



# Tow Strap Tribune

Newsletter of the Copperstate 4 Wheelers

***“A FAMILY ORIENTED OFF ROAD CLUB”***

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## **President’s Message:**

Hello all! As we approach the end of the year and I reflect back on 2014. I am excited about 2015 and what the year may bring. We've seen more requests for involvement from you, the membership, some exciting trips, and several new members. I am excited to see so much active participation in our club!

So far this year we have put together a team for the Four peaks cleanup. Mango, Jeff LaBelle, and I have worked very hard to bring the best cleanup ever. For the first time in 5 years, food will be provided, there will be porta johns, and 4 roll off dumpsters. Thanks to the help of the Tonto Recreation Alliance (TRAL), donations are tax deductible. We are hoping for record attendance this year. I really hope all of you can attend. The clean up is Saturday, November 1st. As always, there will be a trail ride at the end of the day. Additionally in 2014, CS4W has become involved in the adopt-a-trail program led by TRAL. As I recall, there are approximately 1200-1500 miles of trails within the national forest that need service work, repair, and signing before the travel management plan is completed for Tonto. Some of our members have become TRAL volunteers and will be trail leaders for this service work. Mango, Jennifer Blum, Kenny Blum, Jim Nossett, and myself (I hope I didn't forget anyone), will be working with Jennifer Blum, our Adopt a trail Coordinator. I encourage others to participate. If interested, contact Jennifer Blum. Jennifer will have the responsibilities of making sure our volunteer hours are documented and available to TRAL. Jim Nossett has volunteered to become our Towstrap Tribune writer and editor. He may call upon some of us for articles or trail tips in the future so please help him out if you can. If there any aspiring writers who want to volunteer to help, please contact Jim Nossett. These are examples of the many things our club members have done to become more involved. As always, you can volunteer as a trail leader. Thank you to those of you who already have volunteered.

Additionally, club elections are coming up in November. All officer positions have a 1 year term except the board of director positions (3), which are for 2 years. There will be 2 board of director positions open that we will need to fill. These are elected positions and another way you can become more involved in our club. The new board of director and executive committee positions will begin in January 2015. I encourage all to attend the November meeting so your voices can be heard.

In 2014, CS4W travelled to California to run the Rubicon trail. I hope 2015 will bring some exciting trips as well. Rumor has it that a Moab trip is in the works. Additionally Tom LaBonte is working on a joint mineral hunting trip with the Arizona Mineralogical Society. Kent & Sharon Holladay have arranged a position for us in the Chandler Christmas parade on December 6th. And, don't forget our Christmas party is coming up as well. A location and date are still being determined. Hopefully will be able to finalize this at our October meeting.

I want to thank everyone for making our club the awesome family it has become. I also wanted to acknowledge and thank Gary Epp, Jim Nossett, Mike Reeves, and Jennifer and Kenny Blum for helping me get the Hulk up and running. Your help was above and beyond and very much appreciated.

Thank you all,

Chad.

### **Editor's Message:**

My name is Jim Nossett and I have volunteered to take over the Tow Strap Tribune from Chad. We all know he does a lot for the club and he has enough on his plate. Most of you know me but just a quick over view. I moved to AZ in 1969 at the age of 6 from Ohio. I was lucky my parents loved this State and we went camping almost every weekend. We did not have a 4 x 4 so we were limited to where a pickup and tent trailer could go and each weekend was a new adventure. I have always wanted a Jeep Wrangler and in 2011 I purchased my 1993 YJ. It did not take long before I fell in love with my Jeep so I started looking for a club of 4 wheelers that had the same interests as me. I started coming to meetings back in November of 2013 and joined in January 2014. I signed up to go on the Rubicon trip and started going to planning meeting for that as well. After the Rubicon Trip and being around the best group of people I could ever find, I found myself hooked on this Club.

I would like to ask anyone leading a trip give me a short description of the trip and the requirements for the trip and I will post them in the next Tribune. After the run I would like to get a short review of the run, a few pictures and the names of everyone who went. I would really like to know of any problems anyone had so we can learn from these. Please send this info to [tradcoach@msn.com](mailto:tradcoach@msn.com)

I hope you enjoy reading the Tow Strap and that it will help keep you informed with what is going on with Copperstate 4 Wheelers.

Thank you,

Jim Nossett

### **Off Road Trip Tip:**

The backcountry can be a dangerous place, especially if you become stranded or stuck. Here are some important tips to help survive when the worst case scenario strikes.

- Travel in groups of vehicles; this greatly improves the odds of not getting stranded.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good working order; carry basic spares and fluids, and the tools to replace those parts if needed.
- Carry a cell phone; sometimes you maybe in a service area but don't count on it. Remember sometimes text messages can be sent even if you have no phone service.
- Don't count on passing traffic; there often is none.
- Carry a CB radio and use the emergency channels 9 and 19.

- Inform someone of your route and return time. This is crucial if you travel without other vehicles. Have Backcountry Safety them initiate a search if you do not check-in at the designated time.
- If stranded, stay with your vehicle; attempt to radio or call for help. Stay warm, or in the shade if it's hot and drink lots of drink water. Your survival chances improve greatly if you stay with your vehicle.
- Know your physical limits – and how far you may need to hike out for help. Stay well within your limits, especially if you decide to hike out for help.
- Carry a first aid kit.
- Use a mirror or reflective item to signal for help.
- Hike out ONLY if you know the trail – and stay on the trails. Hike out the way you drove in unless you know the trail completely. Carry a map, compass, food, water, cell phone and warm clothes with you if you hike out.

### **September Meeting Highlights:**

Bill Barrier

Jordan has Memorial stickers for Bill Barrier she will have them at the next meeting so see her if you would like one, they are \$3.00 each

Tonto National Forest / TRAL

Copperstate 4 Wheelers was one of two clubs picked for the (ADAT) Adopt-a-trail pilot program. Jennifer Blum has volunteered to be the ADAT Program Coordinator for Copperstate 4 Wheelers and Jim Nossett, Micheal 'Mango' Mangotich and Kenny Blum have completed the Crew Leader Training and are now able to put groups together for runs. If you would like to become a Crew leader please talk to or email Jennifer [kennifer04@yahoo.com](mailto:kennifer04@yahoo.com) about getting signed up for this training, you **must** be a member of Copperstate 4 Wheelers to be a Crew Leader. We will have more information at the next meeting about planned trips for this program. You do not need any training to volunteer to go on these trips, just the crew leader has to be a Tonto National Forest Volunteer, member of TRAL and have the Crew leader training.

### **October Meeting Preview:**

Copperstate 4 Wheelers monthly meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, starting at 6:30PM, at Coco's Bakery at 1862 W Baseline Rd, Mesa, AZ. Guests are welcome!

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Hopefully, we can get some day and overnight trips on the calendar.

### **Trip Reports and upcoming events:**

Mid-year club run and pot luck dinner to Pyeatt Draw. 3 vehicles attempted the last obstacle; Jim Nossett, Eric Brannon, and Paul Yakaitis. Carnage: thought we had a broken rear locker in Jennifer's YJ and a driveline separation on Jim Nossett's jeep. Only Eric and Paul made it up the last obstacle. Dinner was awesome.

Gary Epp's September's club run was to Broken Arrow and part of Rim Trail and was attended by Gary, Paul, Kip, Craig and Chad.

Our next club run will be led by Chad Chaney **Saturday October 18th** - recovery clinic Day run. Staged scenarios, hands on with recovery equipment, theory, and safety. Either Rocker Panel Pass or upper Sycamore. Meeting time: 8am Meeting location: Sugarloaf staging area across from Fourpeaks. Locker less run.

Annual Four peaks clean up is **Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> 8am to 4:30 pm** with lunch being provided. There will be a morning and afternoon raffle for those participating. Please help spread the word and visit the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Fourpeakscleanup](http://www.facebook.com/Fourpeakscleanup)

Kent and Sharon Holladay have entered the Copperstate Jeep Club in the "Chandler Parade of Lights". We are looking for five additional jeeps plus 12 jovial adults/children who would like to ride in an attached decorated spreading spread holiday cheer as they wave to the crowd. When: **Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014 at 12 Noon** at Kent and Sharon Holladay's home located at 3361 W. Genoa Way, Chandler, AZ 85226. Contact: Kent Holladay: [kholladay@gmail.com](mailto:kholladay@gmail.com) Sharon Holladay: [sholladay@cox.net](mailto:sholladay@cox.net) Cell: 480-797-9685 Cell: 480-797-4889

### **Announcements:**

If you have any 4x4 announcements or runs you are wanting to sign up for, send the info to: [england.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:england.ryan@gmail.com)

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