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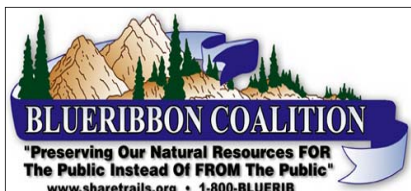
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JEEP TRACKS

Becky Antle, ASA4WDC President, 2014—2016

Copperstate 4 Wheelers Hosts 6th Annual Four Peaks and Sugarloaf Mountain Trail Cleanup Saturday, November 7th 2015. Followed by the ASA4WDC Quarterly on Sunday, November 8th at the same location.

AM: Registration of volunteers starts at 7:30.

AM: Safety & Awareness talk for volunteers from 7:30—8:30.

AM: Cleanup 1st session starting at 8:30—noon.

PM: Lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. with raffle #1 starting at 12:30.

PM: Cleanup 2nd session starting at 1pm—4pm.

PM: Raffle #2 starting at 4:15pm.

A fantastic crew of people have come together this year to work on the planning of the cleanup. We would like to thank all of our volunteers and sponsors ahead of time for all their hard work.

In 2014 we had a great turnout with 250 volunteers hauling out 35,660 pounds, or approx 18 tons of garbage filling 4—40 yard dumpsters graciously supplied by The Tonto Recreation Alliance. This was our 5th annual cleanup—it was a fantastic effort. As in previous years there was a great raffle in addition to lunch being provided for our hungry volunteers.

Directions to the site: Travel north on Highway 87 to the Four Peaks turnoff east from Highway 87 between mile markers 203 and 204 on Forest Service Road 143.

Hope a lot of our clubs will be able to participate in the cleanup. There is plenty of room for RV's/camping. Bring gloves, shovels, buckets for glass and empty shells. Recommend hats, sun screen, long pants, long sleeves. We'll keep you up-to-date. Bring chairs (a table?) for the delegates meeting on Sunday.

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ASA4WDC AUGUST 15, 2015 QUARTERLY FAT OLIVES RESTAURANT, FLAGSTAFF

Called to order by President Antle at 1:36 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag led by Phil Strittmatter

Quorum met.

Officers and board introduced.

Guests present: Gary Epp, Danny Crowley, Joe Eisinsee, Cathy Hornbird.

Minutes: President asked for a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the May 2015 Wheel Dust. Motion made, seconded, accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: President asked for a motion to approve as read by Treasurer Jenkins. Motion made, seconded, approved. Additionally Ray Jenkins said the annual insurance has been paid.

4 Wheel Safety & Awareness: Chad Chaney has had no requests for training.

Chad spoke with United attempting to get the training manual. The responses were very unsatisfactory. Chad will likely create his own program.

A tentative safety introductory class is being contemplated in Tucson November 14th the same weekend as Desert Splash.

Historian: Chari Ainsworth. All the misplaced ASA4WDC boxes and stuff have been collected. One box was sent to the Knock Kneed Lobster for Chari to pick up—she has no idea who sent it.

G&F Expo – April 2 & 3, 2016. May be some concern over the rock crawl event, Becky will check with Allan. Chari, Becky and Chad plan to meet with G&F.

Insurance: Becky put together a one page info sheet re: insurance. If anyone has questions re: insurance get together with Allan not with Becky. There is a new waiver form that Becky will get to everyone.

Spook Rally registration form will be available soon. First, AZRRs need to update their ASA membership. Becky recommended they discuss the rally insurance with Allan.

Environmental Legislation: Becky Antle. Last month there was a fund raiser for our lobbyist with the goal of raising \$18,000. The “matching” fund came up with a lot of contributors raising an impressive \$34,000. The “greenies” are attempting to push a bill through the AZ legislature that would change the Dust Particulate Matter (P.M.) 10 level law to 2.5 dust P.M. days. This is not a good bill. The bill could have a profound effect on ranchers, farmers, construction, all off-highway vehicle access to trails and roads including popular events such as the Spook Rally. This is now being proposed for several counties state-wide. Nick Simonetta (our lobbyist) is completely dedicated to preventing the bill from passing.

Website: Becky has updated the website. It's still an ongoing process. Re: membership page. It will only be accessible to the membership. An info agenda was suggested. There is a Google Calendar on the website – and if you need to access it ask Becky for the password. Or Email Joan for additions/deletions. PayPal has been added to the site allowing sponsors and clubs to pay that way. Becky can set up a webpage for blogs or forums for comments. And if interested a For Sale page can be added. Suggested Becky limit all for sale postings to three weeks or something similar.

Region I: Chari Ainsworth. Chari would like to attend all club meetings for her region.

Region II: Phil Strittmatter. The weekend of November 14th is the Desert Splash. Phil suggested that if you haven't attended – do so! Great event.

Region III: Need a director for the region.

Region IV: Rheal Tetreault. Trail Dust Days October 8—11th. Tons of fun with a great dinner provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Jamboree: Joan circulated possible suggestions for flyers, waivers, raffle prizes etc. Becky expressed that we need a committee and a chair. Chad explained what's involved – it's a lot of work—dealing with BLM, with permits even if we hold it on our property. Organizing groups, trail runs, raffle prizes, advertisers, trip leaders, portapotties, etc. A lot of foot work and a lot of effort. To be continued at the November meeting.

T-shirts: Becky brought shirts with her. Will have to order more of the larger sizes. Let her know what you need.

ASA4WDC 25 acres: Becky Antle. It's official. The association now owns 25 acres not far from Florence. It's a very nice chunk of land and we'll be able to do a lot with it. Plans were discussed. A work party will be formed as soon as the weather cools. There will be two gates. We've had several members volunteering their time, tractors and trailers. Chad Chaney will stake out an area for safety clinics. Kurt Loga mentioned how play-areas have been created for children. Also discussed purchasing two storage containers spaced so that a ramada will offer cover between the two. Plans are to put a drive through entrance/exit. Lengthy discussion with lots of ideas followed. Discussion that we consider becoming a 501 (c) (3). Rheal will check.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed By-laws amendment: Phil Strittmatter. Phil circulated his proposed amendment that would address what would become of ASA assets should ASA ever dissolve. An ad-hoc committee was formed to go over the proposed amendment. Chair, Ted Nunez, with Chad Chaney, Roland Silva, Rheal Tetreault and Phil Strittmatter volunteering to be on the committee.

AZ St. Parks. Becky Antle. Becky's term may be up on the AZ Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Group. She is the only OHV representative and someone is needed to replace and represent OHV. Check with all club members who may be interested in filling the position. Meetings are four times a year located in different areas of the state.

Nominations: Treasurer and Vice-president. Nominated were: Ray Jenkins, Treas. Ted Nunez, V.P. Motion to accept both nominees, seconded and passed.

Mail received: Ray Jenkins. Revised Prescott Forest Management Plan.

Sat. 9/19/15 3:00 p.m. – 10:00. Crown King Fire District Annual Benefit for volunteer firemen with an auction, all you can eat BBQ, dance, entertainment.

Thank you from BRC for renewing our membership.

Becky was asked and has agreed to be on the BlueRibbon Coalition Board of Directors.

Travel expenses: Becky asked how much we had paid for Sandee to attend the North American Recreation Council (NAMRC), the National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) and other national organizations. Ray suggested we cover Becky's transportation and lodging. Motion by Chari to provide \$700.00 for the Las Vegas meeting November 2—4th. Motion approved.

Becky had discussed a 4-State Convention with interested participants from ID, NV, UT (and AZ). The object is to form a 4 State Coalition/Council whereby all states involved will share issues and come up with solutions affecting the western states regarding land use problems. Delegates and the board thought it was a great idea.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 8—11 Tucson Rough Riders Trail Dust Days

Oct. 30—Nov 1—AZ Rough Riders Spook Rally

Nov. 7—8 Delegates Quarterly—combined weekend. 4 Peaks cleanup on the 7th Quarterly at the same location Sunday the 8th. Ample room for campers, RVs, bring chairs.

Nov. 12—15—Desert Splash, Parker. La Paz County Park. Arrive Thursday if you want camping/RV facilities. Runs Friday through Sunday.

Feb 20, 2016 Delegates Quarterly. Laughlin perhaps? Will check with Wayne Ash.

Mar 19—Bronco Stampede.

April 2nd. 1st weekend in April. Game & Fish Expo.

More on Dust P.M. Roland Silva has researched the issue thoroughly. He reports studies have found that rubber from tires turns into dust with more particulates than from diesel exhausts. More pollutants come from tires than from diesels. Very interesting.

50/50 Roland Silva won the pot.

Adjourned 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Beck, Secretary

HOT SUMMERS DON'T STOP THE MESA 4 WHEELERS

Excerpted from the Mesa 4 Wheelers newsletter M4W Horn

WILLOW SPRINGS RUN—June 27, 2015.

Attending: leading, Kevin Losey; Bill & Amy Mihailov; Clete & Randi Hruska; Mike Drawsky; Ray & Pat Jenkins, Rob, Suzy & Adeline Hayton: Guests Robert Avis and Megan Kosnoski.

We met at the Hitching Post Restaurant on Apache Trail at around 5:00 p.m. Once everyone showed up, we headed east for Willow Springs Canyon Staging area.

Willow Springs trail runs north off of the Apache Trail just northeast of Lost Dutchman State Park. By around 6:00 p.m. we had finished airing down and were on our way for an evening hot dog roast!

That Saturday evening the forecast was calling for high wind advisories. Just 40 miles south of us, they were experiencing heavy dust storms while here in Willow Springs Canyon, we were enjoying cool canyon breezes that dropped the temps down to the mid-80s!

At around 7:00 p.m. we had arrived at Kevin's planned picnic spot. We had eight vehicles in attendance with a variety of hot dogs and bratwurst to choose from along with a number of tasty homemade pass arounds. Everyone got plenty to eat.

At around 8:00 p.m. we were packing up for the return trip. Driving the trails at night, Kevin made a couple of wrong turns, but thanks to Bill & Amy, who know the area well, we were back on track in no time. By 9:15 we were back at our starting point airing up for the drive home.

Thank you Kevin for the perfect summer evening hot dog roast in the Arizona Desert!



Excerpted from the Mesa 4 Wheelers newsletter M4W Horn

EL OSO MINE—July 2015.

Attending: Mike Drawsky & Nip Tucker. Clete & Randi Hruska, Walter & Gert Leible, Rory & Lori Moore, Rob Hayton. Guests: Dave & Mary Moss & Chuck.

By 9:00 everyone was aired down and ready to go. At 10:30 we had reached the highest motorized accessible point on 4-Peaks, the staging area near Pigeon Springs trailhead. On top the morning temperatures were in the low 80s, by mid-afternoon it had topped off around 90°, not bad for July! We then headed back to the El Oso Road. It had been a number of years since we visited Big Pine Flats just east of El Oso Mine, so we decided to make that our lunch stop. We got within a mile from Big Pine Flats, when we came upon a large

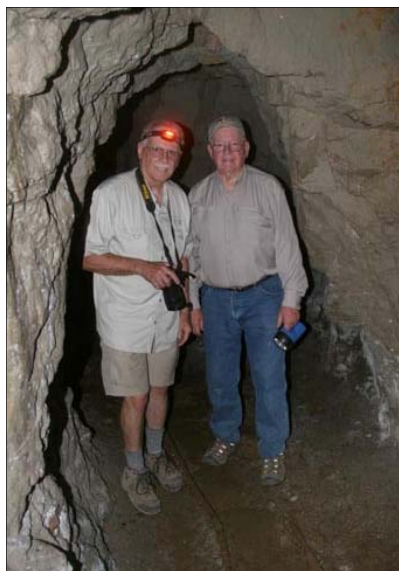


pine tree lying across the road. Having a trunk diameter of more than 2 feet and a length of over 100 feet, we knew we were not going to be able to move it. The tree had been dead for some time, So Mike took out his handsaw to see if it would cut like butter, but no luck! After we got everyone turned around it was off to the mine for lunch and exploring.

Mike tried to encourage as many of his group to follow him to the end of El Oso Mine by telling them about a small frog that lives at the very end where the rock is kept moist by underground water seeping in from above. Nip and Chuck the only takers, were not disappointed.

After a cool walk in the mine, we found a large shaded area nearby for lunch. North, beyond the mine, the El Oso Road is less traveled. About a mile from the mine the road becomes very rutted. Here is where your suspension gets a workout.

While the rest headed for home, Mike, Nip and Chuck stopped in at the Butcher Hook Restaurant for a cold drink and a delicious cheeseburger!



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UPPER WOODPECKER—BOX CANYON—July 2015

Attending: Clete & Rando Hruska and Mike Drawsky. Leaders Pat & Ray Jenkins

A great day for this July 4 morning trip. A small but enthusiastic group met at Cottonwood Canyon Road at Highway 79. The morning greeted us with comfortable temperatures. At the junction of the new bypass for Cottonwood Canyon the sign was down. We remounted the sign to the post then continued on.

We arrived at the Upper Woodpecker Mine trail to find the first section quite a bit easier because of some recent exploratory mining in the area. The second half of the trail is still a technical challenge and fun.

Arriving at the mine, we checked on the condition of the fencing the ASA4WDC clubs did in January of this year. All the fencing was still in place and still looked good. We took pictures and did some interesting rock collecting then continued on. We circled back to the Mineral Mountain Road and turned south taking the bypass trail for the rock ledge waterfall. Great panoramic views from this trail.

The morning temperatures were comfortable, but by about noon, the heat started coming on. We were at our lunch stop by 1 p.m. so all worked out OK.



STATE AND LOCAL 4X4 ISSUES

Becky Antle, President ASA4WDC

As the Land Use chair for the Tucson Rough Riders (TRR) and the president and Environmental Affairs Chair of the Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs (ASA4WDC), I am involved with organizations and issues at the local and state level. I have been doing this for many years and really like being involved with issues that effect our motorized recreation community.

Clubs throughout the state are members of the ASA4WDC which is the state organization. The ASA4WDC has been around since 1976 and is well known with the agencies we work with, such as the Forest Service (FS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Game and Fish (G&F) and the State Land Department.

The ASA4WDC meets four times a year and welcomes anyone who wants to attend. These Quarterly Delegate meetings are held in different locations throughout the state. The February meeting is typically in the River area, Bull-head City or maybe Parker. The May and November meetings are held in the Wickenburg area, while the August meeting is usually held somewhere cooler like Flagstaff or Payson. These events are posted on the calendar on the ASA4WDC website, www.ASA4WDC.org

Each club has two delegates that attend the ASA4WDC Quarterly Delegate meetings. After the business end of the meetings, which usually last from 10 am to 4 pm, we go back to our camp and talk about the things brought up in the meetings and other issues or maybe do a short evening run. Rheal and I have been trying to take an extra day off so that we can actually go wheeling with others around the state.

The ASA4WDC also works with the Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (AZOHVC), which was created in 1997. The ASA4WDC is a charter member of this group. The AZOHVC is a 501(c)(3) organization which has the ability to accept donations tax free and to apply for grants in conjunction with our agencies.

Grants are working partnerships with the federal and state agencies which apply for grants that are issued through the Arizona State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group. This money comes through the Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP); the Arizona Sticker fund (registration sticker for ATVs, motorcycles and vehicles 1800 pounds or less) and the State OHV Recreation Fund, providing a legislatively set percentage (0.55%) of total license taxes on motor vehicle fuel from the Highway User Revenue Fund. I sit on the OHVAG and help direct where the funds go through review of grants that come into Arizona State Parks.

The AZOHVC also has a lobbyist who helps with legal issues in our legislature. The money that is collected through donations to the Land Action Fund from the ASA4WDC and our clubs throughout the year is sent to the AZOHVC (since they have 501 (c) (3) status) to help pay for our lobbyist. The lobbyist is absolutely necessary to keep off-highway motorized trails and roads open to all. If it weren't for the work that the lobbyist does in the state house we would not have the trails we have today due to stricter state rules and regulations that would have been passed. It is hard to pinpoint what the lobbyist does because so many small bills that go through the state legislature actually affect us. It may not be the whole bill that will affect us directly but there might be a sentence or specific issue which could greatly impact our trails and use of them.

One example is the PM-2.5 (Particulate Matter) bill that is being introduced to the legislature this coming fall. This could impact us greatly. The state has already implemented a PM-10 bill. This means that if dust is created the agency that owns the land the dust was created on could be fined by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). Here is a link to the AZOHVC website under Updates: <http://www.azohvc.com/>

I can't stress enough the importance of the lobbyist and being able to keep him doing the work we don't have the time to do. How do you think the other side can close us down all the time? They have the attorneys, the money, the people and the ability and time to sit with the legislators. We don't have the time, as most of us still work, and we have a limited supply of funds.

The motorized community doesn't have time or a paid volunteer to spend time in the legislature. Volunteers attend all of the meetings, write letters and try to keep in touch with all of the bills and other issues on their own time and dime! Unfortunately that only goes so far. Think of the time that typically has to be taken as unpaid or vacation from our jobs. The money comes out of our own pockets for gas, motel rooms or campground rental and food when we attend these meetings. Not everyone would be as dedicated to continue this due to the cost and time involved.

So, just keep in mind that if there is an issue that needs our attention, it isn't just the money for the donation to help; it involves a lot of the unidentified time and funding for each issue. I wouldn't do it if I didn't feel it was important or necessary. I feel that the time and money is worth it to keep even a little bit of our trails open and the public informed. I wish it could be more, but it becomes even more difficult with the lack of funds and interest.

As always, if you have any land use questions or questions about any of the groups or organizations that we work with or should work with you can contact me. I will do my best to answer your questions.

Becky, ASA4WDC Land Use Committee: [http://www.4critter.comcast.net](mailto:Becky@www.4critter.comcast.net)

ARIZONA OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE COALITION (AZOHVC)

Current Status on Off Highway Vehicles and Land Use

Contributed by Tim Boehland—June 11, 2015

For a variety of reasons it seems that we in the OHV community cannot get our act together. We cannot unite the different OHV types and most certainly don't support it with funds. Very few folks will support our sport with dollars and that is what is needed most. Efforts for cleanups are fantastic and have always been very well supported and should be applauded. Cleanups make a huge impact with the agencies showing them we care about the environment; cleanups are a huge accomplishment.

Following is a very short list of accomplishments to date:

- Without the AZOHVC the Florence Junction area would have lost even more trails than were lost during the Middle Gila Conservation Planning effort (MGCP).
- About 6 years ago the State Trust Land Department was going to close all STL to OHV in their efforts to control dust; with the help of our lobbyist we were able to stop it.
- Over 300 miles of NEW trails have been opened in the last 4 years based on the efforts of the AZOHVC.
- Many of the trails known in the Table Mesa area were saved. All Rock Crawling Routes not affected by private land were kept open, including two private property entrances we were losing (because they infringed on private property) by altering or creating new access points in order to keep them open.
- Work on Forest Road 42 while slow due to many issues, such as those opposing OHV on forest roads, has been moving forward.
- Restoration for the washout on the main road at Table Mesa has been completed.
- Restoration of the ARSO Mine road—the road going to Tip Top—has been completed.
- Many miles of fencing between private property and OHV roads have been repaired.
- Kiosks have been installed.
- Countless hours upon hours have been spent on planning, meeting attendance and communication with state and federal agencies.
- Countless man and equipment hours have been spent on the ground accomplishing trail development, repairs and maintenance.

Much of our success comes from folks stepping up to help. To accomplish even more, we need the entire OHV community to come together. The AZOHVC has been the only Non-Agency to help craft the dust control issues. Six Years of intense work was put into this effort and now that template is being used for the entire nation. AZOHVC's Jeff Gursh, was given an award of Engineering on Air Quality Mitigation for Recreational Trails and Parking Areas for both Motorized and Non-Motorized recreation. It's the first time this award was presented to a non-agency. So what will having no lobbyist mean for OHV? Here are some immediate concerns:

- The current OHV fund created by OHV stickers will no longer be protected. If the legislature proposes to alter the current OHV fund they could, as in the past, sweep it. With every gallon of gas purchased a small percentage of the gas tax goes to OHV recreation.
- Prior to having the lobbyist; every year the politicians swept the OHV gas fund into the general fund. With the lobbyist we were able to keep that, approximately \$800k each year, to use for OHV recreation. Without the lobbyist to keep us at the table to justify it, it would be lost. This puts many things at risk, no dollars to fix the roads and or trails. Such as the huge washout at Table Mesa road. The BLM does not have the budget to fix it, so OHV dollars were petitioned to be used—we are waiting to hear from the AZ State Parks Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Group for their approval of the grant. If the OHV funds were not available all trails behind the Table Mesa Road wash out would have been lost. Agencies could use it as an excuse to close trails and areas due to dangerous conditions.
- This could put an end to events like the Spook Rally, the 101, 202 and 303 classes and of course, just day to day wheeling in jeopardy.

Pinal County is at a HUGE risk. This county is not OHV friendly. Currently meetings regarding Air Quality are being held; we no longer have a seat at the table to represent OHV. Current proposed plans show no motor vehicles off a dust free surface. This means no tires in the dirt. While OHV only represents 2% of the dust issue, those in Pinal

County will only discuss that they have cut 100% of the OHV dust in order to control Dust Issues. How bad would this affect OHV if Pinal County adopts this? Simply, that entire MGCP plan we worked on—keeping as many trails open as we could in Florence Junction—would all be lost. If FJ closes down, our favorite trails including Woodpecker, Elvis, etc... would all be closed. Next will be other OHV areas if the fund gets raided by the legislators and no funding is left, then the agencies won't have funds to fix the access roads to our trails—instead, with no choice, they will just close them. If we have no funds for a lobbyist where will we get the funds to fix the roads/trails? I know it sounds like a broken record. Not much I can change about that, we have asked many ways, done what we can with limited help and have reached a time that puts this issue on life support; we're living on borrowed time. If folks want to find a way to help support our lobbyist and continued trail access there are some major things needed:

- **Funding.** We need to generate funds to keep our dedicated and tireless lobbyist. Between the dust issues and bills being presented in secret, without the lobbyist we would be in the dark. Most lobbyists charge over \$60k a year; based on the relationship we have with the current person we have been lucky he is willing to do it for almost HALF of that. We need a way to generate these funds yearly.

People - We need an infusion of folks who have fresh ideas to volunteer to help and run the AZOHVC. We all agree things have to change, we need to find a way to rally the troops and get it to work—all OHV types working together. It takes manpower so we don't lose what we have and can find a way to move forward. Folks, if you ever had an interest in saving trails, now is the time. If the OHV community does not get involved with both man power and funds our trails will be short lived. I talked with Jeff Gursh just yesterday to get this state of affairs, so this is current as of last night. If it sounds urgent, it is. If you have ideas on what can be done, please step up and let's get it done; we don't want to lose another trail over this. Technically we know there are over 2 million OHV folks in the state, if every individual rider/driver gave only \$1 we can fund everything we need. So yes, if in a household you have 4 riders/drivers that household would donate \$4, it would not take much and the funds would be there. If each of you could forward this to some of your 4x4 Email contacts, they might realize the consequences of non-involvement, and may step up to help with fund raisers, etc. The time has come, the hour is at hand, it is now or never.

So if anyone is interested please email: my1stJeep@excite.com and Gursh1spud@aol.com.

TUCSON ROUGH RIDERS—THE ROUGH RIDER—JUNE 2015

Rescue Run (Jun 27 - Tim Naylor)

A small group, Mike Williams, Paul Siskind, Leo, Mike Collins and Tim, went on an unscheduled run on Saturday [June 27—ed.] to the Sutherland Trail. Paul experienced a “mechanical anomaly”, when a weld broke on the new front suspension arms he just installed. It happened on the worst of the worst places on the trail as we were coming back out. The front axle rolled and took out his front drive shaft and both shocks, and a coil spring popped out. The front differential was pointing straight up. A solid re-weld was the only solution to getting him out. We called both Parks and Chris Richardson to the rescue. Chris showed up first. His onboard welder and welding skills did the trick. We have to give full credit to Chris for saving the day. Parks showed up as we started back down the trail. On the way up the trail, Chris' steering track bar broke loose. He welded it up but it broke again on the way out. We got Paul out ok, but Chris' Jeep was not highway drivable. He left his Jeep at Mike Williams's place that was near the trail head. Chris went back with his truck and trailer Sunday to recover the Jeep. We got to experience the season's first monsoon rain while in the middle of the repair project. I was out in the rain when the heaviest downpour hit. I could feel steam rising out of the hot rocks on the mountain that have been baking in the sun all summer. The cooling rain lasted about ½ hour. The temp dropped about 20 degrees. Although we got a little wet, the cooling was much appreciated.



Tucson Rough Riders—7/3/15 Chimney Rock Night Run—By Parks Rinehart

Articles excerpted from the Rough Rider—July 2015

We met at the McDonald's / Safeway parking lot at Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway at 7:00 PM. We left the parking lot at 7:10 with 20 vehicles. There were 12 guests accounting for about 10 vehicles total; we had a really good showing. It was a great group and considering all the vehicles, we moved along really well at a good pace. We traveled Redington Road and got towards the end of the A-7 ranch, near the 17 mile marker. There was a sheriff there; we all waved at him and he waved back and as we waited at the beginning of the trail for everyone to catch up, he came in and said hi to John, which was really nice of him. At the start of the trail at the 17 mile marker one of the Land Rovers had a cooling fan wiring issue. Rick Harrison was on it and it was quickly corrected and we were on our way. My friend and guest, Alex, cracked his windshield, hit by a low hanging tree limb, disguised by many leaves and we also had Mike Dean chuck the rear drivers side coil spring on his FJ. We worked people through the obstacle that Mike lost his spring on as Brian and several others repaired Mike's truck and put it all back together. We continued on the trail without further incident and we arrived at Chimney Rock about 12:30 AM. Chimney Rock was open. We played around on the rocks for a while and everybody had a good time. We headed home and we were back at the starting point at about 2 AM.



Tucson Rough Riders—7/18/2015 Mt. Lemmon Ctl Road By Stan Fetherman

We had a great showing of 19 vehicles, including 5 guest vehicles. We aired down at the end of the pavement and proceeded up the mountain. We found a nice challenge hill, and Paul Siskind led the way up the hill with one jeep to follow. Great job Paul! We stopped at the mine entrance about half way up for a break and a little socializing. Good thing we stopped because the next stop was about 12:30 in the pines for lunch and by then the rain started coming down. We raised our umbrellas and ate under the trees in the thunderstorm. After lunch we proceeded up the mountain, where some went to the top past the ski lift and others tried out the pie shop. All in all I would say it was a great trip. Not really any problems, a good time for all. Again, thanks to all for coming out – Stan



We wouldn't have much of a newsletter without the great support from our member clubs. To date, the Mesa 4 Wheelers, Tucson 4 Wheelers and Bullhead 4 Wheelers. It is greatly appreciated by your editor. Thanks Mike & Dave.



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