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THE WHEELDUST

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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.

**IMPORTANT ISSUES IN THIS EDIDITON
 OF THE WHEELDUST**

Arizona State Land Reform
 BLM Planning Process
 Forest Service Planning Process
 Dust Ordinance
 Phoenix Four Wheelers Round Up Registration Form
 Walapai Ghost Town Jamboree Registration Form

**TUCSON ROUGH RIDERS HIT THE
 NEWSPAPER**



The Tucson Rough Riders had the opportunity to have a full page



pictorial back in January. The article was in the Arizona Daily Star.

The Game and Fish Department and the TRR set up



a clean up run in the Rail X Ranch area near Catalina. This is the TRR's second Adopt a Ranch project.

This area is used by a lot of target shooters and has been pretty trashed over the last few years. The partnership with the local rancher under the Adopt a Ranch agreement allows our recreational groups to show local ranchers that we respect the land.

The group hauled out a lot of trash, some of it rather



interesting such as a phone booth. Along with hauling out trash we also installed signs

The TRR with their finds for the day including a telephone booth.

**34th ANNUAL PHOENIX FOUR
 WHEELERS ROUNDUP**



The Phoenix Four Wheelers are holding their annual Roundup on March 19 to the 25, this year. There will be a full week of four wheeling fun.

Activities include four wheel drive trips, games, BBQ dinner and camping.

Runs start Sunday March 19 and go through the week. Runs will be to various locations including Hassayampa River Run, Bad Day at Black Rock, John Wayne night run, Tombstone evening run, The Good the Bad and the Ugly run, Heifer trail (the women lead this one), Pale Rider Run, Bunk House Roll Poker Run and Gambler Night Run.

Friday morning will be vehicle and kids games, followed by awards and dancing.

Ending on Saturday with a couple of runs and an old west BBQ followed by a raffle.

So plan on attending all of the fun. See registration form this issue.

**26th ANNUAL WALAPAI GHOST TOWN
 JAMBOREE**



Walapai Four Wheelers are holding their 26th annual Ghost Town Jamboree April 7 through the 9.

There will be runs on Friday with hot dogs and burgers back at camp. The rally begins on Saturday with a dinner, raffle, awards and campfire following. The weekend ends with 4x4 games and trophies on Sunday.

Registration begins on Friday, see this issue for registration form.

WHAT'S A RALLY?

It's like a sport's car rally, only in the dirt. Participants are expected to arrive at check points at predetermined times. Penalty points will be given for arriving too early or too late, and the vehicle accumulating the least number of points is the winner. Official times are calculated for a semi-leisurely pace. This is NOT a speed contest.

It is recommended that a co-driver act as navigator, and some handy but not essential items to have along might be a stop watch(es), a calculator(s), paper (steno pads work great), pencils, a compass, a trash bag, and a rabbit's foot or two.

The course is rated a 2½ and can be done by stock 4x4 vehicles. It will take all day, so bring along lunches and drinks. Absolutely NO ALCOHOL. Violators will be disqualified and burned at the stake.

around cattle ponds.

Along on this trip was a reporter for the Arizona Daily Star. So he did a full page color pictorial on our clean up efforts in early January. Then in late December the same reporter accompanied the TRR into Charouveau Gap a the truck removal. The group hauled a full size Bronco (sorry Marty!) out of the Gap.

It took three winches to pull the Bronco up the hill from its resting place.

The only way to get it totally out of the Gap, was to disassemble it, with tools and cutting torches (sorry Marty). The upper engine and other parts had already been hauled away by someone else.



The Bronco was quartered and then taken out in several trailers. The money received from the metal was put into the Land Use Fund.

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JEEP TRACKS



There seems to be a lot of things happening in our state right now. The issues are very important and affect all of us.

The BLM planning processes are going on in all corners of Arizona. The major ones being the Agua Fria and the San Pedro Riparian/Phoenix Resource Management plan (Florence Junction area), see article this issue.

It is very important that we voice our opinions at these planning meetings. If we do not attend and give input then we are in danger of losing trails that we use all of the time.

Another couple of issues are the Copper Sticker Fund and the Arizona State Land Reform Bill. Both of these issues are explained in this issue.

We must stay informed and inform others while participating on the important issues that face our state right now.

The ASA4WDC is getting more recognition with the agencies as a good clearing house for information. So lets support our organization.

Rheal Tetreault
ASA4WDC President

Outgoing Board Members

This will be easy this year. There weren't any outgoing board members. The board members decided that they like what they were doing so well they were going to do it again for another two years.

Thanks for all of your hard work, this to the existing and returning board members.

Incoming Board Members

To those board members that decided to stick it out another term, thank you for staying committed to the ASA4WDC.

ASA4WDC DELEGATE MEETING

February 11, 2006
Mohave Community College, Kingman, AZ

Host Club: Walapai 4 Wheelers, Kingman, AZ.

Dues and Club Rosters:

Club Dues are to be sent to Ray Jenkins, ASA4WDC Treasurer. Club rosters are to be sent to Jim Florence, Membership.

Wheel Dust Newsletter:

Becky Antle, Editor

March Wheeldust articles are to be sent to Becky Antle, Editor, no later than March 11, 2006. This is necessary for articles to be included in time for printing in the newsletter.

Wheel Dust ads are: Business cards - \$50, ¼ page - \$75, ½ page - \$150 and Whole page ads are \$250.

Wheeldust mailing options:

- 1) Bundle mailing to President of each club for distribution to club members.
- 2) Members to download newsletter from the ASA4WDC website.

Mailing costs are approximately \$1000.00 per year for the quarterly newsletter. This cost needs to be reduced considerably due to budget constraints.

The majority of delegates indicated that the preferred method of receiving the newsletter would be electronically downloaded from the ASA4WDC website.

Membership:

Jim Florence

Copies of club rosters are to be sent to Jim Florence at www.membersasa4wdc.cox.net. Rosters are preferred in Excel format, if possible.

Historian:

Don Hicks

Continuing to solicit photographs, newsletters, articles etc. from the various clubs. Working on a "historical display" board to be set up at Quarterly Delegate meetings.

4 Wheel Safety and Awareness:

Tray Romine

Tray would like 2 names from each club of members interested in becoming Chief Instructors or Field Instructors. To be a Chief Instructors requires a certification in CPR and First Aid; to be a Field Instructor requires only certification in First Aid. Both levels of Instructor require the hands on training classes. United Safety and Awareness, Chris Tefke, is making some significant changes in the format and course of instruction for Instructors, a new course book is in printing and should be ready for purchase soon.

If a person wants to attend the class but does not have certification in first aid or CPR, then that person could function as an Instructor Assistant.

The cost for taking the course is \$35 per student with \$15 of that going to United for course materials. The remaining \$20 will be used by ASA4WDC to obtain certification instructors, classrooms and etc.

Tray Romine would like the names of interested persons by the end of March 2006. He needs to know that these students are sincere and will be attending the class so that he may order the correct number of course materials.

Sandee stated that some funds maybe available through the Copper Sticker program for the Safety and Awareness training class materials. She agreed to check it out and let Tray Romine know.

Motion made for ASA4WDC to fund safety instructor awareness manuals for future classes. Motion made and passed.

United Delegates:

Jack McCullen and Don Hicks

Nothing to report until after the annual meeting and convention being held in July 2006 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Adopt-A-Trail:

Ted Gersztyn

Forest Route 42 is **CLOSED**.

A question was raised as to the closing of Paiutes Trail in 2009. Sandee McCullen indicated that the trail was NOT going to be closed. This so called closure was taken from the AZVJC website.

Question is who is posting this type information without positive knowledge.

Environmental Affairs:

Sandee McCullen

Copper Sticker Program

The Az Game & Fish, Bureau of Land Management, The ATV Association, American Sand Association and the US Forest Service are endorsing this program. HB 1508 is the Legislative Bill that implements this program. The Off Highway Vehicle Coalition has approved HB 1508. Any monies raised by this program will be administered by the OHVC Advisory Group. The OHV community will get 50% of the monies for grants and AZ Game & Fish will get only 7% of the monies instead of the original 100% espoused in HB 2622, which was killed before it ever got off the floor. Rep. Flake of the AZ Legislature has endorsed the legislation, virtually assuring its passage.

The Copper Sticker is only good for use on vehicles that are used to travel on the soon to be designated road system. If you want to hike or bike, you will still need the Az State Lands Permit if you are traveling across or are on State Lands.

It is imperative that we get behind this legislation because the Agencies do have the funds to designated and maintain the roads we like to travel. Without this

designation and maintenance, the roads will soon be closed to our usage. The Heritage Fund was to have supported the roads we use, but the State of AZ has raided this fund to the extent there are no monies left for road signage and maintenance.

AZ OHV

The Arizona Off Highway Vehicle Coalition has asked to have nominations for representatives for the off highway vehicle representative,

Check out their website at azohvc.com.

Legislative Affairs:

Becky Antle

HBR 2045 would change the AZ State Land Departments mission statement. This bill would allow the setting aside of thousands of acres of State Lands as "Conservation Set Asides", meaning the land would be removed from the tax rolls and could not be sold for school support, as originally intended. Currently, the Bill would set aside 523,000 acres in and around major cities as conservation set-asides.

Article 10 of the Bill would do away with any public inputs or for the public to even be notified, it provides for NO public comment and doesn't even require the publics approval.

Two (2) prime sponsors of this Bill are Rep. Flake and Rep. Lester Pierce of the Az House.

Internet and ASA4WDC Website:

Jim Gibson

The ASA4WDC website has been set up to allow individuals to join the ASA as Independents and use "PAY PAL" as a means of joining using a credit card.

The Wheel Dust newsletter is published on the website shortly after the Quarterly Delegates meetings.

Region Reports:

Region I: Sandee McCullen. No report

Region II: Phil Strittmatter. Walapai Ghost Town Jamboree is coming up shortly. Secret Pass hassle is still going on with the BLM. The Az Strip Field Office of the BLM is meeting with OHV'ers on the 27th of February. The Taylor family is working to make the Taylor Mountain area more suitable for OHV use. Taylor Mountain is north of Kingman toward Lake Mead.

Region III: Steve Morehouse. No Report

Region IV: Rheal Tetreault. Charouleau Gap is still ongoing issue with homeowners, developers and the Forest Service. At the Oracle end, the area is being graded and an estimated 3,000 homes are going to be built shortly.

Non Profit Efforts:

ASA4WDC – Rheal Tetreault is working to get the IRS non-profit status reinstated.

Az Land Action Fund – Don Hicks has gotten the paperwork in place to present to the Az Corporation Commission for a Non Profit designation for the Land Action Fund. Non Profit means that businesses can donate to the Land Action Fund and be able to take it off their taxes. Next big hurdle is the IRS designation as Non Profit.

New Business:

The 2006 Convention will be held May 13th in Tucson at the Voyager Resort and RV Park on south Kolb Road. Chari Ainsworth is the convention chair this year. She is soliciting nominations for the 2005 4 Wheeler of the Year and can be contacted at brokenaxle2@netscape.net.

August Quarterly will be at the Lamplight RV Park in Star Valley. Date will be August 12th.

November Quarterly - Location is to be determined. The 2006 ASA Budget was approved by voice vote by the delegates present.

ASA4WDC AROUND THE STATE

Respectfully,
Elaine Hicks & Don Hicks, ASA4WDC Delegates

ASA4WDC CALENDAR

March

16-19 Havasu Sidewinders Desert Run, May 16-19.

19-25 Phoenix 4 Wheelers Annual Roundup, Phoenix

April

7-9 Walapai Ghost Town Jamboree, Kingman

22 Tucson Rough Riders 30th Anniversary

30 - Jamboree will be rescheduled to this weekend and will be in the Florence area. We need help with the event, check with your delegates for more information.

May

13 - ASA4WDC Quarterly Meeting and Convention, Tucson

July

28-29 Men's Luxury Toy Expo, Phoenix

SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Safety Awareness Program is being revamped and has been taken over by Tray Romine. United is rewriting the manuals and updating them and we should have them soon.

I am updating my records and would like each club to send me those members who are interested in becoming field or chief instructors. Also, those who have already taken the course and would like to continue as instructors need to be recertified. Please contact me with at least two members from each club who are interested, by the end of March.

By having two members from each club as a field or chief instructor it could have an effect on our insurance cost. We might be able to reduce the cost of our insurance because of our activity in the Safety Awareness Programs. I can be reached at 480 361-7099.

ASA4WDC MAY QUARTERLY/ CONVENTION MEETING

The May Quarterly Delegates meeting and convention will be held at the Voyager RV Resort just south of Tucson, on Saturday May 13. The address is 8701 S. Kolb Road, exit is south off of I-10. You can reserve a room, small park trailer or bring your RV, for reservations call 520 574-5000. Typically for RV's their early year rates are stay one night and get one night free.

The Quarterly/Delegates meeting will be held in the afternoon with the Convention later in the evening.

As always we will have guest speakers and awards at the Convention. A catered dinner, happy hour and door prizes are also a part of convention.

The 2005 ASA4WDC Four Wheeler of the year will also be presented at the Convention. Get your nominations into Chari Ainsworth. This an award that is decided on nominations from the ASA4WDC membership on what accomplishments the nominee made during the past year.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Convention. You are also welcome at the Quarterly/Delegates meeting.

There is room in the Convention Hall for displays. So if your club has a standup or self supporting display or banners, please bring it. These need to be free standing as there isn't any place to hang them.

We will arrange a run on Sunday for those who might be interested. If you have any questions contact: Chari Ainsworth or Don Hicks for more information.

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.

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.

Date	Time	Purpose
10 Mar 06	0600-2400	Artillery Live Fire
11 Mar 06	0600-1800	Artillery Live Fire
12 Mar 06	0600-1800	Artillery Live Fire
02 Apr 06	0600-1800	.50 Cal Live Fire
08 Apr 06	0600-1800	.50 Cal Live Fire
09 Apr 06	0600-1800	.50 Cal Live Fire
06 May 06	0600-1800	.50 Cal Live Fire
07 May 06	0600-1800	.50 Cal Live Fire
16 Sept 06	0600-1800	.50 Cal Live Fire
17 Sept 06	0600-1800	.50 Cal Live Fire

JAMBOREE 2006



This years Jamboree will be a little different than in past years. The ASA4WDC Delegation has decided to provide an Expo type of event instead of the trail rides that we have offered in the past.

The location for this event will be in the Phoenix Metropolitan area, location has not yet been established. The idea is to provide a couple of RTI ramps for the general public to use to test their own vehicles and at the same time hopefully bring in new members.

This will not be a membership drive just for the ASA4WDC, the idea would be to orient it toward all of our individual clubs throughout the state. With each club having a booth or table to explain where they are located and what they do.

This event will be a good way of informing the general public that organized four wheeling exists and everyone is welcome.

The ASA4WDC is looking to have several clubs running the ramps together. This will be our fund raiser for the year. If this one works out fairly well then we hope to do the same thing in each region of the state. There will be a couple of clubs assigned to each of the ramps that we have, so the work time will be shorter.

Other events planned at the Jamboree Expo will be agency booths, possibly United, NOHVCC, Blue Ribbon, ORBA and others. We also will try to have sponsors, such as Four Wheeler Supply and others.

The food will be a concession type, so that no one has to run a food booth or worry about a caterer.

A possible large raffle may also be part of the event. The ideas so far are a set of tires or a winch.

There will be kids games so the adults can have a couple of minutes to enjoy themselves.

This is an important event, so please put it on your calendar, March 30.

If you have any suggestions, comments or other ideas please let your delegate or an ASA4WDC board member know.

ASA4WDC MEMBERSHIP

The ASA4WDC club dues are due at the February meeting. If you have missed this deadline please send your dues check to Ray Jenkins along with a roster. Your club rosters can be sent electronically to our membership chair Jim Florence.

Without our members we can't continue to keep information ongoing and keep our trails open.

CLUB HEADLIGHT



Verde Valley Four Wheelers is my club of this issue.

They were formed in 1986 and are located around the Sedona area.

Our club has 11 monthly meetings throughout the year on the first Tuesday of each month.

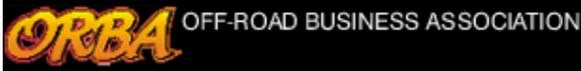
This club does 11 local trail rides and 6 - 7 weekday rides during the year. Other events are 4 - 5 overnight trips to various places, in and around Arizona and also to such places as Moab and Colorado. And in December we have a Christmas party.

The Verde Valley Four Wheelers have an "Adopt A Road" in the Sedona area, Casner Mountain Trail. This is a partnership with the Forest Service.

This current year we have removed wrecked cars from trails on 5-6 different days. The Forest Service accompanies us on these occasions.

You can find out more about our club at our website, which has been up and running for a full year: verdevalley4wheelers.com

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

ASA4WDC AROUND THE STATE



PHOENIX FOUR WHEELERS ROUNDUP REGISTRATION FORM MARCH 19 to 25, 2006

FULL ROUND UP:	Includes trips, games, BBQ dinner for 2 adults/2 children, activities & camping for the week	(90.00*)	100.00	_____
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY:	Includes trip, games, BBQ dinner for 2 adults/2 children & camping	(45.00*)	50.00	_____
CAMPING ONLY:	Per day		7.00	_____
SATURDAY BBQ DINNER:	Adults	# _____ x	11.00	_____
	Children (12 years and under)	# _____ x	6.00	_____

***Early Bird Prices in effect until March 3, 2006**

Required Safety Equipment: Hardtop or roll bar. Fastened seatbelts for all passengers and a working CB. Licensed drivers only behind the wheel in camp and on trails. Do not bring motorcycles, scooters, or ATV's. No open headers. We reserve the right to refuse registration to any vehicle deemed unsafe for our trails.

Name _____ Vehicle Type _____ Club Affiliation (if any) _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Make checks payable to P4W and mail by March 3rd, 2006 for early bird discounts to: P4W Roundup, 30249 W. Lynwood St., Buckeye, AZ 85396

WAIVER – PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UNTIL CHECKING IN AT REGISTRATION

All persons, of lawful age, are required to sign this waiver, prior to participating in events. The undersigned, being of lawful age, agree to hold harmless, The Phoenix Four Wheelers, Inc., its agents, administrators, and all persons, firms, corporations, associations or partnerships from any and all claims, actions, causes, demands, rights, damages, costs, loss of service, expenses and compensation, whatsoever, growing out of any and all known or unknown, seen or unforeseen bodily and personal injuries and property damage and the consequences thereof resulting or the result from the undersigned person(s), their guests and their minor children during participation in the 2006 P4W Roundup.

SIGNED _____ **Date** _____

SIGNED _____ **Date** _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Kid's T Shirt Size(s) _____ # _____ X \$ 18.00 ea. _____
 Pocket T Shirt Size(s) _____ # _____ X \$ 15.00 ea. _____
 Long Sleeved T Shirt Size(s) _____ # _____ X \$ 15.00 ea. _____
 T Shirt Size(s) _____ # _____ X \$ 13.00 ea. _____
 Sweat Shirt Size(s) _____ # _____ X \$ 18.00 ea. _____

(Above shirts come in Medium and Large)

Please include this order form when mailing in your registration. You only need to send one check for both registration and shirts. Any questions please call Jamie Borders (602) 518-2725

(Above shirts come in sizes Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL and XXXL)

The Wild, Wild West

Schedule of Trip Activities

Schedule of Trips Activities

SUNDAY (MARCH 19)

Morning – The High Noon run leaves mid morning.
 Evening – The Sundowner Run leaves before sunset.

MONDAY (MARCH 20)

Morning – The Hassayampa River Run is a full day of family 4 wheeling to the river and back or stay closer to camp on our Bad Day at Black Rock Run.
 Evening – The John Wayne is a rough and rugged

night run.

TUESDAY (MARCH 21)

Morning - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Run – need we say more.
 Evening – Check out more hills and trails on our Tombstone Run.

WEDNESDAY (MARCH 22)

Morning - Heifer Trail - The wo

men of our club lead this one for experienced and inexperienced drivers.
 Evening - Pale Rider Run

THURSDAY (MARCH 23)

Morning – We put a twist on an old west poker game.
 Join us for 4 wheeling fun and test your luck on our Bunk House Roll Poker Run.
 Evening –Join us at registration for a drive in movie on our version of a big screen; play a few hands at our poker game or The Gambler night run.

FRIDAY (MARCH 24)

Morning - Vehicle and Kids Games - Come participate in our Old West themed games. This is a whole day of competitive events for kids of all ages. Vehicles must be registered to participate. There are viewing areas for spectators.

Evening – Games Awards and Dance featuring the Novella Bentley band
www.novellabentley.com

SATURDAY (MARCH 25)

Morning - Today is your choice: The ROUGH TRAIL (Safety measures strongly enforced. Not recommended for long wheel base vehicles) or the FAMILY TRAIL. Both are worth the trip.

Join us this evening for an Old West Style BBQ catered by Kid Chilleen's Steakhouse in Black Canyon City followed by a raffle.



AROUND THE STATE

26TH ANNUAL WALAPAI GHOST TOWN JAMBOREE



REGISTRATION AND WAIVER—APRIL 7, 8, 9, 2006
Please complete both sides and return with check—see below.

DEADLINE MARCH 15TH. Late registrations welcome. No refunds for cancellations and no guarantee for shirts or dinners if received after the above deadline. Any questions? Phone Steve at: 928-692-4760, or, E-mail questions to: walapai4wheelers@yahoo.com



THE TRAIL RUNS

Most trail runs are rated easy to moderate (2—3½) that can be driven by novice drivers in stock vehicles or those that are modified with a lift and larger tires. There are some trails that will challenge your driving skill and equipment from a little, to a lot (3½—5). For the really technical (4+—5) trails you can expect probable mechanical and/or vehicle body damage. 5 rated runs should only be attempted by very experienced drivers with highly modified rigs. The guys doing the tech inspection can help you with your choice. If in doubt, ask them.

DIRECTIONS

Kingman is in northwestern Arizona. The Jamboree location is eleven miles south of Kingman at an elevation of 2250 feet. From Kingman, take I-40 West toward Needles, Ca. to Exit 37. From Lake Havasu City or Needles, take I-40 East toward Kingman to (Griffith Road) Exit 37 over the freeway to the west side Frontage Road. Drive south approximately 2.2 miles. Immediately after crossing Black Rock Wash, turn right (west) at the W4W “wheel” and proceed to Jamboree Registration. The Frontage Road and the road into the Jamboree site are both graded dirt and motor home friendly. There will be flags and signs indicating where to turn. Be cautious—the Frontage Road does have other traffic. We want you to arrive and return home safely! If in doubt, ask.

There are numerous motels/hotels, restaurants and gas stations in Kingman. Nearest gas & diesel is eight miles north at Crazy Fred’s Truck Stop with diner and small convenience store—take I-40 north to Exit 44 then 1 mile north on the east Frontage Rd. See larger map above—top right.

TECH INSPECTION

This is for YOUR safety, our peace of mind, and to keep our insurance guy happy. ALL registered vehicles MUST meet the following minimum criteria.

1. MECHANICAL: Working parking brake, windshield wipers, head & tail lights, turn signals. Solid battery hold down (no ropes, bungee cords or racing tape). Spare tire.
2. SAFETY: Roll bar or hard top. Seat belts for every occupant. Fire extinguisher. First aid kit.

IF THE CRITERIA IS NOT MET FOR #'s 1 & 2 ABOVE, YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE RALLY NOR ON THE TRAIL RUNS.

OTHER HIGHLY RECOMMENDED STUFF: Recovery equipment—winch, tow strap, etc. Car jack or high-lift jack and lug wrench. Tools. C.B. Radio. Flashlight. Extra water for you and your vehicle. Food, snacks, jackets.

PROTOCOL

Camping and all non-trail activities will be held on AZ. State Land. Please respect your fellow campers by keeping vehicle speeds down to 5 m.p.h. or less. Before heading home, leave the area around your campsite as clean and litter-free as you found it. Trash containers will be provided and Porta-potties will be in the camp area for your use. Please do NOT leave toilet paper, bottles, cans, or other trash on trails—carry it out and dispose of it properly.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

VEHICLE YEAR: _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____

VEHICLE COLOR: _____ LICENSE #: _____

NON-ARIZONA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB MEMBERS: Due to insurance considerations, we require temporary membership in the ASA4WDC—**AT NO COST TO YOU.** This will provide you with a 3 month Arizona State Land Use Permit and will enable you to participate in upcoming ASA4WDC sanctioned events for the period of April 7—July 7, 2006. If you do not wish a temporary membership, we sincerely regret that non-members may not participate in this event. **NO, I AM NOT AN ASA4WDC MEMBER (PLEASE CHECK)**

IMPORTANT: See Trail Rating System and check your preference. 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE IS \$50.00 PER VEHICLE: ----- TOTAL \$ _____

ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS \$55.00 PER VEHICLE

\$5.00 OF ALL PRE-REGISTRATIONS WILL GO INTO A 50/50 DRAWING. HALF OF THE PROCEEDS ARE FOR THE ASA4WDC ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS FUND, THE OTHER HALF GOES TO ONE LUCKY WINNER. THE CASH POT WILL BE GIVEN AWAY AT THE RAFFLE SATURDAY NIGHT—BUT, YA' GOTTA' BE THERE!

FRIDAY NIGHT, HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS WILL BE SERVED FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. *Donations appreciated.*

SATURDAY DINNER—PLEASE CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

COST: 5 YEARS & UNDER NO CHARGE—CHILDREN 6—12 \$8.50 ADULTS \$13.50

ADULT DINNERS: HOW MANY CHICKEN _____ HOW MANY BRISKET _____ TOTAL: \$ _____

CHILD DINNERS: HOW MANY CHICKEN _____ HOW MANY BRISKET _____ TOTAL: \$ _____

Includes beans, salads, rolls, dessert and beverage

DINNER TOTAL: \$ _____

T-SHIRTS—color is ash, adult sizes only—\$ 15.00
Please indicate size and number of shirts

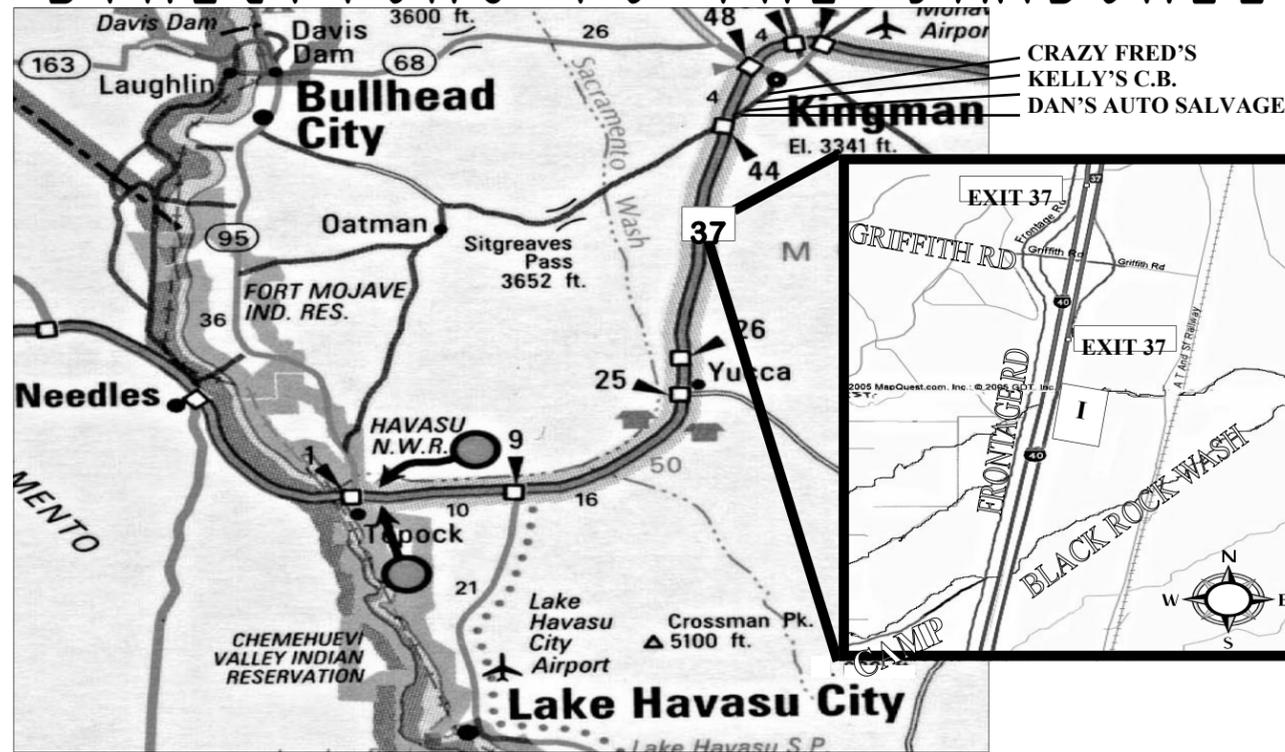
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SHIRT TOTAL: \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
WALAPAI 4 WHEELERS, INC.
P.O. BOX 4004
KINGMAN, AZ 86402

TOTAL REMITTANCE: \$ _____

DIRECTIONS TO THE JAMBOREE



LOCAL STATE ISSUES

NEW CLUB LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Gecko 4-Wheel Drive Club is looking for 4x4 enthusiasts to form a new 4-wheel drive club in the Chandler, Gilbert, Queen Creek area of Arizona. With the increasing access closures we need to join together to ensure that public lands are open to all who wish to safely and responsibly enjoy open spaces. Organized clubs are taking a front stand to fight any and all who oppose keeping "Public Lands for Public Use". We are looking for members who would be interested in all levels of off-highway activity from casual family fun runs to hard core rock climbing expeditions - from short day trips to extended backcountry camping adventures. Individuals, couples, families, young and old are invited to join us - the only requirement is that you have a 4-wheel drive vehicle and you love to get it off-highway - responsibly! We are based in the Southeast Valley area, but welcome folks from far and wide.

This new club intends to become a member of the Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs (www.ASA4WDC.org <http://www.ASA4WDC.org>) which automatically gives us club membership in United 4 Wheel Drive Associations (www.UFWDA.org). Both of these organizations support and promote the work of Blue Ribbon Coalition (www.sharetrails.org), Tread Lightly (www.treadlightly.org) and numerous other access positive organizations.

4-Wheeling can be an exciting activity - it can also help to build community within our ever growing and busy metro areas. When well-meaning people gather to promote safe and responsible use of land and other natural resources, we ensure that future generations will have the opportunity to enjoy 4-wheeling, hiking, bike riding or any other outdoor activity.

Join us in this fun and important opportunity! Go to www.members.cox.net/gecko4wheelerdrive for more information or email gecko4wheeldrive@cox.net. See you on the trail!

Scott Thompson

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.

ASA4WDC HAS GONE ELECTRONIC



The ASA4WDC has gone into the electronic age! The ASA4WDC has started an individual membership

application with PayPal, and electronic pay system off of the internet.

New individual members will be allowed to pay via the internet. Hopefully, this will make it easier for others to join the ASA4WDC from around the state and give more people access to important recreation issues.

You can join ASA4WDC without even leaving your computer. Log onto ASA4WDC.org, "About Us" and "Join us" for \$30 a year.

Unfortunately, it is only for individual members.

ARIZONA STATE LAND REFORM BILL

The Arizona State Department Land has tried many times in the past to change the way they manage and sell their land.

Arizona State Land was created to generate money for the school system. These lands are now under attack by the environmental conservation groups.

This new bill will take state lands and set them aside as conservation lands with no compensation.

Part of the language reads:

"The legislature may prescribe a process by law for designating for conservation purposes up to two hundred twenty five thousand acres (250,000) of land that is not located in an Urban area. These lands may be conveyed without advertisement, auction or consideration to the county in which they are located."

"In an urban area, lands that, pursuant to law, were classified before January 1, 2005 and that were subject to permanent restrictions as suitable for conservation purposes may be conveyed as conservation lands without advertisement or auction to the city, town or country in which they are located, but only if compensation is provided the respective permanent fund in a manner prescribed by law."

You can read the full text here: www.azleg.state.az.us/legtext/47leg/2r/bills/hcr2045.pdf or on the ASA4WDC website.

The bill was introduced by:
Representative - Nelson, Brown, Groe, Jones, Pearce, Pierce, Quelland, Tully, Allen J, Burns J, Gorman, Konopnicki, McComish, Murphy, Nichols, Paton, Weiers JP
Senators - Bee, Bennett, Blendu, Flake, Verschoor

This is not a good idea. Please write to our state legislators and let them know that you don't want this type of land

closures.

This could and will effect the land you use today.

DUST ORDINANCE

If Copper Sticker, route inventories and State Land Reform aren't enough they have found something else. Dust!

Maricopa county is implementing a dust ordinance, but that doesn't mean it won't be coming to your county next.

Maricopa County has failed the PM 10 Dust levels the EPA set for the county and has adopted new standards (rule 310) for dust emissions and dust levels. This is not just a Maricopa county issue all our counties will have dust issues.

These standards apply to where you ride. Every time the county gets a call that someone saw dust, they have to check it out. If the inspector feels the area is out of compliance, the land agency in charge receives a letter of violation. They do not have to catch you making dust they just have to see it.

This should concern all of us, because the more agencies that get letters the sooner the fines will start and the next step could be to close that area to motorized recreation.

Have you seen some of our favorite riding areas on State Trust land closed? If you have you might soon see the signs. State trust land is closest to cities and towns that we ride near.

This isn't fair but politics rarely are. Everyone makes dust granted, horses, mountain bikes and even hikers. But, they are not scrutinized as the motorized community is.

In a lot of ways this mainly applies to motorcycles and ATV's because most of those groups are not organized. So help out and inform others of what is going on in our state.

According to information on the Pima Country Department of Environmental Quality, PM 10 stands for Particulate Matter up to 10 micrometers in size. These are considered coarse Particles and can come from smoke, dust and dirt form factories, farming and roads.

PM10 particles stay in the air for minutes or hours but PM2.5 can stay in the air for days or weeks. PM10 particles can travel as little as a hundred yards or as much as 30 miles.

Some places back east have to abide by PM2.5, so I guess we need to keep the dust down.

More information can be found at:

Air Info Now: http://www.airinfonow.org/html/ed_particulate.html

National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory: http://www.naei.org.uk/pollutantdetail.php?poll_id=24&issue_id=1;

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality: <http://www.azdeq.gov/enviro/air/monitoring/sipmod.html>

ARIZONA STATE LAND PERMIT INFORMATION

The following information was received from the Arizona State Land Department:

The ASLD Permits have changed, this information isn't up on their website yet but will be. They are adopting a system similar to that of the BLM.

The \$50 annual group permit will be for casual touring by less than 50 members of the club. Over 50 participants, will require a \$50 activity fee for that specific activity or event.

Competitive events will be a minimum of \$100, or more depending on how many participants are expected. Commercial events will be a minimum of \$1,800. These rates are not yet shown on their website.

NATIONAL ISSUES

BLM FLORENCE AREA PLANNING PROCESS



The BLM has started the planning process for the Florence Junction area, otherwise known as the Phoenix Resource Management Plan.

The BLM will be accepting comments until April 15th, 2005. This is an important area and an important process. We all need to give our input, whether you live in the Phoenix area or in Nogales. We all use this area once in a while.

There are three alternatives at present. These alternatives were a collaborative process with several agencies and the stakeholders. The process for the maps was a two year working group. The actually Middle Gila Conservation Partnership was a much longer process spanning several years.

The process that the maps were made from is called the "Evaluation Tree." For those of us who spent many Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in a conference room in the Phoenix area found the process very interesting. It is an all encompassing study of the areas roads.

The evaluation tree covers everything from the amount of usage and what type to the types of species and historical information. It felt as if no stone was left unturned.

The final planning maps are a good product of all of our hard work.

There will be closures in the Florence area, you can be sure of that. What will be closed is still in question. The agencies will make the final decision.

After conversations with the BLM planning members, they have said that they would like the stakeholders to be involved in the final designations.

So please make your comments about the planning process. More information can be found at:

Other planning processes that are going on are: Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan, comments - Arizona_Strip@blm.gov

Agua Fria National Monument Plan, send comments to - BLM_ePlanning@blm.gov

Sonoran Desert National Monument Plan - for more information call 1-866-627-7850.

Soon to start the planning process is the Ironwood National Monument.

We all need to stay involved and give our input. Remember this is your land and you want to keep it that way!

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 "Top 10" In Land Use and Access Take this Nationwide Survey

By Del Albright, BlueRibbon Ambassador

We have an opportunity to help our friends in industry, business and the media to keep our trails, lands and riding areas open. However, they always ask the same question, and that is: "Just what are the big issues and where are the trouble spots that we should be helping with?"

I'd like to be able to give them a unified answer – from all of us. I ask you to help me tell them just that: where do we really need help in land use and access?

And I request that you don't just read this article, but that if you have an answer or a suggestion or an idea, that you crank out an email and tell me. Or send a letter. Heck, you can tie a string to a pigeon and send it flying. But let's put our heads together and come up with a national breakdown of our problem spots, trouble areas, targets for closures, and things we need financial help with.

Here's the deal. No matter where I go in my role as a BlueRibbon Ambassador, I run into folks with problems in their particular area that are hard to deal with and seem like uphill battles. Usually there is some form of government involved. And usually there are a bunch of volunteers who have real lives and jobs trying to make sense of government, regulations, anti-access closure groups, endangered species, and etc. And almost always there is not enough money to adequately address the issues. We have yet to find a simple solution to this dilemma.

All of our organizations, groups, and clubs are trying to help with these problems, and many are focused on certain areas. We are all trying. But one of the hurting bottom lines of this is that we do not have enough money or full time people to make a huge difference.

If someone were to ask you, in your area, where to throw money to help keep a trail or riding area open, where would that be, and why? And if they were to ask you to list the biggest problems we face as a community of four-wheelers, what would those be (in order)? I'll give you a couple examples.

For me, Trail Boss of the Friends of the Rubicon, I would have to put the Rubicon Trail on top of my personal list of areas that need more attention, money and resources in order to keep this icon alive and well. As far as biggest problems, I would have to say that our image as recreationists is still our biggest battle. So there are two examples; image; and the Rubicon Trail. Can you come up with more? Will you?

My own vision from this effort would be that we find a way to capitalize on this information, update it annually or so, and use it for all our friends and benefactors that might want to help us now and in the future. Heck it might even help our national and regional organizations find more unity and common ground in their efforts also. I'll publish the list or lists on my web site and in magazines/newsletters, as well as on many web sites around the country, including the BlueRibbon Coalition.

Here's how to get in on this opportunity: Fill out the form I have developed on my web site here: http://www.delalbright.com/Froms/from_top_10.html

Or write to me here:
Del Albright, BlueRibbon Ambassador
BlueRibbon Coalition, 4555 Burley Drive, Ste. A
Pocatello, ID 83202

I know this is a bit of an unusual column for me to write. But I think this could really help us in the future. So please take a moment and get your two cents in the mix. Thanks, Del

The BlueRibbon Coalition is a national recreation group that champions responsible use of public and private lands, and encourages individual environmental stewardship. It represents over 11,000 individual members and 1,100 organization and business members, for a combined total of over 600,000 recreationists nationwide. 1-800-258-3742. www.sharetrails.org

Rim forests begins fire restrictions



PHOENIX (February 21, 2006) – Drought conditions and increased fire danger have resulted in the implementation of fire restrictions for the Apache-Sitgreaves, Coconino and Tonto national forests beginning February 23 at 8 a.m.

Centered on the Mogollon Rim, the restrictions place limitations on campfires, charcoal fires and smoking.

The Tonto National Forest also restricts chainsaw use, welding, operating machinery without spark arresters and discharge of firearms, except while engaged in legal hunting activities.

Use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, and heating devices are allowed within the areas where restrictions apply, and some developed campgrounds are also exempted from these restrictions.

On the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, fire restrictions cover the area between the Rim Road (Forest Road 300) and the edge of the Mogollon Rim and an area immediately south of Highway 260 bordered by the Young Road (Forest Road 512) on the east and the Mogollon Rim on the south and west.

On the Coconino National Forest, restrictions are in place along the Mogollon Rim, east of Highway 87, between the Rim and the Rim Road (Forest Road 300). Fire restrictions on the Tonto National Forest cover all land north of the Control Road (Forest Road 64) between the Irving Power Plant and the Young Road. The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest has also implemented a forest closure on Promontory Butte adjacent to the Rim Road. This area is closed to public entry due to high fire danger and the lack of a safe route of travel in the event of a wildfire.

For further information regarding recreation sites and fire restrictions, including maps and additional camping information, please contact the appropriate forest:

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, (928) 333-4301, www.fs.fed.us/r3/ansf

Coconino National Forest, (928) 527-3600, www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino

Tonto National Forest, (602) 225-5200, www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto

For general information on fire activity and restrictions in Arizona visit the Southwest Region website at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc> or call toll-free 877-864-6985.

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Useful Websites:

Southwest Coordination Center: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc>

National Interagency Fire Center: www.nifc.gov

National Fire Plan: www.fireplan.gov

FireWise: www.firewise.org

National Incident Information Center: www.fs.fed.us/news/fire

ENDANGERED SPECIES REFORM MOVING

Take 60 Seconds And Tell Congress You Want Action!

Question: What is the single most dangerous common threat to agriculture, coal, oil & gas, mining, timber, utilities, manufacturing, transportation, construction, property owners, outdoor recreation and species conservation in America today?

Answer: The Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Solution: *Repeal, modernize, reform, fix and/or repair this law right now!*

The current ESA kills jobs, increases our reliance on foreign energy, discourages innovative conservation, and even makes training our men and women in uniform harder and more costly.

The good news is that ESA reform legislation is now moving in the Congress. A strong bill passed the U.S. House last Fall. Legislation in the Senate is about to be introduced and voted upon.

But nothing will happen unless Congress hears from millions of Americans -- like you -- right now.

It only takes 60 seconds. Here's how.

If you want to get involved in the national ESA reform campaign in your neighborhood, go here and sign up for whatever activities you like: http://www.partnershipforamerica.org/esa/grassroots_team.asp

IT AIN'T NO SECRET!

By Phil "Rockcrawler" Strittmatter

Way back in the 1860's it was, but not today. In spite of the fact that it's listed with descriptions and directions in several 4x4 trail guide books, and plainly shown on maps, there are some people who believe it's still a secret. They are deluded by the connotation of the name and don't want us to tell anyone where it is. The "they," of course, are a few employees of Arizona State Land Department.

We could assail you with a lengthy diatribe about the history of our clubs involvement in the fight to keep our access but most of you al-ready know it. The latest is; even though we've made every effort to comply with ASLD's stipulations -the kiosk, the boulders, the cleanups, the Site Steward program-they are now back-pedaling and renegeing on their agreement. They are claiming, among other things, that the State Commission officially closed the pass to motorized use in 1993, that they didn't find it in their files until just recently, and that we knew about it all along. The truth is, we did not know of the commission decision having never received any communication to that effect. As of today, it's still all up in the air and we're hun-kering down waiting for ASLDs next salvo. In the meantime, we will continue to honor our side of the agreement by monitoring and reporting on our stewardship to ASLD's site coordinator, Mary Es-tes.

On the bright, sunny but chilly morning of Febru-ary 19th, fifteen well set up vehi-cles met at the usual place on Egar Rd. Our entou-rage consisted of members from both the B4 Wand W4W clubs since we are joint partners in the project. Tim. was not a pre-planned run but thanks to



emails and Ma-Bell, the word got out.

Over the last nearly twenty years that B4W has been driving through Secret Pass, it has been expected that

changes will occur in the canyon after heavy rains and this past year was no exception. But what was surprising is that there has been significant change since our last previous

trip in January, and, with no rain. The amount of running water has reduced to a mere trickle, will soon disappear and the canyon will devolve to its normal dry state. Even in the few remaining wet places there were no signs of toads, they've gone into their hibernating mode to reappear during the next wet season.

The terrain changes over the years have made the trip sometimes harder, sometimes easier. Presently it's more on the easier side. There are four or five first timers along that uttered the usual oohs and aahs regarding the beauty of the canyon but we missed any comment from then how they felt about the difficulty. Comments couldn't have been too negative since, with few exceptions, they took most of the extra credit line.

Once out of the western mount of the canyon, on the private land, a half hour or so was spent doing a little road repair to a washed out section and then on to lunch and the end of the road near the Wilderness boundary.

Our return trip was blessed with the spotting of a heard of big horn sheep that had been down to water and were returning to high ground. This was one of the largest herds I've ever seen, 32 by count of rams, lambs, and ewes - there may have been more.

Once back at the kiosk, it was agreed by all to have been a wonderful and successful trip, no dings, no dents, no breaks - well, just one small rocker ding o the white Cherokee but overall just a lot of smiles and back slapping. Since the time of day was still fairly early, we exited via the ridge road and Pucker-Your-Pooper hill, crossed the slurry line, paused briefly at the Secret Pass



town site and ended the run at the 69KV power line. We said our bye-byes as those from Bullhead turned left and those from Kingman turned right.

ADDENDUM: In the second paragraph of this report it was said that we were "waiting for ASLD's next salvo." That was written the day after the run, and in the interim, we've heard the dreadful scream and dull thudding explosion of that salvo.

We've been sorely injured and wounded (see accompanying e-mail that had been down to water and exchange) but the fight isn't over yet. Several avenues of rebuttal have been discussed and these will be pursued hopefully to a satisfactory end.

Received from Chuck Hudson, 2/21/06: "Sorry for the long, but there has been considerable discussion lately concerning our whole permitting process. We are now adopting a fee schedule more closely aligned what BLM charges. The \$50 annual group permit will be for casual touring by less than 50 members of the club. Over 50 participants, will require a \$50 activity fee for that specific activity or event. Commercial events will be a minimum of \$1,800. These rates are not yet shown on our web page.

"We are also adhering to a strict staying on existing roads and trail policy, as indicted in our literature, as well as on almost all publications for OHV. This means no rock crawling or rock hop(p)ing will be allowed on State Trust Land. As for Secret Pass, considering that there was a Commissioner's Order issued in June, 1993, prohibiting motorized vehicles in Township 20 North, Range 20 West, Section 2, the pass is closed to motorized vehicles.

I know your club has put a lot of effort in trying to restrict travel in Secret Pass, but a recent rock crawling event near Phoenix pointed out the impacts such an activity can cause and our decision was made.

Reprinted from the March issue of the Bull Sheet, a publication of the Bullhead Four Wheelers.

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