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# TOW STRAP TRIBUNE

Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter

"A Family Oriented Off Road Club"

[www.copperstate4wheelers.com](http://www.copperstate4wheelers.com)

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## MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings are held the  
2nd Thursday of each month at  
6:30 pm at Bass Pro Shop  
1133 N. Dobson Road  
Mesa, AZ  
*Guests are always welcome!*

## CLUB CALENDAR 2015

**August 15, 2015**  
**ASA Quarterly Meeting**

**August 16, 2015**  
**Cinders Run**

**Saturday September 5, 2015**  
**Payette Draw Sock Drive**

**October 12—October 18, 2015**  
**Moab Utah**

**November 7, 2015**  
**Four Peaks Clean Up**

**December 11th—13th, 2015**  
**Christmas Party**

## ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS

2014-2015

President ~ Chad Chaney

Vice President ~ Ryan England

Secretary ~ Jordan Carroll

Treasurer ~ Paul Yakaitis

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[Kenny Blum](#), [Jim Nossett](#),

[Mango Mangotich](#)

Hello Everybody,

Do you have a trail in mind that you'd like to run?

Would you like to go on an adventure over multiple days?

Are you intimidated about being a trail leader?

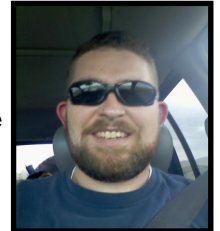
Are you unsure about being a trail leader? That's no problem. There are many members within the group who would love to help you learn what it takes to be a trail leader. Just ask so we can help!

If you have a trip in mind that you'd like to make into a club run, download a club run submission form; and turn it in to Ryan or myself so we can review it and get it on the calendar.

Thank you,  
Chad/President



**Calling All CS4W  
Trail Leaders....**



Hello Fellow 4 Wheelers:

I hope everyone is keeping cool and enjoying their summer. Just think, Moab is right around the corner! With that said, I would like to remind everyone to plan to do a complete check up on their vehicle, especially the brakes.

Seems like we got really lucky on the last Rubicon trip as several people had major problems after we got back. I will be posting a link for everyone to post pictures from the Moab trip before our September club meeting. I encourage everyone to post their pictures!

Please remember to also send us any pictures or write ups on any runs you go on and we will share them in the news letter. We are updating the website so please keep a look out for changes and let us know what you think!

Thanks,  
Jim/Editor



### Four Peaks Clean Up Raffle Donations

The Four Peaks Committee is hard at work organizing the big clean up on November 7, 2015. If any club member has access to employers, vendors, customers, etc. who would be willing to provide donation(s) for raffle prizes please contact a committee member below.

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**Thank you!**

### What Is Tread Lightly?

Tread Lightly was started by the United States Forest Service in 1985 as a public awareness program. In 1990 Tread Lightly became a non-profit organization whose goal was to empower generations to enjoy the outdoors responsibly.

Today, Tread Lightly is a credible organization that provides solutions to the nation's most immediate issues surrounding outdoor recreation. They also lead awareness workshops and restores trails. In addition, Tread Lightly offers extensive online tips and guidelines on being more responsible while hiking, camping, boating, hunting, horseback riding, ATVs and more. Be sure to check out their website [treadlightly.org](http://treadlightly.org)



## ADOPT A TRAIL PILOT PROGRAM



### IMPORTANT REMINDER

- If you drive on reservation land your vehicle can be confiscated.
- In the Lower Sycamore area the best practice is not to drive past the Widow Maker.
- There are open trails past the Widow Maker. If you miss the open trails while driving down the wash you may end up further into the reservation than you may like.

Visit the TRAL page on the Coperstate4Wheelers 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



- Chad Chaney*
- Danny Lee Crowley*
- Carolyn Crowley*
- Mary Epp*
- Roland Silva*
- Roger Williams*
- Kris Yakaitas*



- 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](#)
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  - [Arizona 4x4 Off Road Recovery](#)
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  - [Hero Off-road](#)
  - [Jeep forum.com](#)
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  - [The Jeep Wave](#)

## Member Spotlight

**Wrecklus**

Owned By  
Kent & Sharon Holladay

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

Acquired 18 months ago from a private party.

**What is your rig equipped with?****Tires**

33"

**Axles**

4:56 Front and rear

**Lockers**

Electric front and rear

**Engine/Transmission**

Stock 4.0 / Stock 42 REL

**Transfer Case**

Stock 231

**Interior Gadgets or Upgrades**

Upgraded stereo, oil/trans temperature gauges, bed rug front floors, bed liner

**Body Armor and Skid Plates**

Stock skid plates. No body armor.

**Other Customizations**

3" Rough Country Lift with Spacers  
Aftermarket front and rear bumper  
Aftermarket hard top. Congo cage with rack  
Truck lite LED headlights. Reverse LED lights

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

New side view mirrors and stereo upgrade.

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

I completed the work with the help of a few friends.

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

Install a 4.7 Stroker engine.

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

It's great to have knowledgeable people in the club who can offer advice and assistance.

**Want to see your rig featured in this spotlight?**

**Turn in your questionnaire and submit a photo to Jennifer Blum.**

## Crown King Run

On July 18<sup>th</sup> ten CS4W club members tackled the backroad to Crown King on a night run. It was an exciting trip as the group of vehicles followed a very large monsoon storm which sat over Crown King for approximately an hour.

The group had a smooth start from the meeting location with only an occasional drizzle. The trail was damp which was nice because it kept the dust down. After the ride a small group of members stayed behind on the top of the mountain and spent the night followed by a very nice breakfast at the Prospector Mall before heading home.

There were no major issues except for one.....which occurred..... when the embarrassed absent minded trail leader forgot to put his jeep in 4x4 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> obstacle. The group also discovered a new development on the trail. North of Fort Misery, a mining company, made an alternate route around their operations which completely eliminated the original road for approximately ½ mile. In the daylight it may not have been an issue finding the way. But at night, it added some confusion. Club members had to hike the trail a bit to find the way. It was cool trip nonetheless. Thank you to everybody who came along.

## 4 x 4 Humor

### Signs and Symptoms That You May Be a 4 x 4 Addict.

- You determine that the best route from Point A to Point B is through a rock pile or over a mountain.
- You roll it over and don't get upset.
- You judge every hill you see by how much fun it would be to climb.
- You get custom pin-stripping from trail brush.
- You take your friends wheeling and they say "What trail; I don't see a trail!"
- You've been forced to add TJ, CJ, YJ, and XJ to your spell-checker.
- You carry emergency supplies and clothing because you never know where you will end up.
- It rains and you don't care that your top and doors are off.
- You drive around to look at Christmas lights . . . topless.
- You get more heat from holes in the floorboards than through the heater vents.
- Every page of your repair manual has greasy fingerprints.
- Passengers scream "DON'T ROLL IT!" when you take them wheeling.
- You spend more on car washes than on insurance.
- Even worse, the car wash won't let you in.
- You fix almost everything yourself.
- You have all your credit card numbers memorized.
- You slam the door and chunks of dried mud crumble to the ground.
- You can't hear your \$200 stereo over the howl of your tires on the highway.
- You have a high-water mark INSIDE the Jeep.
- After your answer to "What did you do this weekend?", the next question is always: "And you do this for fun, right?"
- You save broken parts as "mementos".
- When someone refers to "The Good Book", you think of "The Jeep Owner's Bible".
- You know your ring gear size, but not your wedding ring size.
- All of your shirts have some sort of grease or oil stains, or battery acid holes, from not planning on working on your (or a friend's) Jeep.
- You think that an "airline" is something that connects your differential to your air compressor.
- You spend Super Bowl Sunday turning wrenches rather than watching the game.
- Your e-mail address refers to your vehicle rather than you.
- You have enough spare parts to build another vehicle.