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TOW STRAP TRIBUNE

Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter

"A Family Oriented Off Road Club"

www.copperstate4wheelers.com

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MEETING INFORMATION

Meetings are held the
2nd Thursday of each month at
6:30 pm upstairs in the
Meeting room by Camping
Bass Pro Shop
1133 N. Dobson Road
Mesa, AZ

CLUB CALENDAR 2015

Club Meeting
6:30 PM October 8th Bass Pro

October 12—October 18, 2015
Moab Utah

October 31st Recovery Class
7am Goldfield Chevron

November 7, 2015
Four Peaks Clean Up

November Meeting -11/12/15
*****Club Elections*****

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

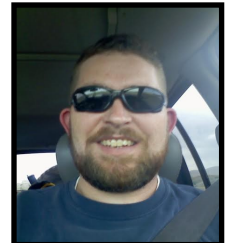
Hello Everybody,

The Cleanup Committee has put together a fantastic *Sixth Annual Four Peaks Clean-up*. I couldn't be more psyched; and hope our club members have had a chance to follow the Facebook posts regarding the clean-up.

This year's committee has worked very hard to bring the best clean up ever. They've spread the word by publicizing pictures of the clean-up areas well as some of the raffle prizes. They've also secured four roll off dumpsters with the help of TRAL, our partners, a 35x40 event canopy to provide shade for the volunteers, lunch, t-shirts, 250 stickers, 500 bottles of water, 2 port a pottys and awesome raffle prizes.

If questions arise during the clean-up *look for a committee member in a neon green shirt*. They will be happy to help you. The Clean-up Schedule will be posted and is similar to last year's with 2 raffles. Lunch prep will begin at 11:00 am; and the last site sweep for trash will begin at 3:00 pm. The Clean-up Committee will be on site on Friday, November 6, 2016 at 10:00 am to start setting up. Anyone who wishes to help is more than welcome to come and join us.

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Hello Fellow Four Wheelers:

October is here and Moab is upon us. I hope everyone has taken the time to look over all of their equipment. Let's all make this a safe and fun trip. Don't forget to check tow vehicles and trailers as well.

Please remember to also travel safely—as in numbers. We had several problems with tow vehicles and trailer tires during the last Rubicon trip. It really helped to have knowledgeable people with the right equipment to help with road repairs.

There are several club members leaving early Saturday morning. Please give me a call if you would like to join the group traveling to Moab on Saturday.

Your help in continuing to spread the word about the Four Peaks Cleanup is greatly appreciated. We need all the volunteers we can get. We could also use additional raffle prizes and trash bags.

I'm looking forward to seeing and spending time with everyone in Moab!

JIM NOSSETT



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The one item the Clean-up Committee greatly debated this year had to do with the rules of the raffle. To avoid any confusion here are the raffle rules.

- Staff members are exempt from the raffle including all club members who are wearing neon green staff shirts.
- Volunteers including club members have to be actively participating in the clean-up efforts to receive a ticket.
- Raffles will begin promptly at 12:30 pm and 4:15 pm.
- All children present will be allowed to participate in the children’s raffle. Tickets will be drawn and the child winner will be able to choose a single raffle item i.e. boys or girls item.

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

Once the festivities have come to an end we’ll have a club run. The trail has yet to be decided, but we can figure that out. *I really hope that all club members and their families will attend this year’s clean-up. This is an event that our club can be proud of.* In the time we have left, between now and November 7, 2015, we will be working on getting some more raffle items. If you think you can help, please let me know.

Thank you.....Chad

ADOPT A TRAIL PILOT PROGRAM



The weather is starting to cool down so that means TRAL trips 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.

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 Copperstate4Wheeler's 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.

Moab Vehicle Inspections

Jim Nossett, Dan Crowley, Kenny and Jennifer Blum, Paul Yakaitis, Craig and Lynda Gafke, Mike Tomlinson, Gary Epp, Roland Silva and Kent and Sharon Holladay attended the Moab vehicle inspection organized by Jim Nossett. Jim Nossett divided the nine participants into three groups and assigned the task of inspecting a different component on each jeep.

Roland, Jennifer, Linda and Sharon were in charge of inspecting wiring, lights, jacks, battery, fire extinguishers and CBs. Suspension, steering, brakes and vehicle body including the frame and skid plates were checked over by Gary, Mike, Craig and Dan. Jim, Kent, and Paul inspected the drive train including the engine, radiator, transfer case, drive shafts, differentials and exhaust systems. Kenny took on the important job of checking out the winches including pulling them out and checking for kinks, frays, and operation.

At the end of the inspection, Jim pulled out the scales and weighed all of the vehicles. Some of the members were surprised at the results and learned that a few of the vehicles *“needed to go on a diet”*.

This club event was a valuable experience for all the participants as they discovered items that they should consider fixing prior to Moab. It has been suggested that this become an annual or even a bi-annual event to insure the safety of our club members. Everyone at the inspection agreed it was a good idea.



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 bring an RV . 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

Christmas Party at Bumble Bee Ranch

Friday, December 11, 2015 — Sunday, December 13, 2015



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 lets put together some good runs. If you have a suggested run or would like to lead a run, please contact Jim Nossett. So far DeSoto 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 Elections
November Meeting—11/12/2015
Bass Pro Shop**

November is Club Elections
**Jordan Carroll would like to step
down as Club Secretary and
Mango would like to step down
as a Board member. We will need
people to fill these positions.**

**Four Peaks Clean Up
Raffle Donations**
The Four Peaks Committee is still in need
of several more raffle donations for either
the
children's or the adult raffle.

If you have contacts with
employers, vendors, customers, etc. who
would be willing to
provide a donation please
contact Sharon Holladay at
sholladay@cox.net

Back To School Charity Drive

The donated school supplies were presented to the Principal, Dr. Marianne Lescher, and a 5th grade teacher at Kyree Traditional Academy in Chandler. The principal will distribute the donated items to teachers and students in need.



Thank you for your support!



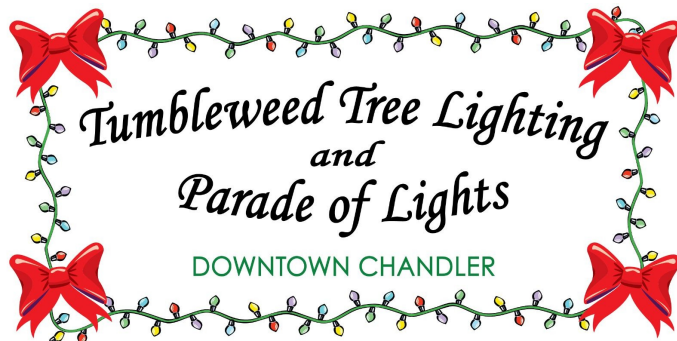
IMPORTANT INFORMATION



*Eric Brannon Garrett Epp
Craig Gafke Sharon Holladay
Kathy Nossett Mike Reeves
Vince Ritchie David Horstman
Montana Dambly Gabriel Epp*

Don't be a scrooge....Volunteer!

*We will be requesting volunteers at the
October meeting.*



Join your fellow club members in a festive nighttime parade where every entry is beautifully decorated with colorful lights.

Saturday, December 5, 2015

**Event Festivities: 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm; Parade at 7:00 pm
Downtown Chandler—Free Admission**

Contact Kent & Sharon Holladay to volunteer.

sholladay@cox.net

See Chad for your CS4W membership card.

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](#)

[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



**Danny Crowley XJ
Jeep Cherokee 1994**



TIRE AND WHEELS

TIRES: LT 285-75R X 16" BF GOODRICH MUD-TERRAIN TRIGAD 3 PLY

WHEELS: 16 X 8 5 x 5.5 bolt pattern

AXLES: **FRONT END** DANA 44 1977 FORD 150 4:88 GEARS
REAR END FORD 9" 1983 BRONCO 4:88 GEARS DETROIT SOFT LOCKER

- SUSPENSION WORK AND AXLES WERE PROFESSIONALLY DONE AT DESERT FAB MOTORSPORTS.
- LIFT KIT IS A RUSTY'S 4.5" KIT WITH NEW UPPER & LOWER CONTROL ARMS.
- EXTENDED BUMP STOPS ALL AROUND.
- S/S BRAKE LINES.
- ALL BRAKES & HARDWARE ARE NEW

ENGINE: 4.0L STOCK

S/S HEADERS, INTERMEDIATE PIPE, CAT FLOWMASTER 40 MUFFLER & TAILPIPE ALL 2 1/2" PIPE. IGNITION IS SCREAMIN' DEMON COIL AND LIVEWIRES IGNITION WIRES BY D.U.I. A RUSTY'S INTAKE & K&N FILTER, NEW HESCO HIGH FLOW WATER PUMP AND THERMOSTAT HOUSING WITH AN ADDITIONAL SWITCH HOOKUP FOR AN EXTERNAL FAN. RADIATOR IS A 3 CORE.

TRANSMISSION: AW4 STOCK 1st: 2.804:1 2nd: 1.531:1 3rd: 1.00:1 4th: 0.753:1 rev 2.393:1

T-CASE: 242 STOCK 2.72:1 RATIO

T-CASE HAS BEEN REBUILT WITH NEW CHAIN IN 2006 AND HAS A SYE KIT. NEW DRIVE SHAFTS FRONT AND REAR BY ARIZONA DRIVELINE. IT HAS THE CORRECT SPEEDOMETER GEARS FOR THE AXLE RATIOS. 2WD FULL TIME, 4WD HIGH F/T, 4WD HIGH PART/T, 4WD LOW P/T

HOOD HAS LOUVERED PANELS. FENDERS FIBERGLASS 6' PRE-RUNNER. A CUSTOM PRE-RUNNER FRONT WINCH BUMPER. ROOF RACK IS KEVIN'S OFF ROAD. UPGRADED TO 1995/1996 BRAKE BOOSTER AND MASTER CYLINDER (BETTER STOPPING POWER.)

WHEELBASE: 101.4" 8.4 FT. LENGTH 13.9 FT. WIDTH 5.58 FT. 5.3 FT. HEIGHT 7 FT.

CURB WEIGHT 4WD: 3057 - 3386 LBS 3357 LBS LENGTH 166.9" WIDTH 67.7"
STOCK HEIGHT 64" WITH 4.5 LIFT KIT AND 285 x 75 x 16 TIRE 84 INCHS HEIGHT

Note: Due to an Error in Danny's Vehicle Spotlight we are running it again this month!!! Sorry Danny!