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The Havasu 4 Wheelers **TRAIL TALK**

YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER



December 2019

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

President's Corner

This club is amazing!!!! Thank You for your generous donations to the Marine Corp "Toys for Tots" and the "Food Drive" which was donated to St Vincent de Paul food bank. Every contribution is truly appreciated.



If you attended the annual Turkey Roast, you know a lot of hard work and planning went into the event. I am personally sending out a **BIG** Thank You to Joella Bruno and Cheri Lansing. There was no way anyone was going hungry, so many choices, yummo. Just saying, the desserts were out of this world! Did I ever mention that I am a chocoholic?

The Veterans parade last month was another event that had 35 decorated jeeps participating. Thanks to Jerry Kuhnle and Allen Steele for hosting this event and the membership for showing their support of our Veterans.

Thanks to Bill Roberds who organized our club's annual Highway clean up, we picked up 56 bags of trash and made the entrance into our town sparkle. It is interesting to see what kind of items we found: tools, crow bar, dog pillow, lots of new fishing lures and money!!!!

Thanks to all the Trail Bosses and Tail Gunners. We have some great runs coming up in December, so we have many opportunities to get out into this beautiful desert of ours. Please remember, because of the holidays, the next General Membership Meeting will be Thursday, December 19.

Last but not least, don't forget our Annual Holiday Banquet scheduled for January 23, 2020. Included in the \$45/pp is your meal, tax, tip, set up, clean up and as much fun as you want. You have a choice of prime rib, salmon or chicken with all the fixings. You can either mail your payment to Havasu 4 Wheelers PO Box 1486, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405 or personally hand your payment to Cheri Malsed at the December membership meeting on the 19th. Make checks out to Havasu 4 Wheelers. Make sure you include all first and last names of people attending and the entree of your choice. That information will be used for the dinner tickets. Hope to see you there!

On a more personal note, Chuck and I wish each and every one of you, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

Julie

Jeep saying: Sometimes jeeping is not easy, but it is necessary.

Merry Christmas



December 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Happy Birthday

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| 8 Eileen Palmer | 9 Chris Myers Myron Myers Chop Bellue | 10 Donna Mathe | 11 Jane Bowen Marylou Rodriguez Carol Yahrmarkt | 12 | 13 Mike MacLean | 14 Kent Higgins Wanda Scholl |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Don Flood Richard Gill Bob Perala Noreen Shaffer | 18 Joella Bruno | 19 Fred Reister | 20 Bill Glumack | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Linda Lott Bill Palmer Craig Eggerman | 24 | 25 Christmas Day  | 26 Roberta Bayles | 27 | 28 Ray Hagerty Jutta Jewell LeAnn Keys |
| 29 Peggy Federici | 30 | 31 Len Martin | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed or listed on the wrong date, please let us know so we can correct our records. newsletter@havas4wheelers.org Thanks, Tim & Pat Maskell</p> </div> | | | |

*The Ray's
H4W "Club Stuff"*

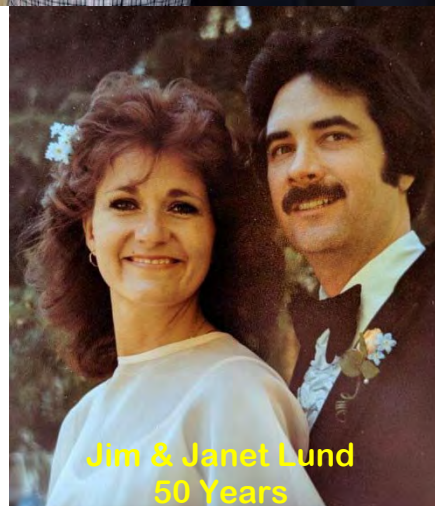
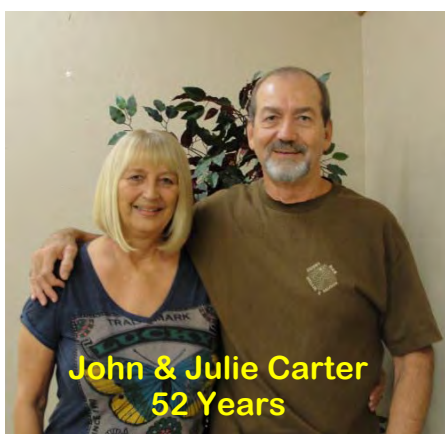


Happy Anniversary

December 1st - Norm & Debbie Oschman
 December 3rd - Darrel & Carol Norman
 December 5th - Mike & Ro Beets
 December 6th - Robert & Glenna Taylor
 December 7th - Tom & Cathy Cosgrove
 December 8th - Jim & Janet Lund
 December 10th - Ken & Joan Weller
 December 11th - Snake & Willie Williams
 December 18th - Garnett & Susan Collins
 December 22nd - John & Julie Carter
 December 27th - Howard & Donna Mathe
 December 31st - Keith & Shirley Faust
 December 31st - Steve & Jamie Wirick

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50 Plus Years



November New Members





Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

Redline / Black Falls, 3.5.....December 2nd, 9:00am
Tom Bunnell

Sleeping Princess / Tyro Mine, 3.5.....December 3rd, 8:30am
Richard Gill

Roulette Mine, 3.25.....December 6th, 9:00am
Charles Leipart

Black Inky Loop, 3.5.....December 7th, 8:30am
Rodger Melton

Bar I L to Cottonwood Loop, 3.25...December 12th, 8:30am
Rodger Melton

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

ATTENTION H4W SHOPPERS:

Kathy and Joe Ray are going to
put in an order for hooded
sweatshirts in the near future. If
you are interested please talk to
Joe or Kathy at the December
general meeting. Orders must
be prepaid. Or just stop by and
check out their merchandise,
lot's of good stuff.

Merry Christmas

Other Club Happen'ns

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

Cook's Night Out.....None this Month (Christmas)

Trail Boss Meeting.....December 16th, 9:00am
Genealogy Library, Mike Yahrmarkt

H4W Board Meeting.....December 16th, 10:30am
Genealogy Library, Julie Jackson

Men's Breakfast.....December 19th, 8:00am
Bad Miguel's, 1841 Kiowa Blvd, (by Food City), Gary Wiskus

Ladies Luncheon.....December 19th, 12:00pm
Location TBA, Cheri Malsed

H4W Membership Meeting.....December 19th, 7:00pm
Realtor's Center, Julie Jackson

Holiday Party.....January 23rd
Shugrue's, 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



**WELCOME TO
ARIZONA**

Winter is at 6 am

Spring starts at 10 am

Summer is at 2 pm

And fall starts around 4:30ish

Dress accordingly

Submitted by: Kathy Perry

Woblin Goblin

Snake & Willie Williams

10/31/2019



Turkey Roast



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grin and relish that very moment. Thank you for



NO MORE

hickering with cowboys

Orchids to Joella Bruno for her hard work in organizing the H4W Thanksgiving Potluck. We'll never forget your kindness in locating flatware for us! Thank you!

Onions to the county for sending a jury duty questionnaire without



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zero mess and vacuumed

Another great H4W Turkey Roast put on by Joella Bruno, Cheri Lansing, and crew. She even got an "Orchid" in the Havasu News-Herald

Great food, great turn out, and great conversation. 156 attended.



Holiday Party Information

Our Holiday Banquet will be held at Shugrues on Thursday, January 23. It will include a dinner of your choice (Prime Rib, Chicken, or Salmon). It will also include a salad, vegetable, potato, rolls, butter, and a dessert. The cost will be \$45.00 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. We will begin at 5:00 with a no-host bar social hour and games. Coffee and tea will be complimentary. Dinner will be served around 6:15. Dress will be semi-casual. You can dress up as much as you like or come as if you were going out for a nice dinner.

If you would like to join us for a fun evening, you can pay at the next general meeting at the Thursday, December 19 meeting. You can also send a check to Havasu 4 Wheelers, P.O. Box 1486, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405. Make checks out to Havasu 4 Wheelers. Make sure you include all first and last names of people attending and the entree of your choice. That information will be used for the dinner tickets. Hope to see you there!

Cheri Malsed



Our Newest
Senior Member
Richard Durham



Someone's artwork out in
Standard Wash



Veterans Day Parade

Jerry Kuhnle and 35 Jeeps



Pools of Gravity on Club Runs

It's a little known fact that gravity forms in shallow underground pools, creating tremendous downward forces capable of sucking a five thousand pound jeep firmly to the top of a rock. Sir Isaac Newton, the 17th century scientist who first explained the nature of gravity, observed that there is often **more** fallen apples under one apple tree than another, indicating *random* pools of gravity. Another scientist of the era said, "Isaac, it might be because some trees just have more apples grow on them and therefore more apples fall under those trees, that gravity has nothing to do with it." Sir Isaac considered him to be a lesser thinker. Other than niggling about it and causing negative discourse, Sir Isaac let it go. But, I know from personal experience that Sir Isaac was right. Gravity pools exist in the Havasu area on our club runs and must be avoided.

NASA has actually known about these pools of gravity for some time now, but because of their classified regulatory agency, they failed to disclose their findings to the *Havasus 4 Wheelers*. Actually, they just didn't want to talk publicly about lunch buckets....they had wrongly accused Buzz Aldrin of accidentally bringing them back to earth from the moon in his *Superman* lunch pail. Buzz said it wasn't him, that they were in Neil Armstrong's *Wonder Woman* lunch bucket. (Buzz was always suspect of Neil's personal behavior.)

Since NASA was reluctant to publicly admit that they were completely ignorant of Sir Isaac's earlier research, they chose to blame our astronauts. They quietly requested 70.38 billion dollars from the government's I.C.E. budget to develop a software app. that can be installed on Garmin GPS units that will detect these *alien* critters. Their plan was to anonymously track down these pools of gravity and return them to the moon. I sent NASA an email suggesting that the Havasu 4 Wheelers would happily help recapture them... that our leadership was good at working with the BLM and that some of us know where they congregate. (They did not email me back) Also, regrettably, our government has thus far denied NASA's request for funding, declaring that Nicaragua should pay for all of this. (what ever) I learned all of this while standing in the check-out line at Walmart. The *Enquirer* really understands this kind of scientific stuff.

Anyway, you most often find these pools of gravity lurking under large rocks, but sometimes they will select a small rock to hide under, just pumpkin high. There's a bunch of them hanging out in the 'Bowling Alley' area near Havasu. They are sneaky hombres. Their true nature is like the Graboids in the movie *Tremors*, that they are migratory and constantly moving about in search of jeeps with less experienced drivers. They almost caught me once but I'm known by many, or some, or maybe just me, to be a quick 'big dog' driver. I'm hard to catch. They know that I know that they know.

Leland Lott
(jeep driver)

note: My lunch bucket has a *Poison Spyder* sticker on it.



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Yahoo Loop 11/4

We had 8 jeeps, had a great time, with no problems. Janet Drew drove the entire loop, Good job Janet.

Trail boss Bob Drew

Highway Clean-up



We had 21 jeeps and picked up 56 bags of trash, great job Havasu 4 Wheelers.
Bill Roberds

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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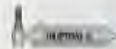
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Secret Pass Run 11/5/19 Richard Gill

We met at I-40 and started out for Kingman with 14 Jeeps. 3 very nice 4 doors, the rest 2 doors. After some discussion, the trail boss bet Ladell Olsen donuts that he couldn't be nice all day. We had a short stop for gas in Kingman and proceeded up Hwy 68 to the start of the secret pass run. After airing down we went over some shelf roads and took a 10-100 at the stripper pole. After some remarks about underwear and promises to bring items back to hang on the bushes next time, we headed up the wash through a canyon. We turned off to run the ridges part of the trail and had a problem with a tj that wouldn't stay in 4 wd low. Ladelle took care of the situation and we headed off again. Several ridges later the trail boss ended up in some loose shale and had to be pulled back onto the road. We turned on the crossover to the main wash below, but 20% of the group led by Tom Brown, (who had thoughts of taking over as run leader) decided to take another trail. That abruptly stopped and I heard the sound of Tom on the CB saying something like o- ?!?!?????. He found an open mine shaft and decided to turn the group around before tragedy struck. For the next 30 minutes there were a lot of people on the radio sounding like they were lost. I could of swore i heard Ladell's voice saying something to one of them, but i knew that he wouldn't have followed them and gotten lost, (would he?). After some time we regrouped and went into Secret pass, had lunch, sang happy birthday to one guest, talked with a dirt bike rider that was trying to stay on the Peace Trail and after some rock crawling and one small rescue headed back home. I remember telling someone about how Tom Brown had bettered one of our other veteran members on the large rock squeeze. I guess that low geared atlas did the trick for his jeep. It was a beautiful day and after others vying for Ladell's donuts, Ladell walked away with the prize. I'm sure at the next meeting there will be a couple of more nominations for the cow bell.

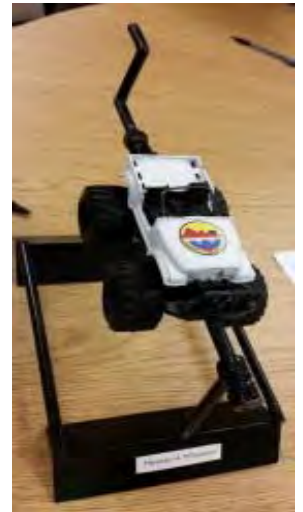
Richard Gill





Cow Bell Award

The Rollover and Cow Bell both go to Joe Egilske for his flop on Diamondback / Sidewinder. Must have been a good one to get both awards, Congrats



No Bell Award

The No Bell award this month goes to Tom Brown. While on Secret Pass got into some shale and had to be pulled back on the trail, Congrats

Trail Boss Awards (gas cards for November)

Richard Gill - 1 Rodger Melton - 1 Bill Roberds - 1 Chris Winchek - 1

Donnie Barton - 1 Bob Drew - 2 Jim Bowen - 2 Tom Bunnell - 3

Willie Williams - 4



REMEMBER



If you have a 4 Wheeling picture, article, or 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



Toys for Tots



Ron Silva from the Marine Corp Auxiliary picked up the Toys 4 Tots toys donated by H4W members.
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Penny Leistiko &
Don Doan



New Committee Member:
Steve Hirt who takes over
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need some cheering up,
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trishreister@gmail.com
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The Ladies Luncheon, held at the Blue
Chair had 28 members attend.

The Men's Breakfast, held at Bad Miguel's
had 31 members attend.

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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/winching. 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/winching. Vehicle width and wheelbase should be considered. Possible body damage. |
| 5 | HARD: All of the above. Probable body damage. |

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