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The Havasu 4 Wheelers **TRAIL TALK**

YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER



September 2023

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

President's Corner

Welcome back (or welcome back soon)!

I enjoy spending time in the desert, just not during the hot Summer months, the cooler weather is welcome, even if only slightly here in Havasu. Mike Y. has listed the first run of the season on the website. So, thank you Mike for getting our off-road season started with many more to come, I am sure. I understand many of our club members are still out of town, but we must start the planning for another successful club season.



Thanks to our 4 wheeler of the Year and our webmaster Roger Allen for cleaning up our already amazing website over the summer. The website has a tremendous amount of useful information, everything you ever wanted to know about the Havasu4Wheelers. Please open it up and take a look, go down memory lane, learn something new today, maybe even have a laugh or two.

The budget will be sent out with the treasurer report before the next meeting, just as we have done the previous years. With that, expenses outweigh expected income, so we are still needing member ideas to generate income. We are not cutting back on events or donations, so we will be spending down the bank account.

Havasu4Wheelers is a non-profit off-road club started in 1993, it is run by volunteer members for the benefit of all members. I would like to challenge each member to reach out and introduce yourself to 3 members you do not know. Why you ask, I would like this club to feel welcoming to everyone. The benefit will be creating some great new friends in the club as well as grooming the future leaders for years to come.

There is a saying in this club, "No dust at the front". Meaning trail leaders pick the trails they enjoy and get to run them with a clear view in front of them. Trail Leaders needed! Are you willing to lead a group on your favorite trail/s. All levels needed, and we also need to make some weekend runs available throughout the season, may help with new membership as well. (Diversity is a good thing). If you have interest or questions, please contact Steve Locantore.

Reminder: website has All the answers, check it out, "Event" calendar is awesome. Works great on a smart phone as well.

*Safety: please look over your vehicle and your safety equipment.

Thanks for reading, and thanks to all the volunteers who make this club great!

Mark Adler 909.225.9666 text or message President@havasu4wheelers.org

September 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Happy Birthday

<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>						<p>1 Mike Beets</p>	<p>2 Dennis Burnham Warren West</p>
<p>3 Mark Corder</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Jim Bayles Mike Shaw</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Jim Lund</p>	<p>9 B J Buckhout Bruce Freiman</p>	
<p>10 Tim Becker Doreen Bender</p>	<p>11 Gene Hobday</p>	<p>12 Ted Groszewski</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Sandy Newman</p>	<p>16 Chardell Barton</p>	
<p>17 Jan Santacroce Jayne Riley</p>	<p>18 Keith Schweizer</p>	<p>19 Steve Plut Mike Wolfe</p>	<p>20 Eric Weech Suzanne Wehman Paul Wheatley</p>	<p>21 Dana Adler</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Mike Pitts</p>	
<p>24 Mike Keys</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Steve Hutchins</p>	<p>27 Jim Malara Drew Voakes</p>	<p>28 Diana Asseier Leanne Authier</p>	<p>29 Chris Urban</p>	<p>30 Linda Gephardt Judy Mandic</p>	

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Happy Anniversary

September 4th - Matt & Lisa Ambrose
 September 4th - Gene & Nancy Hobday
 September 7th - Jim & Roberta Bayles
 September 7th - Joe & Deena Hazlett
 September 10th - Mark & Diane Corder
 September 10th - Jim & Susan Gentry
 September 10th - Jan & Kris Parent
 September 15th - Ric & Patti Gire
 September 17th - Butch & Suzanne Wehman
 September 21st - Mike & Donna Langmack
 September 22nd - Steve & Judy Edwards
 September 24th - Dennis & Sandy Kunster
 September 26th - Steve Savage & Leanne Authier
 September 26th - Chris & Peggy Sherman
 September 27th - Richard & Brenda Shatkoski
 September 29th - Greg & Christina Ernst
 September 30th - Bob & Janet Drew

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50 Plus Years



Gene & Nancy Hobday
64 Years



Jim & Susan Gentry
57 Years



Jim & Roberta Bayles
56 Years



Bob & Janet Drew
52 Years

12/30/2008

October 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Happy Birthday

1 Jerry Painter	2 Jennifer Sallee Chris Storm	3 Diane Flesner Bruce Speirs	4	5 Cheri Malsed	6	7
8 Hal Shaffer	9 Mary West Julie Westcott	10 Sandra Shaw	11 Rob Glumack Anita Polzin	12 Lana DelMonaco	13 Larry Santacrocce	14 Joe Hazlett Trixie Kautzmann
15 Dena Hazlett Butch Ortiz Steve Vogel	16 Annie Planas	17 Chris Painter Kathy Ray Bill Trunk Sharon Weech	18	19 Janet Drew	20	21 David Davis Steve Hirt Rosalyn Wicks
22	23 Chuck Laughlin Lynn Milliken Jamie Varner	24 Jim Frush	25 Tom Brown Mark Westcott	26	27 John Newman	28 Lisa Dilly Jennifer Myers
29	30 Patti Jo Glumack Stephen Riley	31 Halloween Howard Little Andrew Brown 				

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October 7th - Dennis & Vicki Gowey
October 7th - Eric & Sharon Weech
October 20th - Pat & Karol McGuire
October 26th - Scott & Lisa Dilly
October 28th - Bob & Yolanda Bindels





Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

There and Back, 3.25.....October 4th, 8:30am
Tom Bunnell

Cottonwood Trail to Bar IL, 3.25.....October 10th, 8:30am
Rodger Melton

Goat Hill, 3.0.....October 13th, 8:30am
Steve Locantore

Aubrey Loop, 3.5.....October 17th, 8:30am
Mike Yahrmarkt



Great News

We have filled the three open volunteer positions. Trish Harp has taken over the Sunshine position, Pam Hill has taken over the Holiday Party, and Snake & Willie Williams have taken over the Yard Sale, which will take place on February 9th, and 10th, so start saving your stuff.

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

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.....October 18th, 11:00am
North Side Grill, Doris Hirt

Cook's Night Out.....October 12th, 5:00pm
Blondzees Steakhouse, Cheryl MacLean

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

H4W Board Meeting.....October 16th, 10:30am
Genealogy Library, Mark Adler

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

H4W Membership Meeting.....October 19th, 6:00pm
Aquatic Center, Mark Adler

Halloween on Main St.....October 31st
Cheryl MacLean

Veterans Day Parade.....November 11th
Allen Steele

Turkey Roast.....November 18th
Doris Hirt

Holiday Party.....January 12th
Pam Hill

It's getting to be the time to make your reservations for Moab 2024.

The dates for 2024 are: 4/28/24 to 5/3/24, check out 5/4/24.

Make reservations at Spanish Trails Campground (800-787-2751) soon to get a spot.

Also, if you're staying at the Rustic Inn or another hotel in Moab, you should also get your reservations in soon.

Thanks, Bob Drew

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The Hakala's H4W "Club Stuff"

The new season has started, we want to be sure members can get the coveted H4W Merchandise at the membership Meetings. Come see us.

You can now order your gear via email to:
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Passing of a Member

Don Flood

OBITUARIES

DONALD GENE FLOOD

December 17, 1935 — April 13, 2023

Donald Gene Flood, 87, of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, passed away on April 13, 2023. He was born in Apache, Oklahoma, on December 17, 1935, to Theodore and Fern Flood.

Donald was a family man and a loving husband to his wife Louise for 68 years. He was also a beloved father to his children, Terry, Steve, Juli, and Robin, and a cherished grandfather to his 5 grandsons, 4 granddaughters, and 9 great-grandchildren. He is survived by his sisters Nancy and Joanne, brother David, and daughter-in-law Lyn, all of whom will



miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws George and Georgina Graham, and brother-in-law Stuart Graham.

Donald was a man of many interests and hobbies. He loved planes, boating, hot rods, and jeeping. He was an active

member of the Havasu 4 Wheelers for 17 years and later became the president of the River City 4 Wheelers. Donald was a River Rat and enjoyed boating and skiing in Lake Havasu since the early 60s.

Donald proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 12 years as a Staff Sgt. After his honorable service, he worked as a technical engineer for Xerox, from which he retired before relocating from Atascadero, California, to Lake Havasu, Arizona.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Donald's life at Bradbury Memorial in Lake Havasu, Arizona. His passing has left a void in our hearts, and he will be greatly missed. May he rest in eternal peace.

We also lost another beloved senior member over the summer

Richard Durham

RICHARD DURHAM

June 29, 1939 — June 22, 2023

The Man, the Myth, the Legend, our Richard Paul Durham, aka "King Richard," died on Thursday, June 22 at nearly 84.

He loved twisting a throttle, twisting a wrench, a Havasu sunset, bench racing, delegating work, dancing slow, any reason to invent and fabricate, and all times around friends and family. He never met a stranger, and he was the last one at the party. He hated onions, rattles in cars, and watching the Cowboys lose a



head. He did dangerous things with style while crafting the motorcycles, sandrails, and Jeeps to do those dangerous things. He will be always loved and unimaginably missed and remembered.

Long live the King! He was the forever loving and

always particular teammate to his wife Diane. He was the always fun light to his 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was the hero and teacher to his sons, Jerry, Rory, Bobby, and David. He was the older brother to Mike, Gary, Leroy, Paula, and Larry (and "the prettiest" he would say). Born in Missouri on June 29, 1939, young Richard was always the kind rebel that lived and loved life to the fullest. Then at 65, Richard became a born-again Christian giving him a new peace, and an even more beautiful love of the Lord, life, family, and beyond. Jesus said

to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

Service will be held July 15, 2023 at 1 p.m. at Redemption Hill Calvary Chapel on 2925 Kiowa Blvd.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to www.sajude.org

Services were entrusted to the care of Lietz - Frazee Funeral Home.



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



2023 - 2024 Board Members Voted In at the March General Meeting on March 29th 2023



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Of the Year
2023 - 2024
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It's Jeeping Season!

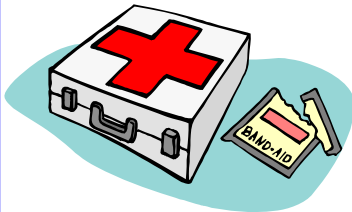


It's that time of the year again, as we Havasu 4 Wheelers air up sleeping tires and dust off the equipment. Tighten up those bolts and nuts, check those fluid levels and get ready for jeeping.

One item of critical importance is your club required serviceable fire extinguisher. A year of off roading and rattling around can pack down its load of dry chemical power into a solid rock. And it will and does happen. Now that you have a brick of dry chemical that won't come out of the extinguisher's nozzle if you ever need it, what to do? Don't call 9-1-1 - just grab a soft rubber mallet and gently tap the sides of the extinguisher as you turn it in your hand. This is also the proper time to look at its inspection tag to determine if it is also due for recharging service. Does the gauge show "in the green"? No problemo, there are fire extinguisher service companies right here in Havasu. So do the right thing and make this a mandatory part of your seasonal preparation.



While you are at it, make that yearly inspection of your Havasu 4 Wheelers club required First Aid Kit. Check to ensure that any items you may have used last season are replenished, that any ointments, lotions, or antibiotics have not exceeded their useable dates, and that the contents are secure and protected from water and dust contamination. It is also mandatory that you carry at least a two day spare supply of any prescription medicines you must take regularly. Remember - your mother is not in the Jeep so it's up to you to take care of.



Happy Trails





Bob Drew has become
H4W,s newest Senior
Member, Congratulations
Bob

Attention Veterans: We post pictures of
our Vets in the November issue of your
newsletter. If your not in already, send
me a pic and we'll add you in, thanx,
Tim & Pat Maskell.

Also, the holidays are quickly approaching and.....

Halloween: The club needs candy for Fright Night, bring a bag to the
October meeting.

Thanksgiving: Doris Hirt - Turkey Roast on 11/18/2023, sign up at the next
meeting.

Veterans Day: Sign up for the Veterans Day Parade with Allen Steele and
also start collecting Toys 4 Tots toys and canned foods for the food drive

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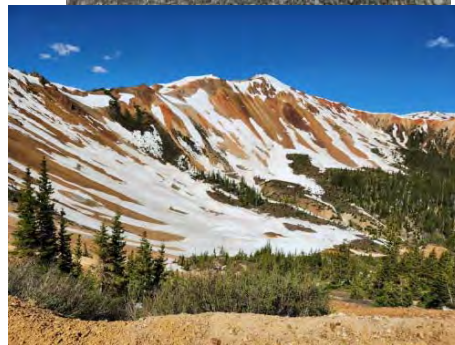
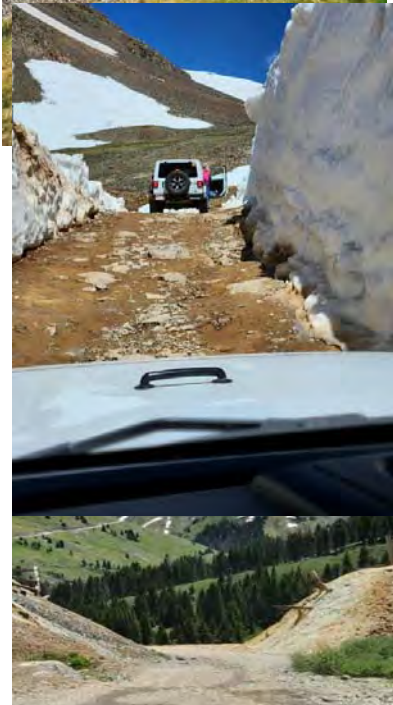
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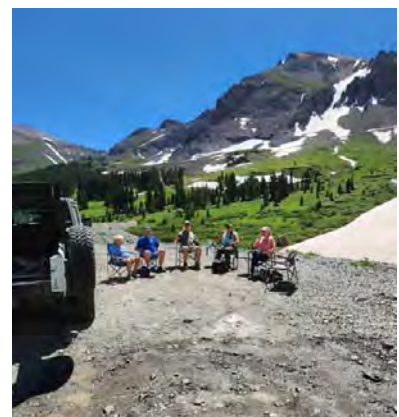
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Members on Vacation

Fourth of July, barbecue in Montrose, Colorado, with Lake Havasu 4 Wheelers and friends, Bob and Janet Drew hosting.



The Drew's, the Collins', and the Freeman's on Imaging Pass in Colorado.





On June 15, 2023, The Havasu 4 Floaters were born. Dave Blake thought it might be fun to get all the members who stay in Havasu all summer to get together on the lake.

It was a huge success, and it will be an event we can set up for summers to come. Come party with the “Floaters” next summer. It was held at 3 Dunes.



Members on Vacation

Kurt & Cheryl Beach on a camping trip of the western states.



Mike & Cheryl flying over Lake Tahoe with Sheldon (I'm jealous)

Scott's Well 9/22/2023
Mike Yahrmarkt



Cards sent to members through the summer by:
Cindy Eglske and Tess Harp

Don Flood Family (sympathy)

Diane Durham (sympathy)

John Harp (get well)

Snake Williams (get well)

Ralph Lind (get well)

Joyce Stephens (get well)

Bob Scholl (get well)

Janet Lund (get well)

Frank Lopez (get well)

Also, Bricks were ordered for Don Flood and Richard Durham

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“Sunshine”
If you know of anyone in the club who might need some cheering up, please contact Tess Harp at harp@havasu4wheelers.org or text at 719-661-9053. She will be happy to send cards on behalf of the entire *Havasu 4 Wheelers* membership.



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Other Club Happnins'

The Men's Breakfast went on as usual at Bad Miguel's during the summer. Here are the numbers.

May 25th had 25 men, with Phil Hill winning the \$10.

June 22nd had 25 men, with Brian Springer winning the \$10.

July 27th, had 18 men, with Joe Egilske winning the \$10.

August 24th had 12 men with Dave Billick winning the \$10.

September 28th had 23 men, with Marv Adams winning the \$10



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- 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.
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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