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The Havasu 4 Wheelers **TRAIL TALK**

YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER



February 2020

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

President's Corner

To start off this month, I would like to share this thought with everyone: Too often we under estimate the power of a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to make this world a better place for everyone. Thanks for reading.



On to club business, at our February meeting the Nominating Committee will be presenting the slate of officers for the upcoming year. Please consider helping out the club by volunteering for one of these positions or the various committee positions that make our club a success. Also at the February meeting the membership votes for the member they feel has contributed the most to the club over the past year and present them with the "4 Wheeler of the Year" award at the March meeting. When you are making your decision think over the past year in regards to the various activities that have happened, and please keep in mind the people behind the scenes such as our webmasters and newsletter editor.

Don't forget that your annual dues are due by the end of this month. Dues become delinquent on March 1.

At our March membership meeting, we will have our elections and host the Trail Boss awards presentation.

If you applied for and received a State Land Permit last year this might be a good time to check to see if it needs to be renewed.

Jeep saying: Roses are red and mudd is brown, windows up and pedal down.

Be kind,

Julie



February 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Happy Birthday

	<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>					1 Larry Sanburg
2	3 Kelly Trinkl	4 Kris Winchak	5 Chuck Studler Simone Taylor	6 Connie Hoppe	7 Tom Carmody Roger Hammonds	8 Gus Rodriguez John Strong Joe Tenney
9	10 Tom Dickson	11 Warren Jones Sandy Merrill	12 Sue Hearn	13 Shirley Garza	14 Valentines Day Trish Reister	15 Kenneth Young
16 Sandy Kunster Mike Yahrmarkt	17 President's Day Geoff Arnold Yolanda Bindels Bruce Gruber	18 Lisa Bunnell	19 Patty Maskell	20	21	22
23	24 Gordy Anderson	25 Diana Smith	26 Joe Egilske Paul Stephens Betty Woosley Jeremy Wright	27 Patricia Billick	28	29

*The Ray's
H4W "Club Stuff"*



Happy Anniversary

February 4th - Bill & Sandy Palmer
 February 4th - Leland & Linda Lott
 February 8th - Paul & Joyce Stephens
 February 10th - Peter & Trudy Lamont
 February 11th - Bert & Cindy Schipper
 February 12th - Jerry & Debbie Kuhnle
 February 14th - Richard & Laura Caldwell
 February 14th - Paul & Carol Hakala
 February 14th - Ron & Sally Satterfield
 February 16th - Darryld & Trixie Kautzmann
 February 21st - Tracy & DeeAnn Geisler
 February 26th - Chuck & Julie Jackson
 February 28th - Jim & Joanne Malara
 February 29th - Ralph & Connie Lind

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50 Plus Years



Darryld & Trixie Kautzmann
57 Years



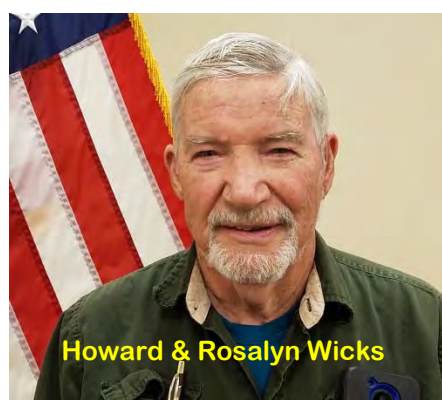
Bill & Sandy Palmer
53 Years



Leland & Linda Loft
52 Years



Paul & Joyce Stephens
51 Years

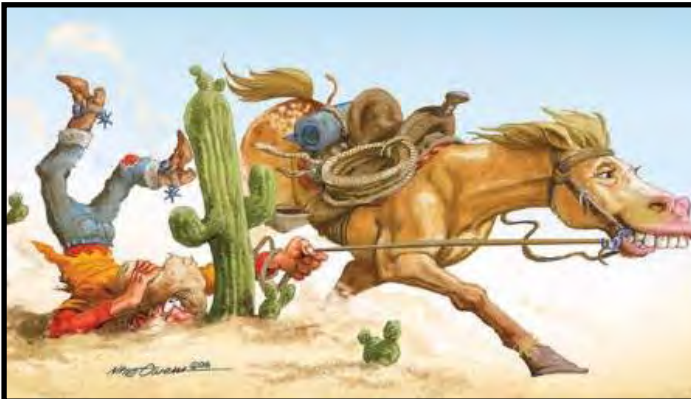


Howard & Rosalyn Wicks

January New Members



Rich & Susie Gallihugh



Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

Boriana Mine, 3.25.....February 3rd, 8:30am
Rodger Melton

Copper Moab, 3.25.....February 3rd, 9:00am
Larry Sanburg

Monument Peak, 3.25.....February 4th, 9:00am
Willie Williams

Bill Williams/Planet Ranch Road, 3.25.....February 5th, 8:00am
Jim Bowen

Walnut Creek, 3.0.....February 6th, 8:30am
Bill Roberds

Coffin Springs Run & Hike, 3.0.....February 7th, 8:00am
Steve Riley

Diamond Back/Sidewinder, 4.0.....February 10th, 8:30am
Bob Drew

Copper Basin - Earp Falls, 3.0.....February 10th, 9:00am
Dave Blake

Bar I L to Cottonwood Loop, 3.25.....February 11th, 8:30am
Rodger Melton

Cattail, 3.25.....February 12th, 8:30
Larry Sanburg

Winch Practice, 3.0.....February 13th, 8:30am
Jim Bowen

Swansea, 3.25.....February 14th, 9:00am
Willie Williams

President's Choice, 4.0.....February 17th, 8:30am
Bob Drew

Alice Mine, 3.25.....February 18th, 9:00am
Willie Williams

Driving 101, NR.....February 19th, 9:00am
Mike Yahrmarkt

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Other Club Happen's

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

AED Training and Refresher Class....February 12th, 9:00am
Mohave County Library (LHC) Brian Springer

Ladies Luncheon.....February 20th, 12:00pm
Barley Brothers, Cheri Malsed

Trail Boss Meeting.....February 24th, 9:00am
Genealogy Library, Mike Yahrmarkt

H4W Board Meeting.....February 24th, 10:30am
Genealogy Library, Julie Jackson

Cook's Night Out.....February 25th, 5:00pm
Mario's Italian, Cheri Malsed

Men's Breakfast..... February 27th, 8:00am
Bad Miguel's, 1841 Kiowa Blvd, (by Food City), Gary Wiskus

H4W Membership Meeting.....February 27th, 7:00pm
Realtor's Center, Julie Jackson

Hot Dog Run.....March 4th
Dave Bruno

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

Moab Sign Ups.....February Meeting

Check the Havasu 4 Wheelers Website for Updates and Locations www.havasu4wheelers.org

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

Highline, 3.25.....February 21st, 9:00am
Willie Williams

Vicksburg Geocache Run, 3.25.....February 27th, 8:00am
Steve Riley

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



HOT DOG RUN TO THE CABIN MARCH 4, 2020

This is the 10th year for this event. It is several different runs meeting at a cabin out in Mohave Wash, arriving about the same time for a fun Hot Dog cook out. We supply and cook all the Hot Dogs you can eat with all the garnishes, chips and plates. You will have to bring drinks and any other

food you wish for yourself. Last year we had 80 Jeeps, 5 different runs and ate 340 Hot Dogs.

Our runs this year will be rated 3.0, 3.25, 3.5, and a 4.0. **The runs will be posted on line February 19th. Sign up will begin at the February 27th meeting and thereafter.** You can check out the runs online and be ready to sign up at the meeting. We do it this way to ensure we do not have a lot of cancellations and additions on the runs. All contacts will be done with your run leader after you sign up for a run. Sorry but **NO** guests unless they are riding in a member's Jeep.

Hope to see you all there for a fun day in the desert.

Call Dave Bruno, Run Coordinator, at 928-680-5673 with any questions. Please do not call to sign up at this time.



The Ladies
Luncheon at
Shogun's
23 Ladies Attended



The H4W Yard Sale was a HUGE Success, Thanks to Paul & Joyce Stephens and all of the volunteers that made it happen, plus all the generous donations. The club made \$4,700.





Jim Bowen receives a donation check to the Arizona Peace Trail from H4W



Jane Bowen Receives a donation check to the Genealogy Library from H4W



Did You Know: Interesting Facts About Leap Day

Although Leap Year doesn't fall onto our calendars until the year 2020, here are some interesting facts about the "rarely" there day that you might find interesting:

- 1. It takes the earth one day to complete one spin on its axis. The time it takes the earth to complete one trip around the sun is one year. But these units of time don't divide evenly, resulting in our calendar year being 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and a little over 45 seconds long. Every 4 years we take those extra hours and minutes and fit it in an extra day, on February 29th, which we call Leap Day.**
- 2. The leap year was introduced in 46 BC, by Roman leader Julius Caesar. In case you're wondering, credit probably goes to his astronomer for figuring out a simple solution to the problem of extra time.**
- 3. If we did not have the extra day every 4 years, in 100 years our calendar would be off by 24 days.**
- 4. The Chinese calendar has a leap month about every 3 years and the name of the leap month is the same as the previous lunar month. The Jewish calendar has a leap year 7 times in a 19-year cycle.**
- 5. People born on February 29 are called "leaplings" or "leapers". The chance of being born on a leap day is one in 1,461. There are five million leaplings around the world.**
- 6. Workers on fixed annual salaries have to work leap days for free: the rate does not account for an extra day. Same goes if you are sentenced to a year in jail, if your sentence lands in a leap year, you'll have to serve the extra day.**
- 7. Frogs are associated with leap years, perhaps because of their remarkable leaping abilities**
- 8. The next Leap Day will be on Saturday February 29th, 2020**

Ladell & Bunnell No Tell Jeep Jury Rig'n & Fix'n



The intrepid duo at work on another Jeep fix. There is a rumor going around that these two old boys have slowed down since last year. We are happy to report this is not the case. Our ace undercover investigative reporter was able to snap a covert picture of these dynamos at work. As you can see they don't waste their money on high quality and expensive Chinese knock off counterfeit tools and jacks from Harbor Freight when they can just "improvise!" And who needs a garage! They're having fun in the sun! This rarely used and relatively unknown technique is known as the "1849'ers' Conestoga Wagon Wheel Swap-a-Roonie." It is still in use in Siberian coal mining camps, southern North Dakota where it borders with northern South Dakota, tropical sections of the Sahara Desert, and the old part of New Guinea. It also doubles as a Medicare Silver Sneakers plan membership qualification.
Bruce Speirs

Moab Information

We ask that the members that are attending the Moab event contact Chris Storm with the following information:

Member name(s)

What location they are staying at in Moab, whether RV park or motel.

Cell phone number.

What level of trail they are most interested in.

Whether they would be interested in leading a trail.

Whether they have an additional occupant in the vehicle.

Please contact Chris Storm at cstorm4x4@verizon.net. or text at 951-675-1629

At the **Feb. 27th meeting** we plan to have trail sign up sheets.

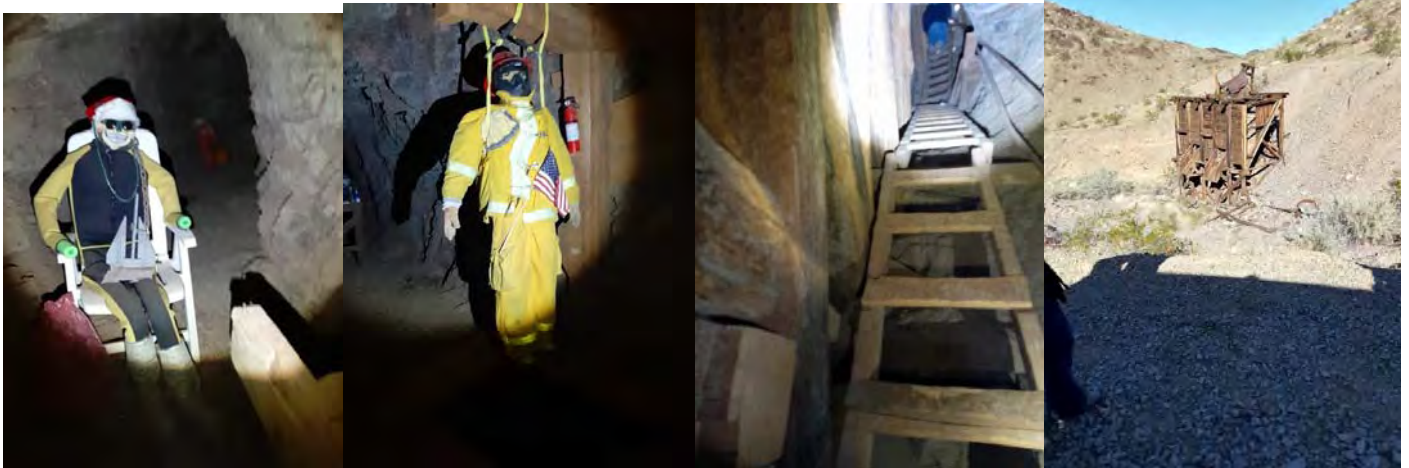
At the **March 19th meeting** the BLM fees will be due based on the sign up sheets

Also the artwork for the Moab club t-shirts will be displayed

At the **April meeting** we will announce times and staging locations for the scheduled runs along with no host welcome cocktail hour(s) and pot luck information.

Thanks,
Chris

Alice Mine



2020 H4W Holiday Party



Laughlin Breakfast Run

1/9/20

Charles Leipart



Bennett Wash 1/6/20

Bill Roberds



Cattail

1/24/20
Mike Yahrmarkt



Pay your 2020,
\$45 dues at the
February
membership
meeting or use
form to mail
dues.

**2020
HAVASU 4 WHEELERS
MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL APPLICATION**



2020 HAVASU 4 WHEELERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

To renew your 2020 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 2020 club meeting.

Applications received after February 29, 2020 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, 2020.

Name _____ & _____
(First) (First) (Last)

Please up date your personal information below for our records or circle SAME if unchanged

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Blythe Intaglios

The word intaglio is Italian and refers to an engraving process. The figures are incised on the ground by scraping away the darker layer of rocks or pebbles to reveal a stratum of lighter soil. The displaced rocks outline the figures and the exposed soil is stamped down which makes it more difficult for plants to grow in the lines.

There are roughly 600 Intaglios present in the Southwest area of the United States and over 200 are in the Colorado River area. The ones located in Blythe are the largest along the river area and are considered among the 10 best in the world. Intaglios often depict mountain lions, birds, snakes, and unidentified animal like figures and geometric shapes **but the human figures are only found near the Colorado River.**

Within the Blythe Intaglios the largest figure is a women which 175 ft. long and outstretched arms span 158 ft. Near her is an anatomically correct male figure about 95 ft. tall. A 150 ft. snake intaglio depicts a rattlesnake whose eyes are captured in the form of two rock but has been damaged by vehicles over time. There's also a 53 ft. long four-footed creature alternatively identified as a panther, a coyote or a horse. The Fisherman Intaglio depicts a man with a spear, two fish below him and a sum and serpent above. Various geometric lines and a dance ring are also present.

The Blythe Intaglios were first spotted by an Army Air Corps pilot in Nov of 1931 as he flew from Hoover Dam to Los Angeles. He reported his findings to the Southwest Museum but due to the Depression it wasn't investigated until 1952. By that time damage had been done by General George Patton's troops as there are visual mark of tire tracks. To protect the area the BLM erected fencing in 1974 and the area was placed on the Nation Register of Historic Places in 1982.

How old are they? No one know for sure but speculate between 450 to 2,000 yrs.

Who made them? Possibly the Mohave and Quechan Indians.

Why did they make them? If you ask members of tribal societies that still exist in the area the human figures represent **Mastamho**, the Creator of life and the animal figures represent **Hatakulya**, one of the two mountain lions/persons who helped with in the creation. Since they are best viewed from the sky it is a type of offering or tribute to the Gods.

One point archaeologists & scientists can agree on is: The greatest value of the Blythe Intaglios may be their ability to preserve the cultural identity of the Native American people.

Willie Williams



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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 Mike MacLean and make arrangements to check one out before your run.

Thanks, Mike Yahrmarkt
Run Chairman

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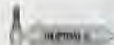
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January 1, 2020

To: H4W Committee Chairs

From: Julie Jackson

Dear Committee Chair,

It's time for our term of service to end. It is customary for Committee Chairs from one year to the next to voluntarily submit a letter of resignation to the outgoing president so that the incoming president can appoint Chairs to the committees for the next year.

If you would submit a letter to me no later than March 10, 2020, stating you are resigning your Chair position, I can deliver them to the incoming president at the March meeting. If you want to continue in your present position, please indicate that in your letter. There is no guarantee that you will continue to serve, but will alert the incoming president of your willingness to serve.

Thank you for your service to the Club. Please mail your letters to the Club address.

Sincerely,

Julie

Also;

Be sure you contact the Nominating Committee if you wish to run for or nominate someone for a Board Position.

Nominating Committee:
Charles Leipart
Dave Bruno
Cheryl MacLean

**Proposed By-laws Change
To Be Voted On at the February Membership meeting**

ARTICLE VIII

EXPENDITURES AND FINANCE

1. All monies received from all sources shall immediately be turned over to the Treasurer to be deposited in the checking account of the Club.

2. No withdrawal from the funds shall be made without the approval of the Executive Committee. Single expenditures in excess of \$500.00 must have the approval of the general membership, with the exception of items in the annual budget. All expenditures shall be made by check. Exceptions are items paid by cash from the Petty Cash Fund, which is not to exceed \$100.00. The Petty Cash Fund is to be maintained by the Treasurer and reconciled monthly in the Treasurer's report.

Change to:

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Adventure Canyon
Mike Yahrmarkt
1/28/20



ELECTIONS of BOARD MEMBERS

At the February meeting the Nominating Committee will present the new slate of officers for: President – Vice President – Secretary – Treasurer – Run Chair – Membership – and 3 Members at Large. We have a lot of talented members in the club, so no matter how long you have been in the club please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

If you are not ready to step into a Board position, how about a committee position. There are always people ready to help you, plus it is a great way to get to know more people in the club.

Please contact Charles Leipart (chairperson), Dave Bruno, or Cheryl MacLean if you want to help out the club or if you have any questions.



4 WHEELER OF THE YEAR

Every year the membership acknowledges the person, they feel, has contributed the most to the club. Here are some pointers on how to make your selection for "Havasupai 4 Wheeler of the Year". It is not an award for his or her off road driving skills. It should be based upon what they have contributed to the club during the past year. Are they active, participating members? Are they ready to lend a helping hand? Do they get involved?

This vote will take place at the Feb meeting, so start thinking about your selection. Voting forms will be available at the meeting.

HAVASU 4-WHEELER OF THE YEAR AWARDS: 1998 Gene Hobday, 1999 Warren Breen, 2000 Jim & Joan Burns, 2001 Curt Frilot, 2002 Leroy Larson, 2003 Don & Kitty Peterson, 2004 Mike & Kay Norman, 2005 Darryld Kautzmann, 2006 Snake & Willie Williams, 2007 Charles & Geri Leipart, and Dick Thomas, 2008 Jim Bowen, 2009 Bruce Speirs, 2010 Dennis Kreuzenstein, 2011 Ladell Olson, 2012 Bob & Wanda Scholl, 2013 John Strong, 2014 Cheryl MacLean, 2015 Bob & Janet Drew, 2016 Willie Williams, 2017 Willie Williams, 2018 Tom Bunnell

The Vote for the 2019 Havasu 4 Wheeler of the Year Will Occur by Ballet at the February General Meeting.



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@havasupai4wheelers.org. Please no flipped over vehicles, off-color jokes or insensitive dialog. We're always looking for good stuff.

Tim & Pat

THE WALL OF DEATH

The Wall of Death is a dry waterfall found in the Cat Tail Cove area of Havasu. It is about six feet tall and is almost straight up...a formidable appearing obstacle. My understanding is that it acquired its dramatic name back when jeeps had flat fenders, skinny 29 inch tires, and a Willys 60 horse power 'Go-Devil' engine. And, they didn't even have Poison Spyder product stickers on their jeeps. Being able to crawl over the Wall of Death was an accomplishment!

I remember well the first time I actually managed to crawl over the *WALL OF DEATH*. It was a mystical time when Caine, the Kung Fu master, spoke to me and said, "Yes... Grasshopper!"

Leland Lott
(jeep driver)

note: I no longer listen to Obi-Wan Kenobi. All he ever told

me was, "Use the force, Luke!"

Everyone already knows that. I don't listen to Mr. Miyagi either. He just wants me to put wax on and take it off.



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January 50/50

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Other Club Happnins'

The Men's Breakfast at Bad Miguel's had
29 Men Attend.

Gas Cards for January

Bill Boberds
Willie Williams
Jim Bowen
Mike Yahrmarkt
Bob Drew
Charles Leipart
Larry Sanburg

"Sunshine"

If you know of anyone in the club who might
need some cheering up,
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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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