



February 2016

TOW STRAP TRIBUNE

Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter

"A Family Oriented Off Road Club"

www.copperstate4wheelers.com

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CLUB CALENDAR

Sunday February 7th

Tip Top Mine

Thursday - February 11, 2016

CS4W Club Meeting

Saturday - November 5, 2016

Four Peaks Cleanup/Campout

Hi Everybody:

The new year is underway and so far we've had some cool runs. We had a great snow run which involved a murdered snowman, a destroyed windshield (carnage candidate) and a crushed tail light lens (carnage candidate).



Let's get some more cool CS4W events on the calendar. I presume we'll spend some time in Payson in June for Pyeatt Draw. Also, how about a Tucson weekend trip? Chiva Falls, Chimney Rock and Sutherland Trails are all great options.

If you have any suggestions for clinics or classes please let me know. Don't forget your club dues at the February 11th meeting.

See you then,

Chad—President

ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS

2015 — 2016

President ~ Chad Chaney

Vice President ~ Jim Nossett

Secretary ~ Jen Blum

Treasurer ~ Paul Yakaitis

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kenny Blum

Ryan England

Tom LaBonte

ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU!

Volunteer to be a CS4W trail leader.

Contact Chad or Jim for further details.

Hi Fellow Four wheelers:

I hope everyone is having a good February. I, personally, look forward to some great wheeling weather in the upcoming months.

I'd like to bring up a change that we, at the Towstrap, have been talking about. We are giving some consideration to publishing the newsletter every other month. We would also like to send out a link to the news letter so we can see what kind of readership we are getting.

Please give these ideas some consideration as we plan to take a few minutes to talk about the newsletter at February's meeting.

Thanks,

Jim Nossett — Editor

Happy
Valentine's
Day

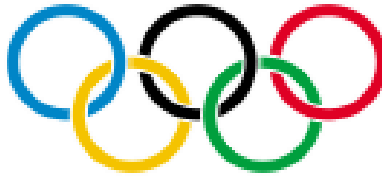
SECRETARY'S REPORT**January Club Meeting Highlights**

- 50/50 raffle winner – Kent and Sharon Holladay.
- Club dues are due at January meeting and are late on February 29, 2016.
- Approval for club to purchase flowers for Mary Epp \$50.00.
- Please do not buy anymore Bass Pro Shop gift cards. The club is paid through March 2017.
- Approval to have 2016 Christmas Party at Bumble Bee Ranch.
- Tom LaBonte will be looking for participants for a 501c3 status committee.
- Submit your broken vehicle parts and the story behind them to Jim Nossett for a shot at the yearly *Pulverized and Copper Carnage Awards*.
- Coke Ovens are fenced off and signed for no trespassing.
- New addition to the meeting agenda, “Chewing Some Dirt”. This month’s topic was trip leading. If you have a topic you would like to present or hear about please email Chad.
- Group vehicle inspections will be scheduled yearly by club VP.

Bill Goodwin a past CS4WDC member passed Dec 28 2015. Bill and his wife Connie were members from about 1990 to about 2006. Bill along with his dad Curt. also a club member made several trophies for different club activities including breakdowns and or appreciation type trophies. Bill and Connie enjoyed various club activities form trail rides to campouts. Bill was an excellent horseshoe pitcher as he could throw a few ringers per game. In fact that is how he got his CB handle of RINGER after one of these games that was played on an outing in Ouray Co. Bill first joined the club driving Ford Ranger pickup and later upgraded to CJ5 with a Cheve 350 V8 that moved out quite well. After leaving the club the CJ was given to one of his sons who enjoys driving it.

Roger

ANOTHER GREAT CAMPING OLYMPICS!



The *Camping Olympics weekend* started out with a ***BIG BANG*** thanks to the gorgeous weather. The *Olympic Campers* began to arrive late Friday afternoon and continued well into the evening. In true Copperstate fashion everyone sat around the campfire Friday evening telling stories and laughing well into the wee hours.

Saturday morning started early with a trip to Lower Ajax. Although the day's trail leader woke up sick with a cold, *Jim Nossett stepped up and saved the day!* We ran through Ajax without a single broken part to speak of. Afterwards, we broke into two groups. The first group tackled Hells Revenge and the other group returned to camp for the ***"Second Annual Camping Games Olympics"***.

The *Jenga Competition* was extremely intense while *Washers and Corn Hole* were loud and crazy with cheers and celebrations continuing into the night. With the luck of the draw ***Corn Hole was the designated Playoff and Championship game.***

- *Jeremy Reber and Gwinn squared off with Howard and Deb Batterman with a one point victory for the Battermans.*
- *The only thing standing in their way to the Champion Medals was Jim Nossett and Kenny Blum.*
- *The Battermans thought they had the Corn Hole game in the bag until their score went over the limit and they fell back in points.*
- *The competition was fierce and the trash talk was in full.*
- *But only one team could emerge as the champion.*

The Battermans were declared the Winners of the Championship Game by a very small margin of points. In true victory style, last year's champions, Jeremy Reber and Jen Blum presented the new champs with their 2016 Camping Games Olympic Medals.

This year's Camping Games Olympics were a huge success leaving everybody looking forward to the 2017 event.

CLUB Bulletins

Vandalism

If you observe destruction of the environment
or private property while in the outdoors
please notify the proper authorities by contacting
The Arizona Game and Fish Department's

24-Hour Hotline at
1-800-VANDALS – 1-(800)-826-3257.

TRAL has a new forum!

Register for the
Tonto Recreation Alliance Forum at
<http://www.tontorecreationalliance.org/forum/ucp.php?mode=login>

The confirmation of registration answer is
'VHO'

Adopt-a-Trail Successes

- **1096/1513 miles completed.**
- **857 markers checked or installed.**
- **251 cattle guards.**
- **1225 more miles of trails just added.**

Club Website

<http://www.copperstate4wheelers.com>

We have been hard at work revamping the club's website. A couple of new sub-pages have been created for TRAL and the Towstrap Tribune. Club events and TRAL trips are updated regularly.

ADOPT A TRAIL PILOT PROGRAM



The weather is cooling down, so that means TRAL Inspection runs will begin to pick up again. The Forest opened up additional trails for TRAL to inspect locally so our club crew leaders should be starting to gear up to get some trips going for the Adopt A Trail program.

It is not too late to complete TRAL Crew Leader training. If you are interested please refer to the TRAL page on the club website or speak with one of our current crew leaders for all the information.

Current Club Crew Leaders

Kenny Blum Mango Jim Nossett Danny Crowley

As a reminder, it is so important for the forest trail inspections to be completed, or we can run the risk of losing them.

Visit the TRAL page on the Copperstate4Wheeler's website for up to date information on the program as well as upcoming and past trips, TRAL volunteer meetings and training sessions.

<http://www.copperstate4wheelers.com/tral.htm>

Contact Jen Blum if you have any questions.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jennifer Blum **Bruce D'Andrea**
Lynda Gafke **William Duront**
Tatum Kochanski **Kit Russell**

Chad found the link below which shows land agencies and private property boundaries with different map options/views. This would be a helpful tool when planning trips. Check it out!

<http://gis.azland.gov/webapps/parcel/?loc=-111.3388,33.0728,9&layers=3,2,0>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE
 CHANDER CHRISTMAS PARADE!**



Saturday, December 3, 2016

Helpful Information for club members.

Permits

[Bull Dog Canyon Permit](#)

[State Land Department: Recreational Permit](#)

Useful Links

[Tonto National Forest](#)

[Tread Lightly](#)

[Tonto Recreation Alliance](#)

[Off-road Passport](#)

[ASA4WDC](#)

[AZOHVC](#)

[Blue Ribbon Coalition](#)

[Rubicon Owners Forum](#)

[A to Z Fabrication](#)

[Arizona Clean and Beautiful](#)

[Arizona 4x4 Off Road Recovery](#)

[Arizona Milepost map](#)

[Arizona NAXJA](#)

[Arizona Virtual Jeep Club](#)

[ARRL Web: amateur radio](#)

[Expeditioneers](#)

[Extreme Terrain](#)

[4x4 Ham](#)

[4 Wheel Parts - Mesa](#)

[Desert Rat Off-road Truck Centers](#)

[East Valley Truck Accessories](#)

[Xoskel](#)

[Hero Off-road](#)

[Jeep forum.com](#)

[Mesa Surf & Ski - T-shirts](#)

[Sierra Expeditions](#)

[Stu Olson's Jeep Site](#)

[The Jeep Wave](#)

MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm upstairs in the meeting room in the Camping Department at Bass Pro Shop located at 1133 N. Dobson Road, Mesa, AZ.

Guests are always welcome!

Member Spotlight



Allan Connor
MY ROLLING BILLBOARD



Specify as much as you would like about how your rig is equipped.

How and when did you acquire your rig?

I bought this jeep brand new off the lot. This was after Chrysler and their warranty department approved of the modifications that were being done as soon as it made it home.

Tires: 35 x 12.50 x 15 BFG KM2

Axles: Front: High pinion 30. 4:56 gears. Lock right custom differential cover. Housing has been cut and modified and heavy duty steering.

Rear: 8.25 that has been shaved, shock mounts raised. 4:56 gears and has powertrax no slip in L/S case. Ridler differential cover.

Engine/Transmission: 4.0 HO with Gibson header. Auto transmission with extra cooler.

Transfer Case: NP 231 with SYE

Interior Gadgets/Upgrades: 1000 watt Rockford Fosgate Stereo, Pioneer Bluetooth deck, Custom Subwoofer Box with (2) 12" subs and has shovel + Axe mounts

Body Armor/Skid Plates: Front: M.O.R.E bumper; 12k lb winch
Rear: Tompkin Bumper

Other Customizations: Cowl Induction Hood, Ball Bearing lined Throttle Cable, Woody Wrap, YJ Flares (2 rear sets)
Rubicon Express 8" Long arm with Custom Rear Spring Pack

Other Accessories: 12k lb Winch Air Compressor & tank, Spare Axles welding rods and cables, rear 5K winch, Procomp HID Front Facing Lights, Rear LED

Did you complete the work or did you take it to a shop or a friend?

I completed all modifications, paint wrap, etc. myself.

If you could have done one thing differently with your upgrades what would it have been?

Front windshield tint could have been lighter. Shhh, don't tell!

Any words of wisdom, specific experience or lessons learned you would like to share from your experience during rig grades or repairs?

Cowl hood was best mod to control overheating.

What items remain on your wish list for your rig?

Rear swing out tire mount. Rock lights on board welder, heated seats

Want to see your rig featured in this spotlight?

Turn in your questionnaire with photo to Jennifer Blum at kennifer04@outlook.com