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# The Havasu 4 Wheelers **TRAIL TALK**

**YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER**



Arizona  
March 2022

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

## **P**resident's Corner

February has come and gone and looking back, it was a good month for the club. Dave Blake led a very successful trail clean up, Mike Yahrmarkt taught another Jeeping 101 class, Arlene's Ladies luncheon was great and to top it off the Adler's had a great Yard Sale for the club.

Our fantastic trail leaders led eleven runs, the club's Cooks night out at the Wet Clam and Gary's Men's Breakfast were very well attended.

Speaking of well attended, the General Membership meeting was one of the largest groups we have had for a few years.

I want to thank every club member for their support and attendance.

Our coming month of March will continue to be very active with nine runs already posted by our trail leaders. More high lights will include the Hot Dog Run, the second Highway Clean Up and the annual Pizza in the Park. Check the newly updated calendar on our website for all of the upcoming events. Many thanks to Roger Allen for the hours of work involved with the new calendar. I think it is great.

March includes one of the most important General Membership meetings with the election of the 2022-23 season officers. All nine elected positions are extremely important to the health and well-being of the club and I ask all of the members that can come, please join us and vote. The other highlight of the meeting is the annual awards to be presented to the leaders of the club. Everyone deserves the thanks and acknowledgement to be given to the Board, Committee Chairs, Trail Leaders and the 4 Wheeler of the Year.

We are hoping for a great turn out. Hope to see you there.

Chris Storm  
President



# March 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Happy Birthday

		1	2	3 Byron Pohlman	4 Early West	5
6	7 Paul Hakala Carla Perala	8	9	10 Jack Janda	11	12 Ro Beets
13	14	15 Don Bender Garnett Collins	16 Alan Pepper	17 St Patrick's Day	18 Fred Still	19
20 Dave Billick Kathy Smith Cindy Urban	21	22	23 Tom Bunnell Diane Durham Sharon Husted Frank Lopez	24 Karen Corbett	25	26
27 Peter Lamont	28 Constance Still	29 Debbie Gleadle Joanne Malara	30	31 Jerry Kuhnle		

*The Hakala's  
H4W "Club Stuff"*

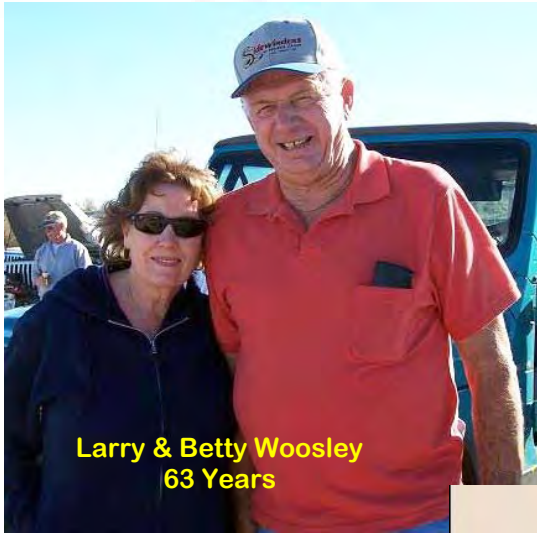


**Happy Anniversary**

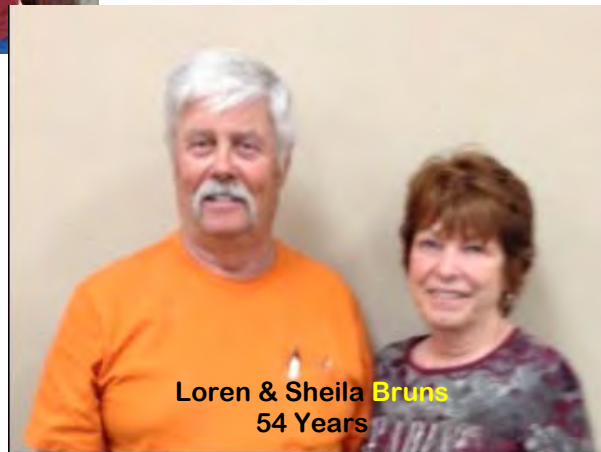
March 1st - Mike & Jan Pitts  
 March 1st - Joe & Pat Tenney  
 March 1st - Joe & Vickie Welch  
 March 1st Larry & Betty Woosley  
 March 2nd - Tim & Karen Becker  
 March 2nd - Loren & Sheila Bruns  
 March 3rd - Michael & Linda Gephardt  
 March 5th - Jim & Ginny Frush  
 March 9th - Mark & Dana Adler  
 March 12th - Steve & Diane McCue  
 March 19th - Mike & Cheryl MacLean  
 March 28th - Tim & Pat Maskell  
 March 31st - Tony & Annie Planas

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50 Plus Years



Larry & Betty Woosley  
63 Years



Loren & Sheila Bruns  
54 Years



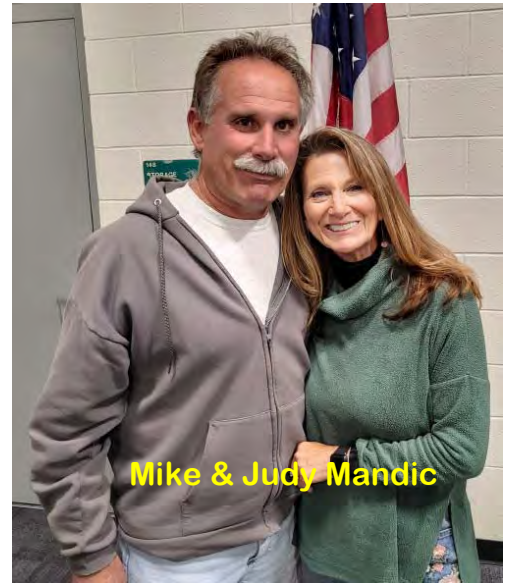
Tim & Pat Maskell  
53 Years



# February New Members



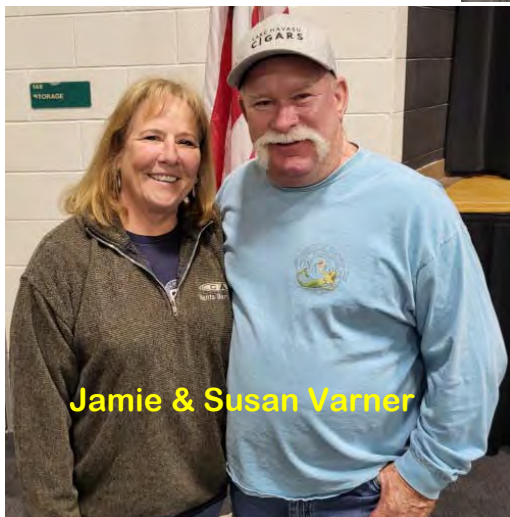
John & Tess Harp



Mike & Judy Mandic



Chris & Peggy Sherman



Jamie & Susan Varner



Drew & Melissa  
Voakes

Also...David & Mary Davis, No Picture Available.



## Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

Cerbat Crest, 3.25.....	March 1st, 8:00am	Rob Glumack
Yellowstone, 3.5 - 4.0.....	March 2nd, 9:00am	Bob Drew
Cottonwood Trail to Bar IL, 3.25.....	March 3rd, 8:30am	Rodger Melton
Gold Standard Mine, 3.0.....	March 4th, 9:30am	Raymond Harvey
Planet Mine, 3,25.....	March 7th, 9:00am	Willie Williams
<b>Hot Dog Run.....</b>	<b>March 9th, 8:00am</b>	
Paloma Wash, 4.0.....	Ladell Olson	
Redline, 3.5.....	Mike Yahrmart	
Lost Trail, 3.25.....	Gary Wiskus	
Gold Springs, 3.0.....	Dave Blake	
Planet Ranch, 3.0.....	Chris Storm	
Swansea, 3.25.....	March 14th, 9:00am	Willie Williams
Hole-in-the-Wall Camping Trip, 3.0.....	March 20th - 22nd	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](http://www.havasu4wheelers.org)**

**Send Event / Run Pictures to the Newsletter Editor  
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## Other Club Happen'ns

Morning Coffee.....	Mon-Fri 7:30-9:00am	Old Schlotzsky's , Gene Hobday
Hot Dog Run.....	March 9th, 8:00am	Dave Bruno
Highway Clean-up.....	March 16th, 8:00am	Steve Locantore
Ladies Luncheon.....	March 16th, 12:00pm	Casa Serrano, Arlene Storm
Trail Boss Meeting.....	March 21st, 9:00am	Genealogy Library, Jim Bowen
H4W Board Meeting.....	March 21st, 10:30am	Genealogy Library, Chris Storm
Pizza in the Park.....	March 23rd, 5:00pm	Garnett & Sue Collins
Men's Breakfast.....	March 24th, 8:00am	Bad Miguel's, Gary Wiskus
H4W Membership Meeting.....	March 24th, 6:00pm	Aquatic Center, Chris Storm
Chicken in the Park.....	April 13th, 5:00pm	Jim Lund
Hotel Rock Indian Ruins.....	April 30th, 8:30am	Bob Drew
Moab Event.....	May 1st to May 8th	Ken & Sarah Corippo
Sand Hollow Event.....	May 9th to May 11th	Chris Storm

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## Jeep 101 2/8/2022

We had 5 jeeps attend the class. We started with about 1.5 hour of instruction covering general trail driving, shifting, and safety. And then did a run through the bowling alley. Several ladies drove and they all did real good. It was a fun day great weather.

Thanks to Tom Bunnell and Steve Locantore for their help and knowledge . Mike Yahrmarkt



### HOWLING AT THE MOON

This is a fun get together in the desert. Kelly Hughes performs a mixture of country, patriotic, fun songs and a special song about the AZ Moon as it comes over the horizon.

Where: 7 miles down Shea Rd on the left.

When: March 15th at approx. 3PM – Come Early as they are expecting a big crowd.

Bring your own chairs and refreshments.

Willie



Don't forget to sign up for the Chicken in the Park on April 13 at the March General Meeting. Jim & Janet Lund will be hosting. Happy Hour at 4:00pm and Chicken at 5:00pm, Rotary Park, \$5.00 each.

Don't Miss Out!

## 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@havas4wheelers.org](mailto:newsletter@havas4wheelers.org). Please no flipped over vehicles, off-color jokes or insensitive dialog. We're always looking for good stuff.



Tim & Patty





# H4W Yard Sale a Big Success



This years H4W yard sale was a success because of Mark and Dana Adler and their army of volunteers. Also, a big thank you goes out to all the members who donated their hidden treasures and relics. The club netted \$6,075, great work everyone!



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# Cook's Night Out at the Wet Clam

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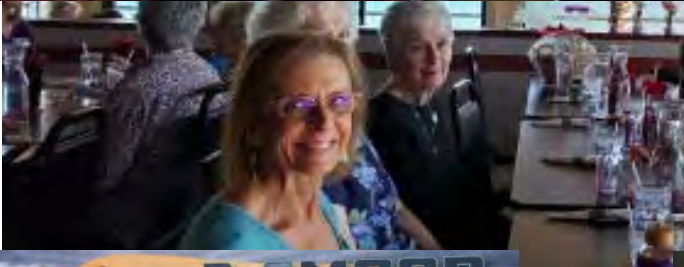


## Ladies Luncheon at the Turtle Grill

Arlene Storm 2/9/2022

Cindy Urban Won a Gift Basket

Joella Bruno Won the Ten Bucks



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# No Bell Award



The No Bell Award this time goes to Tom Bunnell who, as it turns out, was with Ladell Olson last month when they saved a broken Jeep on Deliverance. Congrats Tom and Ladell



Tom also won another award at the meeting, the first annual and coveted award for the yard sale's least likely to sell plaque with a generous donation of a slightly used pool/spa pump. Awarded by Mark Adler



# Cow Bell Award



There was no No Bell Awarded This Time

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## Havasu 4 Wheelers 2022 Moab Adventure (Updated 2/6/22)



at Canyonlands by Night (see new details below)

Sunday, May 1 - Rotary Park, 680 S Mill Creek Drive  
- 3 PM Trail Leaders meet & trail sign-up  
- 4 PM General Members meet & trail sign-ups. Pick-up start location maps / \$30 (cks to H4W) per person BLM payments.  
- Bring your camera to take pictures of your sign-up sheets  
- BYOB/Appetizers (Alcohol not allowed / dogs on leash only).

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - run trails

Friday Night - Cowboy-style Dutch Oven Dinner

Departure at will. Mother's Day is Sunday May 8, 2022. Many of us will join Chris Storm in Hurricane UT for 3 days of wheeling in the Sand Flats State Park. Arrival May 8/Departure May 12.

**Attendees with RVs - Reservations must be made immediately!!!**

Spanish Trail RV (our Headquarters) 2980 US-191 435-259-2411. Space for trailers available \$10/night...reservations required.

Alternate Suggestions:

Moab Rim RV (next door) 1900 US-191 435-259-5002

Moab KOA (across street) 3225 US-191 435-241-7890

**Attendees needing overnight accommodations - Reservations must be made immediately!!!**

Moab KOA has cabins (see above)

Moab Rim has cabins (see above)

Moab Rustic Inn - 2 star - kitchenettes - 120 E 100 S, Moab 435-259-6177. \$140 + Tax is H4W special rate.

Dog OK rooms are available upon request.

City of Moab has now released 2 city street blocks for parking of trailers near Rustic Inn.

Moab Valley Inn 711 S Main St. Moab 800-831-6622 - \$140 + Tax is H4W special rate. Block is held til 4/1.

**Fees:** BLM requires groups to pay \$6 per person per day. This fee will be collected on Registration Day, Sunday, May 1. Make your checks out to Havasu 4 Wheelers, please no cash.

**T-Shirts:** We will be working with the T Shirt Shop (38 North Main Street) to provide a Havasu 2022 Moab Shirt. Stop by the shop, pick out your shirt style, size and color and they will stamp this year's design for you.

**Friday night:** [Call for reservations: 800-394-9978](tel:800-394-9978). Location: 1861 N Hwy 191 (Across the Colorado Bridge...on the left).

[Cancels must be received at least 48 hours in advance for refund. Arrive on time...need to pick up tickets, complete waivers and sign manifest](#)

[6:30PM - Cowboy Style Dutch Oven Dinner \(dinner only\) usually \\$24.99 plus tax/tip...Havasu4Wheeler special rate \\$22.00 including tax/ tip.](#)

[Includes BBQ Beef, BBQ Pork, BBQ Chicken, Roast Beef, Roast Pork, Cowpoke potatoes, Baked Beans, Corn, Cole Slaw, Pasta Salad, Green Salad, Rolls and Apple Crisp for dessert. Bottomless Soft Drinks. There is a full no-host bar available during dinner.](#)

[Cowboy Style Dutch Oven Dinner and Sound & Light Evening Boat ride usually \\$89...Havasu4Wheeler special rate \\$75](#)

[8:00 PM \(arrive at 7:30\) - Sound & Light Evening Boat ride \(ride only\) usually \\$79...Havasu4Wheeler special rate \\$65.](#)

**Trail Start Locations:** We will be using the Easter Jeep Safari start locations. Maps will be available during Sunday's Registration. All trails will LEAVE at 9 AM...be there early!

In the interim, as additional information becomes available, we would like to know if you are planning to come, Please send your name, phone #, email address and the Moab location of your confirmed overnight accommodations to Sarah and Ken Corippo [sarahcorippo@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcorippo@gmail.com). Call with questions any time 707-246-7422. With your email, we will keep you in the loop as arrangements begin to solidify.

We are looking for co-hosts and trail leaders...is this your year to volunteer??  
It's fun and a great way to get to know your fellow wheelers!



# Blanding/Moab/St.George

Activity Schedule Updated 2/6/22

## BLANDING, UT - Your Host: Bob Drew 760-805-5545

Friday 4/29	All day	Arrive/check-in to a motel or Blue Mtn RV Park. Make your own reservation.
Saturday 4/30	8:30:00 AM - all day	Group departs for Hotel Rock Trail 3.5 (advance signup required)
Sunday, 5/1	All day	Depart for Moab - get ready for 3pm Registration in Moab.

## MOAB, UT - Your Hosts: Sarah & Ken Corippo 707-246-7422

Sunday 5/1	3:00 PM	Trail Leaders Only Meet at Rotary Park Pavilion: 680 S Mill Creek Drive
	4 PM to 7 PM	General Members Meet at Rotary Park Pavilion: 680 S Mill Creek Drive
	All Members Must:	- Bring \$30 per person - Cks to H4W, no cash - BLM Payment is required prior to trail sign-up.
		- Bring your cell phone to take pictures of your registration sign-up sheets with leader name, start times and start locations.
		- Rotary Park: Dogs must be on leash - Alcohol not allowed
	7:00 PM	Dinner on your own
	8:00 PM	Announcements via email
Monday 5/2	9:00 AM	Trails (See Trail Schedule for time/start location)
Tuesday 5/3	4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Trailtales 'n Cocktails - BYOB/Appetizers - Informal/your RV park/motel
Wednesday 5/4	8:00 PM	Announcements via email
Thursday 5/5		
Friday 5/6	9:00 AM	Trails (See Trail Schedule for time/start location)
	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Trailtales 'n Cocktails - BYOB/Appetizers - Informal/your RV park/motel
	6:30 PM	Group BBQ Dinner at Canyonlands by Night - 1861 N Hwy 191 - Spec Rates
		Call 435-259-5261 to make your own reservation for dinner and/or river cruise.
		BBQ Dinner Only: \$22 River Cruise Only: \$65 Both: \$75
	8:00 PM	Announcements via email
Saturday 5/7	All Day	Departure at will

Thanks for coming! Happy Trails to you, until we meet again!

**Be sure to book your reservations in Moab for 2023!**

**Arrival Sunday 4/30. Run trails 5/1, 5/2, 5/3, 5/4, 5/5**

## ST.George/Hurricane - Your host: Chris Storm 951-675-1629

Sunday 5/8	All Day	Arrive/check-in - Make your own motel/RV reservations. Trail Sign-up Location to be determined.
Monday 5/9		Run Trails
Tuesday 5/10		Run Trails
Wenesday 5/11		Run Trails
Thursday 5/12		Depart at will



40 members led by Dave Blake showed up to clean the desert above Paso de Oro, braving near freezing temps with wind. A 40 yard bin was filled by the end of the day. Thanks everyone, and the neighbors are happy.







On Sunday, February 20 at 9:00am, there was a drive through in Dillard's parking lot to say goodbye to Dave Opperman Jr. Forty-four Jeeps showed up to honor our old friend. His life partner of 30 years, Diana Smith, walked around and visited with all of us carrying JR and his dog Jake's ashes, it was a nice good-bye. When it was time to leave, the Jeeps carrying the family drove around all the member Jeeps on their way to Dave and Jake's last ride to K2. Thank you to all who came.





We had a total of 5 jeeps and 1 buggy on the trail for a beautiful day of off-roading. Sarah Corippo was the nature guide for the day pointing out local flora. At the lunch stop, she pointed out a pack rat nest. Thank you for informing us. Special thanks to Mike and Judi Mandit for bringing their buggy on the new member qualifying run. Mike took Scott Bare up the buggy side of Black Falls, and made it look easy. Judi didn't hesitate to give up her seat so Scott could ride up the falls.

Loren Bruns  
Trail Boss





## This N That

We had 14 jeeps on that run. Several new or prospective members. Everyone did great and enjoyed the day. Things went good for a while and then the trail boss lost his CB ant. That made things a little more difficult. Thanks to Bill Trunk for coming to the rescue with a handheld CB. As an added bonus we stopped by Oppenheimer's Crack and Ghost Falls. Fun day with a great bunch of jeepsers. Thanks to John Vodry for his help spotting.

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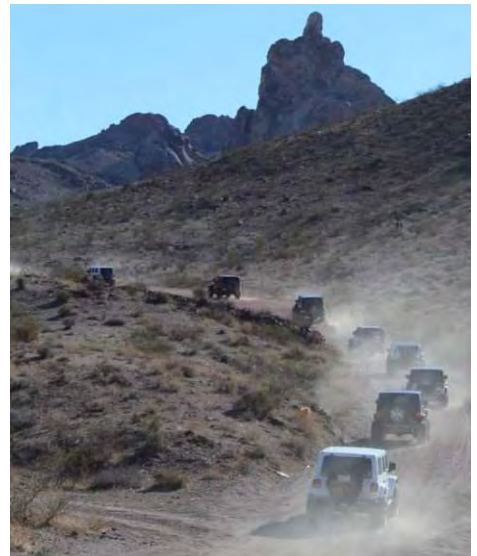








## Ridges 2/11/2022 Mike Yahrmarkt





Slot Canyon 2/21/2022 Rob Glumack





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## Wall of Death

Poem written by Mike & Carol Yahmarkt's 10 year old grandson Brandon Bruman, after his trip to Cat Tail Cove



In my grandpa's jeep  
I looked straight ahead  
there was a rock  
level with my head

He turned on the locks  
And started to ascend  
I could smell my socks  
I could feel my fingers bend

We were very vertical  
There was nothing but sky  
I looked at my Dad  
And blinked one eye

It was very scary like a ghost  
It was finally over  
I let out a big sigh  
Because we didn't roll over

The poem on the left was originally printed in a 2010 newsletter. Mike shared it with us at the February meeting and we thought you all would like to see it.  
<<<<<<<<

H4W's newest senior member, Larry Sanburg, (right), getting his name tag at the general meeting.  
>>>>>>>



## "Sunshine"

If you know of anyone in the club who might need some cheering up, please contact Cindy Eglske at [slickski1@yahoo.com](mailto:slickski1@yahoo.com). She will be happy to send cards on behalf of the entire Havasu 4 Wheelers membership.



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## Cards Sent in February

Carol Laughlin - Get Well  
Phil Hill - Get Well  
Judy Olson - Get Well

Also, Bricks will be placed on 3/22/2022 for Leroy Larsen and Dick Thomas



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21 Men showed up for the men's breakfast on Thursday February 24th at Bad Miguel's, Chris Storm won the ten bucks. Come and join the fun on 3/24/2022 at 8:00am, but come early.



Steve & Kathy  
Perry  
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Run Leaders Left to Right and Runs for  
February:

Ray Harvey-1, Dave Blake-1, Bob Drew-1  
Chris Storm-1, Loren Bruns-2, Rob Glumack-2  
Tom Bunnell-3, Mike Yahrmarkt-3, and  
Jim Bowen

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RATING	DESCRIPTION
1	<b>EASIEST:</b> Passable by stock vehicles. Gentle fairly wide grades.
2	<b>EASY:</b> 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	<b>EASIEST MODERATE:</b> 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	<b>MODERATE:</b> 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	<b>HARDER MODERATE:</b> 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	<b>HARDEST MODERATE:</b> 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	<b>DIFFICULT:</b> 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	<b>HARD:</b> All of the above. Probable body damage.

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