

TOW STRAP TRIBUNE

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Copperstate 4 Wheelers Newsletter "A Family Oriented Off Road Club"

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This Month only!

The meeting will be in the meeting room upstairs by the tents and camping gear at the Bass Pro Shop.



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, Michael Mango Mangotich

Club Calendar 2015

June 12 - 14 Sedona Camp Out Oct 12- 18 Moab Utah Hello Everybody,

I'm very excited to announce to anybody who missed it, that CS4W is now a member of Tread Lightly! Also, for those who weren't aware, CS4W had a booth at the recent Earth Day event at the Army National Guard Depot. Manned by our very



own Tim Wight, CS4W was nicely represented; and the word was spread about our annual Four Peaks Cleanup. Thank you Tim Wight for all your help and support with this event. We look forward to your report at our May meeting.

These two events, as well as our participation in the TRAL's Adopt-A-Trail program, demonstrates CS4W's dedication to being good stewards, responsible off highway users, and strong advocates for keeping trails open and accessible. Thank you to all who participate in these types of events. It helps tremendously.

As a reminder, if you have a run in mind that you'd like to make an official club event that will be posted to our club calendar please download a run submission form from the website, fill it out, and send it to Ryan: eng-land.ryanh@gmail.com and myself at chad@copperstate4wheelers.com

Chad

Hi Copperstate4Wheelers,

The month of April seems to have been very busy for everyone so we had very little going on as a club. Unfortunately, we didn't receive any photos or write ups for any runs so the news letter is going to be light this month.

A "big thanks" to Tim Wight for taking care of the Earth Day event for the club; as well as providing the write up for the newsletter. Also, "thanks" to Mango for keeping our Adopt-A-Trail alive while I was unable to go out on any runs.

I would also like to thank everyone for the support you provided to my family and myself during a very difficult time in my life. As I have said before, most of you never met my Father, yet all of you have, because he taught me everything I know and raised me to be the person I am today. Thanks Dad!

As a reminder, please forward any club events or trail runs you would like to see in the news letter so more club members can get involved. The Tow Strap is only as good as we as a Club make it!



Jim Nossett Editor

Jim

CLUB EVENTS

EARTH DAY



The Earth Day event held on April 16, 2015 went well with more kids in attendance than adults. About 20 adults stopped by our booth (including one Sierra Club member). Throughout the day we put a positive earth friendly spin to off highway vehicle recreation and invited everyone to join in the clean-up. The Scottsdale Lions Club President was REAL excited about our clean up and took a card and wrote the date down. She said a lot of her 4x4 members enjoy participating in these types of events so she would pass the word along. After I spoke with her I thought it would be helpful to talk to the Lions Club, Elk, & Moose Lodge clubs regarding upcoming clean up events.

ADOPT A TRAIL PILOT PROGRAM



Cervis Software Training

The Cervis program is for TRAL volunteers to enter contact information, schedule events, send emails and track volunteer hours, etc. TRAL has recently upgraded to the premier level of the software. This will allow the creation of established groups and some other cool stuff. Groups for the ADAT clubs will be created and then we will use the program to enter data from our club events involving ADAT work. This way TRAL can capture our club's volunteer hours in the same system used for TRAL and then it can automatically report all of the ADAT /TRAL data together. In the near future 2 - 2 hour previously recorded training videos will be available. If any of our Crew Leaders would like to view the recorded training videos, please let me know ASAP.

Visit the TRAL page on the Coperstate4Wheelers website for up to date information on the program. Including the upcoming and past trips, TRAL volunteer meetings and training sessions.

http://www.copperstate4wheelers.com/tral.htm

Contact Jen Blum if you have any questions

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our New Meeting Location Has been a Great Success!

Bass Pro Shop Upstairs in the Fine Gun Room 1133 N. Dobson Road, Mesa , Arizona

The meetings are held at 6:30PM. The 2nd Thursday of each month.

Guests are always welcome!

We are in need of trail leaders.

If you would like to
lead a trail please
contact Ryan England to schedule it.





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

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How and when did you acquire your rig?

Bought 7 years ago from a friend at work.

JEEPN Owned by Gary Epp

What is your rig equipped with?

Tires 33" Axles

> Front: Dana 30 Rear: Ford 8.8

Lockers

Front: Like Lockers Rear: Like Lockers **Engine/Transmission**

Stock

Transfer Case Stock 231

Interior Gadgets or Upgrades

Garmin 600 Cobra CB

Body Armor and Skid Plates

Full skid plates under carriage Front and ear bumpers

Other Accessories

(Examples: Winch, Compressor, Air Tank)

8000lb wench compressor Inside rear bumper air tank.

Other Customizations

Rock sliders

What items remain on your wish list for your rig?

More new LED lighting

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

Yes I did

If you could have done one thing differently with your upgrades what would it have been? Save more money and do lift right the first time because at first you say to yourself this will be all I'll need.

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

Yes save the money wait to do it right the first time but nothing's wrong with experimenting that's how you learn.

Want to see your rig featured in this spotlight?

Turn in your questionnaire and submit a photo

to Jennifer Blum.