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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
Fine Gun Room at Bass Pro Shop
1133 N. Dobson Road
Mesa, AZ

Guests are always welcome!

CLUB CALENDAR 2015

July 18, 2015
Crown King Night Run

August 15, 2015
ASA Quarterly Meeting

August 17, 2015
Cylinders Run

October 12—October 18, 2015
Moab Utah

November 7
Four Peaks Clean Up

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,

I'm excited to announce that a great team of volunteers are coming together for the Four Peaks Clean Up which is scheduled for November 7, 2015.

We all remember how great last year's clean-up was thanks to the hard work and dedication by Mango and Jeff Labelle. We have big shoes to fill this year. I believe we can meet and exceed those expectations to make this year's Four Peaks Clean Up even bigger and better! We had 250 volunteers last year and we're hoping for more this year. If you have an interest in participating in the planning process, please let me know. We always need help.

I also wanted to thank everybody who came to Sedona for our CS4W Camp-out and Potluck. It was a great time with Carne Asada, great stories and awesome trail rides!

As a reminder, we are looking for trail leaders. If you have a run that you'd like to make an official club event, please download a run submission form from the website, fill it out, and send it to Ryan England at england.ryanh@gmail.com and myself at chad@copperstate4wheelers.com so we can post it to the club calendar.

Chad, President



**Whose leading
the next trail ride?**

Hi fellow Wheelers,

Thanks to everyone that came out to the summer camp out, as always it was a blast. Sedona is such a beautiful place and while the trails were not challenging they were breathtaking. BTW it never rained.

As always we ask you sent any trip reports and photos so we can get them in the Tow Strap. Please take some time and fill out a form so we can feature you're 4x4 in the vehicle spot light, if you need one contact Jennifer Blum.

Thanks for taking the time to read the Tow Strap.

Jim Nossett



Copperstate 4 Wheelers is now a Club member of Tread Lightly

Tread Principles

Travel Responsibly on land by staying on designated roads, trails and area. Go over, not around, obstacles to avoid widening the trails. Cross streams only at designated fords. when possible, avoid wet, muddy trails.

Respect the Rights of Others including private property owners, all recreational trail users, campers and others so they can enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed. Leave gates as you found them.

Educate Yourself prior to your trip by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies. Plan for your trip, take recreation skills classes and know how to operate your equipment safely.

Avoid Sensitive Areas on land such as meadows, lake shores, wetlands and streams. Stay on designated routes. This protects wildlife habitats and sensitive soils from damage. Don't disturb historical, archeological or paleontological sites. On water, avoid operating your watercraft in shallow waters or near shorelines at high speeds.

Do Your Part by modeling appropriate behavior, leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species and repairing degraded areas.



ADOPT A TRAIL PILOT PROGRAM



- ⇒ During the months of September 2014 through June 2015 **965 miles of trails have been inspected and marked by TRAL volunteers** and there are more to come. The Payson area trails are now open for inspection runs.
- ⇒ The next TRAL orientation is September 9, 2015 if you would like to participate beyond our club events.
- ⇒ The new TRAL logo has been approved by the Forestry Service and T-shirts are now available. Contact Jen Blum for the order form email.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you drive on Reservation land your vehicle can be confiscated.

In the Lower Sycamore area the best practice is not to drive past the Window Maker. There are open trails past the Widow Maker. If you miss the open trails while driving down the wash you may end up further into the reservation than you may like.

Visit the TRAL page on the Coperstate4Wheelers 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



KENT HOLLADAY

JIM NOSSETT

RICHARD DUROT

ALLI SUNDBERG

SHERRIE BLAU

CHERRIE WIGHT

JEANETTE ASH

RICHIE DUROT

MASON SUNDBERG

Copperstate 4 Wheelers

Is now a member of 4WD Club Rewards program and all Copperstate Members are allowed to participate. The club will receive a annual check for 3% of the club purchases and each individual will receive a discount depending on the part and manufacture.

Please contact Jim Nossett if you would like to join this rewards program.

www.4wd.com



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](#)

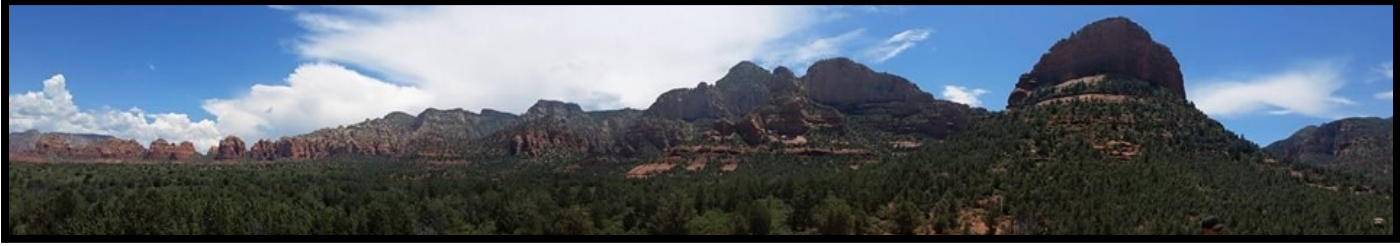
[The Jeep Wave](#)

MEMBERSHIP STATS

Over 800 Friends On Facebook

36 Families In The Club

SEDONA CAMP OUT AND POTLUCK



During the weekend of June 6th—June 8th, Copperstate 4 wheelers travelled up to Sedona for a club campout and potluck dinner. The weekend started with a night run on Friday led by Jim Nossett on a trail called Greasy Spoon. It was short, sweet and a lot of fun.

On Saturday morning, with vehicles in tow the group tackled Broken Arrow. We suffered minimal casualties that day with only one damaged front u joint on Danny Crowley's XJ. A delicious carne asada potluck dinner followed Saturday afternoon. I think we all had our fill of carne asada!

On Saturday night the group ventured out to Cliff Hanger on the Oak Creek Homestead trail. The excitement of the evening occurred when Mike Knowles was almost lured into the forest by a couple of strange characters who wanted to party. It was a great weekend. Thanks to o everybody who was able to come.



Member Spotlight



The Hulk

Owned by
Chad Chaney

How and when did you acquire your rig?

2013

What is your rig equipped with?**Tire:**

Pro Comp MT2 33's (Next time, 35's).

Axles:

Front: Dana 30

Rear: JK Rubicon Dana 44

Lockers:

Front: Eaton E-locker

Rear: Rubicon locker

**Engine/Transmission:**

4.7 L HO V8 and 545 RFE 5 speed automatic

Transfer Case:

NP231, SYE

Interior Gadgets or Upgrades:

Radios for communications.

Body Armor and Skid Plates:

ASFIR F/R differential cover guards and Steel gas tank skid plate.

Other Customizations:

6 inch Clayton long arm lift with an extra 2 inch coil spacer, Hydro assist steering, Chaney/Epp front/rear bumpers, sliders, and roof rack, Superwinch 9000 pound Tiger Shark synthetic cord, Puma air compression with air tanks.

What items remain on your wish list for your rig?

35's next time around.

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

This jeep was built not bought. Much time, effort, blood, sweat, tears, and swear words have gone into it. I had a lot of help from Gary.

If you could have done one thing differently with your upgrades what would it have been?

I would have liked to have had a budget for the matching front JK Rubicon Dana 44.

Any words of wisdom, specific experience or lessons learned you would like to share from your experience during rig upgrades or repairs?

Build your rig to meet your needs. Building a rig is the same as a snowball running downhill, once you start it just keeps going and going and going and getting bigger and bigger and bigger. As far as repairs go, upgrade to better parts when you break them. Use quality parts.

Want to see your rig featured in this spotlight?

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