



# TOW STRAP TRIBUNE

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Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter

"A Family Oriented Off Road Club"

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

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## CLUB CALENDAR

Oct 13th

Club Meeting 6:30

Oct 15th -20th

Mojave Road

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Four Peaks Cleanup/Campout

November 5th Night run

Rocket Panel Pass

Saturday, December 3, 2016

City of Chandler Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 10, 2016

CS4W Christmas Party

Hello all,

I wanted to take the time to thank everyone who has made this club what it is today. We have some awesome members and very knowledgeable people who make our trip enjoyable as always. At some point, we will host a simulated emergency trip. The board of directors has briefly talked about and will come up with all the details in upcoming meetings but it will be a great learning experience. We won't share any of the details with the general membership necessarily as we don't want to take anything away from the spontaneity of the adventure.

Thanks, Chad



## ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS 2016

President ~ Chad Chaney

Vice President ~ Jim Nossett

Secretary ~ Jen Blum

Treasurer ~ Paul Yakaitis

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kenny Blum

Ryan England

Kit Russell

## MEETING INFORMATION

Bass Pro Shop

1133 N.Dobson Road, Mesa, AZ.

Upstairs in the camping section

Guests are always welcome!

## ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU!

Volunteer to be a CS4W trail leader.

Contact Chad or Jim for further details.

Hello Fellow 4 wheelers,

It's been a crazy summer for me and I'm sorry I did not get a July/August Tow Strap out.

November is coming fast so please remember we have the 4 Peaks Clean up November 5th. We will be running Rocker Panel Pass after the clean up as a night run normally leave about 7:30 and get back to camp about 11PM.

Anyone that wants to be in the Parade of Lights I need your insurance information. Please email it to me ASAP

The weather is nice so lets get a few more runs on the calendar. It would be nice to get some runs we have not done in a while. If you are not sure about leading a run contact me or Chad and we can help you.

Thanks,

Jim Nossett , Editor

## Club Runs

On June 10-12<sup>th</sup>, the Copperstate 4 Wheelers traveled to Payson and Pyeatt Draw for its summer club campout. Arriving early, Allan Connor was able to secure out camping spot. Thank you Allan. Despite getting soaked with rain on Friday night, the group was undeterred and tackled the trail on Saturday. We had a couple of guests, 2 of which being from a Jeep WJ group which didn't arrive on time and I invited the 2 missing members to join us for the trail ride. The trail was fun as always. Paul broke some steering components on the trail and after a lengthy stop on the trail for a repair, was able to successfully trailer his Toyota back to camp. Only a couple of our members dared the last obstacle; Sunny and Allan. After about 30 mins of trying Sunny was able to conquer the obstacle unassisted! Allan required winching which is the norm on this obstacle. Afterwards, the group enjoyed a killer potluck dinner with carne asada being the main dish. Thank you Allan for finding such awesome carne and thank you to everyone else who volunteered for the potluck. This trip was such a cool weekend. I was very happy to have my whole family with me; wife, son, and club. You can see a video of the weekends trip on my You Tube channel; The Right Line. Thank you



On Saturday September 17th the Copperstate 4 Wheelers ran a night run thru Elvis. This was a long night due to Alan Connor getting hung up on a rock on the first obstacle. His battery went dead then broke a tire bead winching him over the obstacle. After about 2 hours of skilled recovery we were moving again. It was a good experience for everyone and I believe most enjoyed the show Alan put on. The plan was to go out thru Box canyon but we did not as it was getting so late.

## CLUB EVENTS

Hello Everybody,

The epic trip called the Mojave Road is almost here. This is a very historical trail that starts approximately 20 miles south of Laughlin and traverses the Mojave Preserve 140 miles (all on dirt) to end near Barstow California.

It will involve:

- 1 day of travel to the trail and 1 day of travel home from the trail.
- Spending 2 nights in Laughlin (on the way to and return from the trail for fun).
- 3 days of camping on the trail.
- Very scenic views.
- Deep sand, crossing a salt flat and a spooky canyon.
- Some easy to moderate 4x4 and lots of cool stuff to see.

This trail has been on my bucket list for a while. The dates are October 15-20th 2016.

Chad, President, Copperstate 4 Wheelers, I4WDTA Certified Off-road Instructor  
#201406, Tread Lightly Master Trainer and Member

## ADOPT A TRAIL PILOT PROGRAM



We do not have any Adopt A Trail runs to report this month. We are hopeful more runs will continue in the up coming months. Currently, we only have one active TRAL leader and are urging others to attend the free leader training provided by TRAL.

It is so important for this pilot program to continue on, to keep our beloved trails open, also new and old trails to be opened/re-opened. Being a TRAL leader also provides such great learning opportunities on working with GPS programs and creating waypoints. Our experienced TRAL leaders will do everything we can to help you along the way.

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 Copperstate4Wheelers 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.

## Member Spotlight



AJ Connor 1986 AMC  
Cherokee



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

My dad & me worked at the prior owners house and we were given it for payment.

**Specify as much as you would like, with what is your rig equipped with?**

**Tires:** 33x12.5x15 BFGKM2

**Axles:** HP30 & 35 with 4.56 gears and rear posi

**Lockers:** Doors only

**Engine / Trans:** Chevy 2.8 V6 & 3 spd auto

**Transfer case:** 231

**Interior upgrades:** Killer stereo by Pioneer & JL auto

**Other:** 5.5" Rubicon Express lift

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

Me and my dad.

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

Bigger more power!

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

Chicks dig Jeeps!

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

Fuel Injected engine & overdrive trans.

***Want to see your rig featured in this spotlight? Turn in your questionnaire with photo of your jeep to Jennifer Blum at [kennifer04@outlook.com](mailto:kennifer04@outlook.com)***

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Land agencies and private property boundaries

<http://gis.azland.gov/webapps/parcel/?loc=-111.3388,33.0728,9&layers=3,2,0>

***If you observe destruction of the environment or private property while in the outdoors please notify the proper authorities.***

***The Arizona Game and Fish Departments***

***24-Hour Hotline at 1-800-VANDALS – 1-(800)-826-3257.***

### ***TRAL has a new forum!***

***Register for the Tonto Recreation Alliance Forum at***

***<http://www.tontorecreationalliance.org/forum/ucp.php?mode=login>***

***The confirmation of registration answer is 'VHO'***

### 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](#)

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[Expeditioneers](#)

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[4x4 Ham](#)

[4 Wheel Parts - Mesa](#)

[Desert Rat Off-road Truck Centers](#)

[East Valley Truck Accessories](#)

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[Jeep forum.com](#)

[Mesa Surf & Ski - T-shirts](#)

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[Stu Olson's Jeep Site](#)

[The Jeep Wave](#)