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The Havasu 4 Wheelers **TRAIL TALK**

YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER



September 2020

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

President's Corner

The summer of 2020 is almost over, just wish the whole year could be over, I hope you all have been staying healthy in the wake of the virus that has changed our country and our habits forever. We are still hiding out up in the Pacific Northwest and are happily escaping the above normal heat in the desert, but missing the desert very much.



I have been reviewing the club events and procedures and find that we have missed a lot since March and don't know if we can catch up before next spring, but the good part is that our notorious run leaders seem to be willing and able to start doing some wheeling as soon as the weather cools a little, so watch for some upcoming runs. I will try to get some of our club IT people to set up a virtual board meeting to discuss our election and future plans for the coming year, but for now just Jeeping in the desert sounds plenty good to me.

See you all in October. Bill



September 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Happy Birthday

		1 Mike Beets Earl Hearn	2 Warren West	3 Mark Corder Marie Petrofsky	4	5 Jim Bayles Mike Shaw
6	7 Labor Day	8 Jim Lund	9 B J Buckhout Bruce Freiman	10 Tim Becker Doreen Bender	11 Gene Hobday	12
13 Carl Brink Arline Hagarty	14	15 Ron Anderson Sandy Newman	16 Chardell Barton	17 Jayne Riley	18 Keith Schweizer	19
20 Ann Smith Eric Weech Paul Wheatley	21	22	23	24 Mike Keys	25	26 Steve Hutchins
27 Jim Malara Veronica Medina	28 Leanne Authier Linda Dorsey	29 Chris Urban	30 Linda Gephardt	<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@havasuwheelers.org Thanks, Tim & Pat Maskell</p>		

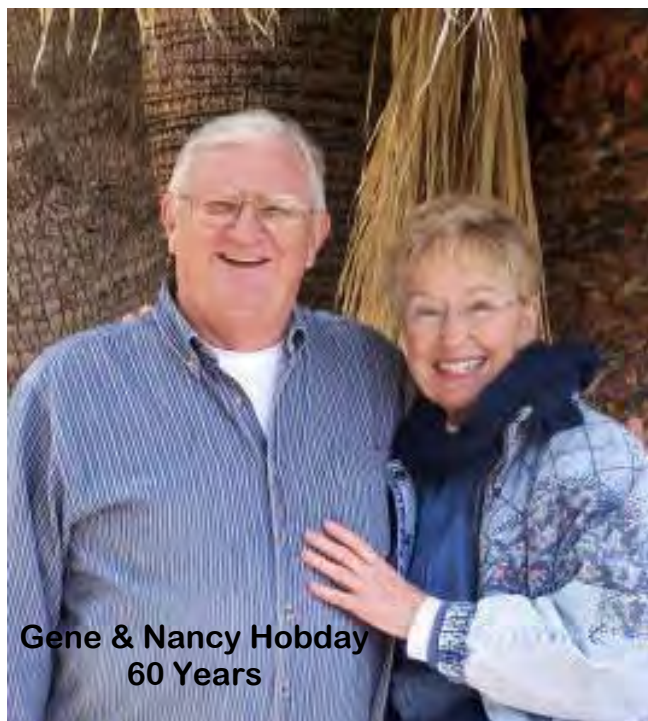
Happy Anniversary



September 1st - Sam & Marie Peters
 September 4th - Gene & Nancy Hobday
 September 6th - Stephen & Doreen Nicoli
 September 7th - Jim & Roberta Bayles
 September 7th - Joe & Deena Hazlett
 September 10th - Mark & Diane Corder
 September 15th - Ric & Patti Gire
 September 15th - Mike & Marie Petrofsky
 September 16th - Carl & Linda Brink
 September 22nd - Steve & Judy Edwards
 September 24th - Dennis & Sandy Kunster
 September 26th - Steve Savage & Leanne Authier
 September 27th - Richard & Brenda Shatkosky
 September 30th - Robert & Janet Drew

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50 Plus Years



Gene & Nancy Hobday
60 Years



Jim & Roberta Bayles
52 Years



Carl & Linda Brink
53 Years



Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

There and Back/Parts of Snake Pit/Highline.....	September 3rd, 8:00am	Tom Bunnell
Early Times, 3.5.....	September 9th, 8:00am	Tom Bunnell
Red Line (Short Version), 3.5.....	September 15th, 8:00am	Tom Bunnell
President's Choice, 4.0.....	September 17th, 8:30am	Bob Drew
Rattler, 4.0.....	September 25th, 8:30am	Bob Drew

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.....	Dark for the Summer	Schlotzsky's, Gene Hobday
Ladies Luncheon.....	Dark for the Summer	Cheri Malsed
Trail Boss Meeting.....	Dark for the Summer	Mike Yahrmarkt
H4W Board Meeting.....	Dark for the Summer	Bill Roberds
Cook's Night Out.....	Dark for the Summer	Cheri Malsed
Men's Breakfast.....	Dark for the Summer	Gary Wiskus
H4W Membership Meeting.....	Dark for the Summer	Bill Roberds

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

Send Event / Run Pictures to the Newsletter Editor
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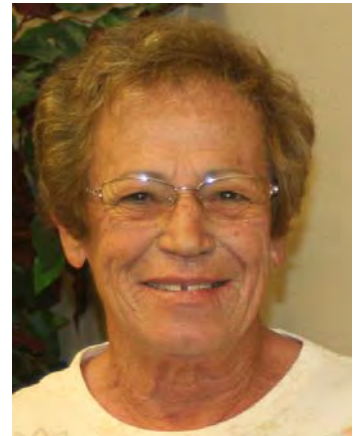
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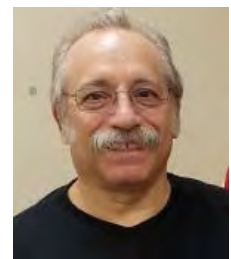


Membership Chair
Cheryl MacLean

Run Chair
Mike Yahrmarkt



These members ran uncontested so they will assume the duties of their new positions. A final vote will be taken at the October Membership Meeting.



Dave Blake, Jim Bowen, Cynde Choate, Steve Hirt and Stephen Locantore are running for 3 Member at Large positions which needs to be voted on by the membership at the October Membership Meeting.



MOAB 2021

Event Information

Event Dates

May 2nd thru May 8th, 2021

Trail Dates

May 3,4,5,6,7

Suggested RV Park

Spanish Trail RV Park

435-259-2411

Suggested Motel

Moab Valley Inn- \$140 / night group rate

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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 2021 and March 2021 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.

Please forward your 2021 reservation information to Chris Storm at cstorm4x4@verizon.net and he will update our attendee spreadsheet which will allow us to directly update you regarding the plans for the event.

Contact us for any additional information:

Chris Storm 951-675-1629

Jim Bowen 928-706-5048

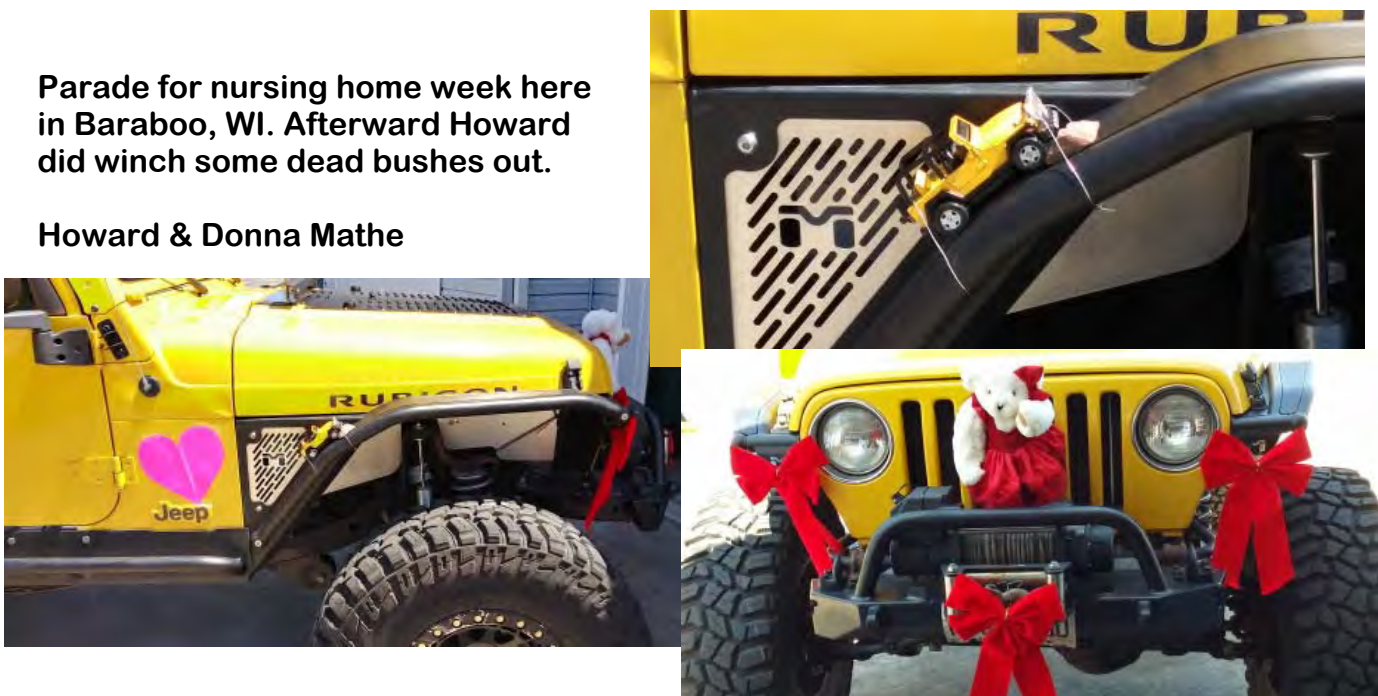
John and Sandy Newman and I were blazing some new (to us) trails around the Hualapai mountains whilst camping at 6500' in the RV park.

Rodger Melton



Parade for nursing home week here in Baraboo, WI. Afterward Howard did winch some dead bushes out.

Howard & Donna Mathe



Important Sharetrails Magazine Update!

We're pretty excited about this issue of the *Sharetrails Magazine*, it's a little different! Normally, you'd be getting a hard copy in the mail right about now. However, until further notice, we've chosen to use our digital online magazine format, and I want to tell you why.

The cost of the magazine's printing and mailing is supported by our advertisers. Given the current economic conditions, we know how hard it is for many businesses to make payroll, let alone fund ad sales. We are not charging any of our advertisers for their ads; we want them to put that money into helping their employees.

You can find the digital magazine at bit.ly/BRC-DigitalMag-19

After this is over, we will be faced with the most significant access fights of our generation. We're already taking the next steps – we're ready!

Spencer Gilbert
BRC Executive Director



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Thanks, Mike Yahrmarkt
Run Chairman

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Death of Members

It saddens me to inform you that two of our members has been called home to the Creator. Bob Carson passed away in June and Sharon Carson passed away in July. They were twenty year members. They will be missed. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Trish Reister



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JJ MINE POSTS REMOVED

Earlier this spring, Charles Leipart and Darryld Kautzmann removed the fences from the JJ Mine, in order for the BLM Contractors to seal the mine shafts. In the removal, six posts, imbedded in rock, had to be left in place.

In May Mike Yahrmarkt and Darryld Kautzmann, using an old rim and chain were able to remove the posts by fastening the chain to the bottom of the posts, looping it over the rim, and pulling with the jeep, as noted in the picture.

The interesting part about the removal is that the jeep is sitting exactly over the former open shaft. A large plastic sack was lowered part way down the shaft. Powdered Styrofoam was loaded into the bag and water was added. The mixture turned into a slurry. As the slurry hardened it attached to the sides of the shaft leaving a 50-80 feet gap below the plug.

The jeep proved the contractors claim that the plug would support a vehicle.

Darryld Kautzmann



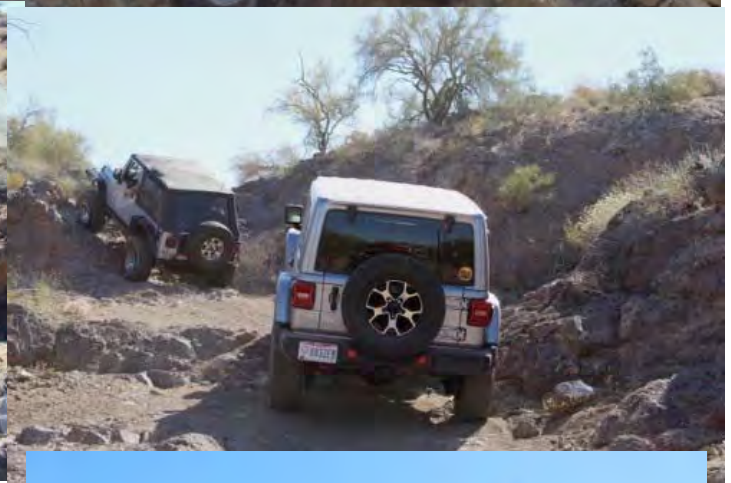
REMEMBER



If you have a 4 Wheeling picture, article, or a even a joke you'd like to share, please submit it to Tim & Patty Maskell, Newsletter Editors, at: newsletter@havasus4wheelers.org. Please no flipped over vehicles, off-color jokes or insensitive dialog. We're always looking for good stuff.

Tim & Patty

Bob Drew at Black Falls Loop



.....Janet Driving



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50 / 50 along with meetings and social functions are postponed until October 2020.

“Sunshine”

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Voting Members:

At Large.....Cheryl MacLean-Membership
Mike Yahrmak-Run Chair. At Large Dave Blake,
Jim Bowen, Cynde Choate, Steve Hirt, and
Stephen Locantore (A vote for 3 will be held when we
meet again in October)

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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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