



# TOW STRAP TRIBUNE

May/June  
2016

Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter  
"A Family Oriented Off Road Club"  
[www.copperstate4wheelers.com](http://www.copperstate4wheelers.com)

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## CLUB CALENDAR

### May Club Meeting

May 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM  
Bass Pro

### Chiva Falls Run

May 14<sup>th</sup> 7am  
Cracker Barrel I10

### June Club Meeting

June 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM  
Bass Pro

### Summer Camp Out

June 10<sup>th</sup> - 12th  
Pyeatt Draw Run

### July Club Meeting

July 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM  
Bass Pro

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all,

As you are aware recently we lost a member of our family. Pam Orman passed away on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Pam always had an adventurous heart and was excited to hit the trail. I was not aware that she was so active in her community though, and apparently quite the Mrs. Claus. During the May meeting, I will show a brief tribute video I put together. Please keep Pam and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Pam Orman  
1957-2016



## ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS 2016

President ~ Chad Chaney  
Vice President ~ Jim Nossett  
Secretary ~ Jen Blum  
Treasurer ~ Paul Yakaitis

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kenny Blum  
Ryan England  
Tom LaBonte

There has been quite a few really cool runs so far and I want to thank Jim Nossett for doing a killer job of keeping us updated on upcoming runs. Also, we are going to start four peaks cleanup planning meetings in June. Hopefully all of last year's volunteers will be returning to help plan this awesome event. I would also invite anyone else to join us. Adventure is calling, let's get out, and enjoy some trails!

Chad.

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Fellow Wheelers

As most of you know Pam Orman passed away, and I would like everyone to keep her family in our thoughts and prayers.

May and June we have some fun trips planned for the club. In May we have the Chiva Falls in Tucson and June our Summer camp out. I hope everyone can make it and I'm sure it's going to be a blast.

Please let me know if you would like to lead a run as we still need runs for July and September.

Thanks,

Jim Nossett, Editor

## Meeting Information

Bass Pro Shop  
1133 N. Dobson Rd  
Mesa, Arizona

In the meeting room upstairs  
next to the camping section

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Club Meeting Highlights**

Treasurer budget report \$3,830

Club swag order is in the near future.

We have adopted the Bulldog Canyon Wilderness Area!

Volunteer awards: Our club has been awarded the 5000 bronze challenge coin and certificate.

TRAL was recently awarded a 5000 and 10,000 hour coins. Mesa District partners' plaque - Copperstate was added to the plaque hanging on the wall in the Mesa District Office.

**Guest Speakers**

TRAL - Steve Speak 2. Adopt A Trail - Richard Lillard adat@tralaz.org 480-399-2310

3000 routes will be opened when project final map complete. Just as a starting point there are many miles in Tonto to cover. Educate the forest personnel about what the community likes. Forest does not have funds to maintain trails, TRAL has offered to try having volunteers pick up the slack. Want to create trail repair procedures. Focus on trying to create opportunities for volunteers. Grant application to fund program, for materials. Hopefully a 5 year window for the off road community to take care to the motorized trails or they may start to be shutdown. 3k miles of trails to be approved under forest travel management plan.

**Two ways to participate**

Organized club run to inspect/Adopt a trail

Become a trail inspector for TRAL

Types of work: Signing, inspecting trail, notate what you have seen. Clearing trail blockages, picking up trash, brushing, and minor trail repair and data collection.

**TRAL runs**

Events must be led by a trained leader. (Crew Leaders). Volunteers must sign in/out and agree to follow the crew leader's direction. TRAL Provides the software, decals, markers, trash bags, marker drivers. Bring Cellphone/table, (1 per crew) hand tools for brushing, gloves.

**Trail 42**

Closed on executive order in 2005, due to a fire which resulted in floods, it has been deemed unrecoverable. Trips require special permission. Lots of work has been completed on this trail to repair the trail. Permission has been expanded beyond just TRAL volunteers, trips can be scheduled to work on trails repairs. Looking for help, maybe a Copperstate day can be scheduled.

**Tread Lightly membership**

Select a \$100 or \$250 membership. Jim Nossett motion to pay \$250 second by Roland. Vote to renew tread lightly and dollar amount. Motion passes 13 yay, 4 nay

**New members**

Howard and Debbie Batterman

Motion Gary second Jen All yay, 1 nay (Jim Nossett)

**New run submission form**

Designate whether a trip is open to all, club members + invitation only, or club members only. VP to create FB page/group for trips if requested. Trip leaders don't forget to create a trip run report for the Towstrap Tribune.

Black Canyon Overlook



On March 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 Craig Gafke lead us on the Black Canyon City Overlook. This was an easy run but a lot of fun, I think it would make for a great night run. CS4W members Jim Nossett, Jennifer Blum, Kit Russell and we had one guest Joshua Dale. The excitement started at the first obstacle when Kit cut a sidewall so we had to change his tire. The day ended with Pie from Rocksprings Café.



Hackberry



On April 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 Bobby Nelson and Sunny Sandberg lead this run and it was a great day. CS4W members Jim Nossett, Gary Epp, Alan Conner, Danny Crowley, Craig Gafke and we had one guest Jeff Hemplman. The weather held off until after we were aired up but then it came down. This is a challenging trail with lots of obstacles and side challenges if you dare. It's a shame to think this is all going to be turned upside down with the mine going in. So if you get the chance and have not ran Hackberry I would suggest you do within the next year or so.



## CLUB EVENTS

Hello Everybody,

I have started planning an epic trip called the Mojave Road. This is a very historical trail that starts approximately 20 miles south of Laughlin and traverses the Mojave Preserve 140 miles (all on dirt) to end near Barstow California.

It will involve:

1 day of travel to the trail and 1 day of travel home from the trail.

Spending 2 nights in Laughlin (on the way to and return from the trail for fun).

3 days of camping on the trail.

Very scenic views.

Deep sand, crossing a salt flat and a spooky canyon.

Some easy to moderate 4x4 and lots of cool stuff to see.

This trail has been on my bucket list for a while. The dates are October 15-20th 2016. I would like to hear from you if you're interested in going as there are permits needed depending on group size. I am not limiting this trail to a certain group size I just need a heads up as to whether I need to get a permit or not. If needed, participants will split the \$50 permit fee.

Before you say YES, you should know that this is a very, very remote trail, cellular coverage is, meh, along the trail, our group would need to be prepared for anything including repairs, and bring water, water, water.

So, who's interested?

Chad, President, Copperstate 4 Wheelers, I4WDTA Certified Off-road Instructor #201406, Tread Lightly Master Trainer and Member

## ADOPT A TRAIL PROGRAM



Copperstate 4 Wheelers has officially been awarded the Bulldog area as it's Adopt -A-Trail area. This means it is the clubs responsibility to run this area and keep it monitored for problems, clean, properly signed and do any brushing needed. We are not too police the area just report anything criminal activity.

Jennifer, Paul, Kit and Jim ran 10 and 3554 on Mothers Day. Which is about 12.5 miles of the 24 miles of trails in Bulldog. The main objective was to survey the area and get an idea of what needs to be done. Trail 10 and 3554 has about a days worth of brushing, cleanup and signing still to do. Trail 3554 has not been signed in a long time and some of the signs are shot up. The plan is to have a run every month in Bulldog if only for about a few hours in the AM to get everything up to speed.

Visit the Bulldog Canyon page on the Copperstate4Wheelers website for up to date information our adopted trail.

[http://www.copperstate4wheelers.com/Bulldog\\_Canyon.htm](http://www.copperstate4wheelers.com/Bulldog_Canyon.htm)

Contact Jen Blum if you have any questions.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

# May & June Birthdays!!!!



Mike Campbell  
Janet Williams  
Justice Epp  
Kiera England  
Holly Ritchie

### Land agencies and private property boundaries Website

[Click Here](#)

### TRAL has a new forum!

Register for the Tonto Recreation Alliance  
Forum at:

[Click Here](#)

The confirmation of registration answer is 'VHO'

### Helpful Information for club members.

#### Permits

- [Bull Dog Canyon Permit](#)
- [State Land Trust 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](#)

## Member Spotlight



**Jim Nossett**  
1993 YJ The NOSS

### **How and when did you acquire your rig?**

In 2012 after many months of looking I found my friend. As some of you know it takes me forever to to make a purchase, I test drove her 3 times before finally deciding to make the purchase. The Jeep was owned by a ASU student that was graduating and moving to Florida and needed something to drive across the country.

### **Specify as much as you would like, with what is your rig equipped with?**

Tires 33X12.50X15 Goodyear MTR's  
 Axles- re-gearred to 4.11 and Lockers  
 Engine/transmission- 4.0L. AEM Magnaflow Exhaust  
 Transfer case-Factory 231  
 Interior gadgets or upgrades- CB and Full roll cage  
 Custom made skid plate  
 Custom made Gas tank skid plate  
 Poison Spyder Front fender armor  
 Poison Spyder front bumper  
 Poison Spyder Rear fender armor  
 And lots more!

Other accessories (ex. winch, air tank, compressor) 9500 Tiger Shark Superwinch, CO2 Tank

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

For the most part I have done everything myself with help from Kenny Blum. He and I made the roll cage and skid plates. I have had work done by shops but it seems like I always have to fix it myself once they are done.

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

I would have installed the C clip eliminator when up grading my axle shafts.

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

Break it so you can upgrade it! Do what you can, to learn your rig, no one will fix it as good as you.

### **What items remain on your wish list for your rig?**

Rubicon 4 to 1 Transfer case

***Want to see your rig featured in this spotlight? Turn in your questionnaire with photo of your jeep to Jennifer Blum at <mailto:kennifer04@outlook.com>***