



# TOW STRAP TRIBUNE

April  
2015

Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter

"A Family Oriented Off Road Club"

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

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## Our New Meeting Location The Bass Pro Shop

1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa, AZ  
Upstairs in the Fine Gun Room.

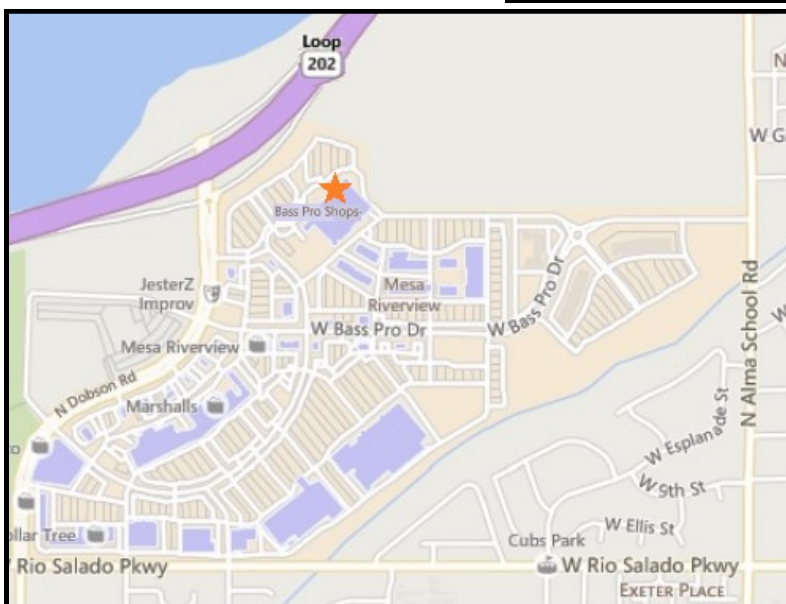
The meetings are held at 6:30PM.  
The 2nd Thursday of each month.

**Guests are always welcome !**

Hello Everybody,

*April is upon us as is the warmer, ugh, who are we kidding, hotter weather. As we get further and further into the summer, I will be looking forward to the night runs. As a reminder, if you have a run in mind that you'd like to make official, please download a run submission form from the website, fill it out, and send it to Ryan at [england.ryanh@gmail.com](mailto:england.ryanh@gmail.com) and myself at [chad@copperstate4wheelers.com](mailto:chad@copperstate4wheelers.com) in order to make sure they make it to the calendar.*

*Lastly, please, please, please make sure to drink plenty of water and watch out for critters as our temps get hotter; and we're out on the trail. The rattle snakes are out!*



## HAPPY EASTER



### 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,  
Michael Mango Mangotich

### Club Calendar 2015

April 25	A SA4WDC Jamboree
June 12 - 14	sedona Camp Out
Oct, 12- 18	Moab Utah

Hi All:

*As most of you know my father has been going thru some health problems and I have been unable to go to most of the events we have had this past month. I would like to thank everyone for the wishes and to Sharon and Jennifer for helping put the news letter together this month. While he is finally out of the hospital he was not able to go home so now he is at a rehab center where hopefully he can get his strength back and come home soon.*

*I would like to say Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brannon on their resent marriage and I wish you both many years of happiness. On a sad note we said good bye to Jim Kane I wish you the best and you will be missed!!*

*Please if you have any news or events you want in the news letter please forward them to me and we will make sure to fit them into the news letter. Weather is getting perfect for wheeling ok it's getting a little hot but it will cool off I hope to see everyone at the Jamboree.*

Jim Nossett  
Editor



## CLUB EVENTS

Elvis Trail and hike to Martinez Cabin and Mine  
Date 03-07-15



**Trip Leader ~ Kenny Blum**



**Tail Gunner ~ Jim Nossett**

**We all crawled over the Elvis Trail obstacles without needing any recovery efforts**



***After our climb up out of the canyon, we started the 1 hour drive to the gate at the beginning of the Martinez Trail. We stopped for a quick lunch break and then started our hike to the cabin and mine.***



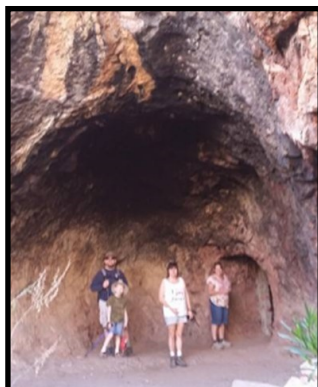


## Club Members On The Go



Picture of the Month

*Along the way we stopped to explore some caves.*



**We were also stunned and impressed with Gary's pole dancing talent!**

**It was a wonderful day! The weather was gorgeous and everybody enjoyed getting out of their rigs for a little exercise. During our walk we were treated to the MOST gorgeous scenery. We also got the chance to get to know each other a little bit better.**

**Attendees:**

**Kenny & Jen Blum, Chad & Joe Chaney, Craig & Linda Gafke, Jim Nossett, Danny Crowley**







### Jim Kane's Message To The Club



Since being in Arizona for the past two and a half years I've thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the Copperstate 4 Wheelers. I've enjoyed the

Many trips we've had together; and the adventures that came along with them. The club has grown in many ways in the short time that I've been here; and I want to thank Chad and many others for accepting my family and me into your world. Keep up the good things that make this club different from all the other clubs. Continue the spirit of doing it right and giving back. Maybe one day we will meet again on a planned destination and laugh around a camp fire with a few shots of whiskey and chocolate s'mores to keep the night interesting.



**Be safe on your future trips, I will miss you all. ~ Hollywood**

### ADOPT A TRAIL PILOT PROGRAM

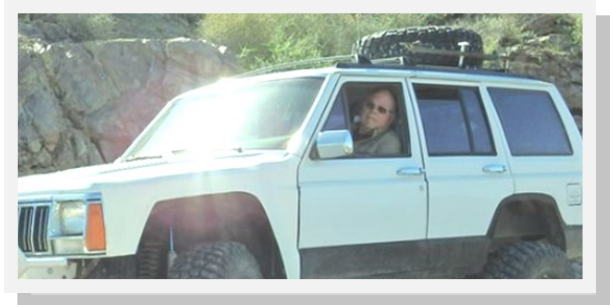
**Everyone please join me in congratulating Danny Crowley our newest club ADAT Crew Leader!**



Danny completed the TRAL volunteer training session and continued on to complete the Crew Leader training class.

If you would like to become a Crew leader for the club. Future training sessions will be coming available.

Contact Jen Blum if you have any questions



**Great job Danny !**

Visit the TRAL page on the Copperstate4Wheelers website for up to date information on the program. Including the upcoming and past trips, TRAL volunteer meetings and training sessions,

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

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### ***CS4W 'S New Meeting Location Is A Great Success!***

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

***The club received rave reviews for their new  
meeting location at Bass Pro Shop; and  
welcomed three new guests to March's meeting.***

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

***To Our New Members  
Pan & Joe Orman  
Allan Connor***

***If you would like to  
lead a trail please  
contact Ryan England  
to schedule it.***



***Kenny Blum  
Haylee Knowles  
Kim Christmas  
Tamara Durot  
Tom LaBonte  
Sunny Sundberg  
Tim Wight***

### **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](#)  
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[Sierra Expeditions](#)  
[Stu Olson's Jeep Site](#)  
[The Jeep Wave](#)



## Lil White YJ'

Named by  
Andrew owner of  
Letzroll

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

Bought in 2007, Craigslist in Surprise AZ.

### What is your rig equipped with?

#### Tires

35" Goodyear Wranglers with Kevlar side walls from Discount Tire.

#### Axles

Front: Dana 30 with TJ solid axle shafts, geared to 4.88  
Rear : Ford 8.8, geared to 4.88

#### Lockers

Front: Yukon Zip locker (air)  
Rear: Yukon Grizzly

#### Engine/Transmission

4cyl, 4.0 liter, manual transmission. Love the low gas mileage, but she is slow on the pavement especially up hills.

#### Transfer Case

Tera Low 4:1...Thank you Jim Kane.

#### Interior Gadgets or Upgrades

Kenwood stereo with aux input  
Sub-woofer with built in AMP  
Finger throttle  
Speaker bar, Speaker pod, Tuffy Stereo Console  
Cobra 18WXST II CB w/Firestick antenna and external speaker (CB Exchange in Mesa)  
Smittybuilt G.E.A.R. seat cover  
Smittybuilt Tire Deflators  
¼ doors with glass window uppers  
Back Country Navigator phone app

#### Body Armor and Skid Plates

Asfir TJ rock sliders (modified)  
Gas tank skid plate (Built by Kenny Blum and Jim Nossett.  
Waiting on installation)

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

Front coil overs  
4 point harness front seats  
Axle trusses  
Front wheel spacers

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

Majority of the major upgrades were done by Letzroll  
Others completed by Kenny Blum and/or Jim Nossett

#### Other Accessories

(Examples: Winch, Compressor, Air Tank)  
WARN 12, 000 lb. winch w/air compressor  
Quik disconnects for front sway bar  
Swing out tire carrier  
Asfir TJ front bumper (modified)  
Custom roll bar built and installed by Kenny Blum and Jim Nossett.

AKA 'The Lil Engine That Could'



### Other Customizations

LED rock lights all around  
After market exhaust system  
Custom rear drive shaft  
Front tube fenders from CC Fab  
Rancho RS9000 adjustable shocks and steering stabilizer  
Rancho 4" Suspension lift  
Rancho 2" body lift

Want to see your rig featured in this spotlight?

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