



TOW STRAP TRIBUNE

February
2018

Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter

"A Family Oriented Off Road Club"

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CLUB CALENDAR

March 2018

24th - Cave Creek to Sheep Bridge

April 2018

Work day on trail 42

3 day trip Sedona to Jerome

July 2018

Cinders

See the club trips [Facebook page](#) for details.

ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS

Use the hyperlinks to contact an officer.

President ~ [Chad Chaney](#)

Vice President ~ [Jim Nossett](#)

Secretary ~ [Kenny Blum](#)

Treasurer ~ [Paul Yakaitis](#)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wayne Ash/Jen Blum

Damon Orphanos

Gary Epp

Helpful Information for club members.

Permits

[Bull Dog Canyon Permit](#)

[State Land Department: Recreational Permit](#)

ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU!

Volunteer to be a CS4W trail leader.

Contact Chad or Jim for further details.

President's Message

Hello everybody, 2018 is now in full swing and we need to put some exciting runs on the calendar. Please don't hesitate to let Jim know if you want to plan and lead a trip. Not sure you can lead a trip? Of course you can and Jim or I or anyone else who commonly leads trails can help you. All you have to do is ask. There a lot of knowledgeable resources available in our membership. We have mechanics, welders, trail leaders, photographers, videographers, plumbers, fabricators, you name it. Get to know your fellow members!

Chad



Is there a trail out there you are interested in running?

Visit trailsoffroad.com

Club Run - Humbug Mine and Ghost Town



We left the gas station about 8:20 and was airing down about 9am at the T on Castle Hot Springs. Took at the most an hour to get to Humbug but part of that was due to Guy blocking the road across his property. Met him, his name is AL and was drinking a beer already. He said he would let us thru but he said about 20 times you better go slow and not throw anything out the window. He did not demand money but said donations are nice. He said that Dave told him we were coming and he was fine with driving across his property as long as we followed his rules.

Made it to Humbug and Dave was really nice asked if we wanted the 3 hour tour or 2 hour tour. I told him 3 but we were done about 12pm. I never put it in 4 wheel drive to get to Humbug. Dave then asked if we wanted to go up the mountain and go into a "Safe" mine that went in 550'. He said looking at your vehicles I think you can make it. Which made everyone's ears perk up, maybe we can do some wheeling.

We had lunch and headed up the mountain about 12:30 and it was a 1.5 mile drive up to the top and down the other side a little. We then walked about 1/4 mile to the mine entrance. It has tracks on the ground and had one vertical drop that was somewhat boarded up. We seen 3 bats going in and one got spooked on the way out and was flying around so we all ducked.



We then walked back to the Jeeps and drove back down. Dave rode with me going up to show us how to get up there.

The trail going up was somewhat steep and not for someone afraid of heights. I put it in 4 low going up and never lost traction or felt uneasy. No obstacles to speak of on this trip. Couple of ladies driving did say they were scared at first but glad they drove up it and back down.

We got back to Humbug about 2:30. Kit and Craig left us at Cow Road and headed to Crown King.

I really enjoyed the tour Dave gave us and he is very knowledgeable about the area also extremely nice.



Club Run - Martinez Mine and Cabin



The first stop after air down was the photo op above under one of the railroad bridges. The trail ride through Box Canyon started with a small detour around a bull, that did not seem interested in getting out of the way, so instead of trying to make him move, the trail leader Kenny, found an alternate route to go around him. The drive through Box Canyon was very beautiful as usual, everyone made quick work of the few boulders and one optional line....well except for the guy who forgot to lock his hubs, he who wont be mentioned...uh hum..KIT! The group made the it through the 2WD trail to the gate of Martinez Canyon and geared up for the walk to cabin. We stopped and had lunch and the majority of the group set out for the mine.



Club Run - Martinez Mine & Cabin

The weather was excellent for a walk through the wilderness! We stopped at the usual photo areas and then headed up to the mine shaft. Just a few of us went down in the mine. As we descended deeper into the hole, the footing became increasingly unstable, so we all decided to go back up and out. This is to be explored again though.

Use this link to see all the photos in the [2-24-2018 Martinez mine cabin](#) photo album on Facebook



ADOPT A TRAIL BULLDOG CANYON



Our club needs to run the trails in the Bulldog Canyon twice a year. During these runs we will pick up trash and inspect the trails, gates and cattle guards. We will also perform repairs on the trail and report any issues that are beyond our scope.

During these runs we will be working as a volunteer for the Tonto National Forest.

Club Archives

Coyote Olympics

April 1983

Last month the club archives featured the Camping Games Olympics and it appears that back in the 80s the club members had a very similar event! In the club archives there is a photo album with pages of an event that appears to be the Coyote Olympics. There were many games organized for the club members to be played that day. Pictures below show a bubble blowing contest, a pie pan water contest, a can grabbing or knocking over contest, looks like a towing contest and a hot dog eating on the move contest.

Also below is a picture of one of the 11 winners, she won the Paper Bag game. The pictures illustrated a great day full of fun and excitement!



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS



Secretary Report

February 2018

Club Meeting Notes

Had some issues on the trail concerning cattle and the harassing of. Also the use of foul language repeatedly. And Alcohol consumption Reminders this is a family club. Chad can elaborate or add to.

Upcoming Runs

April sometime Chad Chaney over land trip Sedona to Jerome and back around. 3 Day trip.

March 24th cave Creek to Sheep Bridge Chad to lead.

April possibly with TRAL to do a work day on 42. Jim to organize.

Alan offered to plan a club run / camping trip to the Cinders. (Mid July)

March 23, Sunday; Game and Fish Expo.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL Training for trail repairs. Great trails workshop. March 6,7 and 8.

Chewing the dirt.

March: Chad Chaney – Topic ETHICS and the Rules of the Road. Both of these can be found on the CS4W web site at “about us”.

April: Jim Nossett May: Jen Blum June: July: Aug: Sept: Oct: Nov: Dec:



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