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The Havasu 4 Wheelers **TRAIL TALK**

YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER



January 2023

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

President's Corner

The holidays have passed, and we have concluded with the Holiday Banquet that was well attended. Many thanks to the members that worked on the Banquet committees and to Arlene for chairing the event.

Our thoughts go with the events, trail runs and items that happened during the past year and we also remember the loved ones and fellow members that have passed. They all will be remembered.



The club has presented our first donations for the past year and will continue to present at the future meetings. Our efforts have been recorded in the local newspaper and our club is getting the recognition it deserves. We are partnering with other clubs and organizations in cleaning up and maintaining our precious trails. The club should be thankful for the members that have helped organize these unified efforts. There is certainly strength in numbers, and we should be ever vigilant in watching to preserve our off road access by joining and participating in these activities.

Our club is in need of volunteers to run for the 2023-24 club year elected positions. Please contact Bill Roberds (360-460-1014) when you decide to help run the club. We all can help with the training for these positions and it is healthy for the club to get new ideas and outlooks.

Here's to a great New Year!
Chris Storm
President



January 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Happy Birthday

1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5 Thomas Charton	6 Ted Gilbertson	7
8 P. J. McGuire Jan Parent	9	10 Jim Sims	11	12	13	14 Yvonne Holcomb
15	16	17 Kathy Perry	18 Doug Polzin	19 Robert Brownell	20 Gary Wiscus	21
22 Todd Flesner	23 Sue Freiman Barbara Sanburg Vivian Trudell	24	25	26 Diane Corder Susan Gentry	27 Loren Bruns	28 Butch Wehman
29	30 Tammy Blake Kerry Brissom	31	<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@havasu4wheelers.org Thanks, Tim & Pat Maskell</p>			

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 January 10th - Norman & Patti Schroeder
 January 12th - Bill & Yvonne Holcomb
 January 16th - Ray & Deb Harvey
 January 16th - Kent & Kate Higgins
 January 17th - Rob & Lorna Moore
 January 18th - Kevin & Cheryl Duke
 January 27th - Duane & Linda Gauthun
 January 28th - Bruce & Sue Freiman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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December New Members



Matt & Lisa Ambrose



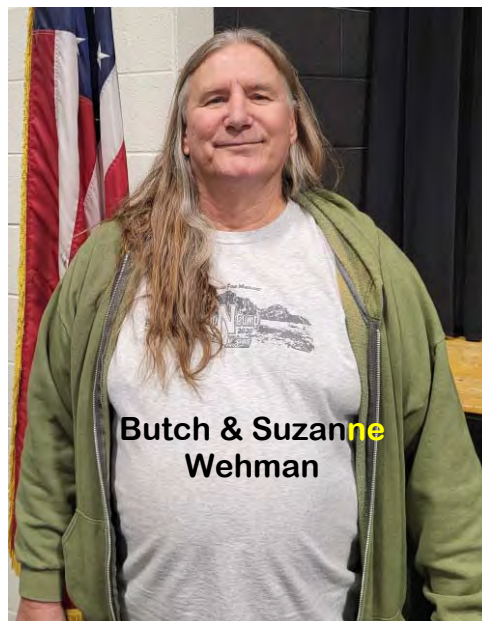
Patrick & Dawn Kirk



Larry & Kelly Pahl



Anthony & Lourdes San Miguel



**Butch & Suzanne
Wehman**



Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

Buck Mountain Scott's Well, 3.25.....January 4th, 8:30am
Mike Yahrmarkt

Four Peaks Trail, 3.0.....January 10th, 9:00am
Ray Harvey

Mike's This and That, 3.25.....January 12th, 9:00am
Mike Yahrmarkt

Mohave Co Sherriff Clean Up January 14th, 9:00am
Dave Blake

Jeeping 101, 3.0.....January 18th, 9:00am
Mike Yahrmarkt

AED Class, 0.0.....January 23rd, 10:00am
..Brian Springer

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

Other Club Happen'ns

Morning Coffee.....Mon-Fri 7:30-9:00am
KAWS, Gene Hobday

Ladies Luncheon.....None Scheduled for January
Arlene Storm

Holiday Banquet.....January 6th, 5:00pm
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Mohave County Sherriff Clean up.....January 14th, 9:00am
Dave Blake

Trail Leader Meeting.....January 16th, 9:00am
Genealogy Library, Steve Locantore

H4W Board Meeting.....January 16th, 10:30am
Genealogy Library, Chris Storm

Men's Breakfast.....January 19th, 8:00am
Bad Miguel's, Gary Wiskus

H4W Membership Meeting.....January 19th, 6:00pm
Aquatic Center, Chris Storm

Cooks Night Out.....January 30th, 4:00pm
Pirates Cove, Arlene Storm

Hot Dog Run.....March 8th
Dave Bruno

Moab 2023.....May 1st to May 7th
Bob Drew

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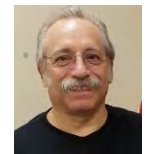


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**Havasu 4 Wheeler
Of the Year
2022-2023
Chris and Arlene Storm**



REMEMBER

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Tim & Patty





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Moab 2023 Reservation Information

The club dates are as follows:

Arrive Monday, May 1st, 2023

Check out Sunday May 7th, 2023

Runs will be led May 2nd thru May 6th

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Ladies Breakfast

Arlene Storm 12/9/2022



Birthday Ladies, Joella Bruno, Christie Bruno, and Jane Bowen



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Still going strong at 96 years old is Bertrand “B.J.” Buckhout, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel who first enlisted during World War II. Growing up during the Great Depression, his childhood experience involved working on lawns for 25 cents. Buckhout would give his mother 20 cents from his pay in order for her to purchase groceries for their family.

Once the war began, Buckhout, along with the other students in his senior class, were tasked with finding work in nearby factories. This situation found Buckhout working as a milkman at the age of 16 for Post Cereals. These unfortunate circumstances led him to later appreciate the value of a dollar during his adult years.

One day, military recruiters paid a visit to his senior class, in which Buckhout was introduced to the U.S. Army Air Corps. This branch of service had a cadet program at the time and Buckhout found himself enlisting at the age of 17 in December 1943. Upon his high school graduation in 1944, Buckhout headed to the Army Air Corps and started on a journey that would span for over 30 years.

“I was called up to active duty in February of ‘45,” Buckhout recalled. “So, I spent the last six months or so in World War II.”

When the cadet program had ceased, Buckhout attended the branch’s officer candidate school. He was stationed in Washington, D.C. following his graduation and became a teletype operator due to his typing course in high school. The experience Buckhout had as a milkman eventually granted him the position of a commissary sales officer while stationed at Boeing Field in D.C.

On one particular day, Buckhout and two other second lieutenants were approached by a colonel who asked the young men about joining a new program. The colonel was responsible for an upcoming pilot training program and wanted to include a mixture of officers and cadets. The young men eagerly signed up for his program and were well on their way to earning their wings.

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Arriving at Randolph Field in San Antonio, Buckhout began learning on a primary trainer with a Boeing PT-17 Stearman. Later, Buckhout traveled to Chandler, Arizona and received his wings at Williams Air Force Base in 1947.

The acceptance of his wings allowed Buckhout to receive his first assignment at Orchard Place Airport, now known as O'Hare International Airport. Shortly after in 1949, he married his wife, Jean Buckhout, and the pair traveled to San Francisco for two weeks. When his wife went back home after their visit, Buckhout was placed on a boat to Japan.

"She joined me in February 1950 and we left Japan on Jan. 1, 1952," Buckhout said. "We came back to the states and stayed here ever since."

While in Japan, Buckhout began flying P-51 Mustangs as a fighter pilot and later transferred to piloting F-82 Twin Mustangs. Once the Korean War started in June 1950, Buckhout's 68th Fighter All Weather Squadron "was one of the first squadrons over in Korea." Serving on 50 missions throughout his time in the Korean War, Buckhout also flew in Martin B-57 Canberra reconnaissance aircraft.

A significant incident ingrained into Buckhout's memory is from a special mission his unit had to complete. Six airplanes were tasked with traveling 5,000 miles to the Gulf of Mexico while they were stationed near Mobile, Alabama. The airplanes had to land 50 feet above water and fly towards the land to test their radar capabilities. These were regular radar tests that his crew had to undergo, but this test unfortunately led to a crash.

In mid-flight, traveling at 35,000 in the air, Buckhout experienced two engine failures on his B-57 Canberra. The navigator with Buckhout had to crawl towards the entrance and manually parachute out of the plane. Buckhout was able to escape with his parachute and landed in a field 20 miles north of Mobile.

"I saw this big field and I said, 'I'm going to hit that field,'" Buckhout remembered. "In the middle of that field was a pine tree. Lo and behold, I hit that pine tree and my chute got all tangled up in the limbs."

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After managing to descend from the tree, Buckhout was soon surrounded by the local sheriff and other law officials. The sheriff drove the blood-soaked airman to the location where his navigator had landed.

To Buckhout's surprise, his navigator appeared to have no visual injuries on his body.

"When I got to this big, beautiful white mansion, he came walking out the driveway with a cup of tea and two cookies in his hand!" Buckhout exclaimed. "Here I am, all bloodied and he didn't have a scratch."

The injuries that Buckhout sustained from his crash landing included damaged vertebrae in his back and a broken foot. He considers the neck and back issues he suffers from today to be a fortunate outcome from his accident. The crash warranted a few days' stay at the hospital along with Buckhout forgoing his flying status for one month while in recovery.

In November 1976, Buckhout was able to retire from the Air Force at the age of 50. Following the military, he obtained employment with the Federal Aviation Agency and remained there until his second retirement in 1983. Buckhout retired as a chief of the department of flight inspection for the district office of where he worked.

"I went from second lieutenant all the way up and was fortunate enough to retire as a full colonel," Buckhout said of his military retirement.

In 1999, Buckhout and his wife started to split their time between their residence in Michigan and their home in Lake Havasu City. The couple decided to become full-time residents of Havasu over a year ago. They now have a host of family members and friends nearby that keep them company.

The stance that Buckhout takes on the military is that physically-fit young men should serve at least two years upon their high school graduation.

"It makes a man out of a boy," Buckhout said. "The discipline that is in the military is for survival. If you don't have that discipline, you are liable to get killed."

Black Falls Loop

12/3/2022 Bob Drew



Goat Hill

12/5/2022 Steve Locantore



No Bell Award

The No Bell goes this time to Beryl Winchak. Beryl was at the market when she saw an older man in front of the store who looked confused. She approached him and asked if he needed help. The gentleman told her he'd been waiting a long time for his wife to come out and that he was OK. Even though he was good she still took the extra step and took him into the store to find his wife. Giving Award back is Melba Olsen.







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Other Club Happnins'

Men's Breakfast had 21 men at Bad Miguel's and Dave Jewell won the 10 bucks.

Runs for December

Bill Roberds - K2
Ladel Olson - Signal for Mike Yahrmarkt
Bob Drew - Black Falls Loop
Steve Locantore - Goat Hill
Dave Blake - Copper Basin Earp Falls
Bill Roberds - Alice Mine
Mike Yahrmarkt - Aubrey Loop
Mike Yahrmarkt - Black Mesa



**Kurt & Cheryl
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**Tim Maskell
won the
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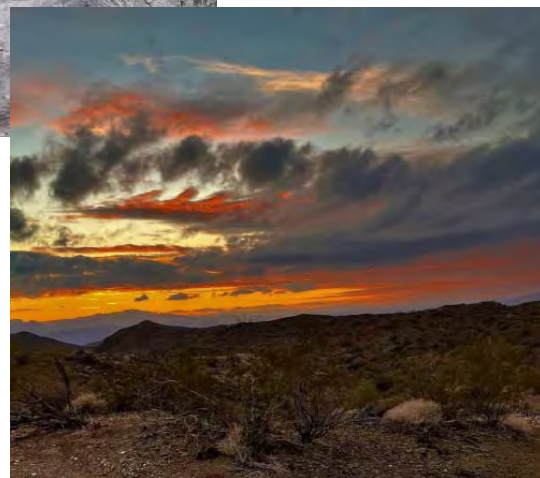
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12/16/2022 Mike Yahrmarkt



Python 1 and Yahoo Loop

12/30/2022 Chris Storm



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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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