



The Havasu 4 Wheelers TRAIL TALK

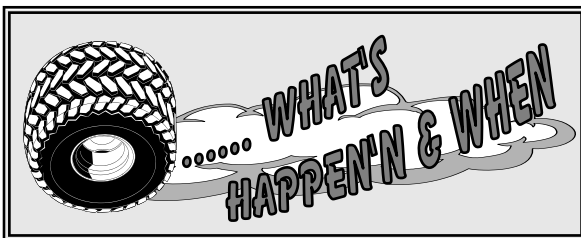


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YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

November 2009

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



Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

Check the Havasu 4 Wheelers Website for run updates & changes

- Black Inky (3.5).....Nov. 2nd
8:30am, Love's @I40 & AZ 95, Darryld Kautzmann
- Whipple Wash (3.0).....Nov. 4th
9:00am, Scenic Turnout, Willie Williams
- Desert Bar (3.0).....Nov. 7th
9:00am, Scenic Turnout, Sue Guibord
- The Maze (3.5).....Nov. 13th
8:30am, Scenic Turnout, Jim Bowen
- Black Mesa (3.0).....Nov. 14th
9:00am, Scenic Turnout, Willie Williams
- Copperhead-CA (3.75).....Nov. 18th
9:00am, Scenic Turnout, Snake Williams
- Boulder Gulch (4.0).....Nov. 21st
8:00am, Scenic Turnout, Dick Thomas

Other Club Happen'ns

- Turkey Roast.....Nov. 8th
2:00pm Games start, 4:00pm Dinner @ Campbell's Ranch
- Veteran's Day Parade.....Nov. 11th
Contact Charles Leipart
- Next H4W Board Meeting Nov. 13th
4:30pm, Leipart Residence
- Next H4W Membership Meeting Nov. 17th
7:00pm, Realtor's Center
- Men's Breakfast Nov. 19th
7:00am, Bad Miguel's
- Holiday Party Jan. 16, 2010
Shugrue's Restaurant, Chairperson-Reda Trumbo
- Yard Sale Feb. 18 & 19, 2010



President's Corner

Happy Thanksgiving to all H4W members and your families. Please remember that the holiday season begins with thanks for all of our blessings.



Charles Leipart

The blessings we have were and are given to us by those who have served and are serving in uniform around the world. We can thank them by taking part in the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11 at 10:00 a.m. Decorate your jeeps, join the celebration and don't forget to "Thank a Vet" for his or her contribution to our blessings.

Not only do we have the parade, but the annual Turkey Roast takes place on Sunday, November 8 at Campbell Ranch. Join us for an afternoon of fun, jeep games and, of course, great food. The games begin at 2:00 p.m. with dinner starting at 4:00 p.m.

To those who took part in the London Bridge Days Parade and the Highway Cleanup last month -- thanks a bunch. I know we don't have to do this, but it helps build community respect.

November is a busy month, so plan your calendars so that you can take part in as many activities as possible. It is only with your participation that we can continue to be a viable force in this community.

Once again, Happy Thanksgiving to all and Happy Trails to You.

Charles

Rattler Pass Run

Eight Jeeps left the Scenic Turnout at 8 AM on Saturday, September 26th, a beautiful clear day. We all tackled the 3 obstacles at \$5.00 Falls without a problem; 2 Jeepers in our group had never been to this challenge before. I have added a new beginning to the Rattler Pass run, this adds 3 or more other obstacles to an already challenging run. NO one encountered ANY problems up to our lunch break.

After lunch we tried to get started, that's when the FUN began. One of the Jeeps would start, but continued to stall or die. It was decided that a tow was necessary. Ed Heil volunteered, Big THANKS to Ed. More problems were going to occur. Due to the steep inclines and tight corners, two jeeps were needed to help with the towing load. Again due to the terrain, when pulling a vehicle around tight corners one of the 'helpers' tire was pulled off the rim. That was only the beginning, the same vehicle's axle bolts were sheered off. This broke the emergency brake cable and the brake hydraulic line. No problem for this group. With EVERYONE'S help some repairs were made, axle bolts were replaced (someone had spares), brake lines crimped, tire remounted and we're on our way. While this work was going on someone pulled out an umbrella and a tarp to provide shade. Talk about being resourceful. This group was unbelievable.

We decided that our fun meters were full, so we cut the remaining run short and used the easy way back out to highway 95. Since there were two vehicles disabled, but only one trailer available at the Scenic Turnout, two trips back to town were required.

Everyone made it back home okay. This group leaves no one. It ended up being a little hotter than expected with all the extra activities. I figured the run would be over about 1:30. I got home about 4:30.

I enjoyed doing the run and hope everyone else did. Thanks to Ed Heil for being my tail gunner and everyone else for pitching in when needed.

Dick Thomas, Trail Boss



Ed Heil being spotted by Dick Thomas Photo By: Marianne Black



Mark your Calendar for
Havasu 4 Wheeler's
trip to Tombstone, AZ
"The Town too Tough to Die"
March 14 — 20, 2010
Contact Charles Leipart for details

Cat-Tail Cove Run

Saturday, October 3rd, we left the scenic turnout on time with 12 jeeps and proceeded to the air down spot. After air down we proceeded to the top of the hill for a view of the river then on to the Wall of Death. With Snake's expert spotting everyone who tried it conquered it without incident. We continued on and the majority successfully tried all of the obstacles. After lunch we started back and again the obstacles were tried in reverse by most without incident. About half of us went through the Bowling Alley and some of us put our skid plates and rocker armor to the test. The run was completed with all 12 jeeps in good condition. After air up many of us stopped at Dairy Queen for refreshments. Thank you all for coming and special thanks to Snake, for his expert lesson and spotting, Al Pepper for tail gunning and the Fulmers for carrying the AED.

Dennis Callaghan, Trail Boss



On the Mend

Glad to report that
Diane Bullard
Allan Key
Jean Komac
Bernice Mitschele and
Bob Sims
are all recovering well

Havasu 4 Wheelers



February 18th
& 19th, 2010
Start saving your treasures



Havasu 4 Wheelers
7th annual Turkey
Roast is Sunday
November 8th, at
Campbell's
Ranch.

Games will begin
at 2:00pm and
dinner will be
served at 4:00pm.

Remember:

Bring your own Beverages, Cups,
Plates and Eating Utensils, along
with a folding chair if you want to
watch the games.

Hope to see you there.

HELP!!! HELP!!! HELP!!!

We need 2-3 more people to cook turkeys for the party
Nov. 8. Those who have signed up will get a call from
Joan about a convenient time to deliver the ham/turkey.
The other categories of food are sweet potatoes,
vegetables, dressing, mashed potatoes, salads, and
desserts; call Ken or Joan at 680-4321 to sign up. Let us
hear from you. The more the merrier.

Goat Hill Passage

Seven jeeps did the Goat Hill Passage run on Oct
6th. Everyone made it up the first big sand
hill and proceeded down the trail and much to
our surprise there were 11 burros on the road.
They graciously yielded the road to us but didn't go very
far so everyone had a chance to see them and even get a
few pictures. After that we continued on the trail and
found that "Snoopy" still hasn't moved from the rock.

The run was uneventful (that's a good thing), the weather
was perfect and we all had a great time.

Special Thank You to Bob Taylor for being tail gunner.

Willie Williams, Trail Boss



Photo by: Vince Davis

Snake Pit Run

October 10th, sixteen vehicles, two of which
were rock buggies. The first obstacle is the
PIT of Snake Pit Run, one jeep and two
buggies made it through with no problems.

Then of course comes the waterfalls, the first of which is
the most difficult, and the rest get progressively easier.
Everyone made it up and over with very little
assistance, other than some spotting. There were a few
that did get some air hang time. The rest of the run went
very well, as we had very capable drivers and well
maintained vehicles, and the run was completed by
1200hrs. We ate lunch at the end in the big wash.

Oh - - - Yes, sorry to say, there were three vehicles that
suffered some small, minor, cosmetic damage.

There was one other point of interest, and that was in
Floods Folly, there is a waterfall that has not been
conquered, and Steve Hatch in his trusty rock buggy
made several attempts at the near vertical climb.
Ultimately, with the front end sucked down, the front
tires dancing ever so lightly on the tips of the protruding
rocks of the cliff face, he found some traction
somewhere, and he was up and over, to everyone's
surprise.

To Don & Louise Flood, thank you for tail gunning, and
to all who assisted others on this run.

Snake Williams, Trail Boss



Dave Billick tried running on 3 tires.

Photo By: Willie Williams

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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Members: The following items are for your information. These will be voted on at the November meeting when discussion on them will be done.

- ♦ **Article III - #9**

Presently: Members shall immediately notify the Secretary upon change of a home address, mailing address, telephone number, CB handle or vehicle.

Change: Secretary to Membership Chairperson and CB handle or vehicle to e-mail address.

- ♦ **Honorary Members - #12**

Presently: The interest of a member in the Club is not transferrable upon his/her death or when he/she ceases to be a member, by resignation or otherwise, in accordance with the Constitution. Any member may resign from membership upon notice in writing to the Secretary. No dues shall be refunded upon a resignation.

Change: Secretary to Membership Chairperson

- ♦ **Supportive Members**

Add #14 - If a member elects not to renew their Club membership, but would like to get the newsletter "Trail Talk", they may do so by paying an annual fee of \$15.00. They will not have any privileges or voting rights.

- ♦ **Article VII - Duties and Powers of Officers - #3**

Presently: The Secretary shall keep and preserve all records and minutes of the regular membership meetings and Board meetings, shall assume the responsibility of ledger roll call and determine the number of voting members present so it may be known if a quorum is in attendance, shall keep a file system of membership.

Move underlined items to SOP under Membership Committee duties.

- ♦ **Article XIII - #5 Events - C**

Presently: All members are responsible for themselves. It is up to each member to decide if a trip is too difficult for that member's personal experience. Only the driver knows his/her limits; it will be their responsibility to go or not go on a run. The trail boss has the authority to prohibit any member or guest from joining a run if, in his/her opinion, the Club member has insufficient experience or the member's vehicle does not meet the minimum standards required for the level of difficulty established by Paragraph 5.E.

Delete: Paragraph 5.E **Add:** the SOP Trail Rating System

- ♦ **Article XV - Amendments**

Presently: These BY-LAWS may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a regular membership meeting, a quorum being present and voting. Any amendment to the BY-LAWS must be presented to the membership at the regular meeting preceding that in which the vote is taken.

Delete: at **Insert:** in writing prior to

- ♦ **Appendix B - Safety Regulations #7**

Presently: The trail boss shall verify compliance with the safety regulation and also have everyone sign the "Havasu 4 Wheelers, Inc. Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement".

Change: everyone to all guests

PROPOSED SOP CHANGES — (Were approved at the October Meeting)

- ♦ **Standing Committees - #2 - Committees and Their Responsibilities - Conservation Committee**

Change: Conservation Committee to Public Land Access Committee

- ♦ **Standing Committees - #2 - Committees and Their Responsibilities - Runs - Duties of the Run Chairperson #4**

Presently: The Trail Chairperson shall assign runs to trail bosses and tail gunners on various runs. Club runs may be scheduled for weekends and weekdays.

Change: Trail Chairperson to Run Chairperson.

- ♦ **Trail Rating Descriptions**

On level 3 1/4 runs:

Insert: Some driving experience at the beginning of the description.

On level 3 1/2, 3 3/4, 4:

Move the level of driving skills required to the beginning of the description.

Hualapai Peaks

October 5th, this run was on the West side of the spine of the Hualapai Mountains. We started out around 2,800 feet and went up over 6,000 feet to some of the best views in the area. The challenging areas and obstacles were handled by everyone in the group with no problems. Our lunch spot was an interesting old corral area that provided one of the few spots wide enough to “circle the wagons”. Thank you to my tail gunners Bob and Janet Drew for helping keep us all together.

Jim Bowen Trail Boss



Bob Carson gives our leader some “spotting help”.



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Northwest Passage

Seven jeeps showed up for the run on October 13th. What a diversity of drivers...from those who like to do the level 4 runs all the way to the couple that is planning to join the club this month. Everyone got a chance to rib the trail boss and threatened to rename the run “spaghetti” just because I managed to make a couple of wrong turns, but in my defense, quickly corrected the situation.

The run has a couple of waterfalls and rocky areas but everyone made it thru just fine. Since everyone did such a great job we did the optional hill climb area. Being on the lake side of the highway we were fortunate to see a group of 8 burros toward the end of the run.

Thank you to those who participated in the run and a special Thank you to Ed Heil for being tail gunner.

Willie Williams, Trail Boss



Cottonwood/Cedar Loop

This run is always a challenge and today (Oct. 12th) was no exception. When a ledge road is narrow enough to need spotting — it keeps everyone’s attention! The views were absolutely awesome—for any drivers brave enough to look! We had lunch right up on the “pass” of the spine we went over of the Hualapai Mountains to the east side. We did have a few anxious moments after our lunch break. We were alerted by one husband on the radio, that his wife was not with him—and had we seen her out front yet? We would stop every so often and look for footprints to make sure she was actually out in front of us. Mostly we only found footprint of deer, elk, and other wild animals. We eventually caught up with her and continued on the rest of our trip with no other problems. Thank you Chuck and Sue Guibord for tail gunning.

Jim Bowen Trail Boss



Adopt a Highway Clean Up 10-14-09

It was a beautiful fall morning as 18 eager Havasu 4 Wheelers prepared for our first Adopt a Highway Clean Up for the winter season. We all gathered at the scenic turn out for a safety briefing and then geared up with trash grabbers and bright yellow safety vests. Then it was off southbound SR 95 to mile markers 166 - 168. Your hard working H4W team members filled 41 bags to capacity which were left stacked along the roadway for later pick up by ADOT road crews. The work was completed relatively smoothly - and quickly as we were done by 10:30 AM and then on the road home! Now about the "treasures" we uncovered this day - Willie Williams a "Victoria Secrets" find, Kathlyne Speirs a jeep, and me a license and VIN plate. We may not have struck "gold" but we all left with a sense of satisfaction for "giving back" to our desert areas which we use in pursuit of our 4X4 recreation & personal enjoyment.

Thanks to all who make this H4W Highway Clean Up program a continuing success!

Bruce Speirs, Coordinator

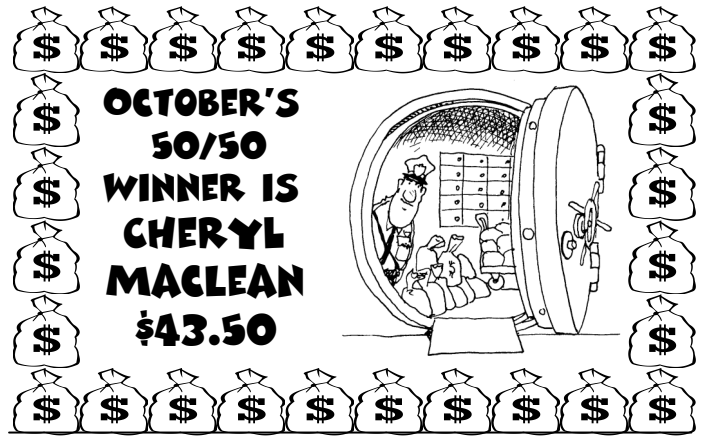


• Roster Changes •

New Members Voted In Last Month:

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LONDON BRIDGE DAYS PARADE

Saturday, October 17th was a beautiful day for a parade. We had a lighter than usual turn out for the parade this year. We only had nine jeeps for this annual event. Thank you so much for those of you that came out and participated. Laughter, fellowship, some donuts and just plain old fashioned fun took place while we waited to get under way.

This year we were in Division 2, #4 so were stationed on Agave and very close to the front of the parade. It was a great spot just behind the Lake Havasu High School Band and the Homecoming Court. The crowd was one of the biggest I've seen here in Lake Havasu. A great time was had by all of those in attendance for the parade. I think the early entry may have played a part in our position. Thank you President Leipart. Hopefully next year we will have an even bigger group participating.

Bill Mitschele, Parade Coordinator



Photo By: Wanda Scholl

Cooks Night Out

Ribs, Bar-B-Que sauce, brisket and other goodies were enjoyed by 29 H4W members as we gathered for Cook's Night Out at Bar-B-Que Bill's Big Easy Bistro on Tuesday, October 20. Needless to say, we had a great time, staying well after our meals to visit and "palaver", (an Okie term for talking). The service was very good and an area had been reserved for us. The staff took orders as we arrived and the food was served in a timely manner. This was our third Cook's Night Out at this establishment and I am sure not our last. Thanks to all who attended. The Turkey Roast will take place in November, so our next Cook's Night Out will be in December. See you there.

Charles and Geri Leipart



Photo By: Wanda Scholl

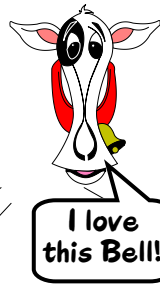
Crazy Eights

Eleven jeeps met at Terrible's on Oct. 23rd at 9:00AM, and traveled to Fort Mohave where we started the Crazy Eight's run. We went through some of the Eights on the way to Oatman, stopping to shop at the dump. Stopped at Oatman for an hour, saw the gun fight and got back on the trail, went through more of the Eights and ended up at the AVI Casino. Thirteen of us stayed for the sea food buffet and a little handle pulling before heading back to Havasu. Thanks to Mike Yahrmarkt for tail gunning.

Bob Carson, Trail Boss



Photo By: Wanda Scholl



The Cow Bell

The coveted ding-dong goes to
Where's the fuse???
Bob Mortensen

B&D Roulette Mine Run

We met at the scenic turnout on October 20th, under blue skies and headed off to the trail head on the California side of the lake at 9am. Even the access to the trail-head is a pretty drive, including crossing Parker Dam and the Gene Wash Reservoir.

We drove the gentle ups and downs and oohed and ahhed at the splendid views of the rock formations in the foreground and Lake Havasu and the whole city in the distance. My captive audience heard a brief history of the settlement of the area of Havasu Palms, formerly Road's End Camp. My research led me to think that the Johnson's lease issues with the Chemehuevi Tribe were tragically similar to the dishonorable handling of many early treaties between the whites and native tribes.

We had lunch in a beautiful area of Whipple Wash shaded by canyon walls, stopped at the Cave (but there were no takers) and carefully picked our way through the rock garden and out to End Camp Road. We aired up at 2pm and headed home.

Sue Guibord, Trail Boss



Photo By: Sue Guibord

Automatic External Defibrillator

If you want to carry one of the club's Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) on a run, please contact Norm Schlothauer and make arrangements to check one out before your run.

Thanks, Dennis Callaghan

Havasu 4 Wheelers

Monthly meetings are held the 4th
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November 2009



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Linda Haas	2 Black Inky Run	3 Greg Shepard Election Day	4 Whipple Wash	5	6	7 Desert Bar Run
8 Gwen Steinbach Turkey Roast	9	10 Dave Opperman	11 Mike Smith Veterans Day Veteran's Parade	12	13 The Maze Run Board Meeting	14 Bill Lawson Black Mesa Run
15	16 Ellis Bignell Leonard Husted Nancy Lucas	17 Meeting Date Change H4W Meeting	18 Copperhead-CA	19 Cheri Lansing Men's Breakfast	20	21 Boulder Gulch
22 Vi Ledford	23	24	25 Jay Myers	26 Thanksgiving	27	28 Keith Faust
29	30 Curt Frlot Cheryl MacLean	Havasu 4 Wheelers Member's Birthdays				

- Leeann's H4W "Club Stuff" -
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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 1st Buck & Bobbie Halterman
Nov. 3rd Todd & Diana Flesne
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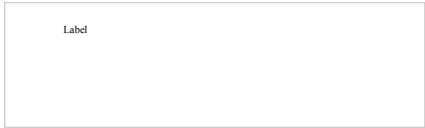




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RATING	DESCRIPTION
1	EASIEST: Passable by stock vehicles. Gentle fairly wide grades.
2	EASY: Use of 2 wheel and some 4-wheel drive. Trail may have some rocks, loose road surface, and ruts but a reasonable line for driving.
3	EASIEST MODERATE: 4-wheel 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: 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: 33" tires with aggressive tire tread, one locked differential, high and low range gearing. For experienced drivers. Potentially dangerous, large rocks, ruts, steep slopes, loose surface and narrow clearances that need to be negotiated.
3¾	HARDEST MODERATE: Same as above with both differentials locked, Some strapping/winchng. Skilled, experienced drivers only. Very challenging sections, extremely steep grades, loose surfaces, large rocks, deep ruts and tight clearances.
4	DIFFICULT: Same as above with belly up, 4:1 transfer case or equivalent, skid plates, beefed up axles and suspension system. Probable strapping/winchng. Vehicle width and wheelbase should be considered. Highly skilled experienced drivers only. Possible body damage.
5	HARD: All of the above. Probable body damage.

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