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The Havasu 4 Wheelers **TRAIL TALK**

YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER



Arizona
December 2020

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

President's Corner



Greetings jeepers, I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed a safe and fun thanksgiving, I did and am filled with gratitude for all my blessings. November treated us to some great runs so be sure to thank our run leaders when you get the opportunity. December will have some good runs as well with 6 on the schedule so far, be sure to check out the activities page on our web site and our annual trash pickup on the 8th. So if you haven't signed up yet give Steve Locantore a call 562 833 0433 we start at the scenic turnout on Hwy 95 at 8:30 with many hands the job goes quickly.

Our new meeting venue is working well so we will continue at the rodeo grounds, next meeting will be the 17th at 4PM, I am hoping for good weather but will probably bring a coat. Our club supports and contributes to several organizations and the one I like best and believe is most effective is Tread Lightly, they work hard to keep all trails open, they are currently promoting responsible recreation education 2021 and want to hear from you at #GivingTuesday. Here's hoping you have an outstanding Christmas and a healthy one as well .

See you on the trail and Merry Christmas one and all!

Bill



December 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Happy Birthday

		1 Cheryl Wilson	2	3	4 Julie Carte Bruce Dulon Wes Luhr	5 David Cohen Sue Strong
6 Roger Malsed Tony Planas	7	8 Jef Johnson Eileen Palmer	9 Chris Myers Myron Myers	10 Donna Mathe	11 Jane Bowen Marylou Rodriguez Carol Jahrmarkt	12
13 Mike MacLean	14 Kent Higgins Wanda Scholl	15	16	17 Don Flood Richard Gill Bob Perala Noreen Shaffer	18 Joella Bruno	19 Su-Lyn Ortiz Fred Reister
20 Bill Glumack	21	22	23 Linda Lott Bill Palmer Craig Eggerman	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Roberta Bayles
27	28 Ray Hagarty Jutta Jewell LeAnn Keys	29 Peggy Federici	30	31 Len Martin		

*The Ray's
H4W "Club Stuff"*



Happy Anniversary

December 1st - Norm & Debbie Oschman
December 3rd - Darrel & Carol Norman
December 5th - Mike & Ro Beets
December 5th - Rich & Susie Gallihugh
December 6th - Robert & Glenna Taylor
December 7th - Tom & Kathy Cosgrove
December 8th - Dave & Mary Berg
December 8th - David & Lois Cohen
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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50 Plus Years



Ken & Joan Weller
60 Years



Darrel & Carol Norman
54 Years



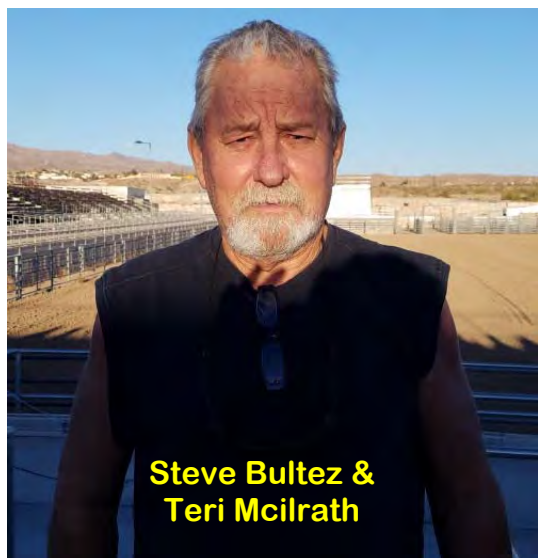
John & Julie Carter
53 Years



Jim & Janet Lund
51 Years

...Also, celebrating their 53rd anniversary, David & Lois Cohen, Sorry, no picture available

New Members Voted in at the November General Meeting



Steve Bultez &
Teri McIlrath



Allen & Melissa Johnston



Gary & Cheri Mortimer



Larry & Jan Santacrose





Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

Monument Peak, 3.25.....	December 3rd, 8:30am	Willie Williams
El Supremo/Vampire Mine, 3.5.....	December 5th, 8:30am	Mike Yahrmarkt
Intaligos & Alice Mine, 3.0.....	December 10th, 8:30am	Willie Williams
Cattail, 3.25.....	December 12th, 9:00am	Mike Yahrmarkt
K2 from Franconia Wash, 35.....	December 19th, 9:30am	Bill Roberds
Christmas Tree Pass, 3.0.....	December 21, 9:00am	Willie Williams
Black Mesa, 3.25.....	December 29, 8:30am	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	Old Schlotzsky's, Gene Hobday
Ladies Luncheon.....	Dark Until 2021	Cheri Malsed
Trail Boss Meeting.....	Cancelled	Genealogy Library, Mike Yahrmarkt
Highway Clean-up.....	December 8th, 8:30am	Steve Locantore
H4W Board Meeting.....	December 14th, 10:30am	Genealogy Library, Bill Roberds
Cook's Night Out.....	Dark Until 2021	Cheri Malsed
Men's Breakfast.....	Dark Until 2021	Gary Wiskus
H4W Membership Meeting.....	December 17th, 4:00pm	Rodeo Grounds (SARA Park) Bill Roberds

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

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



As a club we want to continue to have meeting and get out and enjoy the desert so during this Covid-19 epidemic please remember to stay 6 feet apart. If that is not possible, please wear a mask.
All the members with underlying health conditions Thank You.

Merchandise Available during



COVID-19 Social distancing

The Ray's H4W "Club Stuff"

During this time of challenges with social distancing and home self quarantine, we want to be sure members can still get the coveted H4W Merchandise from home.

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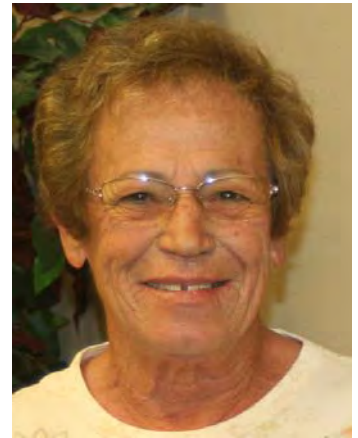
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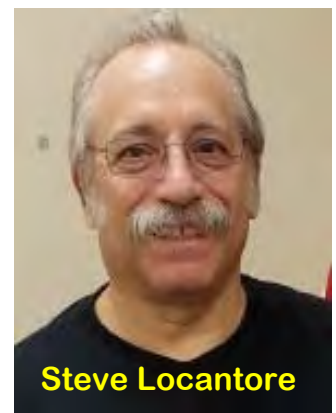
Members at Large



Dave Blake



Steve Hirt



Steve Locantore



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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

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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



The Cow Bell Award goes this time to:
Cadillac Dave Jewell
While heading up an obstacle he stood up
Maybaleen up on it's tail and had to be
strapped down, no one was injured
during this operation.



There was not a No Bell Awarded this
time.

At the last meeting, I had a couple people ask about how to add the 'Havas4Wheelers app' to their phone home screen. This is not really an 'app' but it is a version of the website formatted for a mobile device. Here is how to add the shortcut to the home screen on a phone or tablet:

Android

- 1 Launch "Chrome" app.
- 2 Open the **website** or web page you want to pin to your **home screen**.
- 3 Tap the menu icon (3 dots in upper right-hand corner) and tap **Add to home screen**.
- 4 You'll be able to enter a name for the **shortcut** and then Chrome will **add** it to your **home Screen**.

How to Create a Website Link on Your Home Screen

- 1 Launch Safari on your **iPhone** or **iPad**.
- 2 Navigate to the site that you want to create a **Home screen shortcut** to.
- 3 Tap the Share icon (the square with an arrow pointing out of it) at the bottom of the **screen**.
- 4 Scroll down to the list of actions and tap **Add to Home Screen**.

Roger

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Remembering Dean Robinson



Upper Jupiter / Hawks Nest

15 Jeeps with 22 members left for the desert at the end of Challenger. The trail was rough, but not as bad as I expected.

We traveled through Cactus Canyon, very scenic, if you have never been there, it is a must see. We were almost through the canyon when one of our members had a flat tire. With help from friends, that was fixed, and we were on our way.

We had lunch and headed back, dang, another flat for the same member. I am guessing they had a bad day. Lot of problems locating a spare and lug nuts, etc., but our jeepers figured it all out and we were again on our way.

We had quite a discussion on the desert Moose with a lot of interesting facts thrown around.

Due to getting late, and warm afternoons, we bypassed Hawks Nest.

We traveled back via Standard Wash, it was as smooth as I have ever seen it.

Special Thanks to all that helped with our tire problems, and thanks to Tom Bunnell for a good job tail-gunning.

Mike Yahrmarkt



Mohawk Spring Run + Hike

On Friday, November 6, 5 vehicles with 9 members and 4 guests left for Mohawk Spring in the Turtle Mountains. The weather was very cooperative as the clouds kept the temperature down and made it a great day for a hike. We stopped at the remains of Brown's Cabin on the way in to the trailhead where we explored the corral and camp. We then hiked to the dry Mohawk Spring and continued on the loop around Mexican Hat peak for a 3 mile hike. We returned to the parking area for lunch. From there we headed back to Turtle Mountain road. Everyone did a great job with no problems. I want to thank Steve and Diane McCue for being my tail gunners.

Steve Riley, Trail Boss

11/7/20



Aubrey Loop 11-9-20

After all the wind in the area it was so nice to have a wind free sunny day, which 6 jeeps took advantage of. This run takes you on parts of the Cat Tail cove run but then takes off in a different direction where we encountered a number of hills and ridges to run. Even with more erosion on some of the hills everyone made it even the stock jeep. The terrain changes a lot but the most noticeable is the rock.....smooth and round and a variety of colors. One area is really different being red or maybe a better term is rusty colored rocks with different colored rocks buried in it.

The day was almost perfect until in a wash on the homebound trail.....a jeep wouldn't start....did the usual things like trying to jump it, etc. This is the 2nd run I have done this season and the 2nd time to get out the tow rope. What made it more challenging were the hills which forced us to change the tow into a 3 vehicle tow but all made it out safely. A big Thank you to Bill Trunk for helping with the tow and Jack Burns for being tail gunner. As you know the tail gunner is vital for the run leader to know how the group is doing and allows the leader to determine the pace of the run. Being a tail gunner requires communication with the leader regarding when a group has mastered a hill, all have made the turn, and spacing of the group on the run. Jack Burns has this task mastered and makes the leaders job much easier.



Willie Williams, trail boss



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Thanks, Mike Yahrmarkt
Run Chairman

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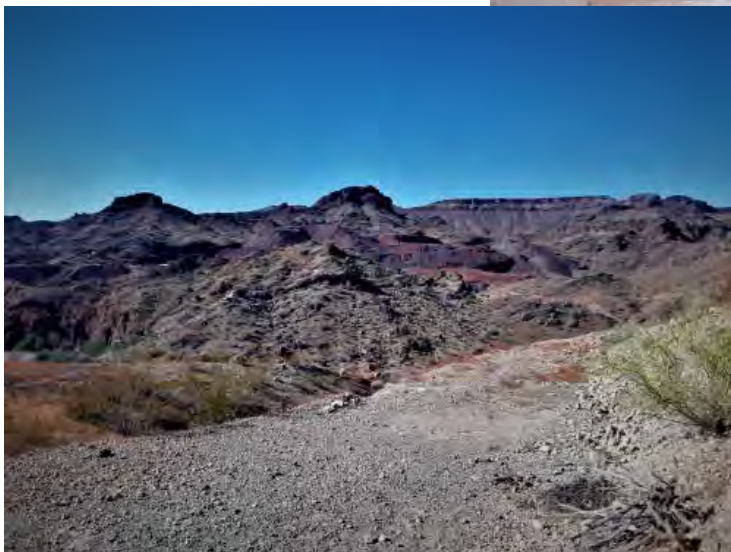
Planet Mine November 4, 2020

Twelve jeeps were on the run which took us past Parker onto Shea Rd. The trail we took is slightly washed out, but passable and has a great view of the tailings of MHM mine. As we continued on the run more small mines but there is one that is quite interesting because the rails are still present and several side tunnels to explore and of course some bats to greet us. After more wondering thru the desert we came to the area of the Planet Mine where we took a short walk to view the canyon where a lot of mining happened. On the way to the remains of the Planet Post Office one jeep ran into problems.....broken fan belt. While he waited for us, the rest of the group went to the overlook of the area of the Planet Ranch to check out the ponds that the AZ Fish & Game have put in. We got back to the stranded jeep, hooked up a tow strap and were on our way again. Toward the end of the trail we took a little side trip to a short but very stunning canyon where we checked out "resurrection" moss.

Not every run has the added bonus of seeing wildlife but we were lucky enough to see 3 big horn sheep and 2 burros.

What a pleasure to lead this group. Everyone did their part to maintain social distancing and also a great job driving which also includes the jeep being towed. Believe it or not there is an art to being towed and the driver did an excellent job for the 20 plus miles he was towed. Thanks to the tail gunner Jeff Johnson.

Willie Williams, trail boss



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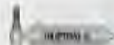
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Buck Mountain / Scotts Well

This is an easy run, scenic with a little history on Buck Mountain. There is an Arista, which is sadly being broken down, probably from too many visitors. There is a grave site there, and the Yucca Mine.

12 jeeps were on the run, pretty nice day, a little warm in the afternoon. Scott's Well went well. (no rollovers) We had lunch there and then made our way back to Havasu Heights.

Thanks to everyone on the run, Had a good time getting out in the desert. Jim Lund was my tail-gunner, good job, Thanks Jim.

Mike Yahrmarkt







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Tom Bunnell - 1

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Steve Riley - 1

Rodger Melton - 2

Willie Williams - 2

"Sunshine"

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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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