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The Havasu 4 Wheelers

TRAIL TALK

YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER



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

President's Corner

Hello H4W's, Welcome back from where ever your summer adventure took you. I hope it was a safe and fun summer. Now that the weather is starting to cool off, it's time to get the Jeeping season started. Time to get the wrenches out, kick the tires and make sure your jeep is in good working condition for the season.



Our first meeting of the season will be September 26th at 6: 00pm. The trail leader meeting will be September 23rd at 9:00am and board meeting will be September 23rd at 10:30am these are open meeting to anyone that wishes to attend. Men's breakfast has been going on all summer the next one will be on September 26th at 8.00am come early to get a good seat! The first Women's luncheon will be September 18th at Scotty's at 11:00am. For more info and to sign up please contact Doris Hirt. A weekend event has been put on the calendar for October 16th thru the 20th called Blake Ranch camp out check the web site for more info or contact Phil and Pam Hill. I will also be attending Hump-N-Bump again this year this November 7th thru the 10th in Logandale Nevada. If you have any interest in going please give me a call if you have never been to Logandale I highly recommend to put on your bucket list.

Speaking of the web site it's time to start checking it often as runs and events will start to show up on the calendar. Roger Allen has been busy this summer on our website with our calendars. There are 2 different calendars please check them out he is looking for feedback on which one to stay with. We will also be changing our password for the web site in the next couple of months you will be notified by email. And a big Thanks to Roger Allen and Debbie Gleadle for the work they do on our web site!

Just a reminder as of September 1st we will no longer be using CB radios on our runs or events You need to switch to a GMRS radio. It can be a hand held or hard mounted in your jeep.

Please check out our vendors who advertise in our newsletter and web site and support them and let them know you saw there ad.

We still need some volunteers for committees that need to be filled. All volunteers are very much appreciated. Without your help we won't have events for the club. We are always looking for Trail leaders if you are interested there are plenty of people to help you get started!

Once again I hope you had a great summer and I am looking forward to a great 2024-2025 Jeeping season and seeing you at the first meeting this year.

If you have any questions or comments feel free to give me a call at 714-726-0322 or email at President@havasu4wheelers.org

Thanks

Dave Blake

PS. Those of you that have been asking about my jeep, it is being repaired as we speak. It will be ready for the season to start!

September 2024

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Happy Birthday

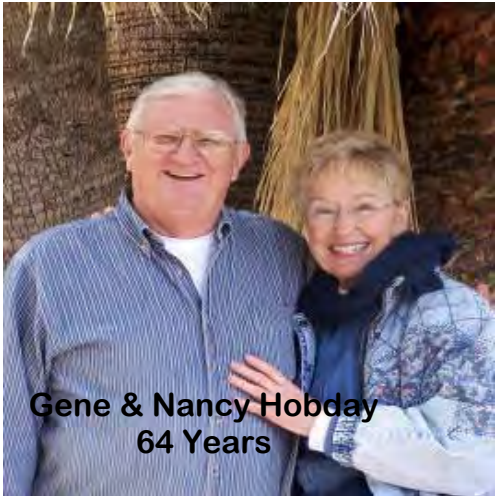
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Happy Anniversary

September 4th - Matt & Lisa Ambrose
 September 4th - Gene & Nancy Hobday
 September 7th - Jim & Roberta Bayles
 September 7th - Joe & Dena Hazlett
 September 10th - Jim & Susan Gentry
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 September 26th - Steve Savage & Leanne Authier
 September 26th - Chris & Peggy Sherman
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 September 29th - Greg & Christina Ernst
 September 30th - Bob & Janet Drew

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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.



Don't forget..... You need to replace your old CB radio with a new GMRS radio. The club voted in February to replace them do to less noise and better communication. The deadline is September 2024. You can go online to Midland.com or Amazon has them for the same price, but you need one.



Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

**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**

**Cook's Night Out.....Dark for Summer
Joanne Malara, Cheryl MacLean**

**Ladies Luncheon.....September, 18th, 11:00am
Scotty's Broasted Chicken, Doris Hirt, Joyce Stephens**

**Trail Leader Meeting.....September 23rd, 9:00am
Genealogy Library, Steve Locantore**

**H4W Board Meeting.....September 23rd, 10:30am
Genealogy Library, Dave Blake**

**Men's Breakfast.....September 26th, 8:00am
Bad Miguel's, Gary Wiscus**

**H4W Membership Meeting.....September 26th, 6:00pm
Aquatic Center, Dave Blake**

**Moab, UT.....May 4th, to May 10th
Need new hosts for next year**

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Club Happnins'

Men's Breakfast an Bad Miguel's For the summer;

June 27th, 14 men attended and Chuck Laughlin won the \$20.

July 25th, 23 men attended and Al Pepper won the \$20

August 22nd, 22 men attended and Darryld Kautzmann won the \$20

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.



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Monthly meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month starting at 6:00pm at:
The Aquatic Center
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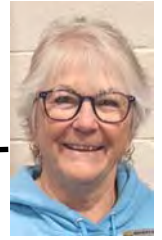
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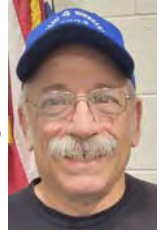
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**Havasu 4 Wheelers
for the Year
2024 - 2025**



Steve & Doris Hirt

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

PALOMA WASH PETE



Well howdy there folks. I'm known around here as Paloma Wash Pete. This month I want to tell you about Tarantula Hawks - a scary name and a scarier reputation. Human beings needn't worry much, but if you're a spider, you'd better watch your back.

Tarantula Hawk is the variety of spider wasp that uses its arachnid namesake as a creepy nursery. The wasp is found wherever tarantulas live, which means it's common in Arizona and across the Southwest. A "nectivorous" insect, the tarantula hawk is a connoisseur of fruit. The tarantula hawk has only a few predators, including roadrunners.



Female wasps, which can measure up to 2 inches in length, seek out tarantulas by smell. Once the wasp has honed in on a suitable victim, she'll sting the spider, thus paralyzing it. If the spider puts up a fight, the tarantula hawk will flip the spider onto its back. The female wasp will drain the spider of much of its body fluid and drag it into its own burrow, where she'll lay a single egg on the stunned spider's abdomen.

Once the wasp larva grows, it begins to feed on the spider, developing rapidly until the infant wasp busts open the spider's abdomen and proceeds to eat the rest of the spider's innards. Thus, a baby tarantula hawk is born.

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Jim Faulkner Obituary

James "Jim" Leslie Faulkner, Sr. passed away on May 15, 2024 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona after a long bout of dementia. He was 82.

Jim was born and raised in Denver, Colorado on May 2, 1942. He joined the army at 17, serving in Korea. He married Judith Buckley on December 2, 1962, divorcing in 1964. On September 2, 1964, Jim married his loving wife of almost 44 years, Linda Ferril Case, and the couple celebrated two sons, James Leslie Faulkner, Jr. and John Lowell Faulkner.

In 1975, the family relocated from Denver to Montrose, Colorado where Linda was a nurse and Jim taught school in Olathe. They ran several lucrative businesses in Montrose, including a Radio Shack franchise, rent-to-own store and pawn shop. After 25 years in Montrose, Jim and Linda retired to Lake Havasu City, Arizona full time where he was a member of the Elks Club and the Havasu 4 Wheelers.

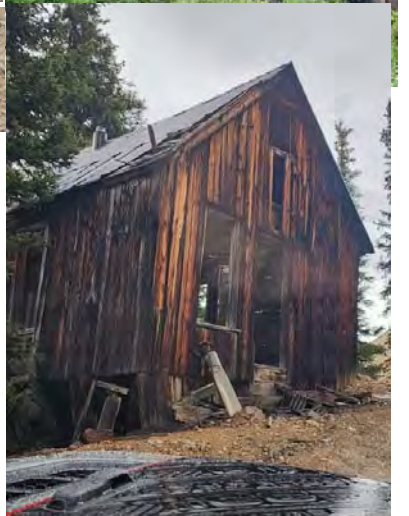
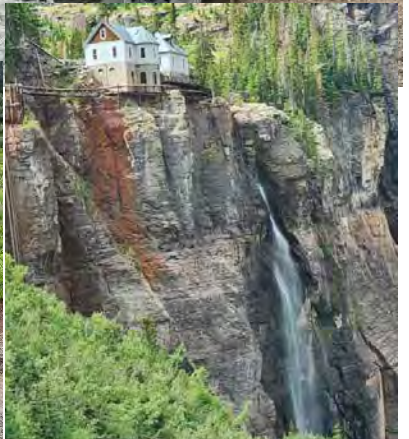
Jim especially loved boating, camping and fishing with his two grandchildren, Tim and Carolyne. Tim's best memory was going to Grandpa's house every Sunday to watch NASCAR or football games. Carolyne says, "My favorite animal is the gray whale because of Grandpa. I remember him taking me to Disneyland, going to the ice cream store near London Bridge, camping and jet skiing.

Jim's life was suddenly uprooted when Linda passed away in 2008. He met Bonnie Bullard in 2011 in grief counseling. The couple married on November 22, 2019, enjoying 4 years of marriage with their precious dogs, Tucker and Muffin.

Jim is survived by his immediate family: 3rd spouse, Bonnie Bullard-Faulkner, of Lake Havasu, AZ; sons, James (Meri) Faulkner, Jr., of Ajo, AZ and John Faulkner, of Boulder, CO; grandchildren- Timothy Faulkner, of Dallas, TX and Carolyne Faulkner, of Lake Havasu, AZ; and sister- Janeen (Rick) Hyman, of Hale Center, TX.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Linda Ferril Faulkner, of Lake Havasu, AZ; mother: Jeanne Gonzales, of Denver, CO; sister: Jeanne Anne Barthel, of Denver, CO; and several half-siblings. Jim was cremated, his ashes interred at the Prescott National Cemetery in Prescott, AZ.

Members on Vacation in Montrose CO



More from Montrose



Hope you all are having a good summer. We made a trip to Post Falls, ID where we met up with Steve & Sharon Bruno to enjoy a performance by Kelly Hughes. In Case the name sounds familiar, it's because he puts on the "Howling at the Moon" events in the desert. Try to stay cool, Willie



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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 |
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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/winchng. 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/winchng. Vehicle width and wheelbase should be considered. Possible body damage. |
| 5 | HARD: All of the above. Probable body damage. |

HAVASU 4 WHEELERS, PROUD MEMBERS