



Tow Strap Tribune

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Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter

"A Family Oriented Off Road Club"

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Club Calendar

Martinez Cabin and Mine
Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 8:00 AM

Club Meeting—Bass Pro Shop
Fine Gun Room Located Upstairs
March 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Sedona Summer Camp Out
June 12, 2015 to June 14, 2015

MOAB
10/12/15-10/18/15

Picture of the Month



Camping with my favorite buddy.

Elected Club Officers 2014-2015

President: [Chad Chaney](#)
Vice President: [Ryan England](#)
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Treasurer: [Paul Yakaitis](#)

Board of Directors
[Kenny Blum](#)
[Jim Nossett](#)
[Michael "Mango" Mangotich](#)

New Meeting Location — Bass Pro Shop

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Bass Pro Shop upstairs in the Fine Gun Room. Bass Pro Shop is located at 1133 N. Dobson Road in Mesa Arizona. **Guests are always welcome!**

Hello Everybody,

I wanted to tell you all how excited I am about our new meeting location starting on **Thursday, March 12th at Bass Pro Shop**. I believe this is a good move for our club; and hope it will be more convenient for our members. I also want to thank Jim Nossett, Tim Wight, Kent Holladay and everyone else who shared in the search for a new meeting location.

I also wanted to share my excitement about the **ASA Jamboree coming up in April**; and hope that CS4W can be a big part of it. A group of us were at Table Mesa on Sunday, March 1st for the Tread Lightly Cleanup where I spoke with a BLM representative who reported that the Raw Deal had been closed. I will try to confirm that and let everybody know what I find out.

The good news is during the day we made an attempt at a trail that is new to the club called Crap Shoot. It is in the Well's book and although not technically tough, the steep and loose hill climbs make it a challenge. Unfortunately, we did not have time to finish the second half of the trail due to time limitations. However, I think we should try to make an effort to plan a weekend trip to Table Mesa to try some of these trails.

Chad



Chad Chaney
President

Hi All:

Hopefully, everyone has heard that **effective March 12, 2015 CS4W has a new meeting location at Bass Pro Shop in the "Fine Gun Room located upstairs"**. Bass Pro Shop is located in Mesa just off the 202 at the Dobson exit.

Although the meeting location has changed the meeting dates and times will remain the same.

I'm very excited about our new meeting location at Bass Pro Shop. I believe it will provide the additional room we need to accommodate our growing club. The benefits Bass Pro Shop offers such as media equipment and greater exposure to the general public will also be an asset to our club.

Please watch for my forthcoming email which will provide further details regarding the food arrangement for club members as well as how club members can help pay for the room by purchasing Bass Pro Gift Cards. The room is not free. We have to purchase \$80.00 in gift cards per each meeting. Thanks to Paul Yakaitis' son, Kris, who recently made a purchase at Bass Pro Shop which was applied to 2.5 months of fees.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the CS4W March 12th meeting at Bass Pro Shop.



Jim Nossett
Editor

Please Be Sure to Thank Our Club Sponsors!

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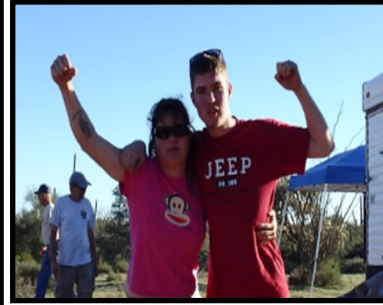
CLUB EVENTS

February 6th-8th Campout and Camping Game Olympics Lower and Upper AJAX Trail

The day started with a visit from the Pinal County Sheriff offering an educational conversation regarding a State Land Trust Camping permit. After the sheriff's presentation Mango led the group through Lower Ajax.



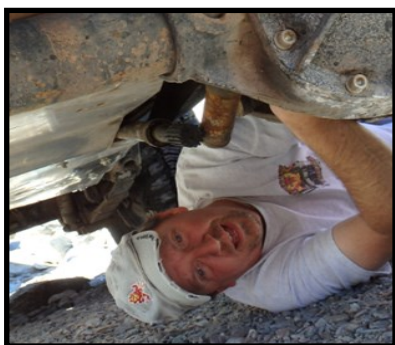
Shortly after everybody arrived at Lower Ajax the group decided to split up. Half of the group ventured on to tackle Upper Ajax while the other half returned to camp to prove their skills as they battled to win the Gold Metal/Certificate for the Camping Olympics. The Olympic teams were required to compete in Camping Jenga, Perfection, Washers, Corn hole and Bocce Ball to earn a spot in the Championship round of Camping Jenga. At the close of the competition the declared winners of the Camping Olympics were Jennifer Blum and Jeremy Reber.



Carnage From The Day Run!

*Jim Nossett's driveshaft
fell out.*

*Gary Epp bent his
passenger side rear axle.*



Congratulations

Jen Blum & Jeremy Reber



**Camping
Olympic
Winners**

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

TAKE THE JEEP CHALLENGE

Jeep Chart Memorization Challenge

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5



#6



#7



#8



#9



#10



#11



#12



#13



#14



#15

JEEP CHALLENGE

Do you know your jeeps?

Match the model to the picture and check your answers on page five.

CJ # _____

JK # _____

KJ # _____

KK # _____

MJ # _____

MK # _____

MK # _____

SJ # _____

TJ # _____

WJ # _____

WK # _____

XJ # _____

XK # _____

YJ # _____

ZJ # _____



Refer to page five for the answers.

ADVENTURES ON THE TRAIL

Adventures On Picket Post TRAL Ride

Jim Nossett and Kent Holladay invited Carol and Roger Giroux to join them on the Superior ADAT trip. Although originally from Canada Roger and Carol were guests at our February meeting who were looking for adventure.

Jim and Kent met them for breakfast in Superior then gave them a tour of Wagon Tracks just outside of town. Next, they all surveyed and marked FS 2466. Jim had commented, "That it was a nice surprise that they didn't have to pick up **ANY** trash on this run.



DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE PICTUES?

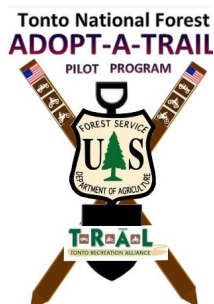
It's 4:30 am on Saturday morning and Kent Holladay was hanging out in a Lowe's parking lot with the heater cranked on high waiting for Jim Nossett. Both Jim and Kent had decided to meet early and combine the TRAL ride to sign FR 2466 with a photo shoot.

Jim and Kent drove up to Picket Post and turned off at the entrance to the walking trails. With head lights anchored on their caps to guide them through the dark cloudy morning and camera bags slung over their shoulders they hiked about a mile to reach their destination and set up camp. They unloaded their cameras, dialed in their aperture and began to take pictures of the cloud covered sunrise. Both Jim and Kent had a great time brushing up on their photography skills that day. At about 8:00 am they packed up camp and headed out to meet their Canadian friends, Carole and Roger Giroux, to Sign FR 2466.

If any club members enjoy photograph and would like to combine a trail run with picture taking on an early morning or late evening trail ride contact Kent Holladay at kentholladay@gmail.com and he would be happy to arrange some runs.



ADOPT A TRAIL



If you have any questions on the ADAT program contact Jen Blum.

Thanks to the help and support from our club members the ADAT program is in full swing. Our club has hosted five trips and completed nine trails. The leaders and groups have done an awesome job providing signage for the trails, clearing brush, picking up trash and using the software to document the trails as well as forwarding the information to TRAL.

There are still many opportunities for club members to get involved and become a Crew Leader. Future training sessions will be available. If you would like to participate in this very worthwhile program please contact Jen Blum.

Remember to visit the TRAL page on the Copperstate website for up to date information on the program. Information on upcoming and past trips, TRAL volunteer trainings and meetings are also available on the website.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

“EXCITING NEWS”

CS4W HAS A New Meeting Location!

***Bass Pro Shop
Upstairs in the Fine Gun Room
1133 N. Dobson Road, Mesa, Arizona***

Bass Pro Shop was voted and approved by the club as our new meeting place beginning with our March 12th meeting.

- **Only the meeting location has changed.**
- **Meeting dates and times will remain the same.**

The new meeting place can hold up to 100 people and allows club members access to the media center which offers a large screen TV and a projector. This new media opportunity will allow club members to play a slide show of trips taken or provide other exciting opportunities for club members.



Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.

Jeep Challenge
Answers
From Page 3

CJ #1	TJ #7
JK #12	WJ #8
KJ #9	WK #10
KK #15	XJ #2
MJ #4	XK #11
MK #13	YJ #5
MK #14	ZJ #6
SJ #3	

CONGRATULATIONS
New Members
Chuck & Wendy Jones



Kathy Yakaitis
Chelsea England
Mango Mangotich
Ashlynn Skyles
Kimberly Sundberg

Here are some sites that club members
have found to be useful.

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](#)

CLUB MEMBERS ON THE GO

**ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS**

*Please watch for your
4x4 Vehicle Spotlight Questionnaire
coming to you via email.*

The Vehicle Spotlight provides a monthly opportunity for one member to do a little bragging in the Towstrap about their wheeler.

The Vehicle Spotlight will be a great source for club members to learn about rig upgrades and/or modifications that work and don't work.

Besides, it will be coming straight from the horse's mouth.

NAVIGATION CLASS/TRAIL RUN LED BY CHAD CHANEY



On Sunday, February 22nd, a group of CS4W members joined Chad to learn about trail navigation. The combined class and trail run included compass work, map work, and lots of beautiful scenery.

Although the day's trail didn't include any tough obstacles it did offer several nice steep hills and sections of the trail that made us feel like we were on a roller coaster.

The trek was 25 miles long, from Forest Service Road 11 on Highway 87, down to Saguaro Lake, and back to the bush highway at Pobrecito.

Those that attended the day's events enhanced their navigational skills and enjoyed a great trail run as well.

Thank you to all who participated.

