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The Havasu 4 Wheelers **TRAIL TALK**

YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER



October 2019

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

President's Corner

Happy Fall, October has always been my favorite month! Perfect weather, candy and of course Halloween. Did I mention I LOVE chocolate!!!! I hope everyone had a terrific summer and are ready for a fantastic H4W year!



Calling all trail bosses..... I see we already have a number of runs on the website, thank you. Anyone interested in becoming a trail boss, please reach out to Mike Yahrmarkt.

Future club activities include the Turkey Roast November 7th coordinated by Joella Bruno and Cheri Lansing. The annual Turkey Roast will take place at the Rodeo grounds at SARA Park. The club will provide the Turkeys, Hams, rolls and appetizers, with the remainder being pot luck. We need members to sign up to either cook a turkey or a ham, or bring a side dish. Mark your calendar and come and join the fun. The Veteran's Day Parade November 11, 2019 will be coordinated by Jerry Kuhnle. The Holiday Party has been set for January 23, 2020 at Shugrue's coordinated by Cheri Malsed. Plus our annual hot dog run, ranch clean up and mine fencing!!!

Don't forget about our monthly social activities in which you can get involved : the Men's Breakfast hosted by Gary Wiskus, Cook's Night Out and the Ladies Luncheon hosted by Cheri Malsed. Check your email and the H4W website for place, date and time.

We are looking for a person to take over the highway and desert cleanup coordination for the club. You can chose one or do both. Please take a moment and think about getting involved. This is your club. When you get involved in club activities you get to know your fellow club members and learn more about the club.

There are many fun filled events that are going to happen and I hope everyone takes advantage of these opportunities, either through volunteerism or participation.

Jeep saying: Road closed? Let's find a way.

Many thanks,

Julie



October 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Happy Birthday

		1	2 Jennifer Sallee Chris Storm	3 Diana Flesner Bruce Speirs	4	5 Jim Liston Cheri Malsed
6	7	8 Hal Shaffer	9 James Robinson Mary West Julie Westcott	10 Sandra Shaw	11 Rob Glumack Anita Polzin	12 Lana DelMonaco
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20 Dean Robison Richard Shatkosky	21 Steve Hirt	22	23 Chuck Laughlin	24 Jim Frush	25 Tom Brown Mark Westcott	26
27 John Newman	28 Jennifer Myers	29	30 Patti Jo Glumack Stephen Riley	31 Halloween Howard Little Andrew Brown		

*The Ray's
H4W "Club Stuff"*



Happy Anniversary

October 7th - Eric & Sharon Weech
October 8th - Bruce & Arvella Joy
October 17th - Joe & Kathy Ray
October 20th - Pat & Karol McGuire
October 22nd - Craig Laser & Tamera Weaver
October 25th - Tom & Shari Carmody
October 26th - Bob & Carla Peralá



September New Members



James Robinson &
Cheryl Wilson



The Guys havin' fun in
Standard Wash

did you know?

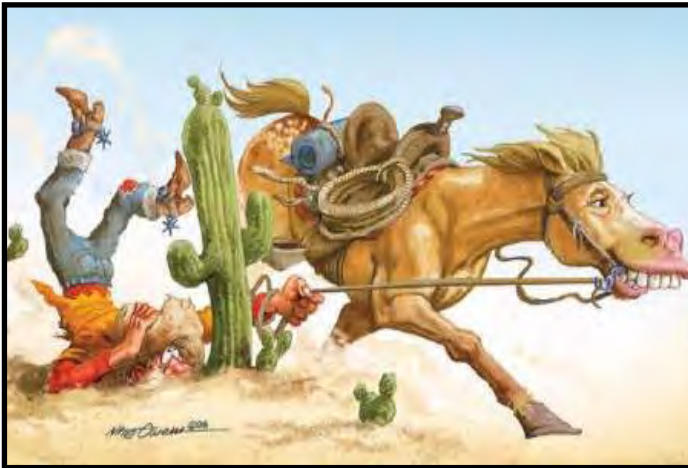
Hummingbirds use hawks as their bodyguards. They often live under hawk nests to seek protection from jays, one of the biggest threats to their babies. Hawks like to stalk their prey from above, so jays avoid foraging below them, which creates a hummingbird safety zone.



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Kathy Perry



Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

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

President's Choice, 4.0.....October 2nd, 8:00am
 Bob Drew

Black Falls Loop + Python, 4.0.....October 4th, 8:00am
 Tom Bunnell

Early Times / Rock On, 3.75.....October 9th, 8:00am
 Tom Bunnell

Snake Pit / Flood's Follies,October 14th, 8:00am
 Tom Bunnell

\$5, Black, Opperman, Yahoo,October 17th, 8:00am
 and Axle Falls, 4.0 Bob Drew

Chalk Hills, 3.0.....October 18th, 8:00am
 Mike Yahrmarkt

Lower Blueberry/Tom's follies, 4.0....October 23rd, 8:00am
 Tom Bunnell

Wobblin Goblin, 3.0.....October 31st, 6:00pm
 Willie Williams

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

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



Other Club Happen'ns

Morning Coffee.....Mon—Fri, 7:30-9:00am
 Schlotzsky's, Gene Hobday

Ladies Luncheon.....October 17th, 12:00pm
 TBA, Cheri Malsed

Trail Boss Meeting.....October 21st, 9:00am
 Genealogy Library, Mike Yahrmarkt

H4W Board Meeting.....October 21st, 10:30am
 Genealogy Library, Julie Jackson

Cook's Night Out.....October 22nd, 5:00pm
 TBA, Cheri Malsed

Men's Breakfast.....October 24th, 8:00am
 Bad Miguel's, 1841 Kiowa Blvd, (by Food City), Gary Wiskus

H4W Membership Meeting.....October 24th, 7:00pm
 Realtor's Center, Julie Jackson

Veterans Day Parade.....November 11th
 Jerry Kuhnle

Turkey Roast.....November 7th, 4:00pm
 Joella Bruno

Holiday Party.....January 23rd
 Cheri Malsed

Moab 2020.....May 3rd to 9th
 Chris Storm

Check the Havasu 4 Wheelers Website for Updates and
 Locations

www.havasu4wheelers.org

Send Event / Run Pictures to the Newsletter Editor
newsletter@havasu4wheelers.org



It's Sleeping Season!



It's that time of the year again, as we Havasu 4 Wheeler's air up sleeping tires and dust off the equipment. Tighten up those bolts and nuts, check those fluid levels and get ready for jeeping.

One item of critical importance is your club required serviceable fire extinguisher. A year of off roading and rattling around can pack down its load of dry chemical power into a solid rock. And it will and does happen. Now that you have a brick of dry chemical that won't come out of the extinguisher's nozzle if you ever need it, what to do? Don't call 9-1-1 - just grab a soft rubber mallet and gently tap the sides of the extinguisher as you turn it in your hand. This is also the proper time to look at its inspection tag to determine if it is also due for recharging service. Does the gauge show "in the green"? No problemo, there are fire extinguisher service companies right here in Havasu. So do the right thing and make this a mandatory part of your seasonal preparation.



While you are at it, make that yearly inspection of your Havasu 4 Wheelers club required First Aid Kit. Check to ensure that any items you may have used last season are replenished, that any ointments, lotions, or antibiotics have not exceeded their useable dates, and that the contents are secure and protected from water and dust contamination. It is also mandatory that you carry at least a two day spare supply of any prescription medicines you must take regularly. Remember - your mother is not in the Jeep so it's up to you



to care of yourself.

Happy Trails





MOAB 2020

Event Information

Event Dates

May 3rd thru May 9th, 2020

Trail Dates

May 4,5,6,7,8

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With all reservations please indicate that you are with the **Havasupai 4 Wheelers**
Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

We hope to provide trail leaders every day with 3 levels of trails. At the February and March meeting, we will have event sign-up sheets that will include your requests regarding difficulty level desired so that we can assign trail leaders to the appropriate trails.

At the April club meeting, the trail lists will be available and the participants will be asked to provide the appropriate BLM Fees for each trail signed up for. We will also provide information for a Sunday night and Friday night mixer along with the Pot Luck sign in at the April meeting.

Contact us for any additional information:

Chris Storm 951-675-1629

Jim Bowen 928-706-5048



Cooks Night Out At the Azul Agave

39 Members
Attended



Calling all Veterans

The newsletter editors are planning a Veteran's Day section for the November Newsletter and would like to have pictures of all veterans in their military uniform for this page. Please email (newsletter@havasu4wheelers.org), mail (Tim & Pat Maskell, 3060 Pepperwood Dr, LHC, AZ 86404), or bring to the October meeting.

I will return all pictures as soon as I have scanned a sample of what I am looking for, Thank You.....Tim & Pat



Ladies Luncheon September 19 at Shugrues



28 Ladies Attended



No Bell Award



This award this month goes to Dave Bruno. He Claims he was just standing there when a cholla cactus jumped out and got him on the arm, and what's more he tried to remove it and got it in his hand, OH MY!!!



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Death of a Member

It saddens me to inform you that one of our past members has been called home to the Creator. Larry Gant passed away Wednesday, September 18th. Please keep Patty and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Trish Reister



Larry Gant, 79, of Lake Havasu City died peacefully **Wednesday, September 18, 2019** at home with his family by his side. Larry was born in Oakman, Alabama on October 20, 1939. He was the son of Birge May and Adeline Blackston Gant. He was a veteran of the [U.S. Navy](#), and worked for more than twenty years as a welder for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Larry had a passion for flying and was a licensed pilot for many years. He was active in the Havasu 4-Wheelers and found great joy in preserving the beauty of the desert. He and his family have enjoyed Lake Havasu City for more than forty years. This beautiful city held a special place in Larry's heart because in 2002 he made it his permanent home in retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Patti Gant of fifty-five years; two children, Marcus Gant (David Benjamin) of Palm Springs, California, James Gant (Karen Erwin) of Granada Hills, California; one granddaughter, Hayley Gant of Granada Hills, California; and one brother J.P. Gant of Huntsville, Alabama.

In lieu of flowers and cards, the family asks that donations be made to River Valley Hospice of Lake Havasu City.

Published in Today's News Herald from Sept. 22 to Sept. 23, 2019

Automatic External Defibrillator

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

**Thanks, Mike Yahrmarkt
Run Chairman**





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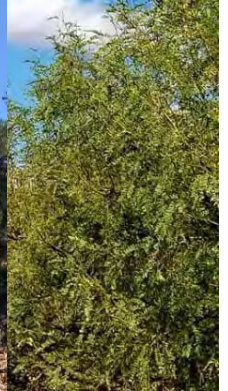
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Nine Jeeps, 16 persons, 4 guests included, and one doggie headed out Saturday morning for exit 37. It was a cool morning and everyone was ready for the trail! We checked out the petroglyphs and goldfish along Walnut Creek Rd. Next, 4-lo and up, down and around with several stops to stretch and jaw wag not to mention loping and rocks to move. One sharp stone took out a sidewall so the trained pitstop crew had it swapped and then on to lunch. As expected, we had to act like mountain goats on the rough terrain and not one person took a tumble. Wheuhh! The trail got steeper in places challenging the newer members but we all kept control. Three javelinas passed in front of my rig and disappeared into the brush. Also spotted: large coyote, hawks, and a psychedelic-colored lizard. By 3:00 we were back across the tracks to air up. Thanks to Roger Allen for tail-gunning!

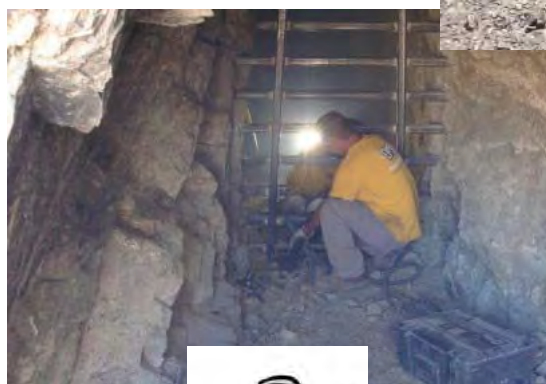
J & J MINE FENCE REMOVED FOR LAST TIME

The J.J Mine fence , northeast of Lake Havasu City, has been damaged eight times since it's installation about twelve years ago. In June of this year it was torn down for the final time. Charles Leipart and Darryld Kautzmann, club members, assisted by Vincent Beresford, BLM Geologist, removed the fencing, to allow Federal contractors, Environmental Protection Services, to seal the mine and air shafts.

The permanent sealing was contracted by BLM to solve the continued damage to the fences. The 50-60 foot air shaft was sealed with dirt. while the mine shaft itself was sealed by taking a large plastic bag, dropping it partially down the shaft and injecting liquid styrofoam. As the bag filled it caught on the outer edge of the shaft and hardened. Dirt was placed over the last few feet of the shaft, forming a sold barrier that can be driven over, The adit, which had another shaft inside, was faced with steel strapping that will keep traffic out, but allow bats to enter.

The permanent sealing is an example of the cooperative agreement between the BLM and the Havasu 4 Wheelers, in their joint efforts to make the desert safer for off road travelers.

Darryld Kautzmann,
Mine Fencing Coordinator



REMEMBER



If you have a 4 Wheeling picture, article, or a even a joke you'd like to share, please submit it to Tim & Pat Maskell, Newsletter Editors, at: newsletter@havasu4wheelers.org. Please no flipped over vehicles, off-color jokes or insensitive dialog. We're always looking for good stuff.

Tim & Pat

HAVASU 4 WHEELERS ANNUAL TURKEY ROAST

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Sara Park Rodeo Grounds

4:00PM Social Hour with Some Appetizers

5:00PM Dinner

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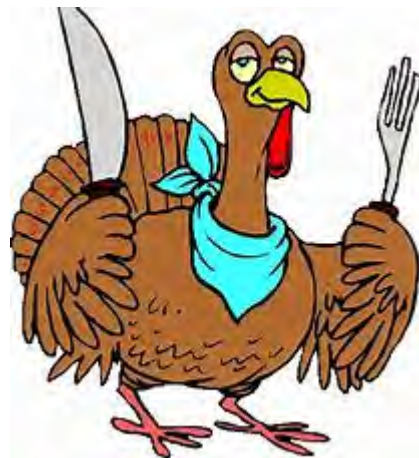
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Other Club Happnins'

The men's breakfast at Bad Miguel's was still a success even though we were dark for the summer. We had 32 member's show up for September breakfast



"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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RATING	DESCRIPTION
1	EASIEST: Passable by stock vehicles. Gentle fairly wide grades.
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/winch. 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/winch. Vehicle width and wheelbase should be considered. Possible body damage.
5	HARD: All of the above. Probable body damage.

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