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JEEP TRACKS

Becky Antle, ASA4WDC President, 2014—2016

From Becky:

We very sadly report the loss of another friend and avid four wheeler, Frank Noel. Frank entered into rest November 15th. Frank and Joanie were long time members of the Copper State 4-Wheelers and when Frank retired from Motorola they moved to the Payson area and started the Rim Country 4-Wheelers. They also very actively supported the ASA4WDC.

We send our thoughts and prayers to Joanie and family.

From Don Hicks:

Elaine and I attended Frank's Memorial Service November 22nd in Happy Jack. The services were very moving as tribute after tribute was paid to Frank. As a loving father and a good friend to all who knew him the services were very fitting. I have known Frank since the mid 1980's and you could not ask for a truer friend. All he ever asked was for you to be honest and straight with him.



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I N M E M O R I A M**JOHN T. McCULLEN**

December 18, 1938—September 7, 2014

Paul Green, Manager, Corporate Product Regulations and Standards,
 Intel Corporation



It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the passing of John T. McCullen, known to everyone as Jack. He was a dedicated Intel veteran of 28 event filled years, retiring in 2012.

Jack was directly involved in various standards groups including IPC, JEDEC and IEC and he demonstrated exceptional leadership in guiding these groups through one of the most significant changes in the electronics manufacturing process—that being the transition to lead-free solder technology. Through his tact and diplomacy he was able to drive the timely development of critical joint IPC/JEDEC standards that were so desperately needed to make this transition.

Jack was instrumental in helping to develop open standards that were good for both Intel and the electronics industry, and he was the recipient of the 2002 JEDEC Technical Recognition Award, JEDEC's most significant award for technical achievement.

Jack was a voice of reason in his role with Intel and in the various standards forums in which he was involved. He was a true gentleman. With his passing, we have lost not only a leader, a tireless standards advocate and educator, but a true friend. Many have voiced their honor in having the opportunity to work closely with Jack over the years, which I would personally like to echo. I hope you will join me in extending deepest sympathy to his family. He is greatly missed.



The Annihilator Trail. Sandee's comment: Don't know if/how many have made it without a strap now but for the first 5 years from opening Jack was the only one to do it without a strap every time. The photo is at the very beginning following the trail opening. Comment from Phil Strittmatter. Jack had an uncanny ability to pick the right line over every obstacle!



ARCA event. American Rock Crawler's Assoc. Sandee's comment: Jack was running the standard tranny. Everyone yelled for him to stop because they could hear it was going to blow. No, not Jack! He's saying: "Why stop? I'm still moving." He did explode the tranny...in went the automatic!



At left: With their RV car hauler unhooked Jack would mount his Jeep on the rear of their Peterbilt. A tight squeeze.

Next four photos are at the outstanding September Memorial for Jack held in Mesa. Over 100 friends and family came to honor Jack, Sandee and family.



ASA4WDC members: Phil Strittmatter, Rheel Tetreault, Becky Antle, Joan Beck, Tammy Pike, U.S. Forest Service. (Pat & Ray Jenkins at another table).

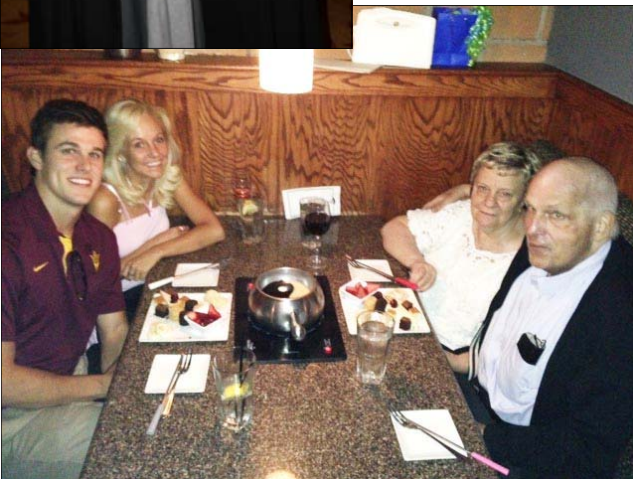


At left: Sandee and Devyn McCullen.

At right: Sandee with Rick Péwé.



M4W members: Paul, Kevin, Dave, Lee, Bill and Mike, along with Rick Péwé pose with a photo of Jack in the background.



At left, Jack and Sandee celebrate their 50th anniversary with grandchildren Shane and Devyn McCullen.

At right Jack and Sandee celebrate their recent 51st anniversary.

Thank you Sandee and Mike Drawsky for the great photos. [Ed.]



ASA4WDC DELEGATES MEETING—NOVEMBER 15, 2014, WICKENBURG

Draft Minutes to be ratified at the February 7th Delegates Quarterly Meeting, Laughlin, NV.

Called to order by President Antle at 1:38 p.m.

Quorum established.

Pledge to the Flag led by Phil Strittmatter.

Guests: Mesa 4 Wheeler's members, Mike Drawsky; Lee, Bev and Samantha Coppage.

August Delegate Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve as printed in the Fall 2014 Wheel Dust. Motion seconded. Discussion. Approved as printed.

Treasurer: Ray Jenkins reported on mail received. From BlueRibbon Coalition, an informative newsletter and another request from them asking for donations listing their numerous accomplishments. Also received ads for storage sheds, containers, etc. A magazine *My Public Lands* from the Dept. of the Interior. Other misc. stuff.

Treasurer's Report: AZ Corp. Commission paid. Website Fee paid. Received a check from the Tucson Rough Riders for temporary membership fees from guests attending the Trail Dust Days event—there was a very good turnout. Woodpecker Mine taxes paid. Check paid to Farmer's Insurance company for the Desert Splash event. Motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Motion seconded. No questions. Motion approved.

Sandee McCullen: Becky received a text that Sandee had hoped to attend the meeting, but could not make it.

COMMITTEES

Wheel Dust: Joan has received more newsletters from the clubs. Thanks everyone.

Membership: Wayne Ash reports it's going okay. Having website issues. Last heard from Jim Gibson in January—Jim is very busy. Wayne wants to make a lot of upgrades to the website. We pay \$217.50 quarterly for web storage space. Wayne checking for alternatives. Will have more to report in February. Ray knows of a Mesa 4 Wheeler web person, Wendi Kawa who may set it up—will check.

Historian: Chari Ainsworth still has a lot of ASA4WDC boxes in her shed, plans to check them soon. Hopes to have a good display for the April event. Wayne Ash has a box of ASA4WDC stuff that he will get to Chari. Didn't get a downing board yet, will check other types of display boards. The association will reimburse Chari. Lee Coppage has a cork shadow box for display that we are welcome to use, it can be mounted on an easel. Wayne and Chari have been trying to get ASA4WDC items returned from Jack Hickman, finally heard from him, he found the materials—Chari will keep on it.

Events: Becky asked about banners. Wayne suggested Three Monkeys—they do good work. Suggested size was 6'x3'. Lee suggested it be mounted on tack board (bulletin board). Wayne Ash can make a sturdy mount out of PCP pipe. It's easy to do, inexpensive and he will make it fit. Give all receipts to Ray.

May Convention: Mesa 4 Wheelers said they'd be interested in helping with sponsoring the ASA4WDC convention at the Convention Center in Wickenburg. They will help with the cooking, etc. There will be raffle prizes, invitations, center pieces—hopefully each club will contribute something. Past members and guests will be invited. Pat will handle the raffle.

FUTURE EVENTS

January 10—11, 2015. Woodpecker Mine work party. Cleanup/fencing/sign installation around mine shafts.

February 7, 2015 Delegates Quarterly. Laughlin—Wayne Ash will get us a room at the River Palms Casino.

March 20—22, 2015 Bronco Stampede.

April 25—26, 2015 ASA4WDC Jamboree with 4Wheel Parts at Rock Springs, Black Canyon City. Runs both days—mild to technical.

May 16, 2015 Delegates Quarterly/Convention. Convention Center, Wickenburg.

May 27—28, 2015 G&F Expo at Ben Avery Shooting Range. Chari will have more info later.

August 15, 2015 Delegates Quarterly. The Fat Olive's Restaurant, Flagstaff.

October 8—11, 2015 Tucson Rough Riders Trail Dust Days.

October 30—Nov. 1, 2015. Spook Rally.

November 7, 2015 Delegates Quarterly. Delegates chose the first weekend, not the third.

November 12—15, 2015. Parker 4 Wheelers, Desert Splash.

Re: Jamboree. Chari will get together with Chad Chaney (Copperstate 4 Wheelers). Chad is making a lot of the arrangements. Doug Larson is helping with many items including dinner and has more information. A question was asked about a raffle. It was decided not to have a raffle, since 4Wheel Parts will have so many donated items. Camping has been arranged—there's plenty of room. There will be a Saturday night dinner.

SAFETY TRAINING

Chad Chaney Emailed Becky that he may have a class for Off Road Safety Training at Pima Motor Park. There will be different instructional levels from introduction to off-roading to recovery classes. Chad is looking for other places to hold the clinics. He's working on a location near Cottonwood Canyon Rd. He is willing to travel around the state.

Region I Chari visited all of her area clubs. Rough Riders are not receiving notifications re: Quarterly meetings. Copperstate wants to know about insurance. Becky circulated insurance information approved by Allan Connor and by Becky. Allan is willing to go to clubs.

Region II Phil Strittmatter reported there are now only two participating clubs in the area—Bullhead 4 Wheelers and Parker 4 Wheelers. Phil would like Allan to attend a Parker 4 Wheeler meeting with him to explain the insurance. Phil displayed JEEP GARAGE signs—interest was shown, purchases were made.

Region IV Rheel Tetreault reported notice of the FS Plan for the Stafford District. The plan is out for review and comment. Coronado and Catalina final plans are out. The preferred alternative should be available soon. Not a whole lot going on. Charouleau Gap had a lot of rains over the summer making the trail more to the TRR's liking. Kiss Rock back to what it was—rougher now—more technical than it has been in a while.

OLD BUSINESS

Buying Land: Ray asked why we should purchase land when we could get a grant to buy land? The OHV staging area in Congress received a grant. Becky replied that one can only apply for that type of grant on federal land if one has 501C3 status. We don't. We are not a charitable non-profit organization. It is difficult to apply for a grant if one does not have agency backing. Wickenburg has been attempting to get a grant for a multi-use campground—ATVs, horses, OHV, etc. They may get a grant next year from State Parks. So far, no news on acquiring property for ASA4WDC.

Lobbyist: Ray asked: "Is the lobbyist no longer being funded enough money to support OHV groups?" Becky replied that he is still working for us, just not full time—there is not enough funding to fully support him.

Nominations for VP and Secretary. Ted Nunez was nominated by Rheel Tetreault. Discussion. Pat made a motion that nominations close for VP. Voted by acclamation. Joan Beck nominated for secretary by acclamation.

T-Shirts: Pictures of the shirts were shown in the Fall Wheel Dust. Ray asked if there was enough interest to order 48. Do we have the funding? Conclusion, we buy 48 shirts, half large the other half extra large. Some members were interested in XX+ sizes?

Woodpecker Mine: Ray reported the Mesa 4 Wheelers went to the mine recently. They checked the condition and walked the area. A trash cleanup is needed. More urgently there are three open mine shafts that require fencing and Open Mine Shaft warning signs. Since ASA4WDC is the owner we need to put together a work party and redo some of the fallen down fencing. May have to buy materials. Tools will be needed. Would be a long day. Make it a two day event. To get a trailer there, go in the back way up Ajax Rd. Chari volunteered to take her trailer. Work party planned for January 10th. Mike Drawsky suggested having a run to Woodpecker on the 10th and the cleanup on the 11th, could get more participation that way. Pat suggested 8 posts per mine shaft. Becky suggested square field fencing. Lengthy discussion. Will meet at Cottonwood Road staging area 9:00 a.m. Ray will send info to Becky to forward.

4 Wheeling: Samantha Coppage gave a short inspiring speech on her efforts to promote the sport of four wheeling to the younger generation—she wants the upcoming generations to be able to enjoy what we have—not to suffer any loss of trails. She's a student at ASU very involved with the sport on a national and international basis, particularly with the college communities. She's willing to take over Instagram/Facebook to benefit four-wheeling. Mike Drawsky stated it's such a pleasure to have the younger generation interested in the sport and taking care of our lands. Discussion followed.

50/50: Wayne Ash left early giving Chari his ticket to hold. He won the pot.

Motion to Adjourn: Seconded, passed, adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Beck, Secretary

PHOTOS FRONT PAGE:

Top left: Bullhead 4 Wheelers visit the East Mojave National Preserve, CA., the Exchequer Mine.

Top right: AZ Classic Bronco's at Sedona, September 2014. *Thanks to Doug Larson for the Bronco newsletter. Ed.*

DESERT SPLASH 2014

By Joan Beck. Photos by Phil Strittmatter, Karen Beck, Joan Beck

Another terrific event. Terrific because the Parker 4 Wheelers had devoted weeks and mega hours into making sure that all participants would have an enjoyable three day adventure. The intense fall rains had almost wiped out many of the trails so every weekend the P4W volunteers were out working to fill in deep holes attempting to replace boulders and rocks that had been washed away leaving the trails almost impossible to navigate (yes, even for buggies!). It was necessary for them to increase the ratings a notch—we were seeing trails once rated 4—4½ now rated a 5!

Brent and Linda Phillip had driven from Phoenix so we signed up to do Pit Pass with them on Friday. Only three vehicles turned out. The trip leader, Ryan and his passenger, the Phillips and me with Phil Strittmatter as passenger. The sign-up sheet had said to expect a five hour trip. From start to finish the trip took two hours with quite a few scenic breaks. A very nice challenging trail that we all enjoyed. With a lot of time left, Ryan asked if we'd like to do President's Choice. Yes indeed. Off we went—quite a few delays from the groups in front in some of the more technical areas, but we got through in good time. Then Ryan asked if we'd like to do True Grit. You bet. More delays from the number of vehicles ahead of us, but again, not bad. We still had a lot of daylight so Ryan suggested Rio Lobo. Absolutely. By then Ryan was having gas problems, so the Phillips led the way followed by us. It was a bit more difficult than last year. No problems though—we breezed right through. It was a great wheeling day.

That night we watched the car crush—it's quite an event. At the end, our trip leader, Ryan, put on an incredible performance and impressively crushed all five vehicles.

Saturday we ran President's Choice again with the Driven Auto Parts gang—friends we have known for many years—ending up at the Desert Bar.

Dinner that night was excellent. It's very well catered with serving dishes on both sides of the long tables with the line moving along quickly. After dinner came the raffles. The B4Wers did well! Reg Beck won the Early Registration 50/50 drawing, a very nice chunk of change. Morgan won the 9000 lb. winch a tow rope and gloves. Steve won a prize and Phil Strittmatter walked away with a tire repair kit, a tow strap and a shirt.

Sunday we almost went home but joined other friends we'd known since the late nineties, Kerry and Joann Hancock. Kerry has the most unbelievable buggy—it took him a year and a half to build. Every detail is perfect. He even put in electric folding steps for driver and passenger. Eight well set up rigs headed to the Duchess. She was more demanding than last year but a bit easier than the first year—a terrific run.



Above photos—2014 Desert Splash on a new to us trail, Pit Pass.
Brent and Linda Phillip at left, Joan Beck at right.
Some nice challenges and great views at the top. Rated a 5—it was a 4.



Above left, Brent and Linda Phillip successfully tackled this tough, narrow squeeze—took a lot of maneuvering back and forth. Top right. My Jeep dwarfed by a chap from Germany. He had 54" tires. Thought he could go anywhere. We spent about 30 minutes cautioning him on the sharp turns and narrow trails—not a problem, his rig could do anything. After driving the Duchess (not with us) we asked how he'd enjoyed it. "Terrible trails—I scratched my tires and wheels! I did not like it." We had tried to warn him...



Photos above—The Duchess. Left: Kerry Hancock driving his amazing rear-steer buggy over a difficult off-camper narrow section of the trail—no one else tackled it. Right: President's Choice is more difficult, still a lot of fun! My rear diff kept hanging up at this spot—it's now more challenging for everyone.



Reg and Karen Beck on Adventure Trail wisely taking a strap.

One of many obstacles on Deliverance. Their friend Steve and his nicely setup Jeep.

ARIZONA CLASSIC BRONCO'S OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Contributed by Doug Larson

The Classic Bronco's at Sedona. These beautiful photos need no explanation. Obviously, the group had a marvelous time in the gorgeous Red Rock Country. *Thanks for sharing with us, Doug.*



Guess what?
 It's that time of year once again...
 Yup—dues are payable by the
 February Quarterly. \$ 25.00 per
 person for each club.
 If not paid by May, clubs will
 be removed from the
 Insurance Policy and lose
 ASA4WDC Membership.

NOVEMBER 2014 MESA 4 WHEELERS HORN

Copperstate 4 Wheelers 4th Annual 4 Peaks/Sugarloaf Cleanup.

Tim Huber and Danica Moore started the 4-Peaks Annual Cleanup back in 2008. The Mesa 4 Wheelers have been involved in this annual cleanup since its inception. Copperstate 4 Wheelers took it over in 2011.

This year we received some help from Copperstate 4 Wheeler members who came by about every hour with trailers to haul the trash away. *Thanks again Mike Drawsky for sending us the newsletter.*



So much trash! What a disgrace to find this destruction on our public lands. If we ignored the trash, our trails would be closed! Kudos to all the clubs that care.



We finish loading our third and last trailer before heading back to the 4-Peaks Staging Area for lunch and a raffle.



This target shooting area, off Sugarloaf Mountain Road, west of the Beeline Highway, has been the M4W cleanup spot for the past 3 years. Every year we find the same amount of trash.



Three and half hours of hard work, the sight looks presentable once again!

What a great effort from the Mesa and Copperstate 4 Wheelers. Everyone would be interested in seeing other clubs' cleanups showing how 4-Wheelers help support our public lands. Send info to the editor. And, try and get your local press to ride along with you.

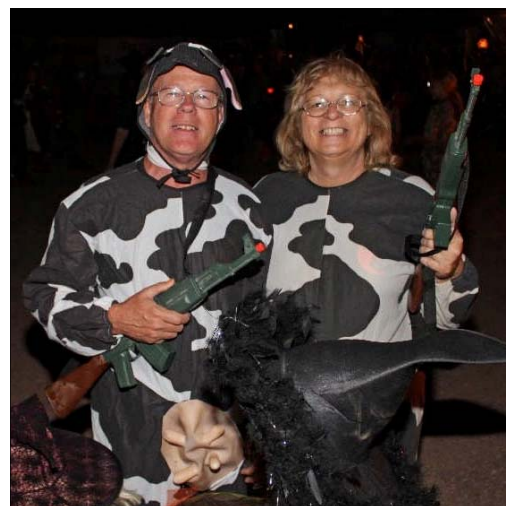
ARIZONA ROUGH RIDERS — OCTOBER 2014 SPOOK RALLY

Photos from Amy Mihailov and Wendi Kawa of the Mesa 4 Wheelers.

B4Wers, you've asked about the Spook Rally before so here's a short review.

Saturday night's rally was hugely successful.

Clues were given at each checkpoint in order to reach the next one. Folks still got lost in the dark, but all made it back in time for Sunday morning's super breakfast.



The Bloody Bucket Saloon—one of several checkpoints—was a scary place. Folks were being chased by a hatchet wielding wild, woman (Becky Antle, ASA4WDC President). Becky had a great time scaring the children.

The saloon was created by the Tucson Rough Riders.



Awards were given for best "dressed" vehicles.



Shown on this page, just a few of the very creative and original costumes. What a lot of fun!



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