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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!"**

## **P**resident's Corner

Hello H4W's

The 24-25 off roading season is off and running. The weather has finally cooled off enough to get out and enjoy the desert. So watch your emails and check the web site to stay up to date on upcoming jeep runs.

October started off with the Blake Ranch Camp Out which included 4 jeep runs an amazing Friday night dinner and Sunday morning breakfast. A Special THANKS to Pam and Phil Hill for organizing and preparing the meals. A great time had by all that attended!

Huge THANKS to all the members that donated candy and came out to hand out candy. Thanks to Butch Wehman for organizing and setting up everything for the night There was a lot of awesome costumes!

The Anderson Jeep Event was a huge success. We had an amazing club turnout. I even drove my jeep over the crushed cars! LOL! They only expected 20 to 25 Jeeps to show up. I am thinking there was close to 100 jeeps in attendance

The Turkey Roast is Saturday Nov.16th at the Lake Havasu Rodeo grounds in Sara Park in the big metal building. Hors d'oeuvre at 2pm and dinner at 3pm. There will be lots of great food Please contact Doris Hirt for further information. Please bring your unwrapped Kids Christmas toys to the November Membership meeting for Toys for Tots. We will have the Marine Corp there to pick up the toys. Also, don't forget to bring food for the Food Bank.

We will be forming the nomination committee for all club positions this month. Please contact me if you would like to be on that committee. I am hoping we have many volunteers to help keep this club active and thriving

Calling all trail leaders and potential trail leaders, let's get some more runs posted to the event calendar. New trail leaders needed at all levels, if you have favorites you would like to lead, please come to a trail leader meeting. We will help you plan it and show you the ropes on leading a run

Don't forget the membership meeting will be on Monday Night this month on November 18th at 6:00 pm

Thanks again to all of our volunteers and trail leaders. I hope everyone has a great November and Happy Thanksgiving.

Thanks

Dave Blake



# October 2024

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Chris Storm	<b>3</b> Diana Flesner	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Cheri Malsed
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Hal Shaffer	<b>9</b> Mary West	<b>10</b> Sandra Shaw	<b>11</b> Rob Glumack Anita Polzin	<b>12</b> Lana DelMonaco
<b>13</b> Bill Roberds Larry Santacroce	<b>14</b> Joe Hazlett Trixie Kautzmann	<b>15</b> Deena Hazlett Butch Ortiz Steve Vogel	<b>16</b> Annie Planas	<b>17</b> Kathy Ray Bill Trunk Sharon Weech	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Janet Drew
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> David Davis Steve Hirt	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Chuck Laughlin Jamie Varner	<b>24</b> Jim Frush	<b>25</b> Tom Brown	<b>26</b> Gary Timm
<b>27</b> John Newman	<b>28</b> Lisa Dilly Jennifer Myers	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Patti Jo Glumack Stephen Riley	<b>31</b> Howard Little Andrew Brown		

## Happy Anniversary

October 6th - Mike & Shari Ahrens  
 October 7th - Dennis & Vicki Gowey  
 October 7th - Mike & Leslie Nehring  
 October 7th - Eric & Sharon Weech  
 October 8th - Scott Bullock & Tamara Austin  
 October 20th - Pat & Karol McGuire  
 October 26th - Scott & Lisa Dilly  
 October 28th - Bob & Yolanda Bindels

# November 2024

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

## Happy Birthday

					<b>1</b> Janis Estes	<b>2</b> Roger Allen Cindy Dulon Bobbie Juice Allen Steele
<b>3</b> Kenneth Barriault Barbara Graham Greg Shepard	<b>4</b> Annabelle Christensen	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Mimi Groszewski	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Kenny Albrecq
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Ingrid Barriault	<b>13</b> Ray Harvey David Merrill	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Dorita Bare	<b>16</b> Leonard Husted
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Roseanne Burnham Kathleen Westfall	<b>19</b> Julie Albrecq Carol Hakala	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Cheryl Beach Jay Myers	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bob Bindels Keith Faust	<b>29</b> Melba Olsen	<b>30</b> Cheryl MacLean

## Happy Anniversary

November 3rd - Todd & Diana Flesner  
 November 5th - Butch & Su-Lyn Ortiz  
 November 6th - Dan & Shari Odom  
 November 8th - Kerry & Cherie Brissom  
 November 9th - Chris & Arlene Storm  
 November 23rd - Ted & Mimi Groszewski  
 November 26th - John & Sandy Newman  
 November 26th - Ben & Linda Fekkeldy

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

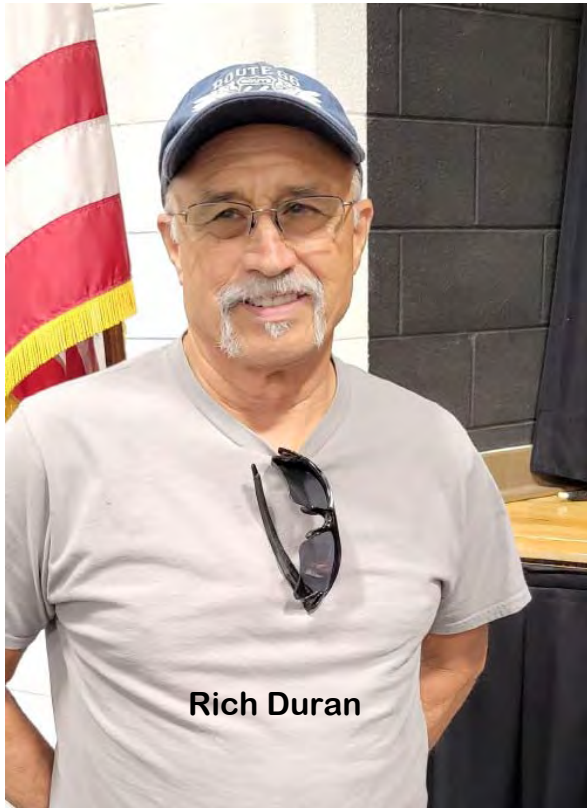
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Ben & Linda Fekkeldy  
58 Years



# September New Members

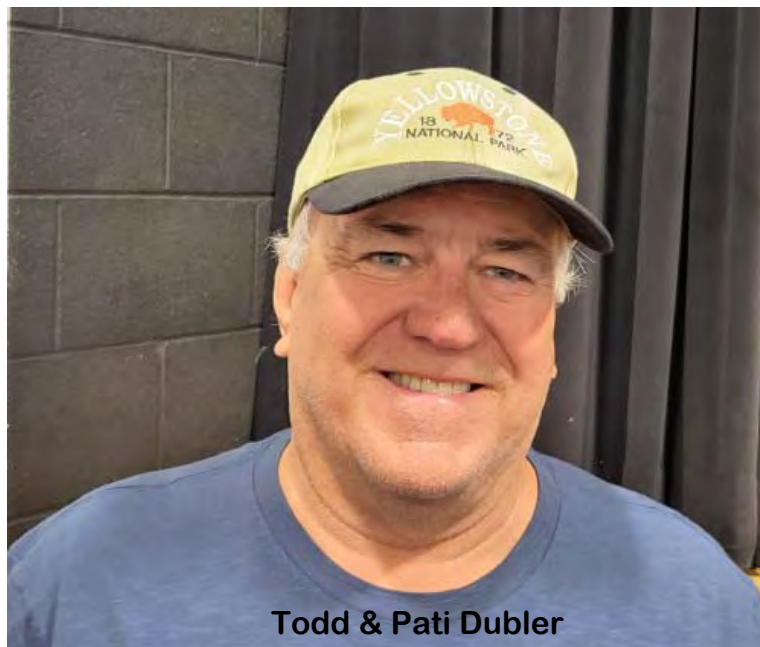


**Rich Duran**



**Shirley Sumner**

# October New Members



**Todd & Pati Dubler**



## Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

- Buck Mountain, 3.25.....November 1st, 9:00am  
Mike Yahrmarkt
- Aubrey Loop, 3.25.....November 6th, 8:30am  
Mike Yahrmarkt
- Hump and Bump.....November 7-10  
Dave Blake
- Diamondback-Sidewinder, 4.0.....November 12th, 9:00am  
Donnie Barton
- Warm Springs 3.25.....November 13th, 8:30  
Mike Yahrmarkt

**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](mailto:newsletter@havasu4wheelers.org)**

## Other Club Happen'ns

- Morning Coffee.....Mon-Fri 7:30-9:00am**  
KAWS, Gene Hobday
- Cook's Night Out.....None this Month
- H4W Thanksgiving.....November 16th, 2:00pm  
Rodeo Grounds, Doris Hirt
- Trail Leader Meeting.....November 18th, 9:00am  
Genealogy Library, Steve Locantore
- H4W Board Meeting.....November 18th, 10:30am  
Genealogy Library, Dave Blake
- Men's Breakfast.....November 18th, 8:00am  
Bad Miguel's, Tom Bunnell
- H4W Membership Meeting.....November 18th, 6:00pm  
Aquatic Center, Dave Blake
- Ladies Luncheon.....November 20th, 11:00am  
Place to Be, Doris Hirt, Joyce Stephens
- Moab, UT.....May 4th, to May 10th  
Need new hosts for next year



**H4W Annual Turkey Roast  
Saturday, November 16th  
2:PM hors d oevres  
3:00PM Dinner  
See You Then**

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# Club Happnins'

Bob & Janet Drew accept their award for another great trip with the club to Moab.



Bring your unwrapped toy to the November General Meeting

Also...Bring your Food Bank donations to the November and December General Meetings



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Paul & Carol Hakala



The Rollover Award goes this time to Dave Jewell. He played with the big boys and lost...this time.



# No Bell Award



No Bell this time goes to Pam Hill for organization and food at the Blake Ranch Campout. 40 members and 18 campers attended.

# Cooks Night Out

Blondzees, October 7th.  
40 members attended







**Dave Billick**  
U.S. Army  
Deceased



**Jim Bowen**  
U.S. Marine Corps



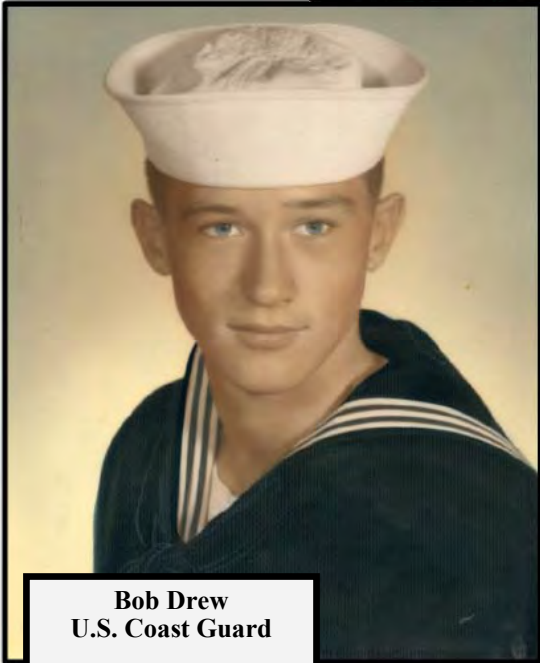
**Jim Bowen shown with his father,**  
U.S. Air Force "Hump" pilot  
WWII  
U.S. Air Force



**B.J. Buckhout  
U.S. Air Force  
Deceased**



**Dave Merrill  
U.S. Army**



**Bob Drew  
U.S. Coast Guard**



**Joe Egilske  
U.S. Navy**



**Don Flood**  
U.S. Air Force  
Deceased



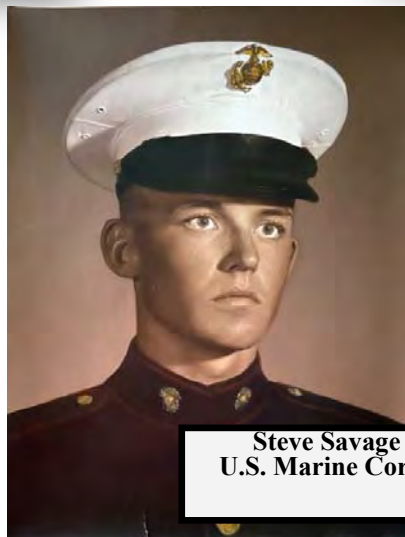
**Darryld Kautzmann**  
U.S. Air Force National Guard



**Bob Scholl**  
U.S. Army



**Steve Riley**  
U.S. Air Force



**Steve Savage**  
U.S. Marine Corps



**Steve Hirt  
U.S. Army Airborne**



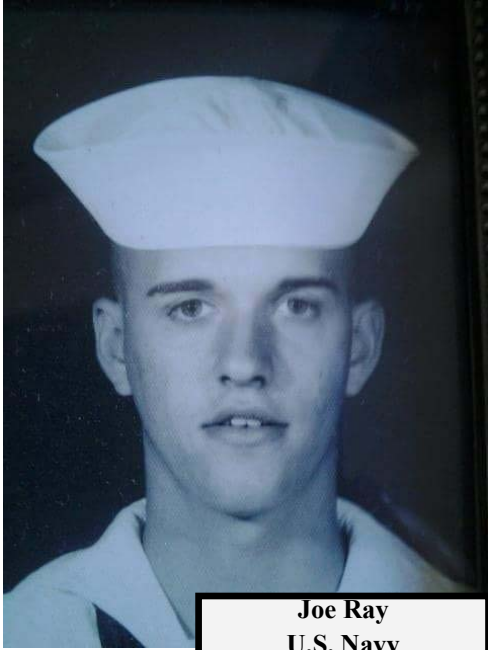
**Paul Stephens  
U.S. Army**



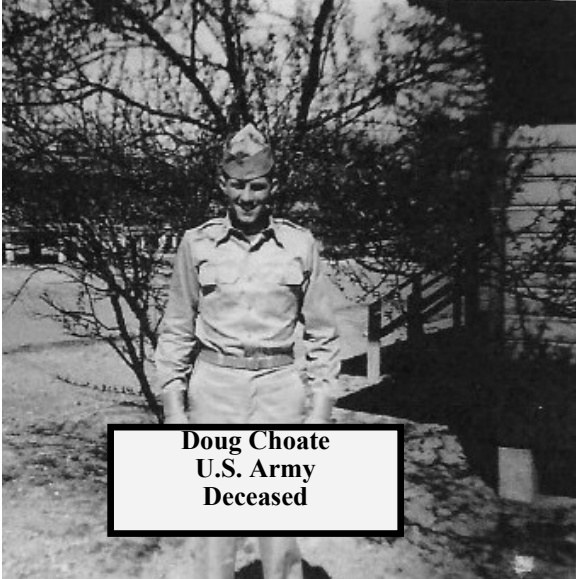
**Jim Young  
U.S. Navy  
& little brother Greg**



**Leland Lott**  
**U.S. Navy**



**Joe Ray**  
**U.S. Navy**  
**Deceased**



**Doug Choate**  
**U.S. Army**  
**Deceased**




**AND...**  
The winning number is...

October 50/50  
Winner was:

**Way To Go!**

**Joanne Malara**  
\$150.00




**Kurt & Cheryl Beach**

**Don't forget to buy your 50/50 tickets before the next meeting.**

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**Havasu 4 Wheelers**

Monthly meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month starting at 6:00pm at:  
The Aquatic Center  
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**2024 / 2025 Executive Officers:**

President.....Dave Blake  
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Treasurer.....Cheryl Beach  
Secretary.....Doris Hirt

**Voting Members:**

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Mark Adler - Past President  
Bruce Freiman - At Large  
Kris Winchak - At Large

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Chicken in the Park.....Jim & Janet Lund  
Cooks Night Out.....Joanne Malara & Cheryl MacLean  
Desert Clean-up.....Dave Blake  
Donations.....Open  
50/50.....Kurt & Cheryl Beach  
Highway Clean-up.....Steve Locantore  
Historian.....Wanda Scholl  
Holiday Party.....Pam Hill  
H4W Facebook.....Carl Gibbs  
Hot Dog Run.....Dave Bruno  
Ladies Luncheon.....Doris Hirt & Joyce Stephens  
Men's Breakfast.....Gary Wiskus  
Merchandise.....Paul & Carol Hakala  
Moab.....Need hosts for next year  
Newsletter.....Tim & Patty Maskell  
Pizza in the Park.....Susie Smith  
Public Land Access.....Bill Roberds  
Safety.....Mike MacLean  
Sunshine.....Tess Harp  
Toy Drive.....Allen & Janeice Steele  
Turkey Roast.....Doris Hirt  
Veteran's Parade.....Allen & Janeice Steele  
Webmaster.....Roger Allen & Debbie Gleadle  
Yard Sale.....Dark this Season

**2024 - 2025 Board Members Voted In at the March General Meeting on March 28th 2024**



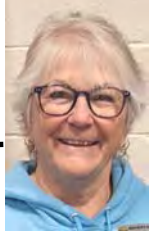
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**Bruce Freiman**

**Kris Winchak**

**Mark Adler, Past President**



**Havasu 4 Wheelers  
for the Year  
2024 - 2025**



**Steve & Doris Hirt**



David Billick was called to Heaven October 4, 2024 to be with his love Pat. We are quite certain our heavenly father was in desperate need of his help, you see, Dave was Pat's rock (no joke, she collected rocks). Dave was the only one who was able to keep her semi rooted to the ground and she was surely raising cane up there without him.

Francis David Billick was born March 20, 1934 in Nebraska and was raised in southern California. In 1953, at the young age of 19, he met Pat and fell in love. Determined to "tie her down", they were married November 20, 1954. They promised each other forever and lived

up to that promise for almost 70 years. Dave was a saint and somehow kept Pat's shenanigans to a dull roar, mostly.

Dave served in the US Army from 1956-1958. After his service Dave and Pat moved to Escondido, CA and had two children, Karen and Brian. Dave worked many years for S.D.G.&E, but he made sure to squeeze in plenty of fun time for his family. Together they enjoyed boating, water skiing, riding dune buggies, and camping.

Upon retirement, Dave and Pat hit the road in their motorhome. They had adventures in all 50 states and made many friends along the way. Dave put 100,000 miles on that motorhome in just 4 years.

In 1996 Dave and Pat built a beautiful home in Lake Havasu. They joined the Havasu 4 Wheelers club and spent much time crawling over rocks in the desert. Dave happily kept busy creating and customizing Jeep accessories for himself and his friends. Dave was an enthusiastic car guy, but loved anything with an engine. He was a phenomenal mechanic, welder, and all around handy man. It was never broken when Dave was around because this guy could fix anything! He was never hesitant to jump in and help a friend or maybe even a stranger.

David is survived by his children Karen Promisco (David), Brian Billick, grandchildren Hailey Lawson (Adam), Matthew Promisco (Julie) and great grandchildren Caden Lawson, Cooper Lawson, Emilia Urbani, and Isabella Urbani.

A car guy to the end, Dave drove off to Heaven to meet up with Pat. May they enjoy eternity together as thoroughly as they did life.



# CREOSOTE BUSH – As Seen in The Today’s News - Herald

That distinct desert smell!

We finally got a little rain here recently (not enough but anything helps in this dry time). How did my mom know when she opened the door and could smell the creosote? “I love that fresh rain smell,” she said. Indeed, there’s a distinctive scent in the desert right after a rain thanks to the creosote bush (*larrea tridentata*), also known as greasewood. Some don’t like the smell, but many of us do. Love it or hate it, it’s one of the most iconic “smells” of the desert.

The creosote is so common here it’s easy to take it for granted. However, it’s quite a fascinating plant and is among the oldest living organisms on the planet! At least, if you include its cloning ability. Individual creosote can live 100 years or more before its crown splits and the central branches die. Smaller clones of the same plant grown up from seed from these old plants, eventually forming a ring of cloned plants that can continue in the same spot for hundreds or even thousands of years. As time goes on, the circle of new plants widens, and these “rings” can grow to several meters in width. Scientists differ on just how old these plant rings can get, but there is one creosote ring named the “King Clone” that lives in the Mojave Desert of California that is estimated to be up to 11,700 years old! So how does the creosote survive so long in some of the most extreme environments on Earth? It’s got several useful survival strategies. It needs very little water and is the most drought-tolerant perennial plant in North America.

Twiggy, light gray stems grow tiny, almost waxy leaves. This waxy coating and small leaf size helps prevent moisture loss. The plant can also drop its leaves to some extent during hot conditions.

Their roots are so effective at taking in moisture they leave little for any other plants germinating next to them. Creosotes have chemicals in their roots and leaves which discourage growth of most other plants next to them, reducing competition for water and nutrients. These chemicals also discourage most herbivores from browsing on them. However, despite this toxicity, creosote plants also provide many benefits to the desert ecosystem.

Creosote bushes are messy, dropping leaves and twigs that create a nutrient layer in the soil around them. Young cacti often grow at the edges under their light shade, receiving protection from the sun until they are old enough to withstand the heat on their own, earning the creosote the nickname of “nurse plant.” Many burrowing creatures dig tunnels among the creosotes’ deep roots. While few animals eat the leaves, many feast on the flowers and seeds the creosote produces. Kangaroo rats, pocket mice, and desert iguanas are among these animals.

Creosote has a chemical compound, nordihydroguaiaretic acid, which is also being looked at as a possible cancer treatment. There’s a long history of creosotes’ use in Native American medicinal treatments. However, there is also evidence that creosote, especially when it is processed and used as a “coal tar” wood preservative, may potentially cause cancer in humans. The FDA recommends NOT ingesting creosote at all.

Interestingly, when Lieutenant Edward Beale brought his camel riding expedition through Mohave County starting in 1857, he found that the camels readily ate creosote.

Camels originally evolved in North America but went extinct here about 11,000 years ago, around the time “King Clone” was just getting started. Camels brought to North America in more recent times readily adapted to their ancient food.

### **“Sunshine”**

**If you know of anyone in the club who might need some cheering up, please contact Tess Harp at [harp@havasu4wheelers.org](mailto: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.**

**Cards Sent in September and October**

**Chardell Barton - Get Well  
Dave Billick  
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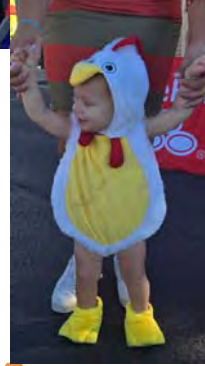


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# Halloween on Main Street

October 31st, Butch Wehman



# Ladies Luncheon September

Scotty's Broasted Chicken  
September 18, Doris Hirt



Tammy Blake Won the \$20



Kate Higgins Won the Gift Basket



Lunch at Scotty's  
28 Ladies

# Ladies Luncheon October

Northside Grill, 28 Ladies Attended



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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/winchng. 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/winchng. 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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