



June 2015

# TOW STRAP TRIBUNE

Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter

"A Family Oriented Off Road Club"

[www.copperstate4wheelers.com](http://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 85201

**Guests are always welcome!**

## CLUB CALENDAR 2015

June 12th - 14th  
Carne Asada Potluck  
Sedona Camp Out

June 27th  
Memorial Run For Bill Barrier  
Charity Food Drive

August 15th  
ASA Quarterly Meeting

October 12th- 18 th  
Moab Utah

## ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS

2014-2015

President ~ [Chad Chaney](#)

Vice President ~ [Ryan England](#)

Secretary ~ [Jordan Carroll](#)

Treasurer ~ [Paul Yakaltis](#)

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[Kenny Blum](#), [Jim Nossett](#)

[Michael Mango Mangotich](#)

## Message From The President — Chad Chaney

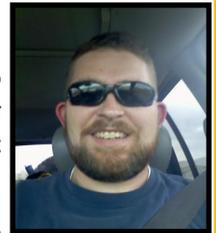
Hello Everybody,

I'm excited about our upcoming June trip to Sedona. If you haven't been to Sedona be sure to bring your camera as the scenery is awesome; and you'll want to take plenty of pictures.

As we come to the end of May and into June we will begin to enjoy more night runs. It is important to remember that although the sun has gone down you can still become dehydrated. The symptoms of dehydration include headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and fatigue. To avoid becoming dehydrated be sure to bring lots of water on all your adventures. During the summer we should be consuming approximately two gallons per day just to keep hydrated. More, if you're active. Please stay hydrated and be safe on the trails this summer.

In closing, 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](mailto:england.ryanh@gmail.com) as well as myself: at [chad@copperstate4wheelers.com](mailto:chad@copperstate4wheelers.com) in order to make sure it gets on the club calendar.

Chad



## Message From The Editor—Jim Nossett

Hello All:

*I think we may have seen the last of the cool weather, but lets hope not! Since the weather is heating up we will need to head north or do some night runs. My vote is we do both. I'm looking forward to the June camp out and I hope everyone is able to make it to Sedona even if it's just for the day.*



*I would like to thank everyone for the great support we've received for our new meeting place at Bass Pro. We are currently paid through May 2016!! We have done such a great job that Bass Pro has asked us to hold off on buying any more gift cards for the club until 2016 as they only keep a calendar for one year out.*

*On another note, I would like to show a slide show of past trips before each meeting. In order to make this happen, please forward any pictures you take of runs you go on to me. As always, please send me write ups on any trips you go on even if it's short and to the point.*

*Thanks for taking the time to read the Tow Strap.*

JIM

Rocker Panel Pass Trail Run — Led By Mike Knowles

OK....Where do I start??.... How about.... HI ALL:

I led my first trail on Sunday, May 24, 2015. We hit ROCKER PANEL PASS and had a blast filled with lots of adventure. That is, once we found our way. I'm new at this so I was entitled to a "few bumps along the trail". Although there weren't any major breakdowns, Jake, created some excitement when he broke his exhaust. With his special mechanical skills he was able to stick it back in! Way to go Jake!



With Paul at the lead, we headed to lower Sycamore Creek where we ran into to Joe Osuch, who filled us in on the rollover that happened last week at the exact spot we were at. After swapping stories we followed Joe to a HUGE-AWESOME cactus. Joe told us a story about the cactus; and other rescue events which included a family who makes gadgets to protect us from "ALIENS". Yes, I said ALIENS! Just ask Joe about it!



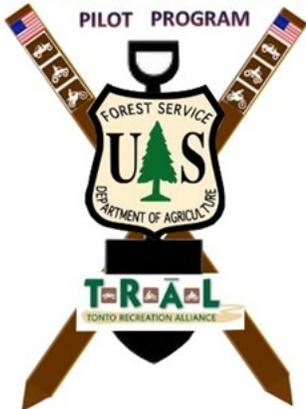
Next, we followed Joe and ran into a gal with a stalled buggy because she ran out of gas. Joe gave her some gas and we got her started just as her husband showed up. Joe didn't charge him. LOL

After that, Paul led us to a trail which Copperstate had worked on and put up signs . At that point Mike Tomlinson headed home; and once we finished the trail Paul aired up his tires and was on his way home too. Jake and I stuck around and did some shooting! It was an AWESOME DAY!



ADOPT A TRAIL PILOT PROGRAM

Tonto National Forest ADOPT-A-TRAIL



Cervis Software Training Continues

The recording of the first training session is now available. It is a two hour session using GoToMeetings. Internet Explorer and a web connection is all that is needed for viewing. The next live training session, which will also be recorded, is June 2, 2015.

We are all very excited about getting the program up and running for the clubs. This will free up a lot of time for Rich Smith and the other TRAL guys by reducing their administrator duties so they can focus more on the ADAT program itself.

If anyone is interested in learning this program please contact Jen Blum.

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

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

*Holly Ritchie  
Justice Epp  
Janet Williams*

**Calling All Trail Leaders**  
If you would like to lead a trail ride contact Ryan Engnd.



### June 12th—June 14th Sedona Camp Out      Potluck Sign Up

Be sure to sign up for the CS4W potluck for the Sedona trip. The club is paying for the main dish which will be carne asada and participating members are asked to bring a potluck item.

### June 12th - June 14th Sedona Camp Out

#### Directions to the campsite:

The campsite is located approximately 5 miles West of Sedona and approximately 9 miles from Cottonwood on Highway 89A. Travel 5 miles West of Sedona to Loy Butte road (Forest Road 525) and turn right or.....Travel 9 miles East of Cottonwood to Loy Butte road (Forest Road 525) and turn left. Travel North on Loy Butte road to the 'Y' and turn left. The site is located on the left.

[Click on for Map to camp site](#)

Some folks were going up early on Friday to get the camp site. Chad will be heading up there on Friday night after work, going through Cottonwood.

#### 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](#)

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[Hero Off-road](#)

[Jeep forum.com](#)

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[The Jeep Wave](#)

### MEMBERSHIP STATS

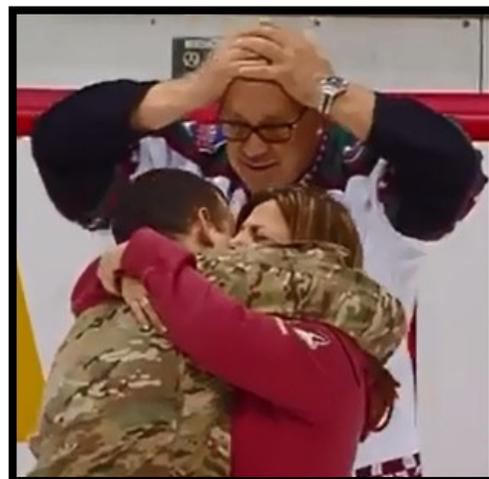
**772 Friends On Facebook  
36 Families In The Club**

**Soldier Returns Home To Surprise Family Ceremonial Puck Drop!**

Eitan and Ronit Urman with Urman Enterprises, LLC (better known to the off-road community as Asfir 4x4) have been Coyote season ticket holders since 1996. They were invited to drop the ceremonial puck on fan appreciation night at the Coyotes final 2015 season home game.

They were stunned and overwhelmed with excitement to see their son deliver the puck to them.

**SGT Dan Urman has returned home from Afghanistan!**



Here is the link to the video of the unforgettable event - <https://youtu.be/M4kw2T9Xm8E>

This story made it all the way to the Israeli Daily News; and is the talk of the town around Poland. The story also aired on the following Monday morning edition of the Today Show. Eitan is a great person and has been very generous to the off-roading community. I cannot think of someone more deserving than Eitan for such a heart warming surprise of a lifetime!

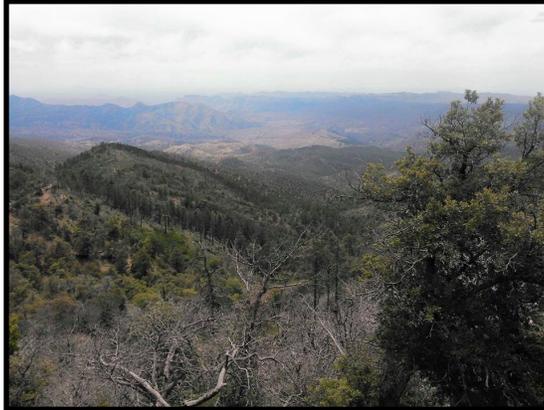


Copperstate 4 Wheelers now is a member of Tread Lightly!



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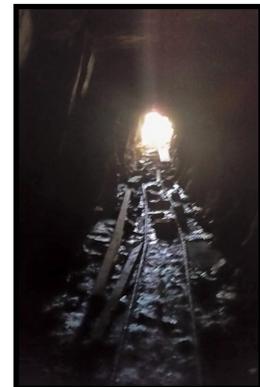
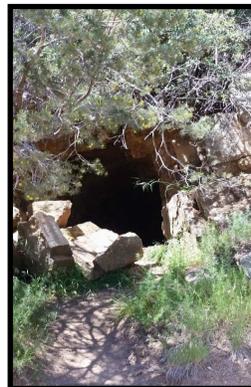
CLUB EVENTS



On Sunday, May 24th, Copperstate 4 Wheeler's inspected 899, 580A and 157 as part of the Tonto National Forest ADAT program. It was a fun day with four vehicles on this run including Gary Epp, Danny Crowley, Rich Kochanski, Kenny Blum and Jim Nossett. Rich and his two kids, Jacob and Tatum, were a big help!

We started out on Mackey Camp Road which is just west of Miami. It is a power line road that turns into 906, than turns off onto 580A. This was the big challenge of the trip as it was a really good climb to the top of the peak to the towers. Rich got a little tipsy; and had his driver side front tire about 2' off the ground going up a very steep part. We traveled about 37 miles on dirt roads, inspected 13 miles and installed 10 signs along the way. The views were awesome and we all had an wonderful run.

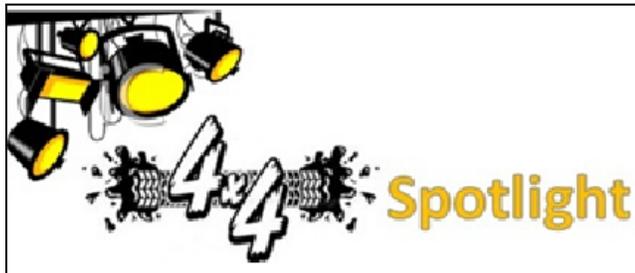
El Oso Trail



On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> a small group of club members went on a run to Four Peaks and the El Oso Trail. The attendees included; Gary, Kit & Michelle, Jim and Chad. The guests were Steven Ezzyc and Bill Ogren. This was a bit of a shakedown run for Chad's new hydro assist steering he had a few bugs to work out, but all in all, everything worked out well.

The trip to the El Oso Trail can be driven with a high clearance 2wd. The trail itself was pretty good until the last 1/3 where it becomes steep and narrow, with a nice off camber shelf step and a wide V trench. Both provided some pucker factor. Ask Kit and Michelle. Thank you to everybody who attended the run. Chad greatly appreciated everybody's patient with his steering issues.

## Member Spotlight



## Sonrunr

Owned by

**Kit Russell**

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

Bought it December, 2013.

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

***Tires***

33"

***Axles***

Rubicon Dana 44s

Front and rear

***Lockers***

Electric front and rear

***Engine/Transmission***

Straight 6 / Auto transmission

***Transfer Case***

4:1

***Interior Gadgets or Upgrades***

Sound system with woofer

***Body Armor and Skid Plates***

Most from manufacturer

Added some others

***Other Customizations***

New rear upgraded drive shaft

New shocks and springs in rear

New rims and air intake

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

Winch and 35 inch tires

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

Kent and I installed rear bumper. Other work at shop.

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

Nothing so far!

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

Have a lot of money just for your jeep or you will be unhappy.



***Want to see your rig featured in this spotlight?***

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