



Tow Strap Tribune

Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter

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Happy Holidays From Our Family To Yours!

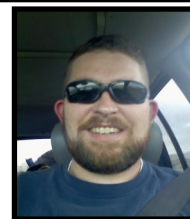


Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Coco's Bakery located at 1862 W. Baseline Rd., Mesa, AZ. Guests and new members are always

Hello all,

I wanted to thank everyone who was present at our last meeting for club elections. For 2015, your club officers are: President: Chad Chaney, Vice President: Ryan England, Secretary: Jordan Carroll, Treasurer: Paul Yakaitis, Board members are: Mango Mangotich, Jim Nossett, and Kenny Blum.

Message From The President
Chad Chaney



I was also glad to hear about our participation for this year's Adopt-A-Family. Last year it was a big success and the receiving family sent us a nice thank you card. Those who went shopping for the family last year did a fantastic job. This year we are buying gifts for a family with 4 children; 3 girls (ages 9, 11, and 15 and 1 boy (age 12).

For our New Year's run CS4W will check out the Sunflower mine trail. In years past, CS4W has collected items for charities on our New Year's run. We've collected for Helen's Hope Chest & Child Crisis. Does anyone have any suggestions for this year's charity? If so, please let me know if you've got any suggestions.

This year's club Christmas party will be celebrated on December 13th at the Boulders OHV area near where Spook Rally is held. I'm planning to go out there to scope out a camping site. I will make sure to have that information for you soon. The Christmas is pot luck style with the club providing the main dish and the members provide the side dishes and dessert. Last year we had ham and turkey and the food was great!

Santa will be visiting so don't forget those gifts for your children or grand children. We will also have an adult gift exchange with a limit of \$25.00 per adult.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for an awesome 2014. We traveled to the Rubicon, celebrated our friend, Bill Barrier, had an awesome Four Peaks Cleanup, adopted a family for Christmas and welcomed several new members to the club. I was very excited to see a new and updated Towstrap Tribune, a new Fourpeaks Cleanup team, as well as the Adopt-A-Trail program coming together with the Tonto recreation alliance. 2015 here we come!

Club Calendar

Chandler Parade of Lights

Sat. 12/06/14 at 12 noon

Christmas Tree Run

Sun. 12/07/14 at 7:00AM

December Meeting—Coco's

Thurs. 12/11/14 at 6:30 pm

Christmas Party

12/12/14 thru 12/14/14

New Years Run

Sat. Jan 3rd

Elected Club Officers

2014-2015

President: Chad Chaney

Vice President: Ryan England

Secretary: Jordan Carroll

Treasurer: Paul Yakaitis

Board of Directors

Gary Epp

Tim Wight

Michael "Mango" Mangotich

If you have any club announcements or runs you would like to sign up for please contact Ryan England at england.ryanh@gmail.com

Hello Fellow Wheelers,



I would like to say thanks to Tom LaBonte, Jenifer Blum and Chad Chaney for getting me their reports on the trips they lead this past month. I would also like to thank Sharon Holladay for all her help with the news letter.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I hope to see you all at the many great club activities we have planned during the month of December. If not, "Happy Holidays" and I look forward to seeing you on the trails in 2015.



Message From The Editor
Jim Nossett

Club Announcements

ADOPT-A-TRAIL



We are filled with anticipation and excitement waiting for the Adopt-a -Trail Pilot Program to begin. The Crew Leaders have secured our first set of trails; and as soon as the club agreements are completed and signed, we will begin in high gear.

There is a trip already on the schedule for December 21st. Visit the TRAL page on the Copperstate website for up to date information on the program, as well as additional details on upcoming and past trips.

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

All volunteers that participate in the club TRAL trips must sign the Back Country Work/Travel Liability Release form. The form only needs to be signed once by an adult over the age of 18 . There is a second form available for minors under the age of 18.

On November 14th, the Waiver Forms were sent out in a zip file via email to all the club members in the distribution list. If you have not done so, please print out the forms, initial and sign them. If you have any questions or need to turn in your completed form please contact our program coordinator Jen Blum at

***Congratulations to the club members that attended the TRAL volunteer training this month
and became official TRAL volunteers.***

You are one step away from becoming a club crew leader.

Upcoming Events

Chandler's Parade of Lights Sat., Dec. 6th at 12 noon.

Everyone is invited to help out with the parade's festivities.

12 Noon: Meet at Kent & Sharon Holladay's house to decorate the parade jeeps.

2:00 pm: BBQ potluck will immediately follow jeep decorating.

4:30 pm: Leave for Downtown Chandler for judging and the parade line up.

Thank you to our parade participants:
Kenny/Jennifer Blum, Tom La Bonte
Jim/ Kathy Nossett, Jake Armstrong
Mike/Jordan Knowles, Rich Kochanski,
Kent /Sharon Holladay and Stevie Pettit.



Christmas Tree Run

Sunday—December 7th

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

7am at the IHOP at Brown and Higley in Mesa leaving at 8 AM. We will be going up on the rim to FR300 to cut down Christmas trees. Anyone wanting to get a tree must get a permit, if you are just going for the fun that is fine as well.

Contact Jim Nossett if you have any questions 602-705-3475,

HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Years Run

Sunflower Mine trail

Saturday, January 3rd 8:00 AM

Meeting location is Sugarloaf Mountain Staging Area

Charity is Child Crisis in Mesa

Look for an email with more information.



Copperstate's Christmas Party/Camp Out will be celebrated the weekend of December 13th.

Directions: Travel West on SR 74/Morristown New River Hwy/Carefree Highway from the I-17 to the 1st right hand turn after Quintaro lane, approximately 13 miles West of the I-17, on N Picacho Wash. This is where the Spook Rally is held and is at approximately mile marker 11.5. If you have any questions contact Jim Nossett.

Four Peaks Cleanup Highlights



On November 1st, Copperstate held it's 5th annual Four Peaks Cleanup. We celebrated our largest turnout with 250 people in attendance. We collected 35,660 pounds or 18 tons of trash. That is approximately 140 pounds of trash per person. A BIG THANK YOU to all who attended as well as to Jeff, Chad and Mango for working so hard to make this the best cleanup to date!

Following the Four Peaks Cleanup, CS4W hit the trail for what would turn out to be an exciting trip to Rocker Panel Pass. The trail was well groomed with great signage thanks to The Tonto Recreation Alliance. Everyone made it through unscathed — except for Ryan (guest) who made a noble attempt in a Chevy Blazer, but sadly had to turn around when he bent a front leaf spring. Rocker Panel Pass is always fun as a night run. There was quite a turn out, great spotting, and skillful driving. We returned to camp in time to enjoy the fire and relax as we told stories of the night's great adventure. Thanks to all who attended.

UFO Mine Run



On Sat., Nov. 8th Tom LaBonte spear-headed a joint trip to the abandoned UFO mining claims in the Wickenburg Mountains with the Copper State 4 Wheelers (CSW) and the Mineralogical Society of Arizona (MSA). It was a gorgeous day with a good turnout from the CSW club; and several members from MSA. As we headed into the wash, I was amazed at how much the area had changed due to the substantial rain storms from last year. The wash area was littered with storm debris and areas that were once easily passable, now required a lifted 4x4 vehicle.

As we headed out to the old mining trails, the erosion was most notable. Before the major rain storms of last year, these were easy trails with only one or two limited sections requiring good clearance and off-road driving skills.

It was obvious that the rain had caused some major erosion during our journey.

Upon arrival to the mine, I was ecstatic to see a large landscape of blue copper based material. I was hopeful that the rain had uncovered a large amount of collectable material, but this was far better than I could have imagined. I wanted those within CSW who were not familiar with "Rock Hounding" to be able to experience mineral collecting and be able to understand what types of minerals were collectable.



After spending a good portion of the day at the UFO mining claims, Chad lead our group to Copperopolis, another close abandoned mine: There was a small mine entrance that had a very musty smell and not a lot of material available for collection, but still a very scenic location.

Our joint trip ended with a trip back down the mining trails into the wash and eventually back to Route 74. It was a fun day with CSW. The MSA group was very appreciative of being able to go into the Arizona back country with such "a great group of people".

Please let Tom know if you're interested in going back to the UFO or would like him to plan another joint trip with MSA.



Tow Strap Tip

Are you prepared if you or someone else is injured on the trail ?

What if someone gets hurt and/or separated from the leader? Or, you have decided to explore the wonders of the world, and are on a non-approved club run or are exploring a remote place we travel to, it is very important we carry the necessary first aid equipment. Copperstate4Wheeler club approved runs require the trail leader to carry a first aid kit with them at all times during the trip,

There are many First Aid kits available for purchase out there, but if you would like to build your own kit, we have created 3 kits with suggested supplies. Feel free to mix and match or carry what is the best fit for you.

Small Kit Contents

Comb
Adhesive Bandages (all sizes)
Sterile gauze (rolls and pads)
Hydrocortisone Ointment
Ace Bandage
First Aid Instruction Booklet
Snake Bite kits
Hydrogen Peroxide
Non-latex Gloves
Aspirin
Antihistamines
Pain Reducers
Tweezers
Duct Tape/Electrical Tape
Scissors

Medium Kit Contents

Small kit Plus
Cotton Balls and swabs
Thermometer
Roller Bandage
Butterfly Bandage
Calamine Lotion
Hydrogen Peroxide
Sports Tape
Cotton Balls and swabs
Thermometer
Roller Bandage

Large Kit Contents

Small & Large Plus
Liquid Bandages
Cold Compress
Calamine Lotion
Eye Wash Solution/Sterile Saline
Solution with eye cup
Splint
Adhesive Cloth Tape
Arm Splint
Bee Sting Kit



***“Safety First”
is
“Safety Always!”***



Quote of the Month



“Nah, I’m not going anywhere”

Chad

Little did he know an hour later
he would be on a 2 day recovery!

Picture of the Month



Four Peaks Cleanup!

**Great Job Jeff, Chad and
Mango!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

***Katy Silva, Misty English,
Alice La Bonte, Bill Van
Gelder,
Annette Van Gelder,***



***Jordan
Knowles Jenni-
fer Reeves***

***Please Be Sure to Thank Our Club Sponsors: Desert Rat Off Road Center, 4 Wheel
Parts, Sierra Expeditions, Rigid In LED Lighting and Hero Off Road.***

Box Canyon-Jack Handle Trip 11-16-2014

Trip was led by Tim Wright



Tail Gunner was Kenny Blum



We entered Price Road and ran through Box Canyon, then we headed for Jack Handle. The group split into two and one went through the bypass and the other hit the obstacles. We hit one major obstacle which was the squeeze.



After we climbed up, and I mean almost straight up on a trail or two, we enjoyed an awesome view during lunch, then completed the loop.

After lunch we headed for the exit which was the parking lot on the 87 with the flagpole.

We had two recoveries to complete.



Bill Van Gelder got turtled on the Box Canyon trail. Like the trooper that he is, we pulled him back of the boulder, he hit a different line and went right over.



A friend of Tim's in the green Jeep, who joined the group for the day, slid off the trail.



It was great to do a run with Bill V. again and GREAT JOB Tim on leading the trip !