

# Havasu 4 Wheelers



YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

# resident's Corner

Welcome to the month of February. As we mourn the loss of some of members, there are brighter days ahead. Here are some of the brighter ones:



- 2/1 No Politics Day
- 2/2 Ground Hog Day
- 2/3 Free the Birds Day
- 2/4 Thank a Mailperson Day
- 2/8 Boy Scout Day
- 2/12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/22 George Washington's Birthday
- 2/23 INTERNATIONAL DOG BISCUIT DAY

I sure feel better already!:-) and be sure to sign up for some runs this month. It's a good time of year for some desert exploration.

The club has postponed the annual desert clean up until COVID is in the rear-view mirror. The beloved Hot Dog run and our annual banquet are also casualties of the virus. BUT!! our February meeting is tentatively scheduled for the rodeo grounds on February 25th and maybe inside the building! We will confirm that later in the month.

It is time to nominate a member for the prestigious Havasu-4-Wheeler of the Year Award. We will vote at the February meeting.

If you haven't paid your dues please do so.

I would like to thank you all for your patience as our club navigated through this past year of virus land mines. I am optimistic things will only get better and I encourage you to get out and do some 4 wheeling in this beautiful desert, if for no other reason than to participate in a mind clearing experience! And don't forget your Valentine(s) on the 14th! There are dog Valentines too, you know! February is also a perfect month to check your jeep gear, fire extinguisher, and upgrade your first aid kit!!

Best Regards, and keep on Jeeping,





# February 2021

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|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------|
| 7                                     | 8<br>Gus Rodriguez<br>John Strong<br>Joe Tenney | 9  | 10<br>Karen Janda                     | 11<br>Marty Crowder<br>Warren Jones  | 12<br>Mary Berg                                     | 13                     |
| 14<br>Valentines Day<br>Trish Reister | 15<br>President's Day<br>Kenneth Young          | 16<br>Sandy Kunster<br>Angelo<br>Maddalena<br>Mike Yahrmarkt | 17<br>Yolanda Bindels<br>Bruce Gruber | 18<br>Lisa Bunnell   | 19<br>Patty Maskell                                 | 20                     |
| 21                                    | 22  | 23   | 24<br>Ben Fekkeldy                    | 25<br>Diana Smith  | 26<br>Joe Egilske<br>Paul Stephens<br>Betty Woosley | 27<br>Patricia Billick |
| 28<br>Kendell Hintgen                 |   |  |                                       | If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed or listed on the wrong date, please let us know so we can correct our records. Thanks, Tim & Pat Maskell; newsletter@havasu4wheelers.org |   |                        |

#### The Hakala's H4W "Club Stuff"



Men's & Ladies
Long Sleeve & Short Sleeve T-Shirts
Men's and Ladies
Baseball Hats
Customs
H4W Logo Stickers
H 4 W Window I.D.
Stop by the table at the next meeting to see our new styles

# Happy Anniversary

February 4th - Bill & Sandy Palmer February 4th - Leland & Linda Lott February 8th - Paul & Joyce Stephens February 11th - Bert & Cindy Schipper February 12th - Jerry & Debbie Kuhnle February 14th - Richard & Laura Caldwell February 14th - Paul & Carol Hakala 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























# **New Members Voted in at the January General Meeting**













#### Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

| Duke & Duchess, 4.0February 2nd, 9:                            | 30am         |
|--|--------------|
| Tom Bu   | nnell        |
| Tyro Mine / Christmas Tree, 3.0February 3rd, 9:<br>Willie Will |              |
| Yahoo Loop, 4.0February 4th, 9:0                               | )0am<br>Drew |
| Swansea / Ester Basin, 3.0February 9th, 8:3                    | Oam          |
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| Chloride, 3.0February 12th, 8:3                                | Oam          |
| Rob Glum   | iack         |
| Tank Pass, 2.5February 21st, 7:30                              | 0am          |
| Bill Rob   | erds         |

<u>Please Note:</u> Please be at the departure location 20 minutes <u>before</u> 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

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

# At the January Meeting Mike Yahrmarkt Shared some H4W Statistics from 2020:

Runs in 2020 - 104 Members on Runs - 1,334 Vehicles on Runs - 885 Miles of Runs - 6,616 Trail Maintenance on Runs -74 Hours Guests on Runs - 120

Not Bad for a COVID Year! Thanx Mike

#### Other Club Happen'ns

| Morning Coffee           | Mon-Fri 7:30-9:00am<br>Old Schlotzsky's , Gene Hobday   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Ladies Luncheon          | Dark (COVID)<br>Cheri Malsed                            |
| Trail Boss Meeting Gened | February 22nd, 9:30am<br>alogy Library, Mike Yahrmarkt  |
| H4W Board Meeting Ge     | February, 22nd, 1030am<br>mealogy Library, Bill Roberds |
| Cook's Night Out         | Dark (COVID)<br>Cheri Malsed                            |
| Men's Breakfast          | Dark (COVID)<br>Gary Wiskus                             |
| H4W Membership Meeting   | February 25th, 4:00pm<br>Rodeo Grounds Bill Roberds     |
| Desert Clean-up          | Cancelled (COVID)<br>Dave Blake                         |
| Hot Dog Run              | Cancelled (COVID)<br>Dave Bruno                         |
| Moab                     | May 2nd - May 8th<br>Chris Storm                        |



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 Hakala's H4W "Club Stuff"

Hi there fellow 4 Wheelers. We are Paul and Carol Hakala and have just taken over handling of the Havasu 4 Wheelers merchandise. We have some pretty big shoes to fill, so please bear with us as we learn the ropes. With Moab coming up, we thought we would give a shout out to see if there was interest in putting together a sweatshirt order. We have a list that contains names of individuals who had previously indicated their interest. If you had previously placed your name on the list, please send us an email and confirm you are still interested. If you would like to place your name on the list, please either stop by at the next meeting and let us know or email us at grandpahak@gmail.com. Full payment for each sweatshirt will be required prior to actual placement of the order.

Thanks, the Hakala's





H4W

of the

Year

#### 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 Jim Bowen (chairperson), Tom Bunnell, or Willie Williams if you want to help out the club or if you have any questions.



Every year the membership acknowledges the person, they feel has contributed the most to the club. Here ae some pointers on how to make your selection for "Havasu 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 such as Board members, Committee members, activity chairs, run leaders, and behind the scene workers such as the webmaster and newsletter editor? Are they ready to lend a helping hand? Do they get involved?

Willie

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, 2020 Mike Yahrmarkt.

### 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, at: newsletter@havasu4wheelers.org. Please no flipped over vehicles, off-color jokes or insensitive dialog. We're always looking for good stuff.

**Tim & Patty** 



# MOAB 2021 Event Information

Event Dates May 2<sup>rd</sup> thru May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

800-831-6622 code Havasu19

With all reservations please indicate that you are with the **Havasu 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 2021and 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 <a href="mailto:cstorm4x4@verizon.net">cstorm4x4@verizon.net</a> 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

## Havasu 4 Wheelers Newest Senior Member:

## Dave Bruno Congratulations Dave





#### Silver Membership

<u>Per the By-Laws</u>: On March 31st, any member who has reached the age of 80 years old and has been a member for at least 5 years, they will receive the designation of "Silver Member". These members will be exempt from paying annual dues for as long as they are a member in good standing. The "silver membership badge" will be presented in the month that the member turns 80 years old.

It is the club member's responsibility to notify the Membership Chairperson and/or Treasurer if they are eligible for this status.



Did you know... We have our own Group on Facebook. This is a great place to share stories and pictures of your runs (don't forget our club posting rules, no pictures of roll overs, accidents, injuries, etc.). Maybe you have a favorite recipe or just want to ask a Jeep question to the group. We would love to hear from you!

I look forward to reading your posts, Carl Gibbs



# HUST A LITTLE





#### So you signed up for a Jeep Run!

- 1. Get to meeting spot 20 min. before the time listed.
- 2. Have a full tank of gas.
- 3. Bring your lunch and a chair.
- 4. If you CAN'T MAKE it notify the Run Leader. (people may be on the waiting list).

#### On the Trail

- 1. Follow the directive of the Trail Boss
- 2. Put your tow strap next to the driver's door
- 3. Keep up with the jeep in front of you
- 4. Be sure the jeep behind you sees the direction you turn
- 5. At a steep hill wait for the jeep in front of you to make it up the hill.
- 6. Once at the top of a steep hill pull up a couple jeep lengths and wait for the jeep behind you.

Go to Links on the website for additional helpful information.



#### Howlin at the Moon

Kelly Hughes will once again be performing in the desert. If you like country music, patriotic songs, and just want to have a good time this is the place to be. Bring a chair, drinks and food (if you wish) and plan on being entertained.

When: February 24, 2021 @ 3pm

Where: 7 miles down Shea Rd - on left





#### AN OPEN LETTER TO THE RUN CHAIRMAN

#### **Dear Mister:**

I understand that 'spotting' etiquette rarely finds itself on the agenda of club meetings, that items such as the club's budget and the organizing of the club's many

events are far more pressing and deserve higher priority.

However, perhaps for this jeeping season, I could gently suggest to you that at your next run leader's meeting you could stress to those who 'spot' drivers over obstacles to refrain from giggling. On the highway of life, being able to successfully drive over a big rock is important. It's a perfect metaphor for...well, something. (never mind)

I'm just not even going to mention that on-lookers should NOT hold up paper plates with numbers on them. We can't all be Bo Derek.



Please know that I am always appreciative of you and those club members who volunteer their time and talent to assist club drivers. The Havasu 4 Wheelers are lucky to have you. (and most spotters)

Later Vader,

Leland Lott (jeep driver)

note: Also, a 'snicker" counts the same as a 'giggle'. So does a "guffaw'.

#### Desert Bar Jan 10, 2021

The trail to the bar is definitely more challenging but everyone did a great job. Big Thank you to Jim Lund for being tail gunner for this large group of jeeps.

Trail Boss, Willie Williams



Paloma Wash Larry Sanburg 1/12/2021











#### B & D Roulette Mine

Rain is a good thing on a jeep run.....no dust plus the plants are dust free and display all their natural colors. On this run you get a variety of scenery from mountains with unique striated rock to washes with the usual vegetation to Whipple Wash with the tall canyon walls and various alcoves and irregularity in the rocks. The group got entertained for free when Howard drove into and out of the cave. Amazing what a jeep and experienced driver can do.



Trail Talk - 13 - February 2021



There is help for illegal dumping in Mohave County. It is called **E.R.A.C.E** (Environmental Rural Area Cleanup Enforcement. If you want to report an illegal dump site within Mohave County please call E.R.A.C.E. **Detectives at 928-715-0480.** 

#### **What They Do:**

- •Respond and investigate complaints of illegal dumping and environmental nuisance complaints.
- •ERACE sponsors dumpsite cleanups at various times.

#### **Functions of ERACE**

•Investigate criminal littering (illegal dumping) complaints throughout Mohave County. The County Ordinance 2002-03 is an Anti-Litter Ordinance that gives the Offender or Litter Generator, 5 days to clean-up the dumpsite and properly disposes of the waste. Failure to clean-up the dumpsite within the 5 day period is a Criminal Offense and the Offenders could possibly face criminal charges through the County Attorney's Office. Crimes in progress should be reported to the Sheriff's Office and often ERACE will get the follow up or delayed complaints.

•Work with various Community Leaders in planning, organizing and conducting community Cleanups. These Cleanups are useful to the Communities in where they have an opportunity to properly dispose of their Heavy Trash, items like old couches, mattresses, tree trimmings, tires, and so on.

**Dumpsite Remediation**, this is where ERACE will go out and cleanup dump sites on public lands. These types of Cleanups are dependent on several factors, the amount of Community volunteers, interest, and budget constraints.

Willie



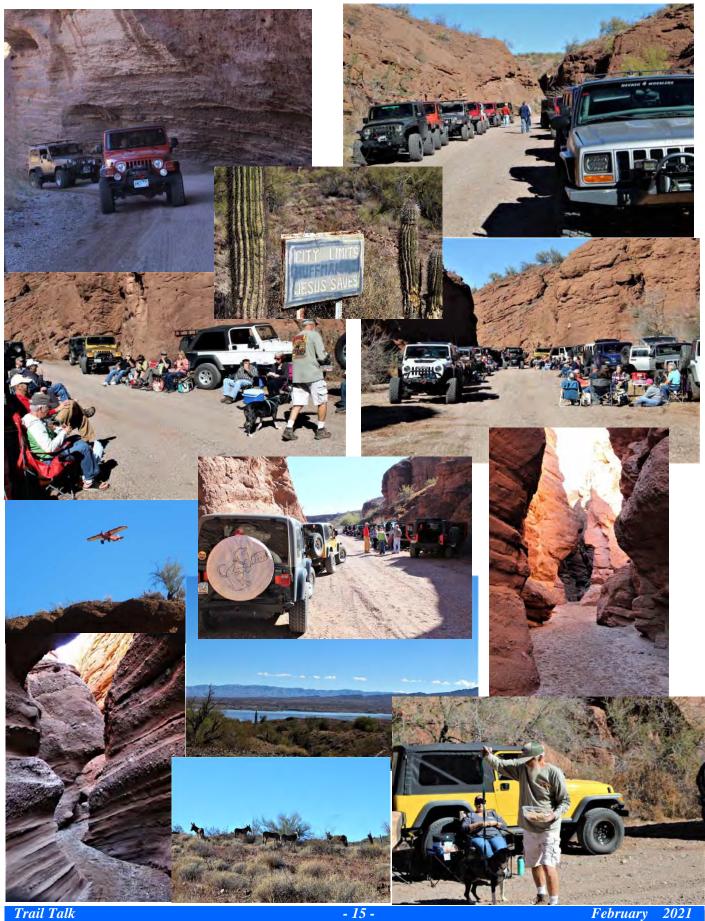








Alamo Slot Canyon Willie Williams 1/30/2021









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#### **Membership Dues**



It's time to send in your Membership dues of \$55.00. As of March 1<sup>st</sup> your dues will be considered delinquent and the fee is \$85.00. Because of the Covid-19 situation and the uncertainty of club meetings, I am asking members to mail the dues to: Havasu 4 Wheelers PO Box 1486 Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405.

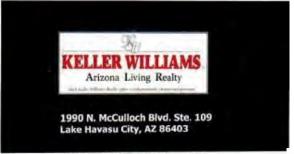
It is with great regret that the Annual Hot Dog Run for 2021 will be cancelled. Discussions when planning this event show too much concern for exposure and risk for a hot dog. The event will be back next year, bigger and better.



Thanks for understanding, Dave Bruno and the Hot Dog Team











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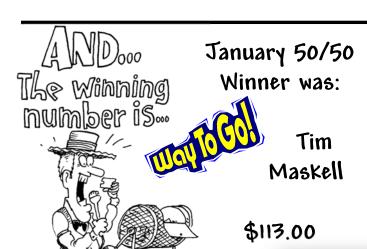
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# **Other Club Happnins'**

**Gas Cards for January:** 

Bill Roberds - 1
Bob Drew - 1
Mike Yahrmarkt - 1
Jim Bowen - 1
Larry Sanburg - 4
Willie Williams - 4 (5 Runs)

### Death of Members



Our Newest Run Leader Bill Glumack

It saddens me to inform you that four of our members have been called home to the Creator. Sandy Merrill, Joe Ray, William Diehl and Evelyn Daniels all passed in January. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.







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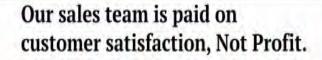


# We have a large club with lots of new members (and old members). Help everyone out by wearing your name tags.

#### **DIZCLAIMER**

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#### Havasu 4 Wheelers

Monthly meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month starting at 4:00pm at:

The Rodeo Grounds At Sara Park Lake Havasu City, Arizona

#### 2020 / 2021 Executive Officers:

| President      | Bill Roberds |
|----------------|--------------|
| Vice President | Chris Storm  |
| Secretary      |              |
| Treasurer      |              |

#### Voting Members:

Steve Hirt Stephen Locantore

#### Committees:

| Advertising        | Steve Hirt                   |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
|                    | Chuck Laughlin               |
| By-Laws            |                              |
| Desert Clean-up    |                              |
|                    | Steve Locantore              |
| Events             |                              |
| 50/50              | Steve & Kathy Perry          |
|                    | Carl Gibbs                   |
| Hot Dog Run        | Dave Bruno                   |
|                    | Bob Scholl                   |
| Men's Breakfast    | Gary Wiskus                  |
| Merchandise        | Paul & Carol Hakala          |
| Newsletter         | Tim & Pat Maskell            |
| Public Land Access | Jim Bowen                    |
| Safety             | Mike MacLean                 |
| Sunshine           | Trish Reister                |
| Turkey Roast       | Joella Bruno                 |
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#### - HAVASU 4 WHEELERS TRAIL RATINGS -- Mandatory Vehicle Equipment - All vehicles on H4W runs must be 4-wheel drive & equipped with a CB radio, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, tow straps, and front and rear tow hooks or safe hitching point ..... all in working order. RATING **DESCRIPTION** 1 EASIEST: Passable by stock vehicles. Gentle fairly wide grades. 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. 2 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. 31/4 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. 31/2 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. 33/4 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. DIFFICULT: Highly skilled experienced drivers only. Same as above with belly up, 4 to 1 transfer case or equivalent, skid plates, beefed up 4 axles and suspension system. Probable strapping/winching. Vehicle width and wheelbase should be considered. Possible body damage. HARD: All of the above. Probable body damage.





