

# MESA 4 WHEELERS HORN NEWSLETTER

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### Next Meeting

February 17, 2012

Third Friday of every month, 7:30PM.

Location: Brown & Brown Chevrolet,  
Downstairs under sales room  
145 East Main Street Mesa, AZ

## REMEMBER WHEN? 30 years ago

This month's 30 years ago article will be more of a line item article, because of the reports in the February 1982 Horn. It was interesting to note that the February issue front page was noted with hearts to designate the Valentine month.

New Guests for January noted in the February Newsletter were Bill & Amy Mihailov, Marv & Linda Deaton, Fred & Bernice Kovelesky and Ken & Sandy Morehouse.

The main trip for the month was led by Ray & Pat Jenkins from Log Corral Canyon and Log Corral Wash to Bartlett Lake for lunch. The second half of the trip followed the power line road out past Maverick Mountain, China Town Spring, Alder Creek and out through Alder Canyon.

A report was written by guests John & Debbie Jenkins about the Christmas Tree trip up by Blue Ridge Reservoir. "After driving several miles into the forest, we stopped in a clearing and started looking for Christmas trees. We cut down and dragged the trees to our cars. Then we all ate lunch around the campfire. After lunch we loaded the trees onto the vehicles and tied them down with bowlines, clove hitches and square knots.

We enjoyed going along with Ray and Pat and the girls and meeting the people in the Club. We can hardly wait to get a four wheeler of our own so we can join in the fun."

A report was written by Scott & Kathy Hatcher about the January Sand Dunes trip. Their report was made up of observations. They were: If sand dune running is just Jeeps going uphill and downhill, how come we have so much fun! Willard can turn into a "Hot Rod" in the sand, doing wheel



stands on his side - I understand why his handle is "Lucky Bronco". Maybe if he let some air out (of his tires) he could stay on the ground. Ray and Pat are such consistent four wheelers, what can I say - maybe the Jeep drives them instead of the other way around. Competition Hill is now so flat there is no more competition. So we'll move over to Oldsmobile Hill. The Follow the Leader (thru the dunes) game on Saturday was enjoyed by all. All in all the weekend was great!

Thought of the month from our President was: " Society is a lot like bread, largely comprised of crumbs held together by dough supporting the upper crust".



AZ LONGSHOREMAN

## TRIP REPORTS

### *Mud Springs & Pipeline Trail*

*Trip Leader: Dave & Paula Brown*

*Date: January 28, 2012*

Members attending today's run: Trip Leader - Dave & Paula, Clete Hruska & Co-Pilot, Bill Murray, Kevin & Kristin Faires, Mike Drawsky & Co-Pilot Harry Alfrey, and Jim Kawa. Guests in attendance: Don Doty, Sean & Stacy King, Bill Magie and Johnny Johnson.





## Mud Springs & Pipeline Trail (Continued)



Our progress was temporarily interrupted within 30 minutes into the run.



Bill Magie slid into a deep washout along Mud Springs Rd. Amazingly, he was able to drive out under his own power!



The only fatality to Bill's Jeep is a broken passenger side mirror.



At the end of Mud Springs Road is "Decision Meadow" where the Pipeline Trail begins. The Meadow's name came from the many who have reached this point and decided this was as far as they felt comfortable going. Here, Dave & Paula showed us the line.



Equipped with 39" Super Swampers, Dana 60's axles, air lockers and a long travel suspension, Dave made it look effortless.



## Mud Springs & Pipeline Trail (Continued)



Sean's rock crawler, which he built from ground up, also made the climb seem uneventful.



With all the wheel travel Kevin has added to his JK, you rarely see a front wheel this fare in the air!



For the rest of us driving less modified, street legal rigs the climb was a bit more challenging. Half way up the hill Dave provided a little extra support to keep Bill's TJ on all four wheels.



It had been about 10 years since John ran this trail. He was shocked to see its current condition. If it were not for those who went before him, he would have not attempted it. Fortunately he made the entire trip without any major problems.



Once again Kevin amazed us all by showing us that a 4-door JK can run this trail without getting a scratch!



Jim in his 1987 Suzuki Samurai has probably run this trail more times than any of us. No matter how difficult this trail becomes, he always makes it look fairly easy.



## Mud Springs & Pipeline Trail (Continued)



Jim's almost to the top of hill!



The last two in our group to conquer the hill was Mike and Clete.



In the 12 years I have been running Mud Springs, Clete's 78' Ford Bronco was the first full size rig I had seen on this trail. Running on 40" Super Swampers, clearance was not much of issue.



After 4 hours of challenging trail, the line shack, which marks the end of the road, was a welcome sight!



Bill and Clete volunteered to cook us some lunch...



M4W to the rescue! Near the end of the trail, we came across two motorcyclists. One had a blown head gasket. Their misfortune turned around when Dave volunteered to carry his bike and Bill gave him a ride the 8 miles back to the Beeline Highway. Because of its difficulty, the Pipeline Trail sees very little activity, so when the motorcyclists saw us coming they were somewhat surprised!



## Mud Springs & Pipeline Trail (Continued)



The drive back was just as demanding on both the driver and vehicle. While riding piggyback on her dad, Kristin snaps pictures of Clete's Bronco as it descends slowly down the rutted, rock infested hill, marking the beginning and end of the Pipeline Trail.

As tough as this trail is on a rig, it is amazing that all 9 vehicles made the round trip without breakage or any major damage.

Congratulations go out to all our drivers for preparing themselves and their vehicles for such a challenge!

Mike Drawsky

## Jack Handle Trail, Florence

*Trip Leader: Kevin & Melissa and Clete & Randi Hruska*

*Date: February 11, 2012*

Members & guest attending today's run: Clete & Randi Hruska, Walter & Gert Leible, Rory & Lori & Rowdy Moore, Mike Drawsky, Jim Kawa, Martin Bede, Dean & Ann Edellemon.

Kevin & Melissa could not lead the trail run due to a sudden business opportunity that required their presence this weekend. Kevin arranged with Clete to lead the trip in their place.



At 9:30 am our group of 7 vehicles, 2 classic Broncos, 1 classy "Zuk", and 4 Jeeps made their way down Price Road thru Box Canyon and past Amy's Campout, to the start of Jack Handle Trail.



Martinez Canyon Road



The trail consisted of two parts. We made our way thru the left part which is more of a roller coaster ride; high elevation with views of Tucson and bright yellow poppy flowers coming up all over the hill sides.



Martin, Jim, Walter, Clete and Randi enjoyed the view towards Tucson.



## Jack Handle Trail, Florence (Continued)



Working our way back down to the road to Martinez Canyon.



We made our way back to the start of Jack Handle from the Martinez Canyon side of the trail and had lunch where the old windmill once stood.



You could not have asked for better weather. We would have enjoyed a longer a lunch break, but there was still more trail to conquer!

Following lunch, we started back up Jack Handle Trail on the lower right side, following a more rocky wash to the famous "Squeeze".



Trip leaders, Clete and Randi were the first to enter the "Squeeze".



The "Squeeze" has been worked on so most vehicles were able to squeeze through without too much effort. Walt (known as "Rocketman") said after he went through, "The Squeeze is overrated".



Dean & Ann driving their 1971 Ford Bronco thru the "Squeeze"



## Jack Handle Trail, Florence (Continued)



Rory & Lori in the "Squeeze".

Compared to Dean & Ann's Bronco, the Jeeps especially Jim's Suzuki had plenty of room!



Half way through Jack Handle we encountered our first optional route. Jim decided to take the left fork, which proved to be a bit more challenging. Dean, Rory and Mike followed.



Although this step did not look very difficult, Jim had to make three attempts before he finally made it over. The Jeeps and Bronco with the wider wheelbase made it look a little easier.



Clete & Randi going over "Thunderpool"

The group continued up the rocky wash to a series of rocky obstacles, one of which was called "Thunderpool" and or "Double Trouble" When we reached this major obstacle, we thought we met our match, but Mike said it was doable.



Clete & Randi going over "Thunderpool"



Mike going over "Thunderpool"



## Jack Handle Trail, Florence (Continued)



Mike going over "Thunderpoon"

Only Clete & Mike decided to try for their "15 minutes of fame". Mike said after he overcame the obstacle he was glad he was successful but, "I don't think I would do it again anytime soon".



We made our way back through Box Canyon and back to the starting area to air up.



Some of the group headed home, and some of us headed to Florence to end a perfect day of wheelin' with some great Mexican food!

Thanks to all who joined us for a great run!  
Clete

## FUTURE TRIPS & EVENTS

### Doc Staff's Annual Adopt-A-Ranch Cleanup

**Trip Leader:** Doc Staff

**Contact #** 480-968-1833

**When:** February 18th

**Where:** J-Bar-B Ranch, Lake Roosevelt.

**Start Time:** 7:00 am Breakfast @ Judy's Cook House in Globe.  
9:00 am @ J-Bar-B Ranch near Roosevelt Lake

**Directions from the west side of the county:** Head north on State Route 87. At the Rest Stop turn east on State Route 188. Follow 188 to Roosevelt Dam. Here 188 turns into State Route 88. Follow Highway 88 to mile post 233.6. Go south on FS 448 about a mile to reach the ranch house.

**Directions from Tempe/Mesa area:** Head east on State Route 60. We will meet for breakfast at 7:00am at Judy's Cook House at the southeast corner of State Route 60 & 88 west of Globe. Follow State Route 88 to Lake Roosevelt. Just past the Roosevelt Post Office turn on FS 448 at mile post 233.6. Go about a mile to reach the ranch house.

### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual March Campout (aka Amy's Campout)

**Trip Leader:** Bill & Amy Mihailov

**Contact #** 602-810-7226

**When:** March 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** North of the entrance to "Box Canyon" by the windmill.  
**Details:** Please join us for the entire weekend or any part! We will be leaving for the "box canyon" area, South of Florence Jct. on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and plan to stay until Monday the 12th. We will be camping at the same spot, just north of the entrance to "box canyon" where the windmill used to be. The site is a short distance after you turn off Mineral Mt. Rd. heading toward Martinez Canyon. It is NOT motor home accessible.

**Friday** will be a day of gathering firewood and maybe a little exploring. If there is interest we will do a night run.

**Saturday** is open to whatever, horseshoes, short trips, relaxing and gabbing. We are going to bring a big bar-b-que and charcoal. Nothing is provided except the grill and charcoal. Be sure to bring everything you need to camp, what you want to cook on the bar-b-que and a dish to share and of course all your own utensils, chairs, camping stuff etc.

**Sunday**, the plan is to run "Upper Woodpecker" 10:00 A.M. pull out from camp.

Please give us a call and let us know if you plan to attend, if you need more information, directions, whatever! We look forward to this time camping in the desert, the weather should be exceptional!

It would be a good idea to get your State Land Permit if you don't already have one.

Mr. Bill 602-810-7226

[Amy@mihailov.com](mailto:Amy@mihailov.com)



## FUTURE TRIPS & EVENTS *(Continued)*

### **Log Corral (Adopt-A-Trail Cleanup)**

**Trip Leader:** Mike Drawsky

**Contact #** 480-502-9507

**When:** March 24

**Where:** Sycamore Creek & Beeline Highway

**Start Time:** Meet @ 8:00, pull out @ 8:30

**Rating:** 4

**Trip Details:** Come prepared to do our yearly trail cleanup and make sure your rig is up for the challenge!

### **Fun Days 2012**

**Fun Days Chairman:** "Mr. Bill" Bill Mihailov 480-983-0404

**Scheduled Date:** April 20<sup>th</sup> thru April 22<sup>rd</sup>

**Where:** It looks like Houston Mesa Road, north of Payson on 87, is our planned site for this year's Fun Days.

**Details:** As far as I know this is the first time this event has been held in Payson! It should be a good site, close to town for hotels etc. for anyone that does not want to camp out. More information about area hotels will follow. I am working on the use permit but I have been told it will not be a problem.

Do not forget to be gathering raffle prizes, let our raffle chairperson, Lori Moore, know what you have and where you got the donation. Bring a gift yourself also...pie certificates are always appreciated!!!

**Fun Days Chairman & Vice President:** *Bill Mihailov*

**Registration Chair:** *Jim & Wendi Kawa*

**Raffle Chair:** *Lori Moore*

Ticket sales person

"Goody bag" assembler and distributor

**Games Chair:**

Adult game 1

Adult game 2

Adult game 3 or obstacle course

**Meal Chair**

Main course *Walter & Gert Lieble*

Dishes to share coordinator *Mike Drawsky*

Food serving tables/cloths/<utensils if desired>

**Entertainment Chair:**

Lights/extension cords/generator

**Firewood Chair**

Obtainer

Deliverer

**Trips:**

Friday night

Sunday main

**Porta-Potties Chair:** *Doc Staff, Ray and Pat Jenkins*

**Clean-up Chair:** *Lee Coppage*

Let me know what you want to help with..

Mr. Bill 602-810-7226

## **Fun Days Dinner Menu 2012**

(Prepared by Walter & Gert Lieble)

Chili Rellano

Chicken breast  
in fresh Marinara Sauce,  
baked and finished with Parmesan Cheese.

Shrimps in creamy garlic butter.

Main course will be served with your delicious side dishes.



# FUN DAYS 2012

Our 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL!!!!

April 20 - 22, 2012

## **Where?** *Ha Bill, Where is Fun Days going to be this year?*

Motor home accessible!!! Tent & tent trailer accessible too!!

Dry camping....no facilities

Directions: ?????????? look for m4w signs!

## **Who?**

M4W members, potential members & invited guests

## **How much?**

\$25.00 includes access to all events and 2 meal tickets. Additional meal tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids 5-12 years of age.

## **What to bring?**

Everything you need to camp, chairs, a dish to share for Saturday evening and a skit to present during the "entertainment" segment.

## **What's up?**

### **3 days of FUN!!!!**

#### **Friday,**

Afternoon:

Registration opens

Firewood arrival

Port-a-potties arrive too!

Evening:

9:00 P.m. Night run

#### **Saturday,**

Morning:

8:00-9:00 Registration

Raffle prize log in

9:00 the games begin

Afternoon:

1:00-5:30 Registration

Raffle prize log in

Evening:

5:45 Bring pot luck dishes to meal area. Don't forget your tables/chairs/utensils and a trash bag for your trash!

6:00 Dinner is served

7:30 "entertainment" begins!!! Skits, awards, raffle

#### **Sunday,**

Morning:

8:45 drivers meeting

9:00 main run pull out

Afternoon:

pack up and clean up!!!! Make sure your camping area is spotless!! Help us by picking up any stray trash you see!! Thanks!

**Registration Chairmen: Wendi Kawa 480-860-0478**



# FUN DAYS 2012

Our 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL!!!!

April 20 - 22, 2012

Registration form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

M4W member? \_\_\_\_\_

Invited guest? \_\_\_\_\_

Register BEFORE March 1, 2011 \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes participation in all week-end activities and 2 adult meal tickets)

Late registration (no exceptions) \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes participation in all week-end activities and 2 adult meal tickets)

Each additional adult meal ticket X \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Each additional child (5-12 years of age) meal tickets X \$ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make checks payable to: Mesa 4 Wheelers  
Send check and this completed, signed registration to:**

**Wendi Kawa  
13968 N. 88th Place  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260**

To pass safety inspection, I acknowledge my vehicle must have a hardtop and/or roll bar, seat belts for driver and all passengers, tow hooks front and rear, and a two strap. A C.B. radio is not required but is strongly recommended.

I understand that the Mesa 4 Wheelers will do all in its power to assure a safe and successful event, but there is a possibility of accidents happening. Therefore, I hereby assume all risk involved in connection with this event. On behalf of myself, my family, and heirs, I release Mesa 4 Wheelers, Inc., its officers and/or members from any and all liability due to harm, injury or damage which may befall me, my family, my guests and my equipment, whether seen or unforeseen. I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this agreement.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## ASA4WDC QUARTERLY MEETING

This is a reminder of the next ASA4WDC Quarterly Delegates meeting. The meeting will be on February 25 at Havasu Springs Resort located at 2581 Highway 95 in Parker Arizona. The meeting will be in the large conference room beginning at 1:30 pm.

The rooms are \$45 a night to all attendees of the meeting. There is a restaurant on site that offers breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Thanks to the Parker Four Wheelers who are hosting runs if you are interested.

Rebecca Antle  
2012-2014 President

## REFRESHMENTS

### February

Bill & Charlotte Murray  
Bill & Amy Mihailov

### March

Bob & Arlene Biegel  
John, Candy & Colette

## BIRTHDAYS

### March

3/6 Judi Van Keuren  
3/7 Amy Mihailov  
3/30 Laurie Brown  
3/30 Clete Hruska



## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin & Diana Losey 02/11  
Aaron Morris 02/10  
Richard & Jacie Rubenstein 02/04

## MESA 4 WHEELERS WEBSITE



To log onto the M4W website go to:

<http://mesa4wheelers.com>

What you will find on our new website:

**Photo Gallery** (Club Runs & Events)

**Club Information** (About Us, FAQ, Membership, Newsletters, Links)

**Calendar** (Posted Runs & Events)

**Forum** (General Category, Travels, Marketplace)

**Contact Us** (Contact form for new members)

## ITEMS FOR SALE

M4W Flag	\$15.00
M4W Vehicle Plate	\$25.00
M4W 5" & 7" Logos	\$2.00
M4W Banners	\$5.00
State Decals	\$2.00
M4W Arm Patches	\$0.50
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## ITEMS FOR SALE

### NEW ITEM

### 1966 Classic Bronco for sale.

Trail hardened with 5 ½ lift, extended 12 inch radius arms, Dana 44 factory disk brake front end with ARB locker & 4.11 gears, Heavy duty front axles, extra set for the trail. Ford 9 inch big bearing rear end 4:11 gears with Detroit locker. 3:1 twin stick crawler transfer case with heavy duty output shaft. 12.50X33 MTR, Soft top. C4 Trans (fresh rebuild) with B&M kit, strong 302 line honed and balanced V-8 bored 0.030, Newly rebuild heads, Edelbrock dual plain manifold, Quadra jet, electric rear and front holly hi performance mechanical fuel pumps, headers. Power steering, raised steering kit, roll cage. Trail ready with 40 chanel CB, 250/watt amp, high lift jack, Warn 8000i winch. ¼ in. thick rocker panels, York on-board air system. 25 gal main fuel tank with skid & factory aux tank. Beard Seats. Tow bar and RV "towed" harness. AZ smog check not required for 1966.

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(From a Chevy Suburban. Needs overhaul. Comes with overhaul kit).

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Price: \$10 each. (For Mesa 4 Wheelers only).

Contact: Kevin [losey @ \(480\)-688-7108](mailto:losey@mesa4wheelers.com).



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Regular membership is \$50.00. Regular members must attend minimum events and meetings. \$20.00 for life members and \$60.00 for associate members (no restrictions) Yearly membership dues are due in March. An additional \$5.00 reinstatement fee will be charged if dues are not received by April meeting.

First time membership fees will be prorated based on the number of months remaining.

Ray Jenkins

## ARTICLE AND SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

Articles will be accepted through the mail on disk or CDs in the same format. Articles or other submissions to the Mesa 4-Wheeler Horn should be sent by e-mail or as enclosure in Word format.

Send to Editor: Mike Drawsky

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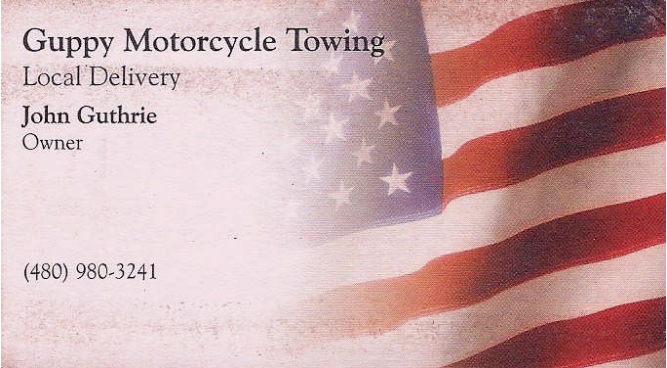


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