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THE WHEELDUST

The Wheeldust is the official publication of the Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc. Circulation is limited to members, perspective members, resource management agencies and advertisers. The Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc. is an association of rough terrain vehicle clubs with the following goals:

To promote a more responsible attitude towards vehicle use on public lands; To prevent legislation which would impose undo restriction on recreational 4-wheeling; To institute programs of conservation, education and safety and to provide social and recreational activities for its members. The Association also assists the state and national resource management agencies.



**ASA4WDC Letter of Nomination
Four Wheeler of the Year
for 2005**

I place a nomination for Four Wheeler of the Year for 2005 **PHIL STRITTMATTER** of the Bullhead 4 Wheelers (B4W) and the Walapai 4 Wheelers (W4W).

Phil is currently serving as the Vice-President of the ASA4WDC and is the Regional Director for Region 2. Phil has a long history of activism as a four-wheeler and an advocate of the Off-Highway Vehicle community.

Phil was one of the original founders of the Bullhead 4 Wheelers over 20 years ago. He has served as the Bullhead 4 Wheeler President; Club Vice-President; Editor of the club newsletter the "Bull Sheet" and currently writes a monthly article "The Time Machine", in addition to other articles that Phil submits on a regular basis.

Phil was very instrumental in working with the Bureau of Land Management to get the B4W club its adopted trail "The Sleeping Princess". He has also held the post of President of the Walapai 4 Wheelers and has been and continues to be involved with clean up on our public lands. He has spent countless hours "brushing out" almost abandoned trails in order to keep them open for motorized access. He has worked extensively in opening washes for the use of the local clubs and the public in general. Phil has worked diligently on putting in hiking trails for the Bureau of Land Management, and has worked very hard in getting the B4W and W4W clubs involved in State Trust Lands to gain motorized stewardship of Secret Pass area. The clubs recently lost motorized access to the Secret Pass, however, Phil is working to get that appealed and reopened to motorized access.

Phil has and continues to participate in the Public Lands Day in the Kingman area. He has served as President of the Mohave County Trails Association, a multiple use trails group. He has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate a positive image of the OHV community to the hiking and equestrian groups, with very satisfactory results.

Phil has served on the Mohave Country Public Land Use Committee (PLUC) representing our recreational interests on public lands.

Phil consistently goes out of his way to help others on the trail and is keenly intent on keeping all motorized access open for four wheelers use on public lands. He has been involved in promoting the Walapai Ghost Town Jamboree every year; he attends every BLM meeting within the Havasu, Needles, St. George (Az. Strip) and Kingman Resource Areas that could possibly have any affect upon our sport of organized four wheeling.

Phil, by his constant positive attitude, diligence and foresight is the very epitome of what the sport of four wheeling is all about.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don R. Hicks
15 March 2006

MAY QUARTERLY/CONVENTION 2006

By Chari Ainsworth-convention chair and outgoing 4-Wheeler of the year for 2004.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Jenkins-door prizes, Becky Antle-location and food and a million other things, Don and Elaine Hicks for guidance, table decorations and help with attendance, Bob and Carol King for sponsoring Happy Hour and my good friend Glenn Herbst, for putting up with my computer illiteracy and doing most of the program for me at my direction. Believe me, the man has the patience of a saint! I would also like to thank Tammy Pike from Tonto OHV for her presentation. Everything went well and a good time was had by all.

Congratulations to Phil Strittmatter who was unanimously elected 4-Wheeler of the year for 2005!



**YOU BOUGHT YOUR FOUR WHEEL
DRIVE VEHICLE, YOU JOINED
YOUR FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB
FOR A REASON**

It wasn't so you could ride your bike!



We Are In Trouble!

By Carla Boucher, Attorney
Reprinted from the United Four Wheel Drive "United Voice"

If you live in the following states figure on the following miles of roads getting closed forever:

MT ID* SD* ND

You guys are slated to lose 8,910 miles of roads.

CO KS NE SD* WY*

You guys are slated to lose at least 22,450 miles of roads.

AZ NM

You guys are slated to lose 5,530 miles of roads.

UT WY* ID* NV

You guys are slated to lose 16,050 miles of roads.

CA

You guys are slated to lose 10,350 miles of roads.

OR WA

You guys are slated to lose 10,170 miles of roads.

AL AR FL GA KY LA MS NC SC OK TN TX VA

You guys are slated to lose 8,715 miles of roads.

CT DE IL IN IA ME MD MA MI MN MO NH NY OH
PA RI VT WY WI

You guys are slated to lose 31,500 miles of roads.

• Portions of these states are listed in multiple groups.

(This effects us even if we just visit other states. Think of the impact!)

That's a whopping total of 113,675 miles of roads nationally!! I'm not kidding and I'm not exaggerating.

I estimate that you have about 3 months, if you're lucky, to work on a letter to – the US. Forest Service that indicates where your favorite wheelin' spots are, why they are important to you, how you're going to help take care of them, and persuade the agency to keep your roads and trails open. If you wait much longer than 3 months it will be too late to save them.

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JEEP TRACKS



With the summer here and the heat in full force we seem to slow down in our wheeling.

This gives us, especially me, time to repair and rework things that have needed attention. But that doesn't mean we have to stop wheeling.

There are some very important issues that are developing in our land agencies. There is a bill that has passed the senate and now on the way to the house to change lands in California into wilderness areas and the forests are under their planning process.

All of these issues need our immediate attention. Without your input there may not be a place to wheel when the weather cools down.

It is extremely important that we participate in the planning processes. Who better to let the agencies know what roads we use and which ones we want to keep?

You can bet the anti-access groups will be out in force to present their plans to the agencies on what they believe is fair and balanced trails and roads. If you believe they have the right idea then you don't need to participate in the planning process. But if you believe that they may just want to close you out, then you better be in the thick of things.

Carla Boucher, the attorney for United wrote a very good article about this situation. It is reprinted in this edition of the Wheeldust. Take a few minutes and read what she had to say. It makes very good sense and we can do most of what she said without every leaving our computer.

Let's get involved now!

Rheal Tetreault
ASA4WDC President

ASA4WDC DELEGATE MEETING

May 13, 2006
Voyager RV Resort, Tucson, AZ

Host Club: Tucson Rough Riders

WHEELDUST NEWSLETTER - Becky Antle, Editor Summer Wheeldust articles are to be sent to Becky Antle no later than June 16th 2006. The first mailing of bundled newsletters to the clubs went well. Becky would like all clubs to update all club and contact info on the website. Jim Florence, membership chair will encourage new members to call their chosen club before attending the meeting in case of location or time changes.

MEMBERSHIP - Jim Florence

Jim only has rosters for 12 clubs. For this reason, he has not yet ordered plaques and cards. A letter will be sent to all clubs reminding them we need their help and support.

HISTORIAN - Don Hicks

Don is continuing to solicit pictures, newsletter, etc from the member clubs for a historical display board to be set up at delegate meetings.

4 WHEEL SAFETY AND AWARENESS - Tray Romine

Tray is still seeking names of club members interested in becoming certified chief field instructors. He has seven names so far. This 3 day course is tentatively going to be presented the third weekend of June. On a side note, Tray has been deployed to Iraq for 18 months, possibly leaving as soon as August. Phil Strittmatter, Tray's assistant, will handle all safety duties while Tray is gone.

UNITED DELEGATES - Jack McCullen and Don Hicks

No report. Convention to be held in Oak Ridge, Tenn. July 7-14th, 2006

ADOPT-A-TRAIL - Ted Gerszten

Ted will post a current listing of all adopted and unadopted trails in the program in the Wheeldust. All

clubs are encouraged to adopt more trails.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS - Sandee McCullen Campfires are restricted to campgrounds in the Tonto, State Trust Lands and BLM.

The forest service continues to map trails. They would like us to check the forest mapping websites and give our input. The Nature Conservancy continues with their vegetation studies. We need to write letters. If we don't get involved, we will lose half of Table Mesa.

The Copper Sticker Program has been moved to the back burner on the legislative calendar. The legislature wants state parks to administer the money. Game and Fish wants to administer the money. Game and Fish is trying to confuse the issue by writing OHV rules into watercraft rules. Sandee will work on this new problem.

ASA4WDC signed an agreement with the BLM some time ago to volunteer 2500 hours per year for clean-ups, trail maintenance, sign installations, info kiosks, etc. We are not meeting the agreement and are in danger of losing our grant money. Clubs are encouraged to do their volunteer hours.

Gas tax money that currently goes to state parks in grant form will go directly to them now. No more grant writing.

The United Land Use conference is the weekend following the United Convention.

The NOVHCC Communication workshop is July 22nd, 2006. It will be held here in the Phoenix area. It is a course in communication and conflict resolution. Sandee would like 2 people from each club to go. Call Sandee at 480 832-8132 for more information.

Resolution Copper Mine Land Trade. It looks like Oak Flats campground and a large area surrounding it will be lost to a deep mine project. Congressman Renzi sponsored the project but didn't consult us. They did, however, give the Devil Canyon rock climbers six and a half million dollars to buy a new place to climb. After a protest by OHV, we were given 2000 acres for a park with \$30,000.00 a year to maintain it.

WEBSITE - Jim Gibson

The ASA4WDC would like to thank Jim for maintaining the website.

REGION REPORTS

Region one: Sandee McCullen. We have a new club coming in from the Chandler area-The Gecko 4-Wheelers.

Region Two: Phil Strittmatter. A G.P.S. class was held in Bullhead City. Secret Pass is still closed but the kiosk is still there.

Region Three: Steve Morehouse. They have been working on the trails in their area.

Region Four: Rheal Tetreault. Still working on access to Charouleau Gap.

OLD BUSINESS

Quarterly back-ups are due.
C7 status-on hold until we have the monies to pay.
AZOHVC-clubs reminded to adopt kiosks to install. There are over a hundred to go.
AZOHVC elections are in June. Our ballot was handed in.
State trust land permits are only available in person at the STLP office in Phoenix. The club delegates received their club's permit today.
Club rosters are on the web and are only open to club members.

LAND ACTION

Motion made and carried to donate one hundred dollars from ASA to the Blue Ribbon Coalition.

No Jamboree this year. We are still working on getting Jamboree up and running again in 2007. The ASA will be raffling off a winch as a fundraiser. See your club delegate for further information.

The Men's Luxury Toy Expo has been moved once again to Aug. 18-20 at the new Cardinal's Stadium in Glendale. ASA will have a booth there. Please call

Chari Ainsworth at 602 327-2418 if you would like to help at the booth (and see the show for free!).

ASA4WDC CALENDAR

Aug. 12th - Quarterly meeting at Lamplighter RV park in Star Valley.
Aug. 18th-20th - Men's Luxury Toy Expo-Cardinal's stadium
Oct. 6-8 - Trail Dust Days-Tucson Rough Riders
Oct. 27-29 - Spook Rally-Arizona Rough Riders
Nov. 4th - Chili Poker Run
Nov. 11-12 - Parker Desert Splash
Nov. 18th - Quarterly meeting in Wickenburg, Az

Respectfully submitted,
Chari Ainsworth,
Secretary ASA4WDC

ASA4WDC AUGUST QUARTERLY

The August Quarterly will be in the cool pines of Payson. The Quarterly Delegates meeting will be held in Payson, at the Lamp Lighter RV Park Rec. The Rec Hall has been reserved for our meeting on August 12.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm with a board meeting prior, starting at 10:00 am. Both will be held at the Rec Hall. Contact a board member for more information.

FLORENCE AREA TRAINING



SCHEDULE

The following is the Florence Area Air National Guard Training Schedule.

If you are planning events in the Florence area the following schedule will be of importance to you. The Arizona Army National Guard (AZANG) Training Support Branch has issued the following revised schedule to close Restricted Air Space. This is the Training Year 2006 firing schedule.

The AZANG will fly a flag at the entrance to Cottonwood Canyon Road when there is training in the area. Please respect the National Guards "Black out" dates.

The following is the schedule for military maneuvers in the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road, at the Florence Military Reservation, for the Training year 2006, May through October 2006 and October 2006 through September 2007. This schedule is subject to change at any time, especially when there may be mobilization for war.

Date	Time	Purpose
16 July 06	0900-1800	Artillery Live Fire
17 July 06	0900-1800	Artillery Live Fire
18 July 06	0900-1800	Artillery Live Fire
19 July 06	0900-1800	Artillery Live Fire
20 July 06	0900-1800	Artillery Live Fire
21 July 06	0900-1800	Artillery Live Fire
22 July 06	0900-1800	Artillery Live Fire
21 Oct 06	0800-1600	Artillery Live Fire
22 Oct 06	0800-1600	Artillery Live Fire
20 Jan 07	0700-1400	Military Maneuvers
21 Jan 07	0700-1400	Military Maneuvers
03 Mar 07	0700-1400	Artillery Live Fire
04 Mar 07	0700-1400	Artillery Live Fire
05 May 07	0800-1600	Military Maneuvers
06 May 07	0800-1600	Military Maneuvers
02 June 07	0800-1600	Military Maneuvers
03 June 07	0800-1600	Military Maneuvers

JAMBOREE 2006

The ASA4WDC is looking at bringing back a raffle that will be open to all. The main item will be a winch, but other prizes are being investigated.

Please stay tuned for more information.

STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES

ORBA Supporting Members

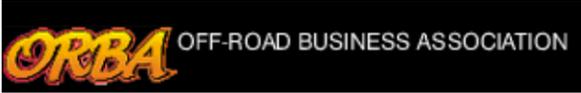
ORBA is a trade association composed of off-road related businesses united to promote common goals that support the prosperity and growth of the off-road industry.

Although ORBA is a non-profit corporation, its officers and directors make decisions and take actions based on keeping off-road related businesses operating and profitable.

Off-road volunteer organizations that are working at the grass-roots level on specific land use issues can appeal to ORBA for financial and political support. ORBA Directors will decide which issues to support based on potential impacts to the off-road industry.

Phoenix Metro Area - 4 Wheeler Supply, Arizona Motorsports, Daystar Products International, Inc., Dazon Inc., Desert Fabrication, Desert Motorsports, E-Ton, Fly-N-Hi Off Road Center, Karl's Custom, KC Hilites, Kustom Desert Cycle, Liberty Motorsports, Market Services Intl, Metro Motorsports, Motorcycle Accessory Shop, Off Road Buggy Supply, Performance Accessories, Sand Winder, Town & Country Motorsports, USA Motorsports, Verde Powersports, Walt's Motorsports & Marine, Xtreme Tire Co. Inc., Yarnell Specialties, YSA Motorsports

Tucson Area
Chirco Automotive, Tucson Cycle & Ski, Tucson Motorsports, Willys Works, Tucson



MOAB, UTAH....IN AUGUST

The Strain's and the Welch's invite you to go to Moab, Utah in August. Yes, we said August.

We are leaving on August 3rd. and we will stay the first night on the road around Flagstaff or Tuba City.

We will arrive in Moab early afternoon on August 4 and will stay at Slickrock Campground on the North side of Moab. We are going to hit all of the runs we can and will enjoy gourmet pizza and the glory of Moab.

The return trip will be on the 12th of August. This will be our fourth trip to Moab and if you have never experienced the fantastic runs, we will show you a good time. One full week of great runs, with fun people.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPORT

“Authentic Collaboration Workshop” hosted by Center for Biological Diversity and facilitated by a couple from the University of Virginia.

March 18, 2006

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff AZ



The morning started at 4:30 a.m. to allow me to get to Flagstaff by 8:00 a.m. Was not looking forward to this trip especially following having learned CBD was hosting a “closed, by invitation only” meeting Friday afternoon to discuss “what to do with OHV” to put it in short version. The registration for this meeting intimated they were discussing “how to put OHV into designated areas” and how to discredit the Evaluation Tree process. When they were confronted about the “closed door” meetings to counter the Collaboration process they jumped around the bush stating they were simply having their normal meetings “just like OHV does”. When I made note of the fact we do not have “closed meetings directed at planning the defeat of the radical environmentalists” she backed up. She actually apologized but the outside fact is CBD had nothing directly related to the Collaboration Workshop.

Frank Dukes, PhD and Karen Firehock of the University of Virginia’s Institute for Environmental Negotiation presented a GREAT collaboration process workshop. I am very glad I attended.

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I know I learned a lot and I feel “the other side” also learned a lot. Don’t get me wrong, I don’t trust these guys any further than I can throw them but for the first time I actually left a meeting with these guys with a handshake and friendly words. That in itself is a first step.

First:

- Goals of the Workshop
- Develop authentic decision processes
- Evaluate the likelihood of success and gauge interest in participating
- Define and re-frame issues to be resolved
- Understand principles and processes for decision making
- Obtain and apply the right data to make decisions
- Use principled techniques for multi-party negotiation
- Deal with difficult participants and intense emotions
- Ensure implementation of agreements and on-going evaluation

From there we covered Core Values of Participation; Concerns; Rules of Collaboration; Myths of Collaboration; and the Cautionary Principle. We then went in to specific Problems and Establishing Conditions for Success; How to Conduct a Situation Assessment and Necessary Conditions for Success. They stressed Behavior and Responding to Intense Emotions along with the “do’s and don’ts.”

We participated in “communication skill” situations and discussed the potential benefits of conflict..... “Pursue Interests; Separate People from the problem; Invent Options; Develop Objective Criteria and Encourage Involvement. One issue discussed at some length was interesting to me..... It was strongly suggested to “Acknowledge ‘feelings first’, then focus on the issues. Be soft on people and hard on the problems”.

GOOD SCIENCE was stressed. They also stressed the need to consult or bring in an “outside” specialist if data sources or types are not acceptable to all parties. The need to access the experts for independent evaluations and plans for monitoring was discussed. Everyone agreed to the ideals of monitoring.

At depth discussions regarding Components of an Effective Adaptive Management Approach as well as those that Signal a Failure.

We discussed previous successful partnerships as well as what went wrong in others. Members from Sky Island Alliance “spoke for the animals” and OHV clarified OHV vs. ORV. Surprisingly the radicals made off as though they were very surprised that we support “staying on trails”. We all participated in some interesting “communication skill” situations and over all had some very open and interesting discussions.

I have the workbook and information. Should anyone be interested in it please let me know.

Respectfully submitted
Sande McCullen

It Wasn’t So You Could Ride Your Bike

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If you wait until you get a letter from the Forest Service telling you they are starting their motor vehicle route inventory, it is too late.

If you wait until the mud dries or the snow thaws to map out your favorite places, it is too late.

If you think this doesn't apply to you because your forest is already closed to cross-country travel; think again.

Hopefully by now you are still with me and I've convinced you that the situation is serious and real.

And before I really get started, please give me the freedom to talk in generalities a little bit. When I say the Forest Service wants this or will do this I'm talking generalities a little bit. I know there are agency

personnel that are very supportive of motorized recreation. And I know from experience that the Forest Service is telling us this rule can - be a very good thing for us. But I also have a lot of experience and as my dad used to say, "I didn't fall off the Pepsi truck yesterday". My experience shows me that GENERALLY it's safe to say that the agency is not really working to "manage recreation" as they promised in the rule. Managing recreation in the true sense would mean finding ways to meet the growing demand for motorized recreation opportunities, both in numbers and in experiences. Instead of finding ways to meet our growing needs the word "manage" means to limit. My experience shows me that GENERALLY it's safe to say the agency is working to create an enforceable system of roads and trails to limit their maintenance expenses, limit their exposure to law suits from environmental organizations, and make it easier to enforce closures by having fewer places to ride, fewer places to monitor, and a clear line on when and where to write tickets. Anyway, thanks in advance for me for being too hard on the Forest Service.

Here's what you need to do, by yourself or as a club, but it's got to be done if you want to hang on to your favorite wheelin' spots.

1) Deadline - June 30, 2006: GET A BASELINE MAP

Contact your local forest Service office and ask them for a copy of the map of the forest where you live or wheel. Tell them you want a copy of the map that shows every Forest Service road and motorized trail. If you can handle the information through the internet that's great, it might already be posted there. You can go to www.fs.fed.us and use the pulldown menu for your forest by state or by name. Go to that forest and look around to see if a travel management map is available on-line. If it is NOT available contact your local Forest Service office and ask them for a copy of the map that shows every road and motorized trail.

2) Deadline -July 15, 2006: SEE WHAT'S MISSING
Compare the map you have from the Forest Service with the maps you've been using when you go on wheelin' trips. You can also compare the Forest Service map to commercially produced maps like Road Atlas' and topographical maps that show roads, trails, Jeep® trails, etc. Mark on the Forest Service map where you think there is a road missing.

3) Deadline – July 30, 2006: Work SMART NOT HARD.

Make a written list of all the missing roads. Decide which of these roads you are familiar with and which ones you are not. On the "familiar with" side of the list take 5 minutes and jot down a few things you like about the road. Think about where it goes to, what things you see when you drive down it, what you like about it. Does it have a lot of rocks, is it wooded, is it sandy, is it relaxing to drive, does it excite you to drive it because of the obstacles or scenery it offers. All of these ideas are important for some of the next steps. On the "not familiar with" side decide which roads you think might look important because of steep terrain, rocky obstacles, soft and deep sand, nearness to campgrounds or lakes, opportunity for a trip away from the sights and sounds of other people, and stuff like that. If it's impossible to visit them all in the next weeks, which is probably the case, you have to decide how you're going to talk about roads and trails you've never seen before. And more importantly, you're going to have to decide if you want to preserve these routes to use in the next 10, 15, or 20 years. See how impossibly difficult it is to make decisions about roads and trails you've never seen before. See how important it is to get out there and wheel!

4) Deadline - August 15, 2006: CREATE THE PERFECT TRAIL SYSTEM.

Take the notes you made in step 3 and start thinking of the perfect wheeling experience. Many four wheelers like to have a loop system they can ride on in a single day or half day without traveling far from home. Many four wheelers like to wheel in roads that take them to a specific destination. Many people, including the Forest Service, think that destination has to be a “place” like a campground, a lake, an old mining town, a beach, old Indian ruins, to Petroglyphs, to old log cabins. But it can also be to “things” like the perfect rock ledge to test the articulation of your vehicle or to a “dead-end” at a babbling brook.

STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES

5) Deadline – August 30, 2006: TALK THE TALK. It is really important that we talk in a language that the Forest Service can understand. I've spent a lot of time over the past 2 years to become very, very familiar with what the agency is looking for when it goes through OHV Route Designation.

Here are a few examples of how to talk the talk. A thorough list and examples of talking the talk will be available on the UFWDA website at http://ufwda.org/landuse/ohvrule/intro_final.htm "implementation of the rule."

The words you see underlined in bold are the words the agency needs to hear.

You think: I like to go wheeling. When roads and trails get closed we have fewer places to ride and more us using the roads that are left. Please don't close my favorite four wheeling spots.

You should write: My desired experience and sense of place is to have roads or trails that are wooded and offer a variety of scenery. Here's where you substitute what you want to see and do. If you ride in an area that is mostly sand then describe in detail what it is you want – deep soft sand that's challenging to drive through, hard packed sand that gets you to your favorite fishing location; rocky terrain that provides chances to test the articulation or wheel travel of your vehicle; wooded areas that climb into areas above tree lines; massive rock outcroppings that offer stunning views of the river below; large expanse of rocks of various sizes to offer challenge for my driving ability and the mechanical ability of my rig, etc.

You think: I can't do what I do in other places without spending a lot of money and vacation to get there.

You should write: The experience I get when I go wheeling in this national forest is not (or use rarely, seldom, only occasionally) available on private lands or in OHV parks around here. My experiences are not available through other suppliers in the forest's market area. This forest is the only place that serves as a "niche" for our recreation!

You think: I belong to the MudLovingRockStomping Four Wheel Drive Club.

You should write: I belong to a local four wheel drive club called the MudLovingRockStomping Four Wheel Drive Club. Our user profile includes families with young children, members from all walks of life, professional plumbers and electricians, architects, doctors and nuclear medicine techs (list whatever it is your members do for work). Our club enjoys single day trails rides (or weekend beach trips, or overnight camping trips). Each year we have 2 adopt-a-road clean-ups and 1 charity event where we support the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure. There are currently 30 members (or families) in our club. Our club is open to all types of 4x4 motor vehicles like Jeeps®, Toyota Land Cruisers®, pick-up trucks, and SUVs (or if you're vehicle-specific club tell them that). When we go four wheeling it is non-competitive at a low rate of speed, often slower than a walking pace. We enjoy stopping for lunch at a scenic location, looking for rocks, geocaching, bird watching (whatever it is you do). We require all our members to have a minimum of safety gear including a fire extinguisher, first aid kit, etc. Some of our members are certified emergency responders and many of our members are CPR trained. Our club conforms to the TreadLightly! user ethics program. Our members have taken the UFWDA 4WD Safety and Awareness Program. Members of our club are also Volunteer Trail Patrol members.

In essence, take the time to describe in detail what your club is like. Some people in the Forest Service think four wheel drive club = beer drinking, lawless, heavy on the gas pedal 20-somethings tearing up the forest, mudder trucks, yahoos, whatever your region calls them. Make sure they know exactly who you are and what you do. Don't assume they know anything about your club or that they have ever done what you do.

You think: I'm happy to share the road or trail with others. We're amazed at how good the motorcycle riders are or we have horses, too, so we like it when we see other users out on horseback.

You should write: There is a tendency for non-motorized users to perceive much more user conflict than four wheelers. We are happy to share the road and always do. We give right-of-way to smaller motorized vehicles such as ATVs and motorcycles and we are considerate and sensitive to the needs of horses by stopping and turning off our engines as their riders pass by us on the trail. If there are user conflicts from the non-motorized community please consider mitigating their concerns by educating them on the availability of unique areas in our forest that can meet their need for quiet and solitude, such as unroaded areas, areas categorized as semi-primitive non-motorized, or designated Wilderness Areas.

6) Deadline August 30, 2006 (goes in same letter as step 5. GIVE THEM AN ALTERNATIVE.

The Forest Service will eventually have to give the public a multiple-choice list to pick from before it comes up with the final OHV route designation. Each choice is called an alternative. It will help you tremendously if you give them an alternative before they give you one. This is why our deadlines are so important. If you wait until they give you the alternatives there is a very good chance none of them will be right. But if you give them an alternative they have very strict guidelines they have to use under federal statute NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) in order NOT to use your alternative.

The things you wrote in Step 4 will become your alternative. Tell them you want them to "develop an alternative" that is based on the roads and trails you have identified. On the UFWDA website there will be more tips on how to "talk the talk" so you know what to include in your alternative and how to say it.

This sounds like a lot of information and sounds really hard but there is a short list of things to remember.

Do what you can. All you can do is all you can do. But do something. Don't wait. Act now.

- If you can mark your favorite roads and trails using technology such as a GPS do it. If you can mark them with a pencil on a map that's just as good. If you can jot down the location of your roads and trails on a scrap piece of paper that's better than doing nothing.

- Don't keep your favorite roads/trails a secret. If you don't get it designated now it will be closed. If it's not on the final map it is illegal to ride there.
- Don't wait. Act now.
- UFWDA will help you every step of the way. Contact me at attorney@ufwda.org or (757) 546-7969.
- The work you do now will help me be ready for a law suit if it's needed.
- Your goal is to look for the roads and trails that are missing from the Forest Service map.
- Point out what's missing and why you want it to be put on the map.
- You need to contact the Forest Service with your ideas BEFORE they contact you. If they contact you first it's probably too late.
- Find your stat listed at the top of this article and assume you are losing some portion of the total miles listed in your group of states.
- Then figure the work you put in now is directly proportional to the amount of miles of roads and trails you will save.

Don't wait. Act now!

do it anymore.

I have been active now in the sport for quite a while - first as an outspoken club member, and then as an officer of a club, also having an elected position within my State organization... then as an elected member of the an overarching Association and then holding a position with UFWDA (United Four Wheel Drive Association). Meanwhile I continued to help run events, compete in professional rockcrawling competitions, go out on trail rides, wrench on my rig and others.... I never thought the person who doesn't care anymore would be me.

Well folks let me tell you a story - I went wheeling last weekend in the mecca - MOAB! And I could not have cared any less. I wheeled at Area BFE, ran Upper Helldorado and Coyote - two wonderful trails and all I could think about was what I might break, what I needed to do when I got home. Yeah it was beautiful, yeah I was with great company but I just didn't feel the rush and the anticipation of the trip that I used to feel. Frankly I would have been just as happy hiking or mountain biking the terrain around me.

At that moment I realized I was burnt out. I'm done. I'm toast. I've had enough. I can't take it anymore. I can't take the question about what should or shouldn't be on a web page. I can't take the "you don't work for me you only care about the west coast (or the east coast) or both or none"... I can't take the constant bickering amongst those that should be friends.. and I can't take the lack of concern by the most important thing in the sport - the individuals themselves. I am ready to sell my rig, and take up a more meaningful hobby and let my political motivation turn towards something where there is hope and a solid direction of teamwork.

UFWDA, BRC, AMA doesn't matter what organization - they can't do it themselves - they need your help and your support. What does \$10 or \$20 or \$100 buy me? Is "me" the only thing anyone cares about anymore? I didn't used to think so... My opinions these days have changed... It's all about what's in it for me so I've decided to address that issue:

What's in it for me? Why do I do the things I do? Why do I speak my mind?

Here's why:

- My peace of mind and knowing that I did the best I could with what I had.
- That I used my talents to the best of my ability to make a better world.
- The respect of my wife, my daughter, my friends and my ancestors.
- My own acknowledgment that the world doesn't revolve around me.
- The humbling lesson that giving back isn't easy and I have to work hard at it.
- That being right doesn't make it right and being wrong is okay and I need to teach that to my daughter.
- That my daughter will never have to stand behind a glass wall to view nature.

Today I announce, that for me evidently that is not enough. I must fight to keep what is my right to recreate, nay we must fight together for our right to recreate. It's time that y'all stopped complaining about what someone isn't doing for you and stand up beside each other as one voice and announce an end to "What's in it for me" and then ask ourselves "What are we doing to stop the injustices in the world". There are far more meaningful things then, rather you can drive this trail or that one... and we collectively act like we are the most important thing in the world.

Tomorrow we must start working together so that we can access our recreational freedoms and have time to

TODAY IS TODAY

By Shawn Pagan, VP of United



Funny thing about getting involved is that one may eventually get burned out.

How does it happen?

Who knows. but you wake up one morning to go do something you love and the reality of it hits you and you just don't want to



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work on more important matters. Today we are obviously working apart while some people try to defend our freedoms others question their motives and in the end nothing is getting done that will really make a significant difference.

The reality is that most individuals, clubs, organizations and Associations are working in the world of today.... not the world of tomorrow and the only thing that will drive them there is YOU.

Tomorrow needs to start today! Don't wait until it's too late.

ROADLESS MEETINGS!

Public input sought on management of Arizona's roadless areas

June 22, 2006

Informational open house meetings scheduled for July and August



The Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking input from the public on how it would like to see the state's roadless areas managed. A series of informational open houses will be held around the state in July and August, and written comment will be accepted until Aug. 31.

The input will assist Gov. Janet Napolitano and the department in developing Arizona's petition to the USDA Forest Service requesting specific management requirements for some or all of 1.2 million acres of inventoried roadless areas in six national forests in Arizona.

"Arizona is fortunate that Governor Napolitano is committed to developing recommendations that conserve the integrity of our roadless areas, establish provisions for current public and administrative uses, and allow management actions that ensure the long-term health of the public land and resources," says Director Duane Shroufe of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "The public input phase is an important part of developing these recommendations."

The Forest Service originally issued the Roadless Area Conservation Rule in January 2001. The rule essentially prohibited new road construction and development on 58.5 million acres of inventoried roadless areas on Forest Service lands across the country. Several states filed lawsuits over the rule, and a federal court struck it down in 2003.

The Forest Service issued a revised rule in 2005 that allows state governors to petition the Secretary of Agriculture with specific management recommendations for inventoried roadless areas in their states. The states have until November 2006 to complete the petition and submit it for review and approval.

The original Roadless Rule (and the interim directive in place until states complete their petition processes) conserves roadless values while allowing for current public access and recreational opportunities, including hiking, camping, hunting and fishing; management of habitat for more than 1,500 species of fish and wildlife, including threatened, endangered or sensitive plant and animal species; and protection of clean water from forest headwaters and streams.

The rule also allows construction of temporary roads under specified circumstances, such as to fight forest fires or to implement actions that reduce the risk of wildfire, for public safety and resource purposes. The rule doesn't change states' or private landowners' rights to access their land. The management of any existing roads within the inventoried roadless areas will be evaluated during the transportation planning process associated with the future revision of individual forest land management plans.

At the request of Gov. Napolitano, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is conducting the public input phase of Arizona's petition process. A series of informational open houses has been scheduled to help

the public better understand roadless management issues and the state's petition process.

"The meetings will include a presentation about roadless areas, the state petition process, and potential management options for inventoried roadless areas in the national forest closest to the local community," says Bob Broscheid, habitat branch chief for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "The public will have an opportunity to view maps, ask questions and provide written comment, but no oral comment will be taken at the meetings."

All open houses will be held from 6-9 p.m. on the following dates and will discuss the roadless areas in the national forest land listed in parentheses:

ROADLESS MEETING DATES

Wednesday, July 5 - Safford

Coronado/Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Graham County General Services Building, 921 Thatcher Blvd.

Thursday, July 6 - Tucson

Coronado National Forest, Arizona Game and Fish Department Tucson regional office, 555 N. Greasewood Road.

Monday, July 10 - Phoenix

All National Forests, Arizona State Fairgrounds Wildlife Building, 19th Avenue and McDowell Road.

Tuesday, July 11 - Mesa

Tonto National Forest, Arizona Game and Fish Department Mesa regional office, 7200 E. University Drive.

Wednesday, July 12 - Payson

Tonto/Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Payson Inn Conference Room, 801 N. Beeline Highway.

Thursday, July 13 - Globe

Tonto National Forest, Gila County Fairgrounds, 3 miles north of Globe on Highway 60.

Tuesday, July 18 - Kingman

Prescott National Forest, Arizona Game and Fish Department Kingman regional office, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road.

Thursday, July 20 - Prescott

Prescott National Forest, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Office, 1015 Fair St.

Tuesday, July 25 - Springerville-Eagar

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Eagar Town Council Chambers, 174 S. Main St.

Wednesday, July 26 - Pinetop

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Arizona Game and Fish Department Pinetop regional office; 2878 E. White Mountain Blvd.

Tuesday, Aug. 8 - Flagstaff

Coconino/Kaibab National Forests, Radisson Woodlands Hotel, 1175 W. Route 66.

Wednesday, Aug. 9 - Fredonia

Kaibab National Forest, Fredonia Courthouse Building, 110 N. Main St.

Written comment can be submitted by e-mail to roadless@azgfd.gov, or by U.S. mail to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Roadless Petition Comment, 2221 W. Greenway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85023. All comments must be received by Aug. 31 to ensure adequate consideration prior to developing Arizona's petition.

WHERE THE PAVEMENT ENDS

The "do's & don'ts" of driving in the outdoors

A Message From TREADLIGHTLY1®



Americans are wanting to take their SUVs and trucks

Reprinted from Blue Ribbon Magazine With the explosion of off-highway vehicle sales in the last few years, more and more

out to scale more than just their office parking garage.

Four wheeling in the backcountry can be a great way to bond with nature and the family, but it can have a damaging effect on the environment if not done responsibly.

The national nonprofit organization called TreadLightly! Provides some practical tips to minimize impact on the outdoors while driving off-highway.

STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS. Drive only on trails designated for off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. Never make your own shortcuts, switchbacks or trails. To find OHV trails, contact your local land management agency - like the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or National Park Service.

RIDE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRAIL. Always ride in the middle of the trail to avoid widening it and destroying vegetation along the roadside.

DON'T CROSS PRIVATE LAND WITHOUT PERMISSION. Always contact the landowner for permission to cross private land.

CROSS OBSTACLES AT AN ANGLE. You may come upon obstacles on a trail, such as fallen trees. Driving around them can destroy vegetation surrounding the trail, so sometimes it's best to move the object or drive over it. Cross obstacles at an angle, one wheel at a time.

IF POSSIBLE, DON'T RIDE IN MUD. If you can, avoid mud or soft soil while remaining on the road or trail.

PLAN AND PREPARE BEFORE YOU GO. Obtain a map and contact your local land management agency to develop a route that is safe, legal and within the limitations of your vehicle.

DON'T LITTER ON THE TRAIL. Leave the area a little better than how you found it by picking up your trash and others'.

TreadLightly!® is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower generations to enjoy the outdoors responsibly. Contact Tread Lightly!® at 1-800-966-9900 or visit them online (www.treadlightly.org).



"Redistributing" – aka Managing Your Emails and Piles It's All About "Habits"

By Del & Stacie Albright, BlueRibbon Coalition



First off, if we really followed all the great guidelines in this article, we

would be super-human! But we do follow many of them; and if you are able to follow some of them, then you just might see daylight more often on your desk, and in your email in box.

If you're an access advocate, club volunteer, or Internet user, then you probably have an over-loaded email inbox, not to mention piles of important stuff on your desk to take care of soon (yea, right). We offer you a solution to this dilemma.

We've come to call this secret to managing stuff "redistributing." Redistributing means to act like you're really busy by just simply going through your piles to redistribute them into easier more manageable sub piles. In this way you can reconnect with those lost items and pieces of mail and important documents that you've been tearing your hair out looking for. You might get a hint that some of these documents can easily be redistributed into their proper place or file, which in a lot of cases would be the round one, if you know what we mean.

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Okay, okay, all kidding aside. When you find yourself face to face with the elbow deep, can't see the computer screen on your desk or even find the keyboard, then it's time to take action (and keep that trash can nearby!) What we mean is redistributing, but on a serious level.

We've found that creating piles (no not the ones you already have), folders or even using boxes to sort out tasks in the order of importance starting from A, B and then C; with A being the most important to deal with first. Keep some paper clips, stapler, sticky notes and pen nearby to make organizing easier by marking items with an action or a to-do on them. This way it's easier to remember what you are supposed to do with the item instead of trying to figure it all out again later.

After you get done doing the grueling redistributing task you might be ready for a nap, adult beverage or just throwing your hands up in the air and walking away. That's okay. It's a perfectly normal reaction to have. But if you take this seriously, you might find yourself breathing easier.

It was Chris Collard, 1st Option Mortgage of Sacramento, California, Cal4wheel, BlueRibbon and exceptional outdoor writer/photographer (<http://www.adventurearchitects.com/>) who inspired us to write this article. He went through a serious redistributing/system management session and told us about it. "It was almost life-changing," said Chris. "I found new breathing room and new time in my way-too-busy life."

Besides the A, B, C system mentioned above, which really came about in the 80's, time and pile management, as well as email management, is about habits. "HABIT" is actually an acronym for a system developed by Del over twenty years ago. It amounts to this:

H = have a system
A = always use it
B = be consistent
I = include others
T = tune it up now and then.



This desk shows piles and messes. The computer email inbox is probably as bad. It's time for a tune up!

This desk has gone through the redistributing process and shows a nice, clean work space. Emails are managed just as well.



The results of redistributing.

Deciding what system works for you, and having that system, is the first step. Always use it is the second step, and it means don't cheat. Use it – make it a habit. Third, in order to really make this work, you need to be consistent. If you modify or change your system, you won't make it a habit. It won't work as well. Then, fourth, if you include others, like your significant other or co-workers, then they'll get used to your system and eventually help you make it better. Fifth, you must tune up your system now and then with yourself, your piles, your inboxes and those around you. Having a "HABIT," a system, works.

When it comes to inbox emails, the first rule of thumb is to NOT let your inbox build up to hundreds of emails. In fact, an empty inbox is a good inbox. Use folders and email filing systems like you would for your hard copy paperwork. Because we work on a national level for land use and access, we have address books for each state to keep our contacts organized. We have folders for each major project or undertaking. Sometimes we'll even make a special address book list

of contacts for a project so that we can "bulk mail" if you will for that project. This is not 100% fail safe though.

There can be drawbacks to an empty inbox – out of sight, out of mind. Yikes! If you're one of those folks who once you file it, it's gone, adios, bye-bye, see-ya, well then you'd best develop a tickler system. Again, it's part of your HABIT. Perhaps you should start your computer time, every time, with a check of your pending type (need to do something with) folders. We have a folder entitled "Pending Reply." We check it often to see who's supposed to get back to us with something. We have another folder entitled "Do Soon" much like an "A" pile on your desk, this folder gets checked frequently.

And if you're really tricky, you can interface your PDA with your email inbox and task lists (Outlook Express and Eudora), and load up everything you have to do on your handheld organizer.

Whatever you do -- even if you try redistributing and uncluttering your work area -- you should attempt to handle paperwork (or emails) only once. If you touch something or read something more than once, and still put it where it will be read again, then you really are wasting valuable time and energy.

No matter what your method (HABIT) may be, piles, boxes, folders or just plain throwing it away, then we get to the fun part. Just jump right in and GET IT DONE! You won't believe how good it's going to feel when you've finally got those piles or emails under control, that's half the battle!! Most times this is the only solution for busy people – stop what you're doing and clean up your desk and your emails. Just do it.

Time? Yeah, we know, time is a big factor in this because if we had just had the time to get this stuff done and dealt with in the first place, then we wouldn't be in this mess. But having a HABIT that helps you redistribute your mess, might just, in the long run, make your life a bit easier.

FOREST SERVICE IS PLANNING AND DESIGNATING



The Forest Service is also under a planning process. The FS is going to be designating and signing trails within each district. The Forest Service is working on their "Travel Management Rule."

From the National Forest Service

Website:

"OHV and other motorized vehicles are fun and exciting ways to experience national forests and we've seen dramatic increases in their popularity in the last decade," said Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth.

"Land managers will use the new rule to continue to work with motorized sports enthusiasts, conservationists, state and local officials and others to provide responsible motorized recreational experiences in national forests and grasslands for the long run."

The new travel management policy requires each national forest and grassland to identify and designate those roads, trails and areas that are open to motor vehicle use.

Local units will seek public input and coordinate with federal, state, county and other local governmental entities as well as tribal governments before any decision is made on a particular road, trail or area. Unplanned, user-created routes will be considered at the local level during the designation process.

The agency expects that it will take up to four years to complete the designation process for all 155 national forests and 20 grasslands. Each unit will also publish a motor vehicle use map.

The final rule addresses the more than 80,000 comments received on last year's proposed rule. Most comments strongly supported the concept of designating routes and areas for motor vehicle use.

More information can be found on their website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/news/2005/releases/11/travel-management.shtml>

GET INVOLVED!

THE PLANNING PROCESSES HAVE BEGUN!



By Becky Antle, Legislative Liaison

The Forest Service and BLM are beginning or in the middle of their planning process. Each area and agency are different as to how they are planning what uses will be allowed in their areas and where they actually are in the process.

It is not too late to get involved. We all need to be involved now! We really can't wait.

If you want a basis to start from, pick up a forest service map of your area. Look at the roads that are on that map. Not to many are there. Well, the roads you see are the ones that the forest service believes are all that you need.

If this is okay with you then you don't need to read any further, but if the roads you use are not on those maps you had better get busy.

According to the management plans that I have read, the forest service isn't going to do any inventories, other than what has already been done in the past. They will take that base map and use it for their meetings and assume that is what is on the ground.

We as the public need to give our input to each and every forest and ranger district that we know of. We are the ones who have used those roads and probably already have them GPS'd or on maps. Take that information to them and give the trails and roads that you use, or you will lose them.

I am not saying we won't lose roads from this process, that is a given. But we will lose less if we show them what roads and areas we use and want to continue to use.

Not every forest is the same. Some have good base maps, some have done inventories, some actually know what is on the ground. While other districts may not have a clue. We are there to help them.

Get to know your local ranger district OHV coordinators, or local rangers. Introduce yourselves and tell them that you and your club are there to help them if need be. You can bet the "anti-access" groups are already done with their plans and they have been submitted. We need to do the same thing and we need to do it now!

Your participation is vital to the process.

As you gather the information on where your particular forest is in the planning process, send this information to the Blue Ribbon Coalition. Send it to the public Lands Assistant, Ric Foster at brichard@sharetrails.org. That way the BRC can stay on top of the process nationally.

"Travel inventories are going to be paramount to travel management planning. Making certain your favorite trails are being considered in that inventory and that they are working with an adequate inventory is one key role that you will need to immediately play.

Another key role you can play is with other recreationists in your area. If your area doesn't have an "umbrella" group with representatives from all the various OHV groups collaborating together on this, you need to help us help you facilitate organizing such a group. Or, maybe you already have an "umbrella" group, but it doesn't seem to be focused, or maybe your folks don't fully understand the issue. We can and want to help with that as well. Let us know and together let's figure out where we can help." From Greg Mumm, BRC Executive Director.

So get involved, find out where your forest is in it's planning process. Meet with your local agencies.

Now is the time to start, tomorrow will be too late!

Following is the Forest Service website: <http://www.fs.fed.us>

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ARIZONA OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE COALITION

Following is a report from Steve Carmickle, outgoing president of the AZOHVC.



(AZOHVC) Officers and Representatives elected at our first Annual Meeting June 16th, 2006. Your new Officers are as follows:

PRESIDENT - DON HOOD

(Don is affiliated with the Arizona Trail Riders Motorcycle Club)

VICE PRESIDENT - JIM FLORENCE

(Jim is affiliated with the Arizona Rock Rats Rock Crawler Club)

SECRETARY - CHRIS BENNER

(Chris is affiliated with Arizona Back Country 4x4 Club)

TREASURER - SANDEE MCCULLEN

(Sandee is affiliated with the Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STEVE CARMICKLE

(Being the past President, I will now move into a position on the Board of Directors, to complete the quorum of five officers called out in the AZOHVC By-Laws)

Note under normal circumstances the Term of Office for all Officers shall be two years in accordance with Article VII of the By-Laws with the President and Secretary being elected in even years and the Vice President and Treasurer being elected in odd years. Since this is the first seating of elected officers by Members of our Coalition and to assure election year sequence continuity for future Officers, the President and Secretary will serve two year terms and the Vice President and Treasurer will serve one year terms, this one time only. The next set of elections will be for Vice President and Treasurer in 2007 per Article VII of the AZOHVC By-Laws.

Your new Representatives for each Off Highway Group in the AZOHVC are as follows:

ATV REPRESENTATIVES

GENE CARMICKLE

(Gene is affiliated with the Dirty SOB ATV Club)

DAN SCHEKES

(Dan is affiliated with the Arizona ATV Riders)

4 WHEEL DRIVE REPRESENTATIVES

JACK HICKMAN

(Jack is affiliated with the Arizona Virtual Jeep 4x4 Club)

CHRIS RADOCCIA

(Chris is affiliated with the Arizona Virtual Jeep 4x4 Club)

MOTORCYCLE REPRESENTATIVES

KEITH GREENWALT

(Keith is affiliated with the Coconino Trail Riders Motorcycle Club)

PATRICK COX

(Patrick is affiliated with the Arizona Trail Riders Motorcycle Club)

SMALL BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES

KEVIN CARR

(Kevin is the owner of Max 4x4 Accessories)

TODD MCCULLEN

(Todd is Part Owner of Desert Fabrication)

LARGE BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ELECTED AFTER OUR BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM MEETING THIS YEAR.

OTHER ESTABLISHED POSITIONS:

LAND ACCESS AND GRANTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JEFF GURSH

(Jeff has agreed to accept the this new position. Jeff is affiliated with the Arizona Trail Riders. He will maintain and continue our grant applications and be closely involved in our land access issues. Jeff will report to the Executive Board)

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SANFORD COHEN

(Sanford has agreed to accept the this new position. Sanford is affiliated with the Prescott Open Trails Association. He will be our lead liaison for all issues that involve legislation. He will work in concert with the Land Access and Grants Executive Director, Reps, Chairpersons and Executive Board to assure that all Off Highway Vehicle legislation has our input and is fair. Sanford will report to the Executive Board)

In addition, the Executive Board will appointing new CHAIRPERSONS for the ORGANIZATION, COMMUNICATION and MEMBERSHIP Committees. If you are interested please contact our Secretary Chris Benner.

We thank all the individuals that submitted their names and ran either for an office or a representative position. Our success as an organization is based on distributing the workload and getting more and more people involved in not only participating in Off Highway Vehicle activities, but in making sure that all the issues are in keeping the roads and trails open are addressed. That is who and what the AZOHVC is and this set of Officers and Representatives are tasked to meet your needs. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the process and for being a member of the AZOHVC.

Steve Carmickle
President (retired)
Arizona Off Highway Vehicle Coalition

TIDBITS FROM AROUND THE NATION



The following is reprinted from the "The Driving Force Newsletter" which is produced by: Specialty Equipment Market Association, Inc. (SEMA)

LEGISLATIVE QUICK HITS

Hawaii/Illinois Exhaust Noise: SAN-opposed legislation that sought to dramatically increase fines for those who violate the state's ban on the sale, installation and use of aftermarket exhaust systems died with the close of Hawaii's legislative session. Currently, Hawaii prohibits any exhaust system that increases "the noise emitted by a motor vehicle above that emitted by the vehicle as equipped from the factory." This law does not supply law enforcement with a clear standard to enforce, allowing them to make subjective judgments on whether or not a modified exhaust system is in violation. The SAN also killed an Illinois bill that threatened to ban vehicles equipped with a "muffler or exhaust system that clearly has been modified to amplify or increase the noise of the vehicle." Under this measure, vehicles determined to have been modified by virtue of a "visual observation" would have failed emissions inspection. How emissions inspectors would have determined that an exhaust system increases noise through a visual inspection was not explained in the bill.

Minnesota Off-Road: Working with off-road vehicle groups in Minnesota, the SAN managed to kill amendments to a Minnesota bill that would have limited modified 4x4 trucks to minimally maintained roads and to the areas specifically designated for their use. The amendments sought to severely restrict 4x4 truck access to hobbyists by prohibiting use of "trails;" defined 4x4 trucks as four-wheeled motor vehicles manufactured to operate on public roads and subsequently modified with special tires, suspension or other equipment. The amendments were passed on the House and Senate floors at the last minute. The

amendments were removed at the request of state hobbyists by a conference committee of House and Senate legislators.

Ohio Inoperable Vehicles: The SAN stalled consideration of a bill in Ohio that would further restrict the ability of state vehicle hobbyists from maintaining inoperable vehicles on private property. The bill provides authority to townships to remove inoperable vehicles deemed to be "junk," including collector cars, from private property. Generally, SAN supports legislation that permits the outdoor storage of motor vehicles if the vehicles are maintained in such a manner so as not to constitute a health hazard. These vehicles could be located away from public view, or screened by means of a suitable fence, trees, shrubbery, opaque covering or other appropriate means. The Ohio bill, however, makes no concession for even properly maintained project cars. The SAN coordinated its opposition with Ohio members of the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus.

South Carolina Antique Vehicles: The South Carolina Legislature approved SAN-supported legislation to provide an exemption from property taxes for motor vehicles licensed and registered as antiques. South Carolina law defines an "Antique" as every motor vehicle

West Virginia/Hawaii Inoperable Vehicles: The SAN defeated a West Virginia bill that would have redefined "abandoned motor vehicles" to include vehicles or vehicle parts which are either unlicensed or inoperable, or both, are not in an enclosed building and have remained on private property for more than 30 days. Under current law, the abandoned vehicle law applies primarily to vehicles on public property. The bill sought to make violation a misdemeanor offense punishable by substantial fines, community service and jail and made no legal distinction between an owner using private property as a dumping ground and a vehicle enthusiast working to maintain, restore or construct a vehicle. Similarly, the SAN beat back a Hawaii bill that provided for the removal and disposal of "derelict vehicles" from private property.

Newly Introduced Legislation

Note: The following state bills are not laws. They were recently introduced and are currently under consideration by the respective state legislatures:

INOPERABLE VEHICLES

North Carolina HB 2397/SB 1810/SB 1391/SB 1358/HB 2001: Affects the regulation of abandoned or junked motor vehicles in the towns of Matthews, Mint Hill, Ahoskie, Lorange, and Farmville. The bill would allow the city to remove vehicles that are partially dismantled or wrecked, worth less than \$500, and display no current license plate.

EMISSIONS/INSPECTIONS

North Carolina SB 1560/HB 2185: Creates Low Emission Vehicle standards for vehicles in North Carolina. Allows governor to exempt vehicles but also prohibits the transfer of the title of motor vehicles or engines that do not meet new emissions standards.

WINDOW TINTING

North Carolina HB 2805: Prevents a safety inspector from inspecting after-factory tinting if a vehicle has previously passed inspection and is owned by the same individual.

MISCELLANEOUS

North Carolina HB 2158: Encourages the development and maintenance of the motorsports industry in North Carolina.

Attention Car Clubs, Event Organizers and Enthusiasts!

Put SAN on Your Mailing List!

We'd like to know what's going on with SEMA Action Network clubs and enthusiasts across the country; what charity events you're involved in; when and where the rod runs, car shows, trail rides, rallies and tech meetings are held; and what legislative and regulatory issues concern club members and individual enthusiasts. One of the best ways to keep us abreast of what's going on and what's important to the vehicle hobbies nationwide is for us to receive your club newsletters and updates. Please consider placing SEMA on your mailing list. Send correspondence to: Jason Tolleson, SEMA, 1317 F Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20004-1105. Or by e-mail at jasant@sema.org.

SEMAS Website is: www.sema.org

ASA4WDC INFO

LOOKING FOR A CLUB TO JOIN?

There are over 24 clubs in the Arizona State Association if you are looking to join one.

Most of the clubs are located in the Phoenix area, but we are spread throughout the state.

The ASA4WDC has a club located in Sierra Vista - Cochise County Range Riders; Tucson has a club that is celebrating its 30th year - the Tucson Rough Riders. And the last southern club is the Casa Grande 4 Wheelers.



The Phoenix Metro area has several, cities listed behind the club is the area they have their monthly meetings, for more information checkout the ASA4WDC website. ASA4WDC Clubs: Arizona Classic Broncos (Glendale), Arizona Dust Devils (Mesa), Arizona Land Cruisers (Mesa), Arizona Lo Rangers (Tempe), Arizona Rock Crawlers (varies), Arizona Rock Rats, Arizona Rough Riders (Phoenix), Copperstate 4 Wheelers (Mesa), Creepy Crawlers (Phoenix), Honeywell Four Wheelers, Mesa 4 Wheelers (Mesa), Phoenix 4 Wheelers (Phoenix), Roadrunners 4 Wheelers (Phoenix), Saguaro 4 Wheelers (Phoenix) and Southwest Pinzgauer Association (varies).



Now for the upper part of the state. There is a club located in Bullhead City, the Bullhead 4 Wheelers. The Kingman area has the Walapai Four Wheelers. And then there is the Parker Four Wheelers and the Sidewinders.



There are two clubs located in the cooler country. One is the Rim Country 4 Wheelers located in Payson and the other is the Verde Valley Four Wheelers out of Sedona.



To find out where these clubs meet and what part of the city or state they are in go to our website, asa4wdc.org and click on Member Clubs. Each club may have different requirements for membership.

And our latest club to join, the Desert Scouts from the greater Phoenix area.

WHEELDUST

I am always open to anything that you might want to put in the newsletter, within reason. Please send it to me shortly after each quarterly. I have been trying to keep to the 30 days after each quarterly deadline.

Want to advertise in the WheelDust?

Our newsletter goes out to all our members and is now going to be in local shops in all areas of our state. Let me know if there is shop in your area that you need newsletters for.

Following are the costs to advertise in the WheelDust:

Business Card	\$50
1/4 Page Ad	\$75
1/2 Page Ad	\$150
Full Page Ad	\$250

These prices are for a full years add, the newsletter is printed four times a year, and are mailed after each quarterly delegate meeting.

MEMBERSHIP



New members who do not belong to an organized club can now join the ASA4WDC via PayPal, check it out on our website: ASA4WDC.org.

ASA4WDC Clubs, your dues are due at the February Quarterly Delegates meeting every year, after that quarterly dues are paid at each of the following quarterly's in May, August and November.

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