

MESA 4 WHEELERS HORN NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting

MAY 20, 2011

Third Friday of every month, 7:30p.m.

Location: Brown & Brown Chevrolet,

Downstairs under sales room

145 East Main Street Mesa, AZ

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

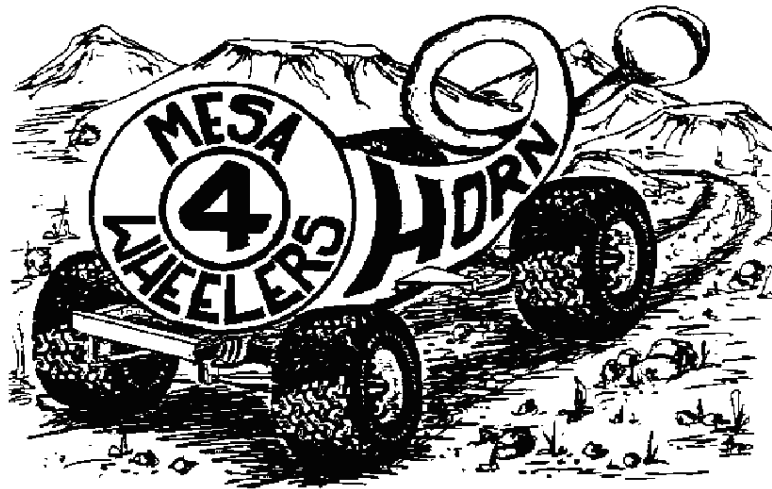


First thing I would like to do is say "Thank you!" to all that voted for me!!!! I look forward to the challenge of leading our fine club for the next year! The next thing is to give a shout out to Mr. Bill for giving us a very memorable Fun Days. That was an awesome site and awesome trail rides!!! All the subcommittee chair people did an outstanding job to make Fun Days a huge success!!!! Now, start thinking about where you would like to have next year's Fun Days. Will we be having it out at the same location as this year or somewhere else??? Think about it and bring your suggestions to the meeting this Friday.

Bev and I would like to give the club a huge "Thank you!!!" for letting us share our very special day with you. We couldn't of thought of a better way to share our vows than the way we did with all our friends and family!!! Thanks again for being a part of our day and all everyone did to make it truly stand out as the best day of our lives to this point!!!!

Now, we are coming to the hot part of the year. Put your thinking caps on and think of a run that "YOU" can lead us on this summer. It could be as simple as a hot dog fry or a night run out to one of the lakes. Maybe you are thinking of a day run that you would like to share with the club or a camping trip up on the rim. We all like to get away from the heat of the Valley!!! Hint! Hint!!!! LOL!!!! I hope everyone has had a wonderful month.

See you on the trails! Lee Coppage (Lonewolf)

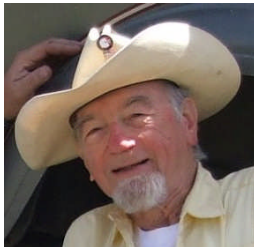


REMEMBER WHEN? 30 years ago

The May 1981 issue of the Horn listed the new Editor as Amy Bumpass. She started out with a nearly full page for her first Editor's Corner.

The Montana Mountain trip report was written by Dr. Deek and an unknown writer wrote a report like a "back & forth" talk of a CB comments.

Willard Kodatt wrote the report on the Rye Creek trip.



AZ LONGSHOREMAN

CONGRATULATIONS & SPECIAL THANKS



Congratulations to Bill & Amy Mihailov
Grand prizewinners of this year's 44th Annual Fun Days Raffle



Desert Rat DRX 8000 Lb. Winch

The Mesa 4 Wheelers would like to give special thanks to **Desert Rat** for their years of generous support towards our annual Fun Days.

FUN DAYS 2011 RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS

We want to thank the following businesses or individuals who donated raffle prizes for this year's Mesa 4 Wheelers Annual Fun Days event. Please remember them when shopping and let these merchants know how much we appreciate their generosity. Without their support we would not have the funds to help others.

4 Wheelers Supply & Off Road Center	Goldfield Bordertown Gifts @ Goldfield	Network Alignment/Cave Creek Store
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Arizona Driveshaft	Hutsell's Apache Junction RV Service &	Porter's Old Town Scottsdale
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Auto Zone, Mesa	IHOP Restaurant, Mesa	Rieth Auto (Carquest), Mesa
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Bill & Amy Mihailov	KELFAB Industries	Russ' True Value, Queen Creek
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Bubbas-Stuff Popcorn Factory	Leonard Staff	East
Cabela's	Living Desert Gift Shop	Sprouts Farmers Market
Canyon Offroad	Logan's Roadhouse	Sun Devil Auto, Mesa
Chili's Restaurant, Mesa	Mammoth Restaurant @ Goldfield	Sweet Tomatoes
Conair	Matta's Restaurant, Mesa	Sysco
Day Auto Supply	Metro Fire Equipment	T & S Auto Glass/T & S Body Works
Desert Rat	Mike & Linda Drawsky	The Good Egg Restaurant
Discount Tires (multiple locations)	Mimi's Cafe, Mesa	Trail Transmission, Apache Junction
East Valley Truck Accessories	Mining Camp Restaurant	Village Inn, Mesa
Frecnh's Meat Shoppe	Mudslinger @ Goldfield Ghost Town	Waldo's BBQ, Mesa
Fred Alexander	NAPA Auto, Tempe	Walt & Gert Leible
Frontier Ace Hardware	Nate & Judi VanKeuren	

TRIP REPORTS

Seven Springs-Red Rover Mine-New River

Trip leader: Mike Drawsky, Date: April 16, 2011



We pulled off to air down where pavement ended on Seven Springs Road at the crossing of Rackensack Canyon.

Club members in attendance included Trip Leader Mike Drawsky, Walter & Gert Lieble, Steve Fleming, Harry Alfrey, Kevin & son, Conner Faries, and tail end-Lee & Bev Coppage. Attending Guests: Don Doty and Eric Alfrey.



At 6 miles north from Rackensack Canyon we turned onto FR-562 leading to the top of Humboldt Mountain where we were able to get a close up view of the Air Traffic Radar Dome and Fire Lookout Tower.



At 5125 ft., Humboldt Mountain provided us with great views of Horseshoe Lake, the Verde River and the Mazatzal Mountains to the east.

After spending 15 minutes on top of Humboldt Mountain, we returned to Seven Springs Road and continued north for about half mile turning east onto FR-254 towards the Red Rover Mine. This privately owned mine is closed to the public, so we were unable to see it up close.



Photo of the Red Rover mining district.

History

Red Rover, originally called the Bridal Chamber, was a gold, silver, and copper mine. Original claims were made in 1883 but it is rumored the mine was discovered in 1822. Very little is known of the history of the mine and town but it would seem there were at least a few hundred residents. The town has changed hands many times in the last thirty years and the mines have been very sporadically operated. It is rumored Red Rover is in the Guinness Book of World Records because the light bulbs in the mine still worked after all these years. It is also rumored there is a complete tool shed with all the tools at a considerable distance down the main mine shaft. The mill has crumbled but the wood and foundations remain. The buildings look as if the people just got up and left in a hurry, still with furniture and even a piano in one building. The first building you come to even had steer horns still mounted on the wall. Many have tried to take pictures of the inside of this building without success. Could be the town is haunted?



Just before you come upon the locked gate to Red Rover mine there is a large outcropping of red jasper rock. To the right of the photo you can just make out the air traffic radar dome on top of Humboldt Mountain.

Seven Springs-Red Rover Mine-New River (Continued)



For about an hour, we walked up and down the rocks, looking for just the right pieces to add to our rock collection. A few of us spent the time taking photos of the bright desert cactus blossoms growing amongst the jasper rock.



Colorful cactus flowers in bloom



Returning back to the Seven Springs Road we headed over to Seven Springs Campground for lunch. After lunch, Steve and Kevin had other commitments and headed back for home. The rest of our group continued north to New River Road FR-41.



View of New River, from New River Road.

About 3 miles north of Seven Springs Campground we turned west onto New River Road (FR-41). From here, it was a 2-1/2 hour drive to Table Mesa Road and Highway 17.

Seven Springs-Red Rover Mine-New River (Continued)



About two thirds of the way along FR-41 we stopped at this large rock outcropping to stretch our legs and to pose for a group photo.



Walter and Gert making their way down to the New River crossing.



At one of the river crossings, I stopped to snap a photo of our Jeep caravan.



Harry & Eric Alfrey crossing New River.



Lee, Bev & Samantha Coppage crossing New River.

Although we were unable to drive up to Cooks Mesa, as was part of the original plan, no one seemed disappointed in the day's revised route. Making up for the day's 2-wheel drive run was plenty of beautiful desert scenery!

Mike Drawsky

45th Annual "Easter Jeep Safari", Moab, Utah (Put on by the Red Rock 4 Wheelers)

Trip leader: Clete & Randi Hruska Date: April 16 - 24, 2011

The Mesa 4 Wheelers were represented by Ray & Pat Jenkins / Clete & Randi Hruska.

On Friday, 4/15, we caravanned up Highway 17 thru Flagstaff, continuing on to Kayenta to Highway 191 and up thru Bluff, UT to Moab. We all stayed at "Portal RV Park" north of town by the Colorado River.

Ray & Pat had signed up for trails:

- 7 Mile Rim
- Poison Spider
- Fins & Things
- Cliff Hanger
- Porcupine Rim.

45th Annual "Easter Jeep Safari (Continued)



This was their first time on the Moab trails and from the look of their large glazed over eyes; they had some exciting moments on the trails!



Clete & Randi are members of the "Red Rock 4 Wheelers" and this was their 3rd year "gunning" (helpers) on the trails. They also monitor some of the trails to keep vehicles from entering during Safari use.



Randi looked so cute with her monitor "Bunny Ears". People would stop by just to take pictures of her and comment on her "ears"

Ray & Pat have made reservations at Portal RV Park for next year, so I guess they plan on signing up for next year's Safari.

Hope we will see more M4W members at the Safari for 2012 !!!

Remember: **"You don't stop wheelin' when you get old, you get old when you stop wheelin'"**

Clete Hruska



Porcupine Rim Trail did not look bad, but it required Lockers to get up it.



"Fins and Things" Trail called "Kenny's Rock" is very steep!

45th Annual "Easter Jeep Safari" (Continued)



Clete, on Porcupine Trail, very tough off camber climb! Many Jeeps needed a strap here, including me. Clete made it OK by using the "Moab Bump" technique.

Pat and I had a great time at the Red Rock 4 Wheelers Easter Safari. I recommend it to anyone who has not experienced this area. Both of these Trails were great trails with several challenges. Both rated 5 on a 10 scale.

Ray Jenkins

Roger's Trough - Montana Mountain

Trip leader: Dave & Paula Brown, Date: May 7, 2011

8 vehicles gathered at "The Feedbag" restaurant at 8 AM, along with Mike Drawsky, who joined us for breakfast, and to deliver the Trip Book/ First-Aid Kit.



We aired down at 08:30 near Queen Valley off Hwy 60. We began on FR 172 for 31 miles of mostly "2" rated scenic views. It was a beautiful day with temps in the low 90's and a lovely breeze.



Trip leader Dave Brown had hoped for a wildflower run and got his wish partly answered. The trail began in the rolling Sonoran landscape highlighted by yellow Palo Verde, and Cholla back-lit by the morning sun through Hewitt Canyon. Some of the Prickly Pear cacti flaunted their perfect waxy blooms. Above 5000 feet a few Globe Mallows and a plethora of Yucca and a showy scattering of Red Penstemon brightened our trip.

We had lunch in the Juniper and Pinyon Pines of Montana Mountain. Gathered together were: Harold & Jeri Liberman, Clete & Randy Hruska, Bill Willison, Pat & Ray Jenkins, Rory & Lori Moore with Rowdy the super cute wonder dog, Ann-Bobless Nyberg, and Bill & Alex Brown.



We had panoramic views of the town of Superior and Pickett Post Mountain before the trail snaked its way down to a remarkably intact stone cabin near Wood Camp Canyon.

Roger's Trough - Montana Mountain

(Continued)



The 5 and a half hour leisurely trip ended at our airing up spot just outside of Superior at Hwy 60. Our group said their good-byes after a safe trip without any breakage, with some going for ice cream and some for Mexican food.

Happy Trails to all.
Life Is Good
Dave & Paula

FUTURE TRIPS & EVENTS

Four Peaks-Ladies Run

Trip Leader: Jason Hill & Jessica Fesh

Contact # 480 710-6990

When: May 21st

Where: 8am breakfast @ Denny's, Fountain Hills. Pullout @ 9 Air up and pullout at the Four Peaks Staging area @ 10

Trail Rating: 2-1/2

Details: We will make the run up to the top, turn onto FR-422 and drive back a ways where there are nice views and plenty of shade trees. There are a few rough spots but a stock TJ made it with no problems. There we will eat lunch before making our way back. From the top, you have a choice of going down the way we came up or continuing east to Highway 188. My truck does not like the freeway, so I will be going back the same way. I figure 2-3 hours up to the lunch spot. We should be back to the Beeline Hwy. by around 4:00.

Crown King

Trip Leader: Dave & Paula Brown

Contact # 480 288-2866

When: June 4th

Where: 7am breakfast @ Denny's, Carefree Hwy & Hwy 17. Pullout @ 8

Trail Rating: 3 to 3-1/2

Details: If you are planning to attend and would like to join us for dinner at "The Mill Restaurant" in Crown King, let us know, so that we can notify them as to how many are coming.

Raw Deal

Trip Leader: Mark Pinson

Contact # 602 758-4221

When: June 11th

Where: Breakfast at Denny's 7:00am I-17 and Carefree Hwy. Pullout at 8:00am

Trail Rating: 3.5

Details: It's going to be getting a little warm so we are going to make it a quick run through Raw Deal. Hopefully we'll be through the trail by 11:00 or so. You are welcome to bring a Lunch and head down to try and find some water in the Creek to play in afterwards. This will not be an official part of the run. Hope to see you there.

Pyeatt Draw

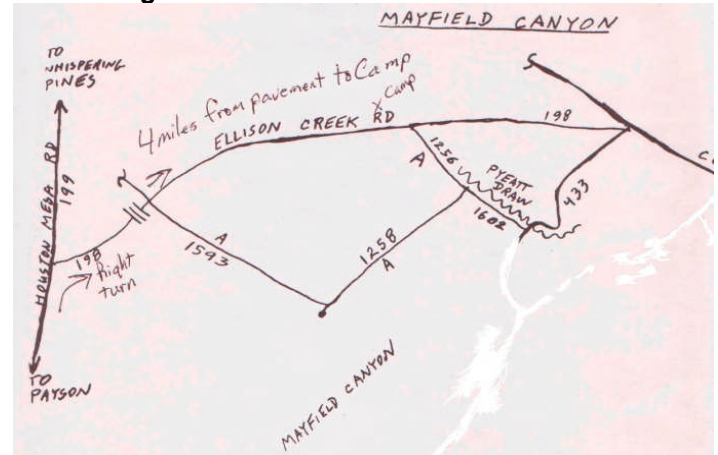
Trip Leader: Lee & Bev Coppage

Contact # 623-695-4583

When: July 1st - 4th

Where: North of Payson follow map to campsite

Trail Rating: 3-1/2



Directions: Take AZ 87 north towards Pine and Strawberry. After you go through the roundy-round, by the Home Depot take the first right turn, which is Houston Mesa. From there at about mile 1.4 stay to the right. At about mile 2.6 is the turn off for Shoofly Ruins. There is enough room here to get an RV in to unload your Jeep (I'll explain more on this later in this message). Continue to about mile 4.5. There you will come to the Pyeatt Draw Rd., FR 198. This is where you turn onto the gravel. From here it is 4 miles to the camp site. The road is a little rough but, with a little patience I think even the diesel motor homes should be able to do this road. But, if you have any doubts, park at Shoofly Ruins and drive in with the Jeep. From the paved road to the campsite should not take any longer than 30 minutes in a 4X4 in 2Hi. For an RV it will take longer. Once you are on the road there will be only one place to turn around, that's about a half a mile in, but I wouldn't recommend it. This is why I recommended the Shoofly Ruins turn off. Once you are into the campsite no turning around. The last 1/3 of a mile is the worst but, I do think it is doable. We won't be able to have a campfire, so does anybody have a gas grill we could use for Saturday night's dinner??? Please bring a pass around for dinner.

Details: We will be going up on Friday night to camp for the weekend. For the main run meet at Basha's in Payson (northeast corner of Hwy 87 & Hwy 260) at 9 AM. Pull out at 9:30 AM

Saturday after the run there will be a steak fry. Bring your own meat and a pass around. I will have a gas grill to cook on. Fireworks??? Will have the details for this at the meeting. The campsite is RV accessible.

FUTURE TRIPS & EVENTS *(Continued)*

Mile-Hi Jeep Club of Colorado

Denver, Colorado

2011 All-4-Fun – Salida, Colorado

The Mile-Hi Jeep Club and the 2011 All-4-Fun Committee are happy to announce our 45th annual All-4-Fun Week. This year's event will be held July 30, 2011 thru August 6, 2011 in Salida, Colorado. All-4-Fun is a family oriented 4-wheel-drive adventure.

For more information and to register click on the following links

[newest form Information letter 1 Dec mailing 2011 All-4-Fun.pdf](#)

[Newest form Registration form 2011.pdf](#)

Rubicon Trail

Eldorado National Forest, N. California

Trip Leader: Mike Drawsky

Contact # 480-502-9507

Trail Guide: Pete Engberg

Scheduled Date: Sept. 10th - 18th



Trip itinerary:

Saturday & Sunday 9/10 & 9/11 - Drive to Minden, NV/South Lake Tahoe.

Monday 9/12 - Begin our Rubicon adventure starting at Loon Lake to Buck Island Lake.

Tuesday 9/13 - Buck Island Lake to Rubicon Springs.

Wednesday 9/14 - Complete the trail, and stay at a motel on the West or South shore of Lake Tahoe.

Thursday 9/15 - Run the Barrett Lake Trail and camp overnight at Barrett Lake.

Friday 9/16 - Return from Barrett Lake and head back to Minden, NV to load up.

Saturday & Sunday 9/17 & 9/18 - Drive home.

For those who love a challenge and the opportunity to experience some breathtaking mountain scenery, you do not want to miss this event!

SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZES

Clete & Randi will be raffling off prizes that they won at this year's 45th Annual "Easter Jeep Safari" in Moab, Utah.

- \$250 Tuffy Security Box Certificate
- \$300 Olympic front bumper for a Jeep CJ, YJ or TJ

Thank you Clete & Randi for your generosity.

REFRESHMENTS

June

Marty & Nancy Eichhorst
Darrel & Debra Wallace

July

Ray & Pat Jenkins
Jim & Wendi Kawa

BIRTHDAYS

May

5/2 Ray Jenkins
5/2 Gert Liable
5/4 Wendi Kawa
5/10 Mike Drawsky
5/19 Randi Hruska
5/28 Mike Dreckman
5/28 Ginnie Wands

June

6/10 Richard Hutcheson
6/12 Mark Pinson
6/15 Laurie Slemmer
6/18 Linda Drawsky



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Lee Coppage 5/94
Marty & Nancy Eichhorst 5/05
Walter & Gert Lieble 5/01
Harold & Jeri Liberman 5/06
Rory & Lori Moore 5/05

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
United Decals	\$1.00

ITEMS NEEDED

NEEDED: Over-The-Windshield-Light-Bar for 99 Jeep TJ
CALL: Harry Alfrey @ 520-271-5420

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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