

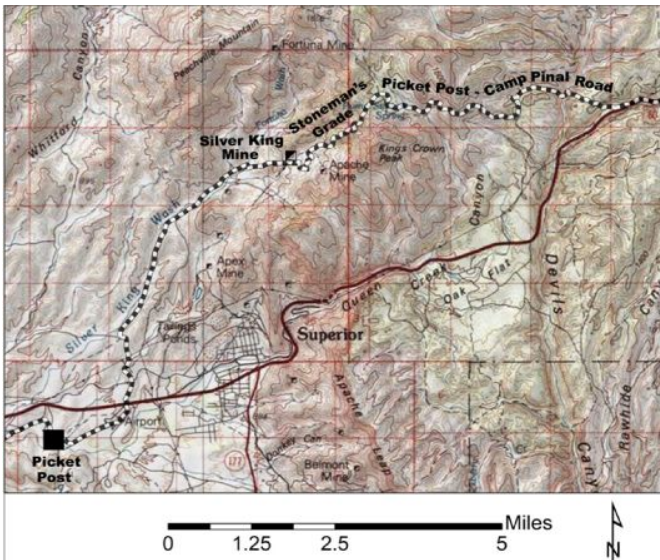
Silver King Mine Tour (Continued)



Silver King Mine Site

Two miles, northwest of Superior, along the original route of Stoneman's Grade, we stopped to listen to Jody explain how the building of this road back in 1870 led to the discovery of silver, leading to the start of the Silver King Mine. In the background, Picket Post Mountain.

History: In November 1870, General George Stoneman, the military commander of the Arizona Territory, erected a small military camp near the base of Picket Post Mountain and began construction of a road to the proposed site of Camp Pinal, a second military post in the Pinal Mountains



Less than a mile from the Silver King Mine, along Stoneman Grade, Jody stopped to show us a grandfather saguaro, which most likely was over 100 years old when the mine was first opened back in the 1870's.



The main shaft is at a depth of 730 feet. There are levels at 110, 250, 300, 350, 408, 510, 612, and 714 feet.

Silver King Mine Tour (Continued)

History: Located three miles north of Superior in Pinal County, the Silver King Mine was once the richest silver mine in Arizona, producing high-grade silver along with smaller amounts of gold, copper, zinc and lead.

In 1872 a soldier named Sullivan discovered silver sulfide nuggets while building a supply road popularly known as the Stoneman Grade. The road was named after Gen. George Stoneman, whose forces were stationed in the area to protect miners and settlers from the Apache. The road later connected the mines around Superior through the Pinal Mountains to Globe, roughly paralleling the future Miami Superior Highway 60.

Although the future Silver King deposit was kept confidential, Sullivan did tell of its existence — though not its precise locality — to rancher Charles Mason. Mason and a group of prospectors including Ben W. Regan, William H. Long, and

Isaac Copeland made a second discovery there in March 1875, initiating the beginning of the Silver King Mine and the Pioneer Mining District.

On April 30, 1877, the San Francisco Stock Exchange acknowledged the sale of 33 tons of ore averaging \$4,650 to \$1,230 per ton from the Silver King. The monthly average was 30 tons.

Sullivan had long since disappeared, then returned in 1882 and upon proof of his identity and affiliation as the mine's first discoverer, was employed by the Silver King Mining Co. Some of the remaining camels left over from a failed camel integration experiment conducted by the U.S. War Department in 1855 transported ore from the Silver King Mine down the Gila River to Yuma in 1876. The ore was shipped to San Francisco for processing before the establishment of Picket Post in 1878, later changed to Pinal.

High-grading (theft) among the teamsters often occurred during the transport of ore between the mine and town. It was not uncommon for a driver to scold his mules while in transit and toss a chunk of high-grade silver ore at them while passing an acquaintance who naturally picked up the discarded ore and divided its worth with the teamster.

Located at the northeastern foot of Picket Post Mountain on Queen Creek, Pinal served as a milling town for the ore mined at the Silver King Mine five miles away.

Pinal claimed a population of over 2,000 and 123 buildings, including a school, several churches, saloons, hotels and breweries.

Because of declining silver market prices, the cost of wood to supply the steam engines at the mine and its machinery, and rising costs of processing, the Silver King Mine was closed in 1888.

By that time the principal shaft of the Silver King Mine reached a vertical depth in excess of 700 feet. The town tied to the production of the mine was abandoned several years after the mine closed.

The total value for the silver mined from the Silver King Mine was approximately \$6.5 million, which would equate to \$300 million in 2014

Many attempts over the past 100 years to reopen the mine failed because of lack of capital to finance the removal of water and proceed with production.

During the 1970s and '80s limited cyanide leaching was implemented on the mine's tailings with some success.

The legacy of the Silver King as Arizona's premier silver mine continues. Right now the Silver King Mine includes nine claims and is owned by the Integrity Mining Co., which concluded through recent assays the potential of mining \$2.5 million in silver at the mine tailings and dumps of the Silver King.

Plans entail reopening of the underground mine, which may reestablish the mine's preeminence in Arizona's silver production in the 21st century.

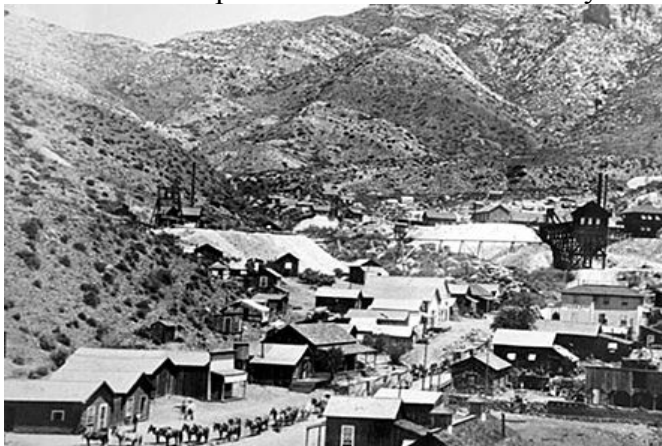
business in Silver King. Both were bad shots and missed each other but it is rumored that one was forced to take his meals standing up for the next few days.



Silver King Mine Tour (Continued)



Our first round Silver King tour group!



Silver King circa 1880



Two hotels were constructed at Silver King, and neither owner liked one another. One day they had a shootout to see who would monopolize the hotel



Wendi standing in what was used to lower miners down into Silver King's 714 ft. deep vertical shaft.



The last time this mining equipment was put into operation was back in the early 1980's.

Silver King Mine Tour (Continued)



For size perspective, Mike volunteers to stand inside this old steam shovel bucket.



Atlas Copco Mucking Machine



Jody showed us old photos of what the Silver King Mine and the town looked like back in its most productive years 1875 thru the mid 1880's.



Mining superintendent Andrew J. Doran's home and those preceding. Photo was taken in 1977. Vandals burned it down a few years later.



Mike and Jim posed on the stairsteps to the superintendent's home.

Silver King Mine Tour (Continued)



Old Boiler at Silver King Mine Site



From what Jody tell us, this D9 Caterpillar dozer is still operational. If the keys were in the ignition, Jim would have probably attempted to start it up and move some dirt!



To cap off the tour, Jody took us to the Historic Pinal Cemetery. Before the town of Superior, there was Pinal City.

History: Originally named Picket Post, at its height, Pinal City had a population of 2000 residents, a bank, a church, several stores and saloons, a hotel, and its own newspaper, "The Pinal Drill." Picket Post was renamed Pinal City on June 27, 1879. The devaluation of silver made the mines unprofitable and the town quickly dwindled. By 1890, only ten people were left. Very little remains of Pinal City today. The remains of the fountain of the mill site are still visible. Perhaps the biggest claim to fame of Pinal City is that this is where Mattie Blaylock, Wyatt Earp's common law wife, met her end. While living in Tombstone, she had become addicted to laudanum. She left Tombstone for good in 1882, bound for California, but moved to Pinal City, a town that she and Wyatt had stopped at in 1879 in route to Tombstone. By this time, Pinal City was a shadow of its former self. On July 3, 1888, Mattie Blaylock committed suicide by taking a lethal dose of laudanum. She was buried in the Pinal City cemetery.

Also of interest, nearby at N 33° 16.963 W 111° 08.356 was a set of wagon tracks gouged into the soft volcanic rock. These were from mule-driven wagons carrying silver ore from the Silver King

mine to the Pinal City mill for processing.



While Jody walked us through Pinal Cemetery he pointed to a grave stone that the town of Superior had made to remind visitors that Wyatt Earp's common law wife, Mattie Blaylock, was buried here.

If you would like to attend one the 3 upcoming Silver Mine tours scheduled for November 11, 18 and 25 e-mail me at drawskyl@cox.net. Special rate for these tours is \$20 per person. Length of tour is 2 to 2 ½ hours.

CLUB MEMBER'S VACATIONS

The Durango to Silverton Narrow Gauge Train Ride

(Ray and Pat Jenkins, Sept. 2017)

The two free Durango Silverton train tickets that Pat and I won from the Mesa 4 Wheelers Fun Days drawing was greatly enjoyed by us. We used them for a September Fall Color trip.

We checked into the General Palmer Hotel Sunday afternoon in Durango. It was within walking distance of the train depot. That night we ate at the Fired-Up Artisan Pizza restaurant. (Great Pizza)



We got up early Monday morning to catch the first train to Silverton. The sun was out and a nice day was forecast. We enjoyed seeing the changing colors of the aspen trees along the way. Also, great views of the Animas river and canyons as we made our way to Silverton. We even managed to take a few pictures during the trip.



We arrived in Silverton about Noon to sunny skies and beautiful fall colors on the hillsides around the town. We had lunch at "Thee Pits Again" Bar-B-Que Cafe. We had planned an overnight in Silverton, so we watched the train leave for Durango. We then went to check into the historic Teller House hotel.





We spent the rest of the day walking around Silverton, seeing historic houses and churches, visiting local stores and next year's All-4-Fun campsite.



That evening we ate at the well known, Handlebars Food and Saloon Restaurant. As the sun went down a chill came in the air (cool for us Arizonians anyway) so we headed for the Teller House Hotel to get some rest after a busy day.

The Durango to Silverton (Continued)



Sunday, we were up and out of our Hotel in time to eat breakfast at the Kendal Mountain Cafe. We visited the Mining Museum and did some shopping at the local stores that morning. We met the train in Silverton about Noon and after a quick lunch we boarded and got ready for the return trip to Durango. It was another beautiful sunny day for our return trip.



We arrived back in Durango about 5 P.M. and walked over to the General Palmer Hotel and checked in. We were able to leave our Jeep in their lot for the time we were in Silverton.

We walked down the street and had dinner at the Carver Brewing Co. restaurant, which had very good food and service. We then went back to the Hotel, had a cookie and coffee (Pat had tea) and

went to our room for a good night of rest after an amazing day.

We thank Lori Moore for getting the tickets for the Fun Days prize drawing. If you should win these tickets next year, be sure to take advantage of this great Colorado Historic Train Ride.

Ray and Pat Jenkins

FUTURE TRIPS & EVENTS

Lower Sycamore Final Pre-Run

Trip Leader: Lee & Bev Coppage

Date: Sunday, 10/22

Meet: Denny's, Fountain Hills, breakfast at 8AM.

Pullout: 9AM

Finish: 2:00

Rating: 3

If you want to pass on breakfast and are coming from the east valley, you can join up with us at the Bush overpass at around 9:15 or at the Sugarloaf Staging area at 9:30.

Upper Sycamore Final Pre-Run

Trip Leader: Rob Hayton

Date: Sunday, 10/29

Meet: Denny's, Fountain Hills, breakfast at 8AM.

Pullout: 9AM

Finish: 2:00

Rating: 3 1/2

If you want to pass on breakfast and are coming from the east valley, you can join up with us at the Bush overpass at around 9:15 or at the Sugarloaf Staging area at 9:30.

Airpark's Annual Jeep Jam

Trip Leaders: Rob Hayton, Lee Coppage

Date: Sunday, 11/05

Meet: 7:00AM (Locations to be given later)

Pullout: 7:30AM

Finish: 12:00

Rating: 2 1/2 to 3 1/2

Silver King Mine Tour

Event Organizer: Mike Drawsky

Tour Guide: Jody

Dates: 11/11, 11/18 and 11/25

Meet: Pickett Post Antique Store on Main Street Superior

Pullout: 9AM

Rating: 2 1/2

Description: We begin our tours at the new Pickett Post Antique Store on Main Street Superior, across the street from the VFW. The tour will be approximately 2 hours.

This tour goes into the Silver King mine property with a couple stops to stretch out, look at historical monuments, photos and hear a few facts of the old Silver King Mine.

The Silver King Mine, located just 3 miles north of Superior discovered in 1882 and closed in 1889 producing an estimated 42 million.

Silver King Mine today is in the process of cleaning up and trying to get proper permits to reopen.

Yes, we will do a tour special for your group... \$20/per person / Max 8 Jeeps. Our fee is typically \$45 a person and we can accommodate 3 / max 4 in our jeep - for your group and as a special promotion, we will do the \$20/per person and each jeep can follow us out there.

Monthly Desert Rat's Coffee & Crawlers

Next Get-Together: Saturday, October 14th

Location: 4453 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ

Desert Rat off road centers **Second Saturday** Each Month - 8 to 10 am **Desert Rat** off road centers

Great People
Cools Rigs
Free Stuff

Coffee & Crawlers

The banner features a green Jeep Wrangler on the left and a white coffee cup with a brown leaf design on the right, set against a red background with coffee beans scattered around.

This Month: Magellan will be joining and we're giving away one of their TRX Navigation systems. This along with gift cards, prizes and swag from Desert Rat and other vendors. We're back to our regular schedule from 8am to 10am.

Magellan TRX7 eXplorist GPS Navigator



37th Annual Spook Rally

Dates: Oct. 27, 28 & 29th

Trip Leader: Bill & Amy

Contact # 602-810-7226

If you wish to go out as a Participant the cost is \$100 and your Registration Information must be completed and submitted by 30 Sep 2017.

Kurt Loga

Spook Rally

To give you a sense of what a Spook Rally is and how much fun the event is, please keep reading:

“What’s A Spook Rally?” you ask.

The Arizona Rough Rider’s Spook Rally is a weekend of 4-wheelin’ fun in the desert, including a nighttime 4-wheel drive event in which the driver and co-driver(s) attempt to duplicate a specific course by following cryptic clue sheets. Each clue sheet brings you (hopefully) to a checkpoint, where (if you survive) you will receive another clue sheet to get you to the next checkpoint. How many checkpoints are there? Well that would ruin some of the surprise now,

wouldn’t it? The Spook Rally is NOT a speed event, nor is it a night run through the desert following ribbons. The object (beyond merely surviving it) is to match the official odometer mileage clocked by our official mileage clocker. (You’ll notice it doesn’t say “accurate”, just “official”.)

Friday night:

When the sun goes down the witches, goblins, and ghoulies come out! It’s a costume party around the campfire for kids and adults. Dress up in your best Halloween duds and enjoy socializing with your fellow victims. Don’t forget to dress up your vehicle. Awards for the best dressed vehicle will be handed out on Sunday morning. There’s DJ music, and dancing if you’re so inclined, and trick-or-treating for the young ones, so bring some goodies (enough for the big young ones, too). There are prizes awarded to the best adult and best kid’s costumes!

Saturday morning:

4-wheel drive games to test your driving skills and sense of humor. There are also games for the kids. Hot dogs and soft drinks are always available during the games.

Saturday evening:

Driver’s meeting to update everyone on any last minute changes, then at sunset, the first vehicle moves out into the darkening desert. Only registered vehicles are allowed at checkpoints. For everyone’s safety, ATVs, Golf Carts, Rhinos (side by sides), etc., are not be permitted in the Rally, or in the event areas.

Sunday morning:

Most everyone is back in camp, and the Arizona Rough Riders put on their legendary morning-after breakfast of coffee, juice, eggs, bacon, sausage, and light and fluffy pancakes! Shoot, some people come from out of state just to have breakfast!!! Breakfast is complimentary for all participants. (Participant is defined as each individual that has submitted a waiver) Immediately following breakfast cleanup, trophies are presented, and then we raffle off more prizes than most people can fit in their vehicles!

Where is all this fun?

We need the great southwestern desert for this much fun! We'll run the rally out by Lake Pleasant just off the Carefree Highway, about half way to Wickenburg. An accurate map will be included in your registration packet when registration time is here. A large camping area surrounds our base camp. There's plenty of room for tents, campers, and motor homes. Remember we Tread Lightly. All campers are required to take their trash with them when they leave (any this includes you!). There is no trash removal service in the great southwestern desert.

Entry fee:

You're probably wondering what a splendid weekend of fun in the sun (and under the moon) like this will cost you. For the 2014 rally, the cost was just \$100.00, that includes, a complimentary breakfast on Sunday morning for those brave enough to eat the Rough Rider's cooking, 2 raffle tickets, a dash plaque, dancing, trick-or-treating, entry into the games, and help carrying your raffle loot to your vehicle! If you are not affiliated with a registered Club in the ASA4WDC, an additional \$10.00 is required for temporary membership to ASA4WDC.

Registration:

Since we have to limit the number of vehicles that can go on the Spook Rally to 100, we use a lottery system to select the participants and their vehicle position. We accept entries during the defined registration time for the year. Then one specified Saturday in September, the lottery is held. Participants need to remember to include all the new requirements (proof of insurance, driver's license and waivers). The lottery is held

37th Annual Spook Rally (Continued)

at the South end of Desert Breeze Park, 660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85226. Due to the vast number of entries received each year and to ensure everyone gets a fair and equal chance, each registration is entered in the lottery separately. There is no grouping of vehicles. (Please, no whining.) The order in which the entries are drawn is the order in which the vehicles start the run. Forms received after the lottery are

tagged onto the far end of the line, on a first in, first out basis. Entrants are welcome to attend the lottery, but everyone is informed by mail of their position and time-out. Cancellation by a pre-specified cancelation allowed date will result in a full refund. After that date the cost of breakfasts are subtracted from the refund.

Mandatory Equipment:

Each vehicle MUST pass a safety inspection prior to leaving on the run. Each vehicle must be Insured. Proof of insurance must be submitted with your registration form and will be verified at Registration and Vehicle Inspection. Mandatory equipment includes: A 4-wheel drive vehicle with a roll bar, roll cage, or permanent hard top; a working CB radio; seatbelts for each vehicle occupant; headlights; and a working odometer. Highly recommended equipment includes a flashlight; a watch; a pen or pencil; and a sense of humor.

Airpark's 12th Annual Jeep Jam



Airpark's annual [Jeep Jamboree](#) is coming back to the Phoenix area this Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017. A staple in the calendars of many Jeep drivers around the Valley, Jeep Jam is the perfect event to challenge your driving skills, discover new things about the Jeep brand and just have a plain good time with the family!

Trail Run

Once again, Jeep drivers will be able to sign up for the popular Trail Run event, which sees drivers test out their Jeeps on some of the desert's toughest surfaces. There will also be a Jeep Ramp Challenge for those who want to put their Wranglers, Cherokees or Compasses to the ultimate test.

Airpark's 12th Annual Jeep Jam

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Other Fun Activities

Jeep fans who attend the Jamboree will find other exciting activities, including:

- Purchasing Jeep Merchandise
- Browsing a Car Show
- Hearing Live Music, including a Battle of the Bands Competition
- Getting Their Faces Painted
- Eating Yummy BBQ and Snow Cones

51ST Annual Fun Days

Event Organizer: Dave Brown

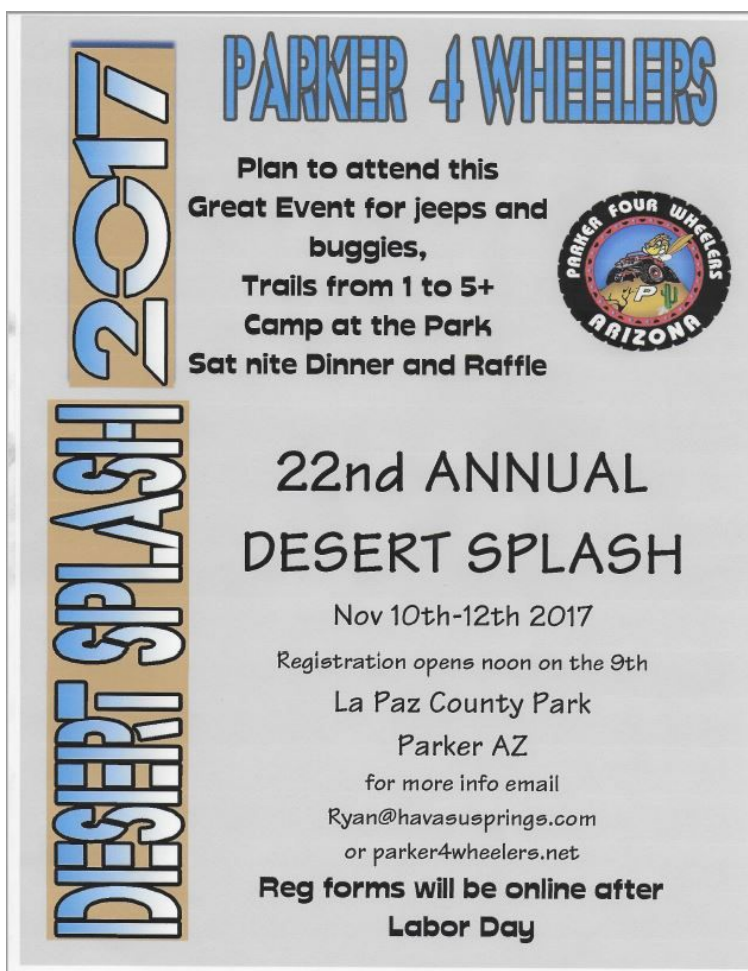
Contact: 480-288-2866

When: April 13-15

Location: Gravel Pit, off Cottonwood Canyon Road


(More Details to Follow)

22ND ANNUAL DESERT SPLASH



PARKER 4 WHEELERS

Plan to attend this
Great Event for jeeps and
buggies,
Trails from 1 to 5+
Camp at the Park
Sat nite Dinner and Raffle



**22nd ANNUAL
DESERT SPLASH**

Nov 10th-12th 2017
Registration opens noon on the 9th
La Paz County Park
Parker AZ
for more info email
Ryan@havasusprings.com
or parker4wheelers.net
**Reg forms will be online after
Labor Day**

DRIVING IN RAIN INTERESTING INFORMATION

GOOD VISION IN A DOWNPOUR:

How to achieve good vision while driving during a heavy downpour. We are not sure why it is so effective; Just try this method when it rains heavily. This method was told by a Police friend who had experienced and confirmed it. It is useful...even driving at night.

Most of the motorists would turn wind shield wipers on 'HIGH' or on the 'FASTEST SPEED'

during heavy downpour, yet the visibility in front of the windshield is still bad..

In the event you face such a situation, just put on your 'SUNGLASSES' and miracles! All of a sudden, your visibility in front of your windshield is perfectly clear, as if there is no rain.

Make sure you always have a pair of SUNGLASSES in your car. You are not only helping yourself to drive safely with good vision, but also might save your friend's life by giving him this idea. Try it yourself and share it with your friends! Amazingly, you'll still see the drops on the windshield, but not the sheet of rain falling. You will also see where the rain bounces off the road. Wearing sunglasses works to eliminate the "blindness" from passing cars. Or the "kickup" if you are following a car in the rain.

They ought to teach this little tip in driver's training. It really does work. This is a good warning. I wonder how many people knew about this???

ANOTHER GOOD TIP:

A 36 year old female, had an accident several weeks ago. It was raining, though not excessively when her car suddenly began to hydro-plane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence!

When she explained to the Police Officer what had happened, he told her something that every driver should know - NEVER - EVER 'DRIVE' IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON.' She however, thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain. But the Police Officer told her that if the cruise control is on, your car will in fact begin to hydro-plane. When the tires lose contact with the road, your car will automatically accelerate to a higher rate of speed, making you take off like an airplane.

She told the Officer that was exactly what had occurred. The Officer said; 'This warning should be listed,

on the driver's seat sun-visor - 'NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE ROAD IS WET OR ICY'

Along with the airbag warning. 'We tell our teenagers to set the cruise control and drive a safe speed - but; 'We don't tell them to use the cruise control only when the road is dry.

The only person the accident victim found who knew this, (besides the Officer), was a man who'd had a similar accident, totaled his car and sustained severe injuries.

NOTE:

Some vehicles (like the Toyota Sienna Limited XLE) will not allow you to set the cruise control when your windshield wipers are on.



PARKER 4 WHEELERS

DESERT SPLASH 2017

NOVEMBER 10, 11 & 12, 2017

PRE-REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MAKE OF VEHICLE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Desert Splash 2017 Pre-registration Package @ \$125.00 ea. \$ _____

*Includes: Registration fee, (2) Dinners, (2) T-shirts, Dash Plaque, Continental Breakfast, (Sat. & Sun) and (2)**pre-registration raffle tickets. Mark T-shirt sizes below:*

OR: Just the Vehicle Registration Fee @ \$75.00 per Vehicle \$ _____

*Includes: Dash Plaque, Continental Breakfast, (Sat & Sun) & 2** pre-registration raffle tickets.*

Saturday Night Dinner Qty _____ X \$15.00 per plate \$ _____

2017 Desert Splash "Flex Fit" Hats Qty _____ X \$20.00 each \$ _____

2017 Desert Splash T-Shirts Qty _____ X \$15.00 each \$ _____

T-Shirt sizes: SM _____ MED _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

Sorry, NO Refunds on pre-ordered shirts, hats, or food.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

CAMPING: Thursday, Friday, & Saturday. Please pay P4W camp host at the Pavilion area when you arrive. \$75.00 for the entire event.(Extra for pets) No water, power, or cabanas. **DRY CAMP ONLY.**

PLEASE INDICATE DESIRED TRAIL DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

****SPECIAL RAFFLE** \$5.00 OF THE FEE FOR EACH PAID PRE-REGISTERED VEHICLE WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR ONE LUCKY WINNER! YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN! MUST BE POST MARKED BY NOV. 4th, 2017.**

Location: La Paz County Park, 7350 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ 85344. Cks payable to **PARKER 4 WHEELERS.** Send your Check, registration & liability release form to: **PARKER 4 WHEELERS. P.O. Box 54, Parker, AZ 85344.**

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