# MESA 4 WHEELERS HORN NEWSLETTER

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#### **Next Meeting**

Feb.15, 2013
Third Friday of every month, 7:30 PM.
Location: Brown & Brown Chevrolet,
Downstairs under sales room
145 East Main Street Mesa, AZ

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### **Presidents Parley**

Sorry to report that Bob's father passsed away a little over a week ago.



**Bob Nyberg** 



# REMEMBER WHEN? 30 years ago

February, 2013, Dr. Staff, trip leader, and the M4W had a work trip with the BLM near the Vulture Mine to put up signs identifying some desert plants along the road.

The meeting place was at the Safeway in Wickenburg. A quick sign up on the trip book and off they went to the Vulture Mine Road. They drove about seven miles with CB chatter while taking the drive to BLM Land, which they knew they had entered by the Vulture Peak sign on the east side of the road.

Then back and forth driving in those few miles between the Vulture Peak sign and the Vulture Mine sign and trying to find the marked items Bonnie Posten, the BLM Rep, had said were specimens that might be used as good sign spots.

We all finally agreed on a good sized, stately Palo Verde (Az. State Tree), a Teddy Bear Cholla and a Saguaro.

The first post hole went slow in some hard, rocky terrain, but the sign finally got placed, premixed poured, post "bubble tested" for lop-sidedness and secured in front of the tall, slim Saguaro. Two more signs were installed for the other specimens.

After many pictures were taken to show who had erected the BLM signs that Bonnie Posten had supplied for our workday duties that Sunday, all eleven 4x4's took off down the road past the Vulture Mine.

Next an exploration of a wash to the east was taken for a few miles and then up an embankment to follow a power line road acceoss the Hassayampa river, where "Dr, Deek" lost ower due to a loose fuel pump wire.

Eventually we got back to the main road to Wickenburg, and we all headed home after a fun day.

Written by Dr. Leonard Staff M4W Trip Leader

Ray Jenkins Doc Staff



AZ LONGSHOREMAN

# **CLUB TRIP REPORTS**

# Telegraph Canyon

Trip Leader: Dave & Paula Brown

Date: January 12th

Members in attendance: Dave Brown, Bill Murray, Nate Van Keuren, John Hort & Hazel O'Meora, Ray & Pat Jenkins, Clete

& Randi Hruska, Jim Kawa, Harry Alfrey

Guests in attendance: Eric Alfrey, Al Rousseau, John

Winters Jr., Jerry Baker, Greg Nielsen



On Saturday, January 12, Dave Brown led the Mesa 4 Wheelers on a wonderful trail through Telegraph Canyon, following a great breakfast at Buckboard restaurant in Superior. After breakfast Dave held a short drivers' meeting to overview the trail and to air-down because it was an easy, but bumpy trail. He reminded everyone to keep the driver ahead/behind in sight so that no one missed a turn.



After airing down and wandering around the hills that beautiful day, Dave chose a speed of about 10 mph. Everyone seemed to agree that was the perfect speed for that trail. Drivers had time to view the beautiful scenery and still pay attention to the road.

Within an hour or so of enjoying the colorful mountains southwest of Superior, we stopped on a plateau overlooking the valley, where all the vehicles lined up for a group photo. Thanks to Jim Kawa for taking pictures. Along the trail we saw landmarks such as the Superstitions, the Bradshaws off to the

# **Telegraph Canyon** (Continued) northeast with snow caps and Weaver's Needle in the lightly

clouded sky.



There was a mine off to the left, Orphan Boy, and Ajax mine was farther down on the same trail. Both locations had plenty of parking and the group decided on Ajax mine for our lunch break.



After sharing stories, telling lies, and lunch, we continued on down the trail to the top of Ajax Mine Trail. At that point it was about 2:00 pm and Dave decided to end that portion of the trip; however, some of the group wanted to do another trail as there was still enough daylight. Jake volunteered to take those who wanted to go home, back out to the trailhead at highway 79 to air up before returning home



Jim Kawa, Dave Brown, Clete & Randi Hruska and Bill Murray decided to do Ajax as everyone else left.

# Telegraph Canyon (Continued)



Climbing through the rocks a group of ATVs were watching us from the road above and were cheering. As we scraped and banged along the river bottom the peanut gallery climbed down the hill for a better vantage point to watch us lumber on ahead at



They said they had never had so much fun watching people get stuck and unstuck and that we really made their day!



On the last obstacle Bill scratched his name on the rocks with his aluminum wheel.



After wedging his tire between two rocks, popping it off the bead and bending his axle we came to a consensus that Bill had had enough.

We returned home having had a wonderful day. Thanks, Dave, good job!



This article was written and approved by, "Uncle" Bill an' "The Queen') Charlotte Murray

# Old Sheep Bridge at Verde River

Trip Leader: Jake & Karen

Date: January 26<sup>th</sup>

Trip Leader: Jake and Karen Baker

Members attending: Steve Ezzyk, John Hart and Hazel

Omeara, Dave and Paula Brown.

Attending Guests: John M Winter, Jr. (Fountain Hills), Ernie and Kieran Fasse (Tucson), Greg and Laruie Nielson (Chandler), Bab and Darice Tiffany (Scottsdale), Jan and David Lincoln (Mesa), Judi Messer (Apache Junction), Walt and Kelly Hall (Phoenix), EM and Susie Gino (Phoenix), Jim and Mary Chabot (Rio Verde), Jon and Karen Erwin (Phoenix), Omar "Sherrif" (Maricopa County).



# Old Sheep Bridge (Continued)

The trip started out in heavy rain and ended in even heavier rain. The group met at Denny's in Fountain Hills and after breakfast proceeded through Fountain Hills and out the backroad through Rio Verde. Jake got us in the mood for the day by playing "Flight of the Valkyries" on channel 14. Some of the other hits, he played for us, from movie clips were, The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, Two Mules for Sister Sara, Happy Trails by Roy Rogers, Sheep sounds, and my favorite, Treasures of Sierra Madre ("Badges, we don't need No Stinking Badges"). There we met up with Jim and Mary Chabot as they dropped in the caravan line. We proceeded to the corner of Pima Road and Cave Creek Road and met two more guests, Walt and Kelly Hall and EM and Susie Gino. Shortly after heading East onto Cave Creek road we were joined by another Jeep that slipped in line. At first stop, we were introduced to John and Karen Erwin who were just out for the day and decided to join up with the group and tag along.

The group made its way to tour the first stop at Sears-Kay Ruins. Because the weather was as poor as it turned out to be, nobody ventured into the rain to complete the short hike to the top of the ridge, but rather enjoyed a brief bathroom stop and stretch with some chat under the solo covered canopy and picnic table. I did hear many of the members and guests, saying they were having a great time even with the rain.



After the brief stop, we made our way up the narrow and winding road to the top of Humboldt Mountain. Once there we realized we were in the cloud tops and other than a slight view of the FAA radar tower installation and the Tonto Forest Ranger lookout station, we realized we could see nothing of the views that are typically afforded at this almost 5300 foot elevation. This was a very educational stop, because we learned that the radar tower is for Sky Harbor air traffic, which is controlled out of Albuquerque, NM.

# Old Sheep Bridge (Continued)



The group continued down the hill and made our way to the once open and popular campground area of Seven Springs.



Most of this area has been shut down because of funding cutbacks, but we were able to again find a dry location under the Group Camp area where we had some cookies from Karen Baker, shared some stories, and had a brief overview of the Old Sheep Bridge and Aqua Fria National Monument still ahead on the muddy trail.

# Old Sheep Bridge (Continued)



The group and leader decided that with the deteriorating weather and many miles of muddy road ahead to return back to civilization and make a stop at Harold's Corral in Cave Creek.



On the way back down the trail, we came across a man walking down the road, in the rain, carrying a shot gun. Jake stopped to make sure the gentleman was ok. He informed, Jake, that he was out target shooting.

# Old Sheep Bridge (Continued)

Twenty of the group made the stop at Harold's where we had some drinks and food, talked about the shortened trip and crazy weather, and anticipated a dry day in the near future when the Club could once again make an attempt at Old Sheep Bridge and completing the trip. Our waitress, Heather, was very entertaining at Harold's. I think, Jake, met his match! The service was very good. We all agreed that we had a great trip that we would not soon forget. Jake did a great job for his first time as a trip leader!

John Winter

# MEMBER'S TRIP REPORTS

Steve Fleming & his hiking friends



I took some friends hiking up toward Herder Mountain, Lone Mountain. and back into Sycamore Creek. 9 miles of strenuous effort but everyone, (22 of us) had a great time. 4x4 fun is endless.



This is where Mesa 4x4 got me started. Maybe we can head in sometime for fun, lunch and superb Sonoran Desert beauty!

Steve Fleming

# MEMBER'S TRIP REPORTS

# Clete & Randi finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at Chapman Chevrolet Auto Show

HI Everyone,







Great news, The RC Kids Team got the second place trophy for "Best In Show" for the SSR class, today at Chapman Chevrolet in Tempe.

#### "We're still having fun and getting away with it!".

## Jim & Wendi's Visit To The Las Vegas, Consumer Electronics Show

Here are our photos from the Consumer Electronics show in Las Vegas this year.



The big new items were the Ultra-HD TVs (3800x2100 res), the OLED TVs (no back lighting) and the 3D printers which make plastic things right before your eyes.



Also we saw a lot of the high end audio stuff too. Neat if you have \$50k+++ to spend and like weird looking speakers.



We also saw the self-driving Lexus and the synchronized toy helicopter troops performing. Good show and really crowded this year.

# A TRAIL SAFETY DISCUSSION FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

To all Mesa 4 Wheelers, Guests, and "want to become members". It has been a long time since we have dusted off the Club By-Laws, Policies, and Regulations - and now that we are entering our busiest wheeling season, I think it is time to review a very important part of our heritage. This club developed the "Rules of the Road" many years ago to ensure safety on the runs, prevent loosing vehicles in the height of the days excitement, and to ensure everyone could come back "in one piece" to make the next run. From personal observations on a few of the recent runs, it seems we occasionally forget common sense and Club policy has been overlooked. Remember, these policies were developed for your trip enjoyment and safety. After reviewing the approved policies, I will elaborate on some of the main points:

(Copied from Mesa 4-Wheelers, Inc. By-Laws and Policies & Regulations - 1993 edition)

"Conduct expected of members and guests during club activities

 Bear in mind the Trip Leader is our boss for this trip. He(she) will do everything possible to make this trip enjoyable for each and every one of us.

#### 2. NO LITTERING

- 3. When you turn off on any other trail of road make sure the vehicle behind you makes the same turn.
- 4. Don't cut trail, follow the vehicle in front of you.
- 5. Leave the living desert as you find it. In other words no digging plants, shrubs or likewise.
- No vandalism, such as taking souvenirs or antiques from old mines, ghost towns or any other place of interest.
- Firearms must be left in a safe place in the vehicle unless otherwise specified by Trip Leader.
- Make sure all camp fires are out before leaving. Also do not start forest fires by careless smoking or other means.
- It would be extremely helpful for parents to keep a close watch on their children around dangerous areas where accidents could happen.
- 10. If you leave the caravan at any point, make sure you check out with the Trip Leader
- 11. If we have to drive on the highway in a caravan for a short distance, leave enough distance between each vehicle for other traffic to pass.
- 12. When driving up or down steep grades leave enough distance between vehicles to prevent collision just in case someone stalls.
- 13. All pets shall be restrained on a leash.

# A TRAIL SAFETY DISCUSSION FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

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Members safety inspection must include a hard top and/or roll bar; safety belts for all persons in vehicle; tow hooks or hitch front & rear; tow strap; fire extinguisher; and CB radio. A first Aid Kit is recommended. **Guests are strongly encouraged to have this equipment.**"

From another section in "Guidelines for Trip Leaders" we read, "Trip Leader has the discretion to refuse an unsafe vehicle's participation and/or refuse an unqualified driver from driving the trip."

This may all make sense to a seasoned driver, but for a newer driver I would like to elaborate each "rule of the road" and offer some reasoning.

- (1) First: the trip leader is for your safety. Trip leaders invest many resources in pre-running and preparing for each event, carefully researching trail conditions, map studies and developing contingency plans for unforecast events. Your trip leader also has the authority to not allow your vehicle or you as a driver to participate. This can be based on equipment not up to the trail hazards, or driver experience where you may be a better co-driver the first time on a hard run. In the case where past behavior raises questions as to your ability to safely negotiate the obstacles or unnecessary abuse of vehicles or terrain raises doubts as to the Club having a successful no-accident run, you may be asked to not participate on a particular run by the trip leader.
- (2, 5, 6, 8) Several years ago I was privileged to hear the commencement address at Apache Junction High School. The closing remarks from the Valedictorian were "Always remember, we did not inherit this land from our forefathers, we are merely preserving it for our grandchildren". A little conservation goes a long way in our beautiful desert.
- (3, 4, 10) How could anyone loose a 4000 lb. jeep and its crew? It actually happened to me as a trip leader on Montana Mountain, and a couple of times in Colorado in the high San Juan Mountains. Please, know where the vehicle is behind you, know where the one in front of you is, and keep the trip leader informed if you must depart on your own.
- (7) It is always the right time to be responsible concerning firearm safety. Monitor your guests to ensure they comply with all of our Policies and Regulations. Remember you are responsible for your quests, and their actions at all times. Club members have an implied responsibility for their invited guests and would normally have them follow next in line for safety. spotting, and accountability". Regarding firearms: On some trips (i.e. National Monuments, National Parks, Indian Reservations, School properties, Federal properties, Nuclear or Hydro generating properties, distilleries or establishments that serve or market liquor, or Federal Postal properties, (list NOT INCLUSIVE), firearms may be prohibited in these certain areas unless you have a special permit. DON'T ASSUME you can carry or possess a firearm on the trail unless you know exactly where we are going and you have the necessary permit for your firearm and in some cases, ammunition. Possessing a firearm in these and other un-allowed locations while on a Club trip without proper permits is a SERIOUS CRIMINAL

# A TRAIL SAFETY DISCUSSION FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

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OFFENSE that will likely be enforced by the Federal and State Government with more rigor in light of the recent stances taken by Washington, D.C. Be aware of restrictions and plan when it comes to firearms safety and possessions to avoid putting the Club and its members in jeopardy.

- (9) The next generation is our most valuable resource and worthy of all of our vigilance. Old mine shafts could be called "kid traps" and Arizona has already had far too many tragedies from curious wandering little ones. Face it, we participate in a hazardous motor sport and any part of any trip can be potentially dangerous concerning children.
- (11, 12) Always share the road and share the trail. Leave room for the new driver in front of you sometimes an "unlocked" differential will throw rocks when least expected. On hills, leave room for the driver in front of you to back up and try another line. When descending "pucker hills" always let the vehicle in front of you complete its descent and call "clear" before you begin down. Having a safe and fun trip is our goal and never will it be "who gets there first"
- (13) Most of us are guilty of this at one time or another, but think about it -- as you sit down to enjoy your lunch after some hard wheeling, do you really enjoy another members "Fido" slobbering all over you insisting that you share your lunch? Dogs can be dangerously protective of their "kids and owners, and food" but not so with other members. An out of control pet can be as troublesome as an out of control child be responsible with everything you choose to bring along.

#### Nate's Notes:

Permits: In many cases a Club trip may travel on or across lands that are owned or under the control of Bureau of Land Management (BLM), State Trust Land (STL), Indian Reservation or Indian Tribal Lands, Private Lands or other State owned/controlled lands (i.e. Bull Dog Canyon). It is always a wise idea for the trip leader to ensure that the group has any Special Permits that might be needed for their planned trip and to inform the Club attendees (in advance) of Special Permits required for the upcoming trip. In many cases though it is either cost prohibitive or a logistics nightmare to have the trip leader, or the Club, obtain a group permit for certain events that will cross the above lands. In this case it is necessary and wise for each individual to ensure they have secured the proper permits for themselves and their equipment just as if they were doing this trip by themselves and planning to travel on that same route.

State Trust Land permits are available now by obtaining a mail-in permit online and cost as little as \$15 per year for your rig to be in compliance. Web link: http://www.azland.gov/programs/natural/recreation\_permit.

Don't take the cavalier attitude that you don't need a permit or never have needed one in the past. Chances you will be stopped and asked to produce your permit are slim,

# A TRAIL SAFETY DISCUSSION FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

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but it does happen. More so, if there was ever a trail incident that required intervention by Government or Public Services it is highly likely that at that time, the authorities would check to see if the attendees were in compliance and NOT being properly prepared would definitely give the Club a huge "Black Eye" if not even more serious legal consequences. Again, if you have any doubts, PLEASE PLAY IT SAFE and get the permits for yourselves – BE RESPONSIBLE for your actions and help support our trails so we can keep wheeling!

Another consideration is to not "become the trip".

Becoming the center of focus for an accident caused by your clowning around or making too many bad choices is not in the clubs best interest in any way shape or form.

Jeopardizing a club event robs the trip leader of the satisfaction of hosting a well planned and successful outing. It robs the other drivers of the happy experience of enjoying our wonderful trails often learning new techniques as they go. And "becoming the trip" can consume limited resources needed for legitimate emergencies. There is no real value being known as "Crazy George or Loose Cannon Larry" now is there?

Almost forgot, the medicine prescriptions on your night stand may limit your activities. Personally I take pills for aches and pains, some to keep the triglycerides in control and some for hypertension. Regardless of what the meds are for, be cautious for any activity restrictions. Read the provided information when you get a refill or get a new prescription. If the bottle you have says "do not drive or operate heavy machinery while using" then that is your cue to get a co-pilot to drive for you so you can relax and take those photos you always wanted to take. Also, if you are physically impaired for any reason such as recovering from a medical procedure please consider "sitting this trip out" and wait until you have full control of your faculties when attending a run, even as a passenger.

A wise spotter once told me: "don't drive beyond you or your vehicles capabilities - a stock jeep, or Bronco for that matter, is not comparable to a custom competition rock buggy." This same wise man taught me the virtues of dune driving, why a "rainbow turn" back down light house hill needs to have the turn radius on the up hill side and how to torque steer when skidding out of control down a dune by stomping on the gas pedal.

OK, one more time then lets hit the trails: "Clowning around puts the trip and everyone on it in jeopardy! Don't do it"

Enjoy the trip! Nate Van Keuren, M4W VP 2012-13

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

Trip Leader: Doc Staff Contact # 480-968-1833 When: February 16th

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

Start Time: 7:00 AM Breakfast @ Judy's Cook House in

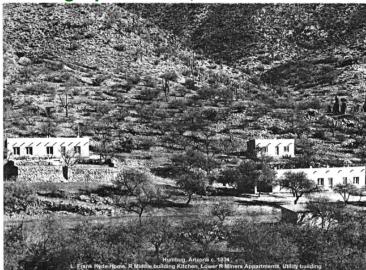
Globe.

What to Bring: Heavy duty steel rake, shovel and gloves. Description: Ranch owner, John Fowler, will be waiting to line us out with the day's cleanup project at around 9. His original plan was to have us paint a new barn, currently under construction, but it will not be finished in time, so it looks like we may be back clearing rocks from his landing strip. Come noontime we will gather to listen to Doc Staff share with us his 46 years as a M4W member. This event will be videotaped to preserve his memories, hopefully to be placed onto our website at a later date.

**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 where 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 7:00 AM 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.

## Humbug Open House, Bradshaw Mtn.



**Trip Leader:** Mike Drawsky **Contact #** 480-502-9507 **When:** March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meet: 8:00 for breakfast @ Denny's, Carefree & I-17

Pullout: 9:00 Return: 5:00

**Description:** Caretaker, Dave Burns, gives a once a year public tour of Humbug and shares his knowledge of this Historic Arizona Ghost Town. Great food, good times and fun facts are the highlight of this exceptional event.

To learn more details on this historic mining town go to the following website:

http://n.j.dushane.home.comcast.net/~n.j.dushane/humbug2/humbugbk.htm

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

Trip Leader: Bill & Amy Mihailov

**Contact #** 602-810-7226 **When:** March 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<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 Mistory charcoal. Be sure to bring <u>everything</u> 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, (Main run to be announced later)

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!

Mr. Bill 602-810-7226 Amy@mihailov.com

# M4W's 46TH Annual Fun Days

Dates: April 4-7<sup>th</sup>

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

Staff list:

Club Vice President - Fun Daze Chair: Nate Van Keuren

**Master of Ceremonies:** Bob Nyberg **Registration:** Wendi and Jim Kawa

Music: Kawa's

Entertainment coordinator/skits/lights/extension

cords

Raffle Prizes: Kevin and Diana Losey

Games: Bill Mihailov
Firewood: Bob Nyberg
Friday night run: \_\_\_\_\_
Sunday main run: \_\_\_\_\_
Porta Potties: Doc Staff

Porta Potties: Doc Staff Clean Up: Bob Biegel

Food Coordination: Mike Drawsky

Don't forget to be gathering raffle prizes. Please let the raffle chair person, Kevin Losey know when you score a significant gift from a well known 4X4 supplier so we don't send others to the same donor. Gift certificates are always appreciated, and don't forget to bring a donated prize from yourself! Camp is at John Fowlers Ranch, 2879 old highway 188, Roosevelt

Rancher in residence: Fred Cassillos

**Route to ranch**: Go East on US 60 from Apache Junction to Superior, continue to Miami, left turn on AZ 188, go north, just past the stores on right, go right on Old Highway 188 just

# M4W's 46<sup>TH</sup> Annual Fun Days (Continued)

past mile marker 219. Take Wheatfield Road for 2 miles, take Hicks road past a rather "fancy farm" go past twin red gates .6 mi, note Jessie Road on left, M4W camp site (ranch) on right - look for the number 2879 on gate post.

Ice, sodas, grocery items available at the stores on HWY 188 - Ample camping at the ranch headquarters, if you desire, there are motels and hotels in Miami, Claypool, Globe nearby.

#### Run leaders are needed ASAP

Possible runs for Friday night and Sunday main run:

- FR 225 loop Tonto National Forest map
- Burnt Corral Loop, Crested Saguaro, Roosevelt trailer park
- Reno Pass east side

Let me know what you can help with. Nate Van Keuren 480-221-4330 (cell) 480-836-1926 (home).

## 2013 Easter Jeep Safari Saturday, March 23 - Sunday, March 31, 2013

Hey Guys.

Check out Red Rock 4-Wheelers "RR4W" web site for the latest newspaper with the 2013 Easter Jeep Safari trail information and pictures!

We are "Trail Leaders" as well as "Gunners" (trail help) for 2013 and will be leading these two (2) trails:

- (1): Rose Garden Hill, Monday, March 25th
- (2): Cliff Hanger, Wednesday, March 27th And "Gunner" on trail.

(3): Porcupine Rim, "Big Saturday", March 30th

The paper has all the information regarding trail descriptions, ratings, how to sign up, costs, everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask!

If you have any questions, e mail: cleteaz@gmail.com Or call: cell # 602-568-1140

Hope to have more M4W club members sign up for this great event. It has something for everyone.

Clete

# Thanksgiving in Death Valley

Trip Leader: Mike & Linda Drawsky

Contact # 480-502-9507 When: Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> - Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Where: Death Valley National Park

**Details:** Linda and I invite you to spend your Thanksgiving with us in Death Valley! This year we plan to visit the historic silver mining town of Cerro Gordo (*Further Details to Follow*)





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HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MAINTAINING AND OPTIMIZING YOUR 4 WHEELER

By: K A "Jake" Baker kabaker@ieee.org

# Trail Tech



...this issue

Safety Items for the Trail (Part 1 of 2)

# Welcome!

If you are looking for a family friendly group to share your outings and visit the many interesting and in some cases challenging 4 wheel drive trails in the Southwest, drop in at one of our meetings and say Hi.

We have all sorts of vehicles in the club from Jeeps, Samurai, land cruisers, pickups and other trail ready vehicles, to full blown "Rock Crawlers".

We also sponsor several events during the year including our "Fun Days" weekend in the spring, an Ice Cream Social, a few "Adopt-a-Trails", an "Adopt-a-Ranch" and a Holiday Party in December.

We welcome all, so come on down!!



# Exploring the Problem and a Solution

THE PROBLEM - Most people new to the off-road experience have no idea what safety equipment they should carry in their rig on a regular basis. Most experienced off-roaders have gotten lazy in checking their safety equipment, become cheap in keeping their equipment updated, take out safety equipment for the sake of more room in their rig, or worse of all become over confident and feel they don't need to carry the selection of safety equipment they once did when they were new to the sport and now feel they don't want to bother with all the safety stuff. Besides, someone else in the Club or on the trail will surely have whatever they need if a problem arises, right? If any of these scenarios fit you in particular and you're not too proud to admit it, read on. We hope to outline at least some basic information that if you read, follow and share just might save your life or at very least make spending the night on the trail unlikely for you or your fellow off-roaders that might be summoned to take care of you and your problems. Be smart and safe, not stupid and sorry and don't become a burden to your fellow offroaders. As WARN winch company slogan clearly states "Go Prepared!".

**THE SOLUTION –** We present some simple and generally accepted safety rules and equipment for off-roading here.

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list nor an authoritative article on the subject. This list and these guidelines should be modified to suit your particular rig, driving skills, off-road experience and mostly your particular needs.

SOME BACKGROUND - I am often asked by a newcomer to the off-road experience "What is the first or most important piece of safety equipment I should acquire?". My short answer every time is "a brain". That is not meant to be an arrogant or sarcastic answer but if you think about it, being trail smart is the most important thing you can add to your safety arsenal. Stupid decisions almost always produce stupid results - some results are permanent and cannot be corrected; some can result in serious injury or even death. The end result is you and your fellow off-roaders end up not having a good day on the trail all due to you not thinking a situation through to the end or making a poor or unwise decision while on the trail.

The rest of your safety and trail gear can be grouped into the following broad categories:

- 1. Vehicle Safety Equipment;
- 2. Vehicle Recovery Gear;
- 3. Personal Safety Items:
- 4. Tools/Gear specific to your rig; and
- 5. General Safety Protocol.

# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Clevis/D-Shackles — This is one of the safest means for connecting the looped end of cables, straps and snatch blocks. The shackle is roughly shaped in a D shape with a threaded pin to allow easy setup and removal.



Snatch Block – This pulley device will allow you to increase your winch's pulling power and also alter or change your pulling direction without damaging your pulling devices or vehicle.



Snatch Strap/Rope – Unlike a typical tow rope or strap, the snatch strap has some "spring" or stretch in it's design. This device is preferred when pulling a vehicle from a stuck location because of the stored energy in the rope/strap, increasing the pulling success.



**VEHICLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT** – Below is a list of safety equipment generally related to your vehicle (may vary by specific year and type):

- Fire Extinguisher
- Roll Bar/Seat Belts
- CB/GMRS/HAM & Cell Phone
- GPS and Maps
- Flashlight
- Title/Registration/Insurance/ID
- Misc. Batteries and Chargers for electronics

**VEHICLE RECOVERY GEAR –** This list relates generally to gear used in recovery or repair of your vehicle:

- Air Compressor/Pump/Gauge
- Spare Tire & Repair Kit
- Spare Fuel & Vehicle Water
- Hi-Lift Jack/Wheel Wrench
- Spare Keys
- Leather Gloves
- Winch Cable Safety Wrap
- Axe/Bow Saw/Lobbers
- Shovel
- Winch
- Clevis Pins/Tow Hooks/D Rings
- Snatch Block
- Snatch Strap/Rope
- Tow Strap/Rope
- Tree Saver Strap
- Tools (Detailed Later)
- Bungee Cords & Ratchet Straps

#### PERSONAL SAFETY ITEMS -

- ID and Emergency Contact Info
- Allergy & Medication Info
- Extra Medications
- Drinking Water and Food (dehydrated)
- Appropriate Clothing/Footwear
- Extra clothing/footwear
- Rain gear/Poncho/Tarp
- First Aid (See Detailed Contents)
- Firearm & Ammo
- Knife
- Sunglasses & Sunscreen
- Spare Clothing/Shoes
- Paper & Pens
- Matches/Lighter/Torch
- Paracord 550 Survival Bracelet/Belt
- Signal mirror and whistle
- Match/Fire Starter
- Communication Gear
- GPS/Maps

#### FIRST AID KIT (General) -

- Non-prescription drugs & Medications
- Sterile adhesive bandages (assorted)
- Adhesive Tape
- Bandage Scissors
- Safety pins
- Roller bandage wrap (4 inches wide)
- 2-inch sterile gauze pads
- 4-inch sterile gauze pads
- Triangular Bandages
- Arm Sling
- Sterile roller bandages (assorted)
- Moistened Towelettes
- Exam Gloves
- Alcohol & Alcohol Swabs
- Forehead Thermometer
- Tongue depressors
- Petroleum Jelly
- Blanket (space blanket)
- Glow Stick Lights
- Eye Wash with Cup
- Dental Kit Dentek Temp Dental, floss, picks, Oral Analgesic
- Skin Glue & Suture Adhesive
- Benadryl Cream
- Neosporin +
- Benzocaine Swabs
- Pain Relieving Spray
- Lip Cream
- Toothbrush
- Isopropyl Alcohol
- Saline Nose Wash
- Spray Bactine
- ThermaCare Patch
- Wrist Wrap (Neoprene)
- Q-Tips
- Burn Ointment/Gel
- Eye Patch

#### ADVANCED KIT (EMT or Medical Doctor) --

- Stethoscope
- Resuscitation Mask
- Berman Airways (40mm 120mm)
- Surgical Instrument Kit
- Suture Kit with Lidocaine
- Skin Stapler with Staples and Remover
- Quick Clot Trauma Packs
- Ammonia Inhalants
- Glucose Tablets
- Adjustable Tourniquet
- 60cc Syringe
- Snake Bite Kit
- Israeli Battle Compression Bandage
- Splint Pack (Aluminum Rubber Coating)

#### TOOLS/GEAR SPECIFIC TO YOUR RIG

 Each specific vehicle will require tools specific to that year and any special modifications made to that vehicle. The following list outlines a general selection that will facilitate most trail repairs:

- Phillips/Straight Screwdrivers
- Pliers (Assorted)
- Sockets (SAE & Metric)
- Open/Box Wrenches (SAE & Metric)
- Tape (Duct, Electrical and Silicon)
- Wire (Electrical & Steel)
- Fuses, Connectors and Tester
- Jumper Cables
- Spare Hoses & Clamps
- Misc. Nuts & Bolts
- Rags & Handcleaner
- Radiator Stop Leak
- Epoxy Putty
- Repair Manual
- Rubber Gloves
- WD-40/Lubricant
- Zip Ties
- Allen/Torx/Square Wrenches
- Hammer
- Pocket Knife
- Vise Grips/Locking Pliers
- Wire Cutter/Stripper/Crimpers
- Large Breaker Bar
- Pry Bar
- Oil, Grease, ATF & Brake Fluid
- Wheel/Lug Wrench
- Front Axle Socket
- Spare Belts & Hoses
- Spare U-joints

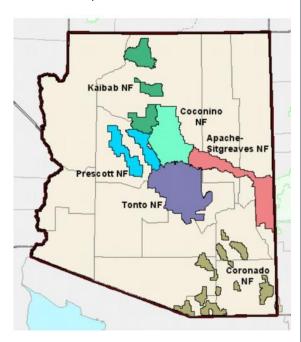
#### **GENERAL SAFETY PROTOCOL -**

When on the trail or off-road, there are certain safety and legal protocols with which you should be aware. Many off-roaders take a cavalier attitude that they never have been stopped and therefore don't need to worry about the proper permits or "paperwork" when they are off the road. This is not only false, but dangerous and what gives some off-roaders a bad name and ammunition for those organizations that wants so badly to shut this adventure sport down. Listed below are a few key areas that need to be focused upon. More details on these important and often overlooked areas will be outlined in the second part of this article.

- OHV/Off-road Permits
- State Trust Land Permits
- BLM Land
- National Parks/Monuments
- Private Land
- Firearm Permits
- Radio License/Permits

#### **RANGER CONTACT NUMBERS -**

Arizona National Forests are divided into a number of Ranger Districts. Each of these Districts are administered by a specific Ranger. The illustration below shows a general outline of these districts along with their respective contact information for those closest to the Phoenix area where the Club most often frequents.



# Tonto National Forest

Supervisor's Office

2324 E. McDowell Rd. Phoenix, Arizona 85006 (602) 225-5200

#### **Cave Creek Ranger District**

40202 N. Cave Creek Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85262 (480) 595-3300

#### **Globe Ranger District**

7680 S. Six Shooter Canyon Rd. Globe, Arizona 85501 (928) 402-6200

#### **Mesa Ranger District**

5140 E. Ingram St. Mesa, Arizona 85205 (480) 610-3300

#### **Payson Ranger District**

1009 E. Hwy 260 Payson, Arizona 85541 (928) 474-7900

#### **Pleasant Valley Ranger District**

P.O. Box 450, FR 63 Young, Arizona 85554 (928) 462-4300

#### **Tonto Basin Ranger District**

28079 N. AZ Hwy 188 Roosevelt, Arizona 85545 (928) 467-3200

Tow Strap/Rope - A tow Strap/Rope can be thought of as an extension of your Winch cable. These straps typically have very little stretch to them and are ideal for replacing a chain or other rigid tow device. Unlike a snatch strap, these are not ideal for extracting a stuck vehicle because they do not store any energy in them. Tow straps are typically manufactured with different weight pulling limitations and will vary by length, width, and price accordingly.



Tree Saver Strap – A tree saver strap is usually a shorter version of a tow strap. The tree saver is wrapped around a tree or other suitable anchor, connected with a D-Shackle to the winch cable and used to both protect the anchor point and winch cable. You should avoid wrapping a winch cable directly around a tree, rock or other anchor as it can slip or worse, damage your winch cable itself.



Paracord 550 Survival
Bracelet – An essential part of
any off-roaders safety items,
this can be clipped almost
anywhere and when
needed,unwrapped to provide a
length of parachute cord
supporting up to 550 pounds.



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#### **Bradshaw Ranger District**

344 South Cortez Street Prescott, AZ 86303 (928) 443-8000

#### **Chino Valley Ranger District**

735 N Hwy 89 Chino Valley, AZ 86323 (928) 777-220

#### **Verde Ranger District**

300 East Highway 260 Camp Verde, AZ 8632 (928) 567-4121

# Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Supervisor's Office

P.O. Box 640 (mailing address) 30 S. Chiricahua Dr. (physical address) Springerville, AZ 85938 (928) 333-4301

#### **Alpine Ranger District**

P.O. Box 469 (mailing address) 42634 Hwy. 180/191 (physical address) Alpine, AZ 85920 (928) 339-5000

#### **Black Mesa Ranger Districts**

P.O. Box 968 (mailing address) 2748 East AZ 260 (physical address) Overgaard, AZ 85933 (928) 535-7300

#### **Clifton Ranger District**

397240 AZ 75 Duncan, AZ 85534 (928) 687-8600

#### **Lakeside Ranger District**

2022 W White Mtn. Bl. Lakeside, AZ 85929 (928) 368-2100

#### **Springerville Ranger District**

P.O. Box 760 (mailing address) 165 S. Mountain Ave. (physical address) Springerville, AZ 85938 (928) 333-6200

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Flagstaff Ranger District 5075 N. Highway 89 Flagstaff, AZ 86004 (928) 526-0866

Red Rock Ranger District P. O. Box 20429 Sedona, AZ 86341-0429 (928) 203-7500 Mogollon Rim Ranger District (Blue Ridge Office) 8738 Ranger Road Happy Jack, AZ 86024 (928) 477-2255

#### **Kaibab National Forest**

Supervisor's Office 800 South 6th Street Williams, AZ 86046 (928) 635-8200

#### **Coronado National Forest**

Supervisor's Office 300 W. Congress St.

Tucson, AZ 85701 (520) 388-8300

It is important to contact the appropriate Ranger in any District you are planning to travel to determine if there are any closures, restrictions or other information that you should be aware of before starting your trip.

**SUMMARY** -- All safety information listed above should be considered a general guideline and you should determine if these items are, or this information is, appropriate for your particular equipment and situation.

When you embark on any off-road outing, always make sure you inform someone as to your exact route, the expected trip duration, who will be travelling with you and who should be contacted in case you do not return at your predetermined time.

In the second part of this article we will cover in more detail the specifics of travelling in certain areas that require land use or vehicle permits be obtained and in place prior to the trip. We will also outline some of the specific State and Federal laws that relate to possessing and carrying a firearm and ammunition in Arizona and specifically into or onto State Land, BLM land, National Parks and Monuments, and Federal buildings along with specific restricted locations.

We will also include some specific instructions that relate to safe use of specific equipment along with proper Winching techniques. Including a winch on your off-road vehicle is an important piece of safety equipment. Without the proper use, the winch can turn into a very dangerous item that can cause serious personal injury or death to you or your fellow travelers or at very least case cause serious damage to your vehicle or the surrounding area.

It is hoped that these guidelines and the information presented will help you in assembling and checking a vehicle safety kit that is both appropriate and customized for your particular rig, equipment, driving skills and needs

Happy Trails, Tread Lightly and Wheel Safe...



## Mesa 4 Wheelers

We are a family oriented 4 wheel drive club in Mesa Arizona. We have monthly meetings at Brown & Brown Chevrolet on Main Street in Mesa, Arizona on the 3rd Friday of every Month at 7:30 PM.

- Installing RCV Performance Front Axles
- Axle Trusses, C-Arm Gussets and Bracing
- Fabricating Your Own Moving Map Display GPS
- Aftermarket Drivelines and Pinion Angles
- Differentials, Lockers, Sway Bars and How They Benefit You
- Axle and Suspension Alignment Overview
- Adding Dual Batteries and Isolator
- Installing On-board AIR
- Welding from Your Battery on the Trail
- Winch Power Isolator
- Adding Auxiliary Dash Lights to Your Jeep
- Adding a 110V Power Inverter
- Adding a Body Lift to Your Frame

# Next Month - Part 2 of Safety Items for the Trail

# More Information on the Club

www.mesa4wheelers.com

The Mesa 4 Wheelers Club was formed in 1965. Since it's inception it has had a continuous run as one of the oldest 4 wheel drive clubs in Arizona. For the past 20 years the Club has met in the training facility at Brown & Brown Chevrolet in Mesa Arizona. The Club has typically had around 25-35 family memberships, some of which are almost as old as the Club itself.

Club activities include a main trail ride (called a Run) and one or more ad hoc trail rides (called Wildcat Runs) per month. The Club usually hosts several other events during the year including an Ice Cream Social in August, a Holiday party in December, and a fund raising event for the Club each spring (Usually in Late March or Early April) called Fun Days. Other activities during the year are special runs called "Work Days" at our Adopt-a-Trails and an Adopt-a-Ranch Event to help out a rancher who has been kind to share their properties with the Club for events.

The Club also interfaces with several other 4 wheeling groups in the State and nationally. We are a member of ASA4WDC, the Arizona wide 4 wheeling association, United 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, a national organization promoting safe and responsible 4 wheeling and the Blue Ribbon Coalition, an organization promoting shared land use for all activities.

We welcome all who would like to join us in promoting safe and responsible 4 wheeling and enjoyment of the back roads and trails of the Southwest in a family oriented setting.

# FUN DAYS 2013

# Our 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL!!!!! April 4 - 7, 2013

Where? J-Bar-B Ranch, 2879 Old Highway 188, Lake Roosevelt

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

Dry camping....no facilities

**Directions?** Go East on US 60 from Apache Junction to Superior , continue to Miami, left turn on AZ 188, go north, just past the stores on right, go right on Old Highway 188 just past mile marker 219. Take Wheatfield Road for 2 miles, take Hicks road past a rather "fancy farm" go past twin red gates .6 mi, note Jessie Road on left, M4W camp site (ranch) on right - look for the number 2879 on gate post.

#### Who?

M4W members, potential members & invited guests

#### How much?

\$40.00 includes access to all events and 2 meal tickets. Additional meal tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$8.00 for kids 9 years old and under.

# 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 (Catered by Guayo's "On The Trail" Mexican Restaurant)

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 2013**

# Our 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL!!!!! April 4 - 7, 2013 Registration form

Name:			
M4W member? Invited guest?			
Register BEFORE March 1, 2013 (Includes participation in all week-end activities and 2 adult meal	tickets)	40.00	
Late registration (no exceptions) (Includes participation in all week-end activities and 2 adult meal Each additional adult meal ticket	tickets)	45.00 12.50	
Each additional child (5-12 years of age) meal tickets	X \$	8.00	
TOTAL DUE	;	\$	
Send check and this completed, si Wendi Kawa 13968 N. 88th Pla Scottsdale, AZ 85	ace	istration to:	
To pass safety inspection, I acknowledge my vehicle must have a passengers, tow hooks front and rear, and a two strap. A C.B. ra			
I understand that the Mesa 4 Wheelers will do all in its power to a possibility of accidents happening. Therefore, I hereby assume a behalf of myself, my family, and heirs, I release Mesa 4 Wheelers liability due to harm, injury or damage which may befall me, my faor unforeseen. I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign the	all risk invo s, Inc., its amily, my	olved in connect officers and/or guests and my	tion with this event. On members from any and all
Print name:			
Signature:	Date	e:	

# REFRESHMENTS

#### **February**

Nate & Judi Van Keuren Jake & Karen Baker

#### March

Bob & Arlene Biegel John Guthrie

# **BIRTHDAYS**

#### March

3/6 Judi Van Keuren 3/7 Amy Mihailov 3/13 Jake Baker 3/30 Laurie Brown 3/30 Clete Hruska



# CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin & Diana Losey 02/11 Martin Bode 02/12

## 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 Vehicle Plate \$.	25.00
	40.00
M4W 5" & 7" Logos	\$2.00
M4W Banners	\$5.00
State Decals	\$2.00
M4W Arm Patches	\$0.50
United Decals	\$1.00

For Sale - 1977 Jeep CJ5



- ENGINE: AMC 401 V8 BUILT BY CHUCKS SPEED SHOP. ENGINE FROM AMC JAVELIN POLICE INTERCEPTOR
- TRANSMISSION: T18 4 SPEED WITH GRANNY
- POWER STEERING
- POWER BREAKS
- NEW ARB LOCKING REAR DIFFERENTIAL WITH COMPRESSOR, NEVER USED
- TIRES: ARE 32"-10-50 BF GOODRICH MUD TERRAIN, 4 YEARS OLD BUT GOOD TREAD
- 10,000 POUND WARN WINCH WITH REMOTE CONTROL
- WARN HUBS
- CAGE ROLL BAR
- 4" LIFT
- CUSTOM TIRE RACK W/TIRE, ANTENNA AND BACKUP LIGHT
- REVERSE FRONT SHACKLES
- SECOND CUSTOM TIRE RACK WITH A CB ANTENNA, BACKUP LIGHT AND (2) GAS CANS
- CUSTOM REAR BUMPER BOLTED TO FRAME
   WITH HITCH & DOUBLE HOOKS
- 22 GALLON GAS TANK W/ STAINLESS STEEL SKID PLATE
- STEEL CHROME WHEELS
- FOG LIGHTS
- KC RUNNING LIGHTS
- SOFT TOP
- BIKINI TOP WITH HALF DOORS
- CENTER STEEL CONSOLE WITH LOCK
- CB RADIO WITH PA SPEAKER
- AM/FM RADIO
- DUAL BLUE TOP OPTIMA DEEP CYCLE BATTERIES
- PERCO SWITCH TO SHUT POWER FROM EITHER OR BOTH BATTERIES
- POWER SHUT OFF SWITCH TO WINCH & JUMPER CABLE CONNECTORS

## ITEMS FOR SALE

#### For Sale - 1977 Jeep CJ5 (Continued)

- ELECTRIC FUEL PUMP
- ANTI-THEFT GAS SHUT OFF SWITCHES
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- NEW CUSTOM REAR AXELS W/ 30 SPLINE D4
- NEW REAR U-JOINT
- NEEDS A PAINT JOB
- SPARE PARTS INCLUDE: REAR DRIVE SHAFT
- OWNER PURCHASED IT 21 YEARS AGO
- IT IS NOT MODIFIED AS A ROCK CRAWLER

Call: Gary Keller @ 480-854-3400

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- \*Complete intake & throttle body with fuel rail & injectors \$200
- \*Front & rear doors with power windows \$75 a door complete
- \*Hood \$50
- \*Rear hatch w/glass \$100

Call: Felicien Slingbaum @ 602-930-2549

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Call Steve Slifer @ 480-831-7868

## A LITTLE HUMOR



Sometime it is good to be small!

Shared by Nate Van Keuren

## A LITTLE MORE HUMER...

#### **Laugh Lines: Riddled With Romance**

- Q. What did the valentine card say to the shrimp?
- A. Stick with me and we'll go places.
- Q. What did the octopus say to his valentine?
- A. I want to hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand.
- Q. Why did the banana go out with the prune?
- A. Because it couldn't get a date.
- Q. What did the snake give his valentine?
- A. A hug and a hiss.
- **Q.** What is a rain's favorite love song?
- A. "I Only Have Eyes for Ewe."
- Q. What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day?
- **A.** Forget-me-nuts.

Shared by Doc Staff

# 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.

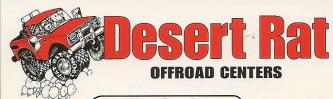
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Send to Editor: Mike Drawsky

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