



November 2015

TOW STRAP TRIBUNE

Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter

"A Family Oriented Off Road Club"

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CLUB CALENDAR

November 7, 2015

**Four Peaks Clean Up
Bring Your Family & Friends**

November Meeting -11/12/15

*****Club Elections*****

December 11th—13th, 2015

Christmas Party

Hello All,

As November approaches I'm getting more excited about the Four Peaks Clean up. Six years ago I had the opportunity to jump at the chance for the Copperstate 4 Wheelers to lead the clean up and I'm glad I did. This was an event that had to continue and I knew our club was the perfect group to do just that!



The clean up has grown tremendously in the past six years and I hope we can continue to make it better and better each year. Thank you to everybody who has and continues to participate in this great event.

I'm also excited about the upcoming November elections; and who our 2016 leadership team will be. I'm very proud to be a part of such a great group.

Lastly, on Saturday October 31st I will be leading a recovery, winching, and hi lift class. Please remember that a State Trust Land permit will be required for those who attend this class. If you have questions about this class please don't hesitate to ask. I look forward to a good turn-out.

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 fellow Wheelers,

Moab has come to a close; and now it's time to move on to the exciting Four Peaks Cleanup, the Holidays and our awesome Christmas party. I invite everyone to please write a story about their Moab trip so we can share it in the Towstrap.



I look forward to seeing everyone at the Four Peaks Clean Up on November 7th. We encourage you to bring family and friends to this great community event.

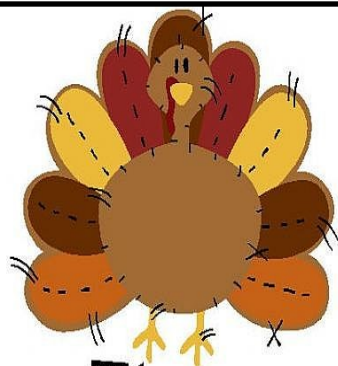
Also, remember that November is an election meeting for next years seats.

If you have any suggestions for the Tow Strap please drop me a line. Pictures and write ups are always welcome.

Meet you down trail,

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!



Happy Thanksgiving

MOAB MEMORIES—STEEL BENDER RUN



On Friday, October 16th, Jim Nossett, Paul Yakaitis, Tim Wright, Mike Reeves, Bruce D'Andrea and Bruce Matteson ran Steel Bender. It was a fun trip, as well as one of the most challenging runs in Moab. While there were bypasses there were also two spots that Jim Nossett did not feel comfortable doing which included, The Fall and The Wall. Paul, on the other hand, ran the wall with little problem. For additional excitement they had a couple of repairs during the run. Jim had his driver front leaf spring come apart due to the center bolt shearing off. While repairing that Paul's Yota would not start because his fuel pump had gone out. Tim and his wife volunteered to run back to town to get Paul a fuel pump while Jim's repair was finished up. Tim made great time and returned in about an hour. Before we knew it Paul was up and running and we were back on the trail. Since the day was coming to an end we decided to cut the trip short and took a bypass road to return to camp. Tim decided to finish the trail and confirmed that he had finished the trail two hours later. Even with the repair challenges it was a great day on a fun trail.

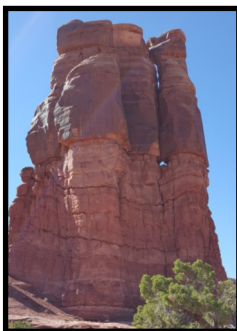
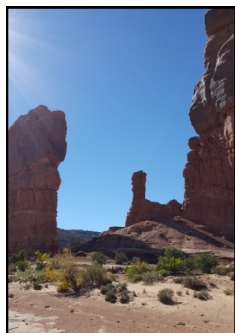


MOAB MEMORIES—BULL CANYON TRAIL

On Thursday, October 15th Jim Nossett, Gary Epp, Bruce Dandrea, Mike Reeves, Bruce Matteson, Roland Silva and Rick Hyson ran Bull Canyon to the lower side of Gemini Bridge and Little Canyon Trail.

This was an easy trail with spectacular scenery. Everyone ate lunch at the parking area right before the half mile walk to the bridge. We all felt somewhat daring and decided to take an unknown trail out called Little Canyon Trail that was marked "Difficult" on the map.

Little Canyon was a fun trail with several obstacles which were easier than we expected. Roland decided to forego Little Canyon and went the other way out where he helped a biker who had broke his arm and was waiting for a chase vehicle to come get him. The weather was perfect and we all had fun.



On Monday, October 12, 2015 a small group of Copperstaters dared to face Seven Mile Rim with me. Unfortunately, I did not have as much time as I wanted in Moab this year but 7 mile rim was on my bucket list.

Thank you to those who came along for the ride. Our group of six found the Uranium Arch, Monitor, Merrimac Buttes, Burnt Toast, and Wipe Out Hill. My better half wasn't having any part of Wipe Out Hill so I elected out, but what a cool trail and great scenery.

I think the only problems we had on the trail were tested nerves and my transfer case shifter cable being out of adjustment. After a brief repair between the Monitor and the Merrimac I was back in business. Jennifer Blum was fearless on Wipe Out Hill as were Kenny and Jim. **Great job guys! By Chad Chaney**

MOAB MEMORIES—Metal Masher and Gemini Bridges-Led By Kenny Blum

We started the day with a climb up the side of a mountain and stopped at the trail sign for a photo op.

On our route to the first obstacle Jim Nossett found a great ledge for a group picture.



Then the real fun began. We hit the difficult sections of the trail, Rock Chucker and Mirror Gulch. These obstacles earned their names. We picked up a guest on our run who ended up breaking an axle just before lunch.



While we all ate lunch on Arths Rim, they had it replaced and trail ready.

At the end of Metal Masher we said goodbye to our guest and headed over to see Gemini Bridges.



COME ONE.....COME ALL... TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!***Christmas Party at Bumble Bee Ranch******Friday, December 11, 2015 — Sunday, December 13, 2015***

The club has decided to host this year's Christmas Party at Bumble Bee Ranch. Hopefully, this year's venue will make it enjoyable for everyone, including those who are not fond of camping. The event will start on Friday, December 11, 2015 and end on Sunday, December 13, 2015. Everyone is welcome to come and stay as long or little as they would like.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will start on Saturday, December 12, at 5:00 pm with a steak dinner prepared by Bumble Bee Ranch followed by a gift exchange.

Lodging

Lodging can be as simple as a tent to renting the big house at the ranch. The Ranch has bathrooms and showers for those who are camping.

Payment

Payment for lodging and the Christmas dinner is due no later than by the November 12th meeting, unless prior arrangements have been made.

The club is paying \$15.00 per membership toward your total bill.

So, if you are a family of 1 or 10 you still only get credit for 15.00 off your bill.

Guests

This is a club event and everyone is welcome to bring guests. Guests will be required to fill out their own registration form and provide payment to the club no later than November 12, 2015. Each member will be responsible for any guests they bring.

Alcohol

Alcohol will be available at the cash bar on Saturday night only. Please remember, this is a family event so drink wisely. No alcohol can be consumed before or during any club run.



Christmas Party Continued

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Two Gift Exchanges

Kid Gift Exchange

Anyone bringing a child should bring a wrapped gift for Santa to present to their child. Please include the child's name on the gift and give the gift to Jennifer Blum when you arrive.

Adult Gift Exchange

The adult gift exchange rules are as follows.

- Each participating adult needs to bring a wrapped gift with no name on it.
- The gift must be valued at \$25.00 to \$30.00. This is not a gag gift exchange so please bring a gift someone would want.
- Numbers will be drawn to pick the order of selecting a gift. Number 1 will go first and so on.
- When it is your turn, you can pick a gift or steal a gift that has previously been opened.
- No gift can be stolen more than two times.
- Once the last number has chosen a gift, number one gets the opportunity to keep what they selected or steal a gift.

Trails runs planned for this weekend.

Friday: Night run scheduled for 7:00 pm

Saturday: The plan for Saturday is one longer run or two shorter runs — depending on what everyone wants to do.

Sunday: We can also do a Sunday morning run if anyone is interested.

Trail Runs

Jim Nossett would appreciate member suggestions for runs during that weekend. All of Table Mesa and the Bradshaw Mountains are available as the club's playground that weekend so let's put together some good runs. If you have a suggested run or would like to lead a run, please contact Jim Nossett. So far De-Soto Mine <http://azoffroading.com/arizona-trails/desoto-mine/>, Black Canyon Creek trail #35nd and Turkey Creek are on the list of suggested runs.

In closing, all club members should have received an email that included the menu, ranch information, directions and a registration form for the Christmas Party. If you did not receive the email or have questions regarding this event please email, call or text Jim Nossett at 602-705-3475 — tradcoach@msn.com.

CLUB EVENTS

Club Elections

November Meeting—11/12/2015

Bass Pro Shop

**Your participation in the upcoming
November club elections is important.**



**Please attend the November meeting
to cast your vote for the
2016 Executive Committee.**

ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU!

Volunteer to be a trail leader.

Benefits include:

- Getting to know your fellow club members.
- Plan the trail ride of your choice.
- Choose the level of excitement.



ADOPT A TRAIL PILOT PROGRAM



The weather is starting to cool 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 Copperstate4Wheelers 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

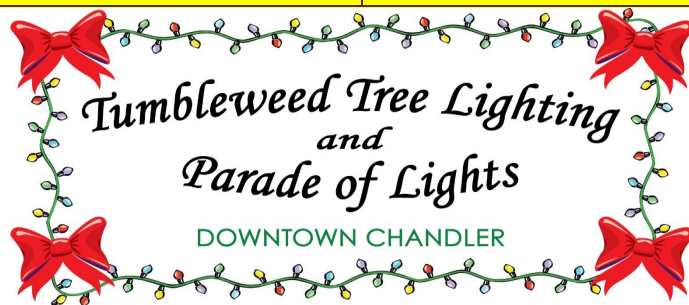
Happy Birthday

Wayne Ash Blake Mangotich
Jen Campbell Gary Epp

Four Peaks Clean-up Schedule

Volunteer Registration Starts at 7:30 am

First Clean up Session	Second Cleanup Session
8:00 am - 12 noon	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
LUNCH	LUNCH
12 noon—12:30 PM	12 noon—12:30 PM
Raffle #1	Raffle #2
12:30 pm	4:15 pm



Saturday, December 5, 2015—Parade at 7:00 pm

Downtown Chandler—Free Admission

Contact Kent & Sharon Holladay to volunteer.

sholladay@cox.net

Join the following club members in a festive nighttime parade.

Jake Armstrong
Jennifer & Kenny Blum
Chad Chaney
Allan Connor
Ryan England
Garrett Epp
Kent & Sharon Holladay
Rich Kochanski
Mike Knowles & Jordan
Jeff LaBelle
Tom LaBonte
Jake LaGrandier

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](#)

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[The Jeep Wave](#)

Member Spotlight


Kenny Blum
1998 TJ—The Beast


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

How and when did you acquire your rig?

Stumbled across it on Craigslist, while not really seriously looking, and dismissed it. Then a week later it was still available. I had to go for it. Bought it in February 2014.

Tires

Mickey Thompson Baja Claw, 35".

Axles

Front: Dana 30 with Chromalloy shafts. Geared to 4.56
 Rear: Ford 8.8. Geared to 4.56

Lockers

Front: OX cable selectable.
 Rear: Yukon Grizzly.

Engine/transmission

6 cylinders and manual transmission.

Transfer case

Stock.

Interior gadgets or upgrades

Cobra 18WXST II CB w/Wilson 500 antenna.
 Smittybuilt G.E.A.R. seat cover.
 Finger throttle.
 Bolt on sport roll cage.

Body armor and skid plates

Tube rock sliders.
 Belly skid plate.

Other customizations

Rock lights all around.
 Rancho Shocks.
 Suspension lift.
 6" long arm kit.
 Front Curry Anti Rock sway bar.

Other accessories (ex. winch, air tank, compressor)

Smittybuilt 8,000 lb. winch and swing out tire carrier.

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

A steal, bought it turn-key. Rear axle installed by Letzroll.

What items remain on your wish list for your rig?

Replacing bolt in roll cage with solid welded roll cage.
 More spare parts.

Want to see your rig featured in this spotlight?

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