated. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. Holiday in 1914. A quote that most accurately describes a mother is "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made Mothers". (Rudyard Kipling)

Without the men and women who are willing to serve our country and pay the ultimate price we would not have all the freedoms we sometimes take for granite. Did you know that Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War and was inspired by the way people in the Southern states honored their dead? After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women who died in any war or military action. So let us remember these brave souls by flying the flag of the United States at half-staff from dawn until noon.

Willie

FYI: Below is the BLM moving schedule and the new address.

Subject: Office Closed for Move RE: Needles BLM Route Data

The Colorado River District and Lake Havasu Field Offices, currently located at 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, will be moving to their new location at 1785 Kiowa Ave, Lake Havasu City, AZ, during April 28 - May 6, 2016. They will be operating in their new location on Monday, May 9, 2016 with office hours being 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Employee telephone numbers and email addresses will not change. Communication during the move will be limited and by mobile devices only. If there is an emergency, and you are unable to reach anyone by mobile device, please contact the Yuma Field Office 928-317-3200 or the Kingman Field Office at 928-718-3700.

Thank you

Amanda Deeds
Assistant Field Manager
Recreation and Operations
Lake Havasu Field Office
2610 Sweetwater Ave

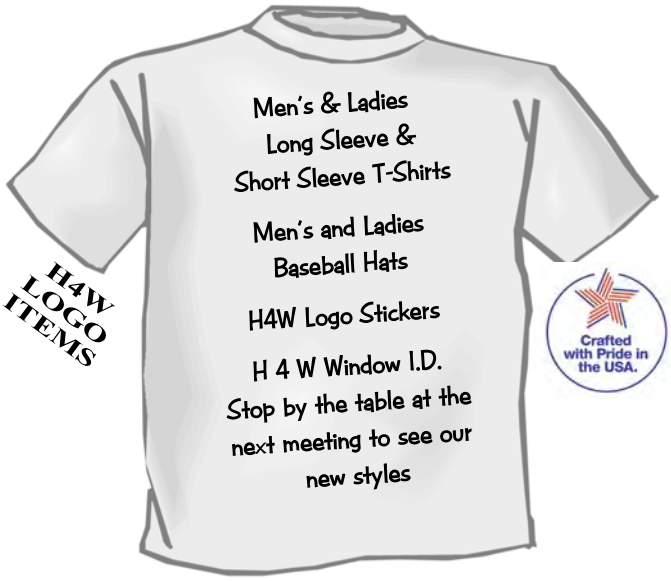
May 2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Leroy Larsen Jack Stalma	2	3 Jerry Bales Linda Gauthun	4 Renee Fleenor	5 Donna Warren	6	7 Brenda Velten
8 Mothers Day Peggy Hamilton Denis Lein	9 Cal Bowman	10	11 Carolyn Jones Rodger Melton	12	13 Marv Adams Karol McGuire	14 Paul Hetzer
15 Rodger Delk Sheila Keller	16	17 Marie Bellue Paula Gruber	18 Cindy Egilske Dick Thomas	19	20	21 Dena West
22 Linda Brink Randy Harrison Mike Kunz	23	24 Hardy Edmonson Judy Edwards	25 Anna Hofstetter	26 Jim Bowen	27 John Greb	28 Julie Jackson
29 Joan Weller	30 Memorial Day Gene Ostwald Sheri Odom	31 Bill Mitschele				

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed or listed on the wrong date, please let us know so we can correct our records.
Thanks, Tim & Pat Maskell

Egilske's - H4W "Club Stuff"



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MAY 1ST—DARRYLD & JO DUTTON
MAY 8TH—STEVE & KATHY PERRY
MAY 13TH—EARLY & DENA WEST
MAY 15TH—JIM & JANE BOWEN
MAY 16TH—MIKE & SANDRA SHAW
MAY 16TH—WILLIAM & KELLY TRINKL
MAY 17TH—JIM & SHERRY JOUBRET
MAY 22ND—B.J. & JEAN BUCKHOUT
MAY 22ND—JIM & BRANDA REED
MAY 24TH—CHUCK & BETSY BEHNKE
MAY 26TH—ALEX & CINDA ROSS

B.J. & Jean Buckhout
66 Years

Early & Dena West
60 Years

Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

Diamond Back, 4.0……..……...May,5th; 8:30am
Bob Drew

Copper Basin / Monument Peak, 3.25…….……May 6th, 9:00am
Willie Williams

The Maze,3.5……..May 9th, 8:00am
Bob Drew

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

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

Morning Coffee..……..…….……Mon—Fri, 8:00-9:00am
Kmart, Gene Hobday

Ladies Luncheon……..……..…….....May 19th, 12:30pm
Makai Cafe, Diana Delk

Trail Boss Meeting…… ...…….....May 16th, 9:00am
Genealogy Library, 2126 N McCulloch #17, Charles Leipart

H4W Board Meeting…….……...……...May 23rd, 4:00pm
Residence at 3600 Desert Rose Dr, Willie Williams

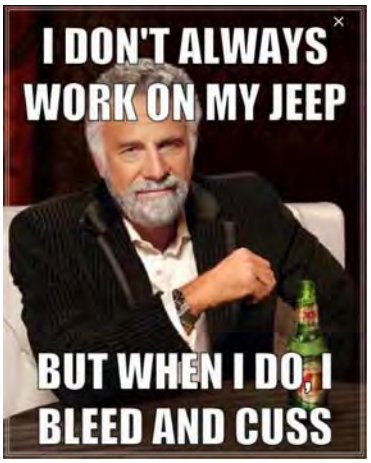
Cooks Night Out……...…..……..May 24th, 5:00pm
Chico's Tacos, Rodger Delk

Men's Breakfast...…….…..….MAy 26th, 8:00am
Bad Miguel's, 1841 Kiowa Blvd, (by Food City), Gary Wiskus

H4W Membership Meeting ……...…….May 26th, 7:00pm
Realtor's Hall, 2293 Swanson Ave., Willie Williams

April New Members

Ken & Sarah Corippo



Trail Boss of the Month

Jim Bowen

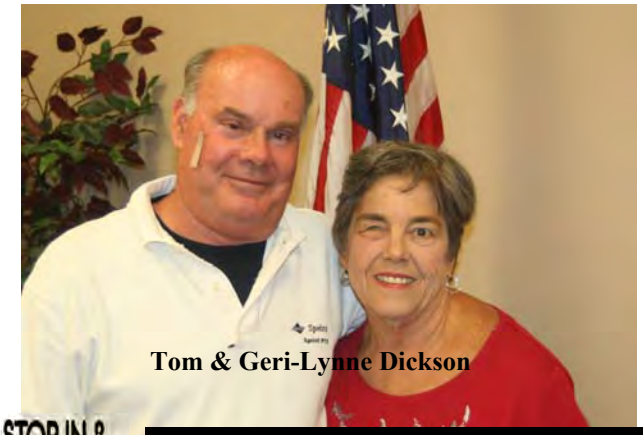
Congratulations

Rookie Trail Bosses of the Month
Chuck Jackson
Mike Velton

March New Members

Jerry & Trudy Bales

Donald & Chardell Barton



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Speir Mine Complex Fenced

On March 3, four Teams of Havasu 4 Wheelers fenced the Speir Mine complex located earlier by Bruce Speirs. The three mine shafts are located east of Standard Wash, on the Lost Trail. The group left the BLM at 8:30 a.m.

Team 1, lead by Jim Bowen, fenced the first shaft, a framed hole set off the main wash. Team two, lead by Paul Stephens fenced Shaft two nearby. Team three completed the last shaft, while Mike Yahrmarkt, Tom Bonell and Gary Wiskus signed an adit and two prospect holes. All of the shafts were deep, and were located where traffic could have fallen into them. Bruce Speirs provided the trailer to haul supplies, furnished by BLM.

The fencing was completed in record time, with all members pitching in where needed. The group was assisted by BLM Field Office Assistant Director, Amanda Dodson, and Recreation Specialist Shari Ketchum. Following lunch a group of the members explored two additional shafts 200 yards South. These will be fenced in the winter of 2016-2017.

Darryld Kautzmann
Mine Fencing Coordinator

More Mine Fencing

Grey Eagle Mine

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Mine Fencing Coordinator

For those of you who have not worked a Mine Fencing, Adopt-a-Ranch, Highway Clean-up, or Desert Clean-up project, it's a lot of fun , oh yeah, and a little work too. It also helps our relationship with the BLM, the State of Arizona, and our own local government. Sign up for the next one.

March 1, 2016

Paloma Wash Shortcut - Hot Dog Run, Level 4

On March 1, 2016, the infamous Hot Dog run was carried out under the expertise of Tom and Lisa Bunnell and all their helpers.
I was lucky enough to be asked to lead the 4 rated Cattail/ Paloma Wash run to the Cabin. After airing down at the Terraces, our first obstacle was the Wall of Death. Everyone made it over with no major problems. We continued on Cattail to the Paloma Wash Shortcut turn off. We climbed out of the wash continuing over Horseshoe Pass to the Rock Gardens. While navigating the Rock Garden, we had 1 broken leaf spring, and one vehicle encountered locker problems. With using a strap on several occasions, the only solution to the broken leaf spring was to continue on slowly, until dropping back down into Paloma Wash, which made it easier to travel at a faster speed. We were able to reach the cabin at the same time as Snake & Willie's group. Setting up chairs, we were anxious to get in line for the hot dogs, and I was able to get the first hot dog and the last hot dog served, and a few more in between. Thanks to the cooking crew for getting everyone served in a short amount of time as the other two groups were arriving. We returned the same way with 7 Jeeps. Everyone did a good job of getting back through the rocks. We were able to travel the 14 ½ miles in 2 ½ hours back to the Terraces to air up. Thank you to everyone who went on the run with us. It was a good group for the trip. Thank you to Todd Flesner and Don & Louise Flood for tail gunning. Thank you to Jim Young and Bob Drew for helping me with spotting.

Ladell Olson, Trail Boss

Red Line

On March 17, 2016, 7 vehicles met at the Standard Wash Kiosk to do the Red Line Trail. We had 3 cancellations due to illness. After no name falls, we did parts of Gold Springs Trail, Diamond Back Squeeze, Hawks Nest, Black Falls, and on out to the highway. The run went smooth. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Jim Lund and Tom Bunnell for tail gunning and watching over Mikey.

Ladell Olson

H4W NEW BOARD of DIRECTORS 2016 - 2017

Book Cliffs + Sego Ghost Town

On Tuesday, April 12, 2 vehicles with 4 members left the Rustic Inn and went north to I-70, where the run started. We traveled up the canyons to the top of the Book Cliffs. We enjoyed many viewpoints along the way. We took a side road out to the Doug's Point for a great overlook of the Moab valley. As we continued, we spotted 5 deer by the road. From there we explored the Sego cemetery and the Sego ghost town. We had lunch by the remains of some old cabins. The next stop was the Thompson Canyon petroglyph area. The walls contained petroglyphs from 3 different cultures spanning over 3000 years. The last stop was the Thompson Springs school house. On the way back we spotted 3 Pronghorn Antelope running by us. Thanks to Chuck and Julie Jackson for tail gunning and making this a fun adventure.

Steve Riley, Trail Boss 4/18/16

Hidden Canyon
April 15, 2016

With a light mist and the strong possibility of heavy rain, I elected to do the short version of Hidden Canyon. Before we got on the trail we stopped to see the dinosaur tracks close to the highway. Looking at those foot prints makes a person feel very insignificant and thankful that dinosaurs are now extinct. After that was a walk through the awesome Tusher Tunnel. Hidden canyon was gorgeous nestled in an area that is not that noticeable, thus the name Hidden Canyon. Thank you to Steve Riley for being the tail gunner and telling us about the tracks.
Willie Williams, trail boss

Run Report-Poison Spider/Eagles Dare
Tuesday April 12, 2016
Run Leader-Jim Bowen

My Jeep spent the day in the "doctors office" (Moab Outpost 4x4) getting some broken parts welded and other parts tightened up. Garnett Collins was kind enough to haul me around as I "led" the trip. When members asked me why I was not driving my Jeep—I replied, " this is much too scary a run for me to drive my Jeep on!" Seriously, we really had no problems with the Poison Spider part and everyone did a fine job on the "quite steep" hills of Eagles Dare. The only part that made a few drivers (and passengers) nervous was when they saw Garnett get quite a bit of air under his left front tire on a very steep part of the hill-and then saw me bail out of the Jeep! I assured everyone it was for me to spot from outside rather than from the right front seat-(I'm not sure everyone was convinced)-- but they did appreciate it when I was there to help spot them up the tricky spot on the very steep hill! The view down into Horse Thief Canyon and Corona Arch is always an impressive lunch spot! The trip back down was less dramatic and everyone did an excellent job! Thank you Ladell Olson for being tail-gunner.

Run Report-7 Mile Rim
Monday April 11, 2016
Run Leader-Jim Bowen

Thirteen Jeeps and 23 members challenged the 7 Mile Run on the first day of our club's "Moab Week". The weather was great-we really had no problems at all and were done before 3:00. One of the fun parts was seeing how many drivers were interested in doing "wipe-out hill". The obstacle is an extra credit drive down a quite steep hill with a few undulations—and then a trip back up the same hill! Della Russell was the first driver safely down and up. Then the question was—"ok, do any of the guys want to do it?" Not to be outdone by a "gal"—several guys had to then do the trip down and back up. We had one broken front axle on the climb back up—quickly "field fixed" and we were on our way. Thank you to all the patient members for waiting on me (their leader) to stop in at Moab Outpost 4x4 shop and have my Jeep fixed to I could lead the run. And thank you Garnett Collins for checking everyone in then taking everyone to the air-down place where I was able to join them for the run. Thank you Mike Velton for being tail gunner!

Rainbow Terrace
April 13, 2016

Ten jeeps traveled on this scenic run and mastered the couple obstacles. Since we got to the end early we decided to explore the Enduro Loop trail. After going through pasture lands, where we came upon huge critter holes in the ground (of course in the middle of the trail), we finally came to some very colorful rock formations which also provided a couple of challenges which everyone handled like a pro. After lunch we waited to see if or how a full size suburban would handle the challenging area we had just come down. Thankfully he decided to turn around instead of chancing total destruction.

Thank you to Tim & Pat Maskell for being tail gunners.

Willie Williams, trail boss

Run Report-3D
Thursday April 14, 2016
Run leader-Jim Bowen

A big concern this day was the possibility of rain and some roads being marked as "impassable when wet". The rain held off and we had a great day weather wise with only some gusty chilly winds to deal with. 3D Run is a combination of 3 different runs (Hidden Canyon Overlook, Bartlett Overlook, and Hidden Canyon). It is a very popular run during the Easter Jeep Safari. While much of the run is scenic but easy—we did get into the challenging part in the last half and had everyone thankful for their Jeeps ability to scale some "wee bit harder" hills! We really had no problems and had good weather all during the trip and even during air up! Thank you Mike Velton for being tail gunner.

Run Report-Gold Bar Rim

Friday April 15, 2016

Run Leader- Jim Bowen

The dreaded rain! With predictions of 90% rain when we were scheduled to do a level 4 run, it made us wonder if we should cancel. I talked to a member of the Moab Red Rock 4 Wheeler club and they said they have run Gold Bar Rim in the rain and even a little snow! So off we went with 9 Jeeps to have a "memorable" time! The weather held off and we had a great time! It was starting to sprinkle very lightly at the top, so we headed back down to get over the major obstacle (the Waterfall) before the rains came! We went up the dreaded "waterfall", and then had lunch in our Jeeps in a light rain. We were back airing up a little after 2:00 in a light rain. So-a great time was had by all-no problems-and the weather really was not a factor! Thank you Ladell for tail-gunning!

MOAB

Hell's Revenge

Hell's Revenge was led by members of a local Jeep club. Chris Mathe, daughter of Howard and Donna Mathe, recruited Mike and Mel Ehlers and Dee McNenny to lead and tail-gun. They all showed up with awesome rigs and I knew we were in good hands. Dee's write-up and photos exceed anything I could have written so I will use hers which you will find below:

Chris Mathe's parents belong to the Lake Havasu jeep club, and they are in town wheeling this week. Some of the club members wanted to run Hell's Revenge plus Hell's Gate, Mickey's, and The Escalator. Mike N Melina Ehlers came over from Grand Junction to hang out with them, as did Chris, and I tagged along because, well, I love driving Hell's in Wild Thing. Also along for the fun were Joe and Gay Taylor with their good friends MonaLiza and Steve. A solo jeep tagged along behind us and made friends with everyone, so now they have buddies to run with this week. The Havasu jeeps were all TJs and LJs and similarly built, and the group was experienced and intelligent in their driving. Several of them drove Hell's Gate, and only one jeep caught a little too much air at the top and needed to work around a little to find the line that worked best for it. I'm sure the spectators got some nice pictures!

Lunch at The Devils Highway (none of us drove it, although it is bone dry for a change) was followed by a trip through Mickey's Hot Tub by Mike and me. Chris Mathe was lined up for it, but before she could drop in a battered and very modified little pickup truck drove around everyone and dropped in. Then he broke something in his right front so we strapped him out and he limped off. After that, there were no other takers so our group nipped down the Dragon's Tail and over to The Escalator.

I went up first with my two passengers, Steve and MonaLiza. Wild Thing had no trouble, and neither did Mike Ehlers in his blue jeep buggy. Chris Mathe came up behind us and needed a little human strapping when she found the deepest hole with her right rear tire, but all was fine and she drove the rest of the way out perfectly. Her parents and one other jeep also attempted The Escalator but were denied by the steep wall below the first hole when their transmissions both acted up.

It was a great day with gorgeous weather and good friends, old and new!

Dee McNenny

Chicken Corners

On Tuesday April 12, 16 Jeeps containing 31 members hit the trail to Chicken Corners in Moab. The scenery is quite beautiful so we took the opportunity to stop at the Hurrah Pass overlook. We continued on this relatively easy trail to the end of the road which is Chicken Corners which turns into a walking path along a narrow ledge. The lunch stop at the end of the road looks across the Colorado River at Thelma and Louise Point. After lunch we returned the same way that we came. Thanks to Snake and Willie Williams for Tail Gunning.

Mike MacLean, Trail boss

Shafer Switchbacks / Long Canyon

Chuck Jackson

On Friday, April 15, Five Jeeps headed out for Potash Road, Shafer switchbacks and Long Canyon. We aired down at the river rafting boat ramp and then proceeded up the trail past the Potash ponds stopping at Thelma and Louise point which is at the southeast river overlook at Dead Horse Point State Park. From there we headed up Shafer switchbacks where we climbed nearly 1,000 feet to the top. The weather turned on us and it was cold, windy and the forecast called for rain in the afternoon. We were concerned that if it started raining hard enough, we would not be able to return down Long Canyon. We decided to skip lunch and go straight to Long Canyon and through Pucker Pass and ending the run a bit early to error on the side of caution. A big thanks to Mike and Cheryl MacLean for helping me hone my trail boss skills!

More MOAB

Lathrop Canyon

This run includes many fun and scenic areas in and around Canyonlands National Park. Starting out on Potash Road our first point of interest was Thelma and Louise Point, featured at the dramatic end of the movie Thelma and Louise. From there we entered Canyonlands and the White Rim trail, stopping at Musselman Arch. Surprisingly, there is now a sign advising visitors to stay off of the natural bridge. After leaving Musselman Arch we proceeded down the White Rim trail to the entrance of Lathrop Canyon. This short trip down the canyon ends at the Colorado River where we enjoyed lunch. After lunch, back out of the canyon and back up the White Rim trail led us to the Shaffer Switchbacks, which climbs very quickly and provides beautiful views from the top. The next part of the run took us to Long Canyon which surprised us with a step that we haven't seen before. Careful wheel placement made the step manageable and off we went through pucker pass and on down to our air down spot at the end of the trail, back at Potash Rd. Thanks to Jim Steves and Melba Olsen for tailgunning.

Mike MacLean, Trail Boss

Moab 2016

The week of April 10-15 found the intrepid Havasu 4-Wheelers back in Moab. The members may change but the scenery never gets better than in Moab. Slickrock, Arches, petroglyphs, dinosaur tracks, washes, streams, mountains and more delight the adventurer in all of us.

We ran 15 runs over the course of 5 days with the help of our club trail bosses Jim Bowen, Snake and Willie Williams, Steve Riley, Ron Satterfield, Chuck Jackson, Mike MacLean and Ladell Olson, as well as a couple of locals who led Hell's Revenge. Thanks to Howard and Donna Mathe, whose daughter Chris belongs to a local Jeep club, we had some great help. These locals brought some fine vehicles and skills to demonstrate the harder obstacles on Hell's Revenge and helped a great deal with spotting and leading. Thanks to Dee, Mike, Mel and Chris, and hope we meet up again next time we're in Moab!

Wednesday brought a potluck in which the cooks truly outdid themselves. Plenty of great food and fellowship added to a memorable trip.

As the week came to a close, our Havasu 4-Wheelers headed south to Lake Havasu with visions of slickrock dancing in their heads. Next year our trip is scheduled for the last week in April, the 23rd through the 28th which is one week after Easter. Mark your calendars and join us next year!

Mike and Cheryl MacLean

Report 6th Annual Ranch Day—Jim Bowen
March 31st, 2016

Once again it was time for our annual ranch day when we work as part of the Adopt A Ranch Program with the Arizona Game and Fish Dept. 7am was not too early to meet for many of our members to meet in the parking lot of Lowe's. (They were already in the parking lot waiting for me) We teamed up in vehicles and left at 7:00. With a 10-100 break at the Petro Gas Station we were right on time at the headquarters of Cane Springs Ranch at few minutes before 10:00. After signing waivers with the Arizona Game and Fish and getting work assignments from Anita (ranch wife), we followed Anita about 6 miles back into the Hualapai Mountains to the location of a large corral area. Our assignment—brush a fence that ran almost due south from the corral area. The fence had all kinds of stuff growing in it—small trees, humongous bushes, big and little cactus, and lots of other stuff! I was truly impressed and proud to see our group of about 23 members just go to work clearing out the fence! We worked until about 2:00 and then headed back to the ranch HQ for ice cream sundies and cookies. The ranchers (Sherwood and Anita) were very grateful and pleased with the amount of fence we were able to clear when I told Anita! We left the ranch just before 3:00 and headed for LHC. Although we were pooped and had put in a pretty good days work—I was amazed at how many folks said, "count me in again next year"!

RUN CHAIR REPORT FOR THE UPCOMING NEWSLETTER

This year we had a total of 114 runs, including Moab and had 27 run leaders.

It was determined at the last trail boss meeting that all run leaders will make their own run sheets this year and will have them at the general meeting by 6:30 p.m. for sign-up. It was recommended that members of the Havasu 4 Wheelers check the H4W web site regularly for upcoming runs.

A list of all posted upcoming runs will be available at the sign-in table. This list will include the date of th e run, the level, the run name, the time, the limit, the meeting location and the run leader with contact information.

The trail boss of the month is Jim Bowen. Chuck Jackson and Mike Velten are Rookies of the Month. Each received a $25.00 Maverik gas card.

Charles Leipart, Run Chair

4 WD Rewards Program
Congratulations Havasu 4 Wheelers!

H4W just received the annual rebate check from 4 Wheel Drive in the amount of $361. Our members spent $12,027 in 2015. The rebate is 3% of the total sales. Keep up the good work. Who knows what we might receive next year. This is a great program for you and our Club. Here's a quick recap of how it works.

- **When you join H4W, 4 Wheel Drive is notified of your membership and your name and address are added to their database. Updates are sent to 4Wheel Drive every quarter and you are provided a membership card with the Club ID number.**
- **When you decide to order, simply call 4WD at 800-913-8860. Identify yourself and give them the membership number. If you have not received your membership card, let them know that you are a member of H4W's.**
- **On-line purchases are not included in this program.**
- **Your purchase will be added to our account and at the end of the year 3% of our aggregate purchases will be refunded to the Club. In order to receive the rebate, total purchases must exceed $300.00**
- **Most items in their catalog offer a 10% discount to you, some are even higher so be sure to check when you place your order.**
- **Request catalogs or go on-line to look at their catalog. Remember, on-line orders are not eligible for the rebate program.**

From our experience, Customer Service has been very good. The sales staff are very knowledgeable and orders are shipped quickly.

Take advantage of the program and help yourself with extra savings and help the Club at the same time.

Bob Drew

Bullhead City Geocache Run IV

On Friday, April 1, 6 vehicles with 8 members and one guest went up to the Bullhead Parkway and into the desert. We had a few adventures while traveling the back roads. There was also a little hiking involved to get to some of the caches. We had lunch along one of the back roads. We managed to find all 11 caches that we went after. A fun day for all involved. Thank you to Sonia Brownell for tail gunning.

Steve Riley, Trail Boss **4/5/16**

Northwest Passage
April 4, 2016

The trail once again offered great views of the desert and surrounding areas. We stopped along the way to see a mine which has to have the most unique entrance of any mine I have ever seen and of course went by "Snoopy Rock". After that it was onto the couple of obstacles along the trail which everyone handled like pros. With a temp in the high 80's we were able to find a little shade in which to enjoy our lunch and end the day before it got really hot.

Thank You to Dave & Pat Billick for being tail gunners.

Willie Williams, *trail boss*

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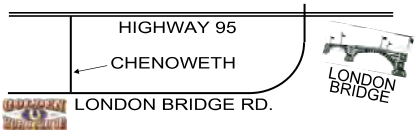

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Automatic External Defibrillator

If 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, Charles Leipart,

Run Chairman

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Our sincere condolences from the entire membership go out to Dick Welle, and Daughter Nancy with the passing of their Wife / Mother, Eleanor Dick and Eleanor are past members

Cow Bell Award

Goes to this month, Jim Lund for his Jeep backing up skills. He backs until he touches which seems OK to me, you get to meet new people. Recommended by: Tom Bunnell

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Considering that the membership only had 1 day notice regarding this run, we had 18 jeeps show up. Guess everyone wanted to get out in the desert before it gets too hot.

Since a rock has broken off at the "wall of death" the line has changed and it was a little more challenging, with some successes and some failures but it sure was fun watching the activities. The rest of the trail provided an opportunity for the members to try whichever obstacles they felt comfortable with.

A big Thank You to Mike Yahrmarkt and Bill Trunk for doing the spotting and Ladell Olson for being tail gunner. Mike also led us out the BLM exit and the group seemed to really enjoy the different scenery.

Willie Williams, *trail boss*

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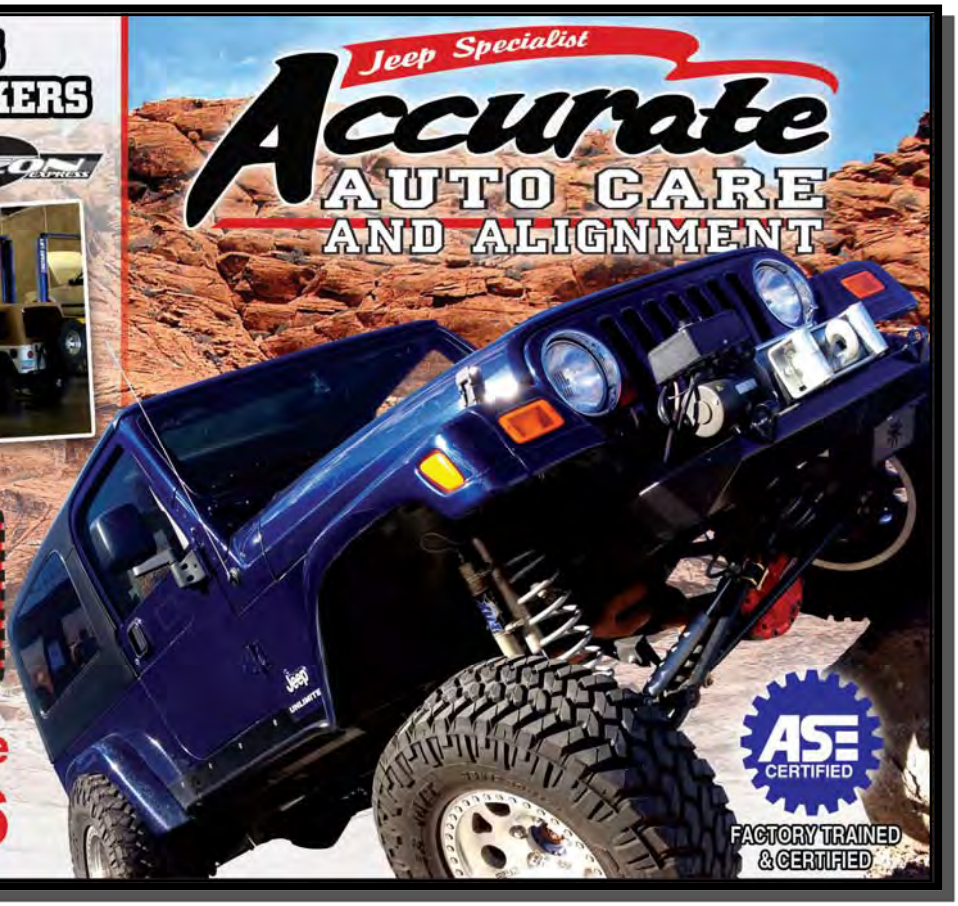

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Public Lands Access Committee Report

Update on Planet Ranch OHV Access

We remain in contact with Pat Barber, AZGFD Region IV Supervisor, who is representing the OHV community with public access at Planet Ranch. For those of you who may have missed it, in December 2015 Planet Ranch was sold by the big copper mining company in Bagdad in a complicated sale / lease/ water transfer deal involving a host of agencies with the big dog in the room being the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation. Contrary to written and publicly spoken promises that the area would be opened to the public as soon as the deal closed, it hasn't. While disappointed we intend to continue to press our position that access to and through Planet Ranch WAS part of the written deal and we want compliance. We will be contacting the Bureau of Reclamation soon and will evaluate their response at that time. We will keep you informed as this effort progresses.

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