



Tow Strap Tribune

Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter

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www.copperstate4wheelers.com

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Coco's Bakery located at 1862 W. Baseline Rd., Mesa, AZ.
Guests and new members are always welcome!

Club Calendar

Annual Four Peaks Clean Up/Run

Sat. 11/01/14—8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Mineralogical Society Run

Sat 11/8/14 TBA

November Meeting—Coco's

Thurs. 11/13/14 at 6:30 pm

Chandler Parade of Lights

Sat. 12/06/14 at 12 noon

Message From The President

Chad Chaney



Hello all,

As we wind down the year I just wanted to remind everybody that the month of November is very important to CS4W for the following reasons;

The Four Peaks Cleanup and Club Elections

This will be the 5th annual Four Peaks Cleanup. Mango has taken the lead on the cleanup this year along with Jeff Labelle and myself. A ton of work has gone into the cleanup for 2014.

CS4W will also hold elections during the November meeting. As you may know, the executive committee includes: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Elected members hold these positions for one year. The Board of Directors includes the Executive Committee as well as Directors. Three positions in total with alternating two year terms.

As of this time there will be **2 open director positions**. If you're interested in a position on the Board of Directors please be sure to read the club's bylaws so you understand the responsibilities of each position before making a nomination. I encourage everybody to try and attend the November meeting so your voice can be heard.

Thank you,

Chad



Message From The Editor

Jim Nossett

This month we are featuring a new format. Sharon Holladay came to me a few weeks ago with an idea to change the format. We hope this new format will make it easier for you to find what you need as well as keep you better informed.

We are always looking for new ideas to improve the club newsletter so feel free to send me your thoughts or suggestions. In addition, if you take pictures or would like to write an article for the Tribune please send it to me and I include it in the next edition.

I would also like to ask anyone *leading a trip* to send me a short description, as well as the requirements, of the trip so I can post them in the next Tribune. *After the run* please forward a short review, a few pictures and the names of the folks that attended. Please send this info to tradcoach@msn.com

Elected Club Officers

2014-2015

President: Chad Chaney

Vice President: Ryan England

Secretary: Jordan Carroll

Treasurer: Paul Yakaitis

Board of Directors

Gary Epp

Michael "Mango" Mangotich

Tim Wight

Buy or Sell

If you have any 4 x 4 items you wish to buy or sell contact Jim Nossett and he will put them in the next Tribune.

tradcoach@msn.com

If you have any club announcements or runs you would like to sign up for please contact Ryan England at england.ryan.h@gmail.com

Club Announcements

Club Elections

Club elections will take place at the November 13th meeting.

Two Board of Director positions are currently available. Board of Director positions carry a two year term and go into effect in January of 2015.

All club members are encouraged to attend the November meeting to cast their vote.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

Adopt a Trail Program

We are working with TRAL (Tonto Recreation Alliance) and the Tonto National Forest on the ADAT (Adopt-A-Trail) pilot program which is designed to keep the existing trails in the forest open for everyone to enjoy. There are approximately 1,400 miles of trails to be explored, signed and documented. This program's success will ultimately depend on great folks like you to volunteer for upcoming events. Along with our efforts and the AZ4X4 club we are hoping this pilot program will be a great success.

There are many fun tasks that you can volunteer for. For example, installing and recording trail signs, clean-up efforts, and clearing overgrown brush. Participation in his program will expand your navigation skills and test your adventurous spirit as you experience the exciting challenges these trails hold.

We currently have 3 Crew Leaders that have attended the 2 free training classes with TRAL. There are many opportunities for anyone who is interested. Please contact Jennifer Blum if would like to sign up. This program has not officially started so there is still lots of time to sign up. The volunteer opportunities will also continue as the program progresses.

Currently, our club has been assigned to 6 trails in an area that is south of Superior. We can begin once the club volunteer agreements with TRAL are signed. In the future, there will be many opportunities for us to camp together and then break up into multiple smaller groups, to complete as many trails as possible in one area. Visit the TRAL page on the Copperstate4Wheelers website for more information on past and upcoming trips. www.copperstate4wheelers.com/tral.html

Upcoming Events

Four Peaks Clean Up

Sat. Nov 1st—8:00 am-4:30 pm.

Clean Up * Lunch *** Trail Ride**

Mango, Jeff La Belle and Chad Chaney have been working feverishly to put together the best clean up ever.

This year lunch and porta johns will be provided as well as four roll off dumpsters. We are hoping for record attendance this year.

**See you at the
best cleanup ever!**

Mineralogical Society Run

November 8th 2014

Tom LaBonte is working with the Mineralogical Society to put together a run to the UFO mine.

Please contact Tom at

voteslaz@cox.net or Chad Chaney

if you are interested in signing up for this run.

Chandler's Parade of Lights Sat., Dec. 6th at 12 noon.

Everyone is invited to help out with the parade's festivities.

12 Noon: Meet at Kent & Sharon Holladay's house to decorate the parade jeeps.

2:00 pm: BBQ potluck will immediately follow jeep decorating.

4:30 pm: Leave for Downtown Chandler for judging and the parade line up.

Thank you to our parade participants:

Kenny/Jennifer Blum, Tom La Bonte

Jim/ Kathy Nossett, Jake Armstrong

Mike/Jordan Knowles, Rich Kochanski, Paul Yakitis and Kent /Sharon Holladay.

*This family event promises to be a **BLAST!***



**To our
Copperstate
Family and
Friends!**

**Copperstate's Christmas Party is scheduled for the
weekend of December 13th**

Christmas Party/Camp Out/Run

October Recovery Clinic Highlights



On October 18th CS4W travelled to Sugarloaf Mountain/Sycamore Creek for a recovery clinic led by Chad Chaney. Attendees included Kent & Sharon Holladay, Kenny & Jennifer Blum, Bruce Matteson, Mango & Tiffinnie, Paul & Chris Yakaitis, Bruce Andrea, Gary Epp, Roland Silva, Jim Nossett, and guest Daniel.



A great time was shared by all as recovery gear was used to test the participants driving skills without using lockers, at least for most of the participants.

A minor mechanical mishap created some excitement for Bruce Matteson's Moose. However, thanks to the mechanical skills of several of our club members "the Moose" was up and running in no time at all.

Chad had also hoped to touch on the Hi Lift during this Recovery Clinic. Unfortunately, there was not enough time in the day so another clinic will be rescheduled for this purpose. Additional recovery classes will be scheduled for those who missed out.. Thank you to everyone who attended.



Friends of Harald Baja

Hurricane Relief Raffle

You can help by purchasing raffle tickets for a chance to win valuable products donated by our friends and sponsors! Drawing will be held Friday, November 21, 2014.

<http://barlows.us/donate.html>

Tow Strap Safety Tip

In follow up to our recent Recovery Clinic and for the safety of our members I'd like your help to design a comprehensive list of supplies that should be brought on runs for the following three categories.

1: Short Run: A few hours with minimal distance covered, and a slim chance for a mechanical break down. If so, home is close by and help is more readily available.

2: Full Day Run and/or Overnighter: A greater distance is covered, possibly an overnigher that could result in a greater chance for a break down and the lack of available parts that are close by.

3: Several Days Run: Lots of miles covered with varied terrains offers a greater possibility of break downs and unavailable parts.

I would like to add this safety information to the CS4W Website and would appreciate your suggestions. If everyone would take a few minutes to compile your lists and email them to [Jim Nossett at tradcoach@msn.com](mailto:Jim.Nossett@tradcoach@msn.com) I will post the information on the club's website.

I believe this information is very important and would benefit all of us.

You Know You're a Copperstate 4-Wheeler

- When your glove box is full of spare parts.
- When everyone on the highway is passing you by and you just don't care.
- When you can't decide what is louder: the soft top, the tires, or the cracked exhaust manifold.
- When you swerve to hit the puddles and potholes.
- When your rig is geared to do 100 mph but you're afraid to do 60mph.
- When you think to yourself, "Will this mod be the end to

COPPERSTATE 4 WHEELERS



**Copperstate 4-wheelers
is a proud member of the
Arizona State Association of
4 Wheel Drive Clubs.**



Jen Campbell and Wayne Ash

Copperstate 4 Wheelers History

This club was formed and incorporated March 31, 1972 by a group of families to promote safe enjoyable family style 4 wheeling. We operate as a non-profit dues paying club with elected officers and democratic participation by all members families. No member receives pay for time spent on behalf of the club. Our club by-laws are operating documents are available from the club president, or the secretary on request.

Our club meets to carry out the routine club business, plan activities, and develop or discuss new ideas. At least one club sponsored trip is available each month. The time and date of these trips are discussed at our monthly meetings and will be posted on the calendar page. Each trip or outing is planned by a club member who is referred to as the trail leader or his trip or outing. The trail leader is in charge of, but not responsible for each person who attends the trip or outing.

This club is dedicated to the premise that our environment and our outdoor heritage must be protected, therefore the willful destruction of private or public property or the needless disfigurement of our land will not be tolerated. Guests as well as members are expected to be conscientious in this respect leaving nothing on a trip but a few tire tracks.



Rumor Mill:

Rumor has it Mike Knowles has no friends so he had to put his handyman skills to the test building a structure to remove his hard top alone.

Quote of the Month

I sure love the feeling,
when you're out on a trail,
nervous about climbing
an obstacle;
then you take a deep breath,
trust your spotter and
totally nail it!!



Jennifer Blum

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Picture of the Month



Our Fearless Leader
Chad