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## JEEP TRACKS

Becky Antle, ASA4WDC President, 2014—2016

### ASA4WDC JAMBOREE SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

Plans for the Jamboree are progressing rapidly. To date, members of the board have been working with 4 Wheel Parts to make our first Jamboree in several years a big success. Arrangements have been made with Rock Springs Café and General Store to have the registration and headquarters stationed there where there is ample parking for a very large event. It's a convenient location due to its closeness to the Table Mesa trails. Camping is available Friday and Saturday nights. Plans are for an "open camping" area in addition to a "family/quiet camping" area with a curfew of 10:00 p.m.

There are no trails in or out of the camp site, nor are there any adjoining the campsite. Riding in the camp ground will be restricted to in and out traffic only. All utility/sport vehicles will need to be DOT legal to get to and from local trails. The Campsite is primitive. There will be Port-A-Jons and a trash dumpster available but no electric or water hookups. There are grocery supplies, and fuel available close in town. There will be shade awnings provided for the "gathering" fire pit area and registration but there are limited trees for shade at the campsites. If you have a portable awning, bring it along for shelter during the raffle in case it rains. We don't have enough cover for everyone. More information later. If you have questions please call: Douglas Larson @ 602-885-1861.

There will be runs Saturday ranging from easy to buggie style hard-core—something for all trail enthusiasts. Staff members and trail leaders will be on-site to assist you in choosing which runs you will find most enjoyable.

Entrance fee: Camping, dinner, \$50.00 for two, \$35.00 for one, includes one raffle ticket per registration. More information will be on the website within the next few weeks. <http://asa4wdc.org/>

*If you do not have your State Trust Land Recreation Permit we suggest you obtain one before the event: [azstateparks.com/ohv/permits.html](http://azstateparks.com/ohv/permits.html) Individual Permit 1 year \$15.00—family 1 year \$20.00.*

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**ASA4WDC DELEGATES MEETING—FEBRUARY 7, 2015—  
LAUGHLIN, NV**

Draft minutes to be ratified at the May 16, 2015 Delegates Quarterly Meeting, Wickenburg

**Called to order by President Antle at 1:40 p.m.**

**Pledge to the Flag led by Phil Strittmatter.**

**Quorum met.**

**Guests introduced:** Joyce Hammond, Reg and Karen Beck, Howard Grimm - all B4Wers.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve - motion made, seconded, no questions, motion passed to accept the November 15, 2014 minutes as printed in the Winter 2014 Wheel Dust.

**Treasurer's Report:** Discussion. Spook Rally re: temporary membership. Need addresses to keep them informed since they're temporary members for three months. Motion made, seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion passed.

**Correspondence received:**

Tonto National Forest. Revision of FS Management Plan. Input from the public is needed.

BlueRibbon Coalition. ASA4WDC is a contributing member. B\$C has a campaign going to help w/legal fund. Motion to support w/\$100. Seconded. Passed.

Wickenburg sent us a refund check for the deposit on their meeting room last November.

Jim Gibson fees for Website - \$217.50/month. His address is Colorado plus an address in Peoria. Discussion re: payment breakdown of his bills. Wayne Ash will try to contact Jim.

Land Cruiser Assoc. re: dues. Late w/payment. Discussion.

BRC Newsletter.

Mesa 4 Wheeler Club request: Red Creek FS Trail on closure list - Input wanted from the public to save the trail.

**COMMITTEES**

**Wheel Dust** – Joan thanked the following clubs for sending their newsletters: Mesa 4 Wheelers, Classic Broncos and Tucson Rough Riders.

**Membership:** Clubs doing a good job keeping membership up to date. (Send lists and updates to Wayne Ash). If you know of any businesses that would like to advertise on the Website it's \$50 bus. card. \$175 for slightly larger ads for one year. Discussion.

**Safety:** Chad Chaney. Chad has received his Master Trainer certificate from Tread Lightly. He must attend 2 TreadLightly events yearly, further discussion. Still looking for a sight for his training courses. Suggested Pima Motor Sports Park for Off Road Safety Training. If held on St. Trust or BLM land legal permission is required. Private property would be great. Buying property is still an option. Fees for agencies in order to obtain permits discussed. BLM 1st permit 130.00. Next permit would be 30% of the previous year. Lengthy discussion. Becky asked for a poll on what to charge for new wheelers re: learning safety training, \$75.00 plus \$25 entry fee for Pima Motor Sports Park. Suggested to charge \$100 fee, forget mentioning entry fee. Lengthy discussion involving dealership participation and asking all clubs to encourage the safety classes.

**Adopt-a-Road:** Doug Larson received no input. B4W circulated Sleeping Princess signs printed by Gary Keller of Rock Art. Rim Country 4 Wheelers have published a very nice book on 4Wheel Drive Roads, Payson area. Reg Beck, B4W stated the B4Wers have applied to BLM for several roads to adopt in their area; taking a long time to get it done. Send any related information to Doug.

**Publicity Chair:** Becky would like a Publicity Chair on an Ad Hoc Committee to assist her. Allan Connor has volunteered.

**Insurance:** The underwriter we work through for our insurance was terminated. Allan is concerned w/off-road program and has found another underwriter for us. Everything Allan has worked with in the past, is valid - we are still covered. Discussion. It was mentioned again that only one event per year per club is covered. A club will have to pay insurance for a second event.

**Environmental/Legislative:** Becky. Our lobbyist is currently working on 12 bills in Congress that would negatively effect our sport. Mentioned was the fact that at the end of January 2015 over 800 plus bills have been submitted to congress by the legislators—a lot of bills for Nick to peruse.

Discussion Re: public lands. (Check AZOHVC info. [www.azohvc.com/](http://www.azohvc.com/))

2015 Trails Plan on State Parks-check it out, gives info on grant funds ([azstateparks.com/](http://azstateparks.com/)).

Re: Nick. Ray questioned that in the past Wheel Dust, Nick was no longer funded enough to work for all OHV groups. Discussion. Becky said Nick will continue to work for us as long as we come up with funding. He has a full time business and gives us a huge break. He too is a wheeler. Rheal said the Tucson RR had a good year on donations to Land Use Fund. \$1000.00.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Bronco Stampede--March 20-22**

**G&F Expo 28--29 Ben Avery Shooting facility**

**April 25—26 ASA4WDC Jamboree at Rock Springs, Black Canyon City**

**May 16—Delegates Quarterly, Wickenburg Rec. Center**

**Aug 15—Delegates Quarterly, Flagstaff at Fat Olives**

**Oct 8--11 Tucson Rough Riders Trail Dust Days**

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

**Nov 12—15 Parker 4 Wheelers Desert Splash**

**November Quarterly to be announced.**

**Region I** - Ray reported On Tonto National Forest-comments [www.fs.usda.gov/.../tonto/home/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/.../tonto/home/)

**Region II** - Havasu 4 Wheelers have 400 members. B4W Adopted trails moving slowly. A group out of Yuma is working on the AZ 4x4 Peace Trail loop from Yuma to BHC and back, staying on dirt roads as much as possible.

**Region IV** - Rheal. Lot of rain changed many trails. Charouleau Gap has changed a bit from Trail Dust Days last October.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**May Convention** - no decision.

**Woodpecker Mine Cleanup/repair.** The property is owned by the Association. Multi-use clubs went up for a weekend with a run on Saturday. Sunday trash was picked up and all downed fencing repaired and signed. ASA bought the fencing and paid for the rented tools which Ray Jenkins carted to the mine. A very successful outing. Ted Nunez had a Jeep problem, insisted everyone go back to camp. He finally showed up, wheel had fallen off. Warning to never leave anyone behind.

**Publicity:** Discussion re: Facebook. Lengthy discussion on T-shirts for the ASA4WDC. Allan explained prices, sizes, colors. Endangered species logo for the backs. Brought up the possibility of shirts for the staff at Jamboree. Colors discussed. Sizes and colors were decided upon. Need to get going with this, running out of time.

**Jamboree April 25th.** Chad Chaney, Copperstate, and Doug Larson, Broncos, are doing a lot of work on the event. 4Wheel Parts will have a booth. There will be a raffle, sponsors, etc. Rock Springs will be the camping and staging area with runs to Table Mesa. Rock Springs Cafe is 17 miles north of I-17 and the 101 loop. Food and catering through Rock Springs Cafe. \$15.00 for dinner at end of day. Getting porta-potties, and a dumpster. Working on advertising and working on the trails. Camping on Friday - no hookups, run Saturday. Entrance fee: Camping, dinner, \$50.00 for two, \$35.00 for one, includes one raffle ticket per registration. Pat Jenkins will be in charge of the raffle.

**Budget:** Rheal. Discussed 2014 and proposed 2015 budget. Motion seconded to approve as proposed by the board. Discussion? All in favor. Ayes have it.

**4 peaks cleanup.** Chad Chaney said the Copperstate 4 Wheelers have taken over the cleanup. Tonto National Forest issued 48 citations for illegal dumping. Among thousands of items collected: a pipe bomb, bag of marijuana, a pistol, drug needles, etc. It was the biggest cleanup they've had in a long time with a catered lunch. They filled 4 dumpsters—18 tons. Two raffles some neat stuff. This was the 5th cleanup. There were 250 people including a boy scout troop. A huge success.

**B4W run tomorrow if interested.**

**50/50:** Doug Larson won the pot.

**Adjourned: 4:38 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joan Beck, Secretary**



# ASA4WDC WOODPECKER MINE RUN/CLEANUP

Report and photos Ray and Pat Jenkins—additional photos Mike Drawsky, Mesa 4 Wheelers  
Excerpted from the Mesa 4 Wheelers Horn Newsletter

**Trip Leaders:** Ray & Pat Jenkins

**Date:** January 10, 2015

**Clubs in attendance:** Mesa 4 Wheelers; Tucson Rough Riders; Arizona Rough Riders; Copperstate 4 Wheelers and Honeywell 4x4 club.

This was a two-day event that included a run on Saturday then maintenance and cleanup on Sunday on mining property owned by the Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs (ASA4WDC).

On Saturday's trip, we had 14 vehicles show up. The Woodpecker Mine trail has changed over the years, but it still has its challenging spots along the way. From there we continued to the trail head of "Highway to Hell" to take pictures of the "special monument" to all the carnage that has happened on that trail. We had lunch there and then turned up the hill to the mine site.

We looked at the projects planned for the next day and did some trash pickup of the area. We completed the loop trail and were back at camp by 3:00 p.m.

We had three clubs represented on Sunday for the work project. We left camp about 9:30 a.m. to take our materials and tools for the fencing of three open vertical mine shafts on the Woodpecker Mine site. The shafts, already partially filled still remained a safety hazard. Since the land belonged to the state association, Ray thought it only made sense to invite all the local 4WD clubs to take part. A special thanks to the following people who went back on Sunday to install the fencing: M4W club members Ray and Pat, Steve Essyks and Dave Brown; Tucson Rough Rider members Becky and Rheal, Malcolm and June and AZ Rough Rider members Kurt Loga and his cousin Debra.









# BRONCO DAZE—BORREGO SPRINGS, CA

Excerpted from the December 2014 issue of the Classic Bronco Roundup Newsletter. Thanks to Doug Larson, Pres.

Such a great event!

Friday early AM the committee still was getting organized, so we ventured out to Ocotillo Wells OHV area to explore and geocache. We visited the Blow Sand Hill, Devils slide, Barrel Springs and Shell Reef area finding a few caches along the way. After Shell Reef we headed cross country to the Pumpkin Patch. This was a neat area to explore for all the round rocks that looked something like pumpkins. Following this we made our way up to Tectonic Gorge and then returned to Borrego Springs and Bronco central. No activities were taking place for the evening so we kicked back and enjoyed the evening sunset.

Saturday 8 AM all Broncos lined up and paraded out of town toward the OHV play/training area for the group picture. About 55 Broncos in all made the picture. Following the picture the group split into three tours. Janet and I chose the hard tour to Truckhaven area. Only five Broncos headed out following Brandon's blue bronco. The other two tours consisted of an easy and medium trail, mostly in the mud hills of Tierra Del Sol and Tectonic Gorge areas. Our leader soon had a mishap and lost his low range gears. Another leader was chosen and off we went again with the blue bronco running in high range for balance of the trip. We had many twists and turns, up and downs making our way to the telephone booth area. Here one bronco broke a hub playing on a steep hill climb. Quick repair and off we went to the arch at Coral Wash to take a few pictures. Saturday evenings meal was great with turkey and all the good stuff. The raffle followed with several lucky winners taking home Bronco parts and other great prizes. Sunday AM most Bronco's departed for home or other parts of the country.





## *Another One of Those "Bronco" Days*

*From the Bronco Roundup February Newsletter—thanks to Doug Larson*



On a pre-run John and Sharon went up FS Road #41, which goes east off the Table Mesa exit. They were negotiating a washed out portion of the trail, when the bank gave away and their Jeep laid over on its side. Nobody was hurt, but due to the vagrancies of the insurance/auto body repair industry, the jeep may be totaled. We were going to use the #41 trail as an easy trail.

*These wonderful photos show one of many reasons we never travel alone in the outback. As sorry as we are to see this happen to any of our fellow wheelers, we are thankful they had the proper equipment to facilitate a successful recovery with no injuries! Just curious Doug, why are no Broncos shown???* [Ed]





# HARD A\$\$ — Bullhead 4 Wheelers

Report Joan Beck, photos Joyce Hammond, Brad Morrison, Joan Beck

January 19, 2015! Doug Ohm led the run, and YES, it was hard! 12 vehicles turned out to try this trail which had not been attempted in a few years. Brent Phillip showed up from Phoenix. Brad Morrison greeted us at the trailhead but did not attempt it in his Cherokee; he hiked the trail figuring it was a 1/2 mile trip—it took us 4 hours. At the end it took Brad 15 minutes to hike back down. The Hammonds came along so Joyce could get photos at the Gate Keeper, George West thought he might give it a try, but once at the Gate Keeper decided not to stress his Jeep. That left nine vehicles—Doug Ohm with son Mike, Niles Surratt, Larry Surratt, Pete Peterson with Norma, Mac Ruiz, Phil Strittmatter, Bob Smith, Brent Phillip, Joan Beck, tail-gunner. After viewing and photographing us at the Gate Keeper Bill, Joyce and George departed. The only person not getting the chicken that day was Phil Strittmatter. The rest of us had to be strapped!

We all spent time trying to remove teddy bear cactus spines (jumping cholla) from our clothing, bodies and tires. We were also attacked by other cactus critters and the ever present cat-claw bush/tree all seemingly intent on torturing us. At different spots along the trail we highly entertained a whole bunch of burros seemingly fascinated by our antics. Terrific, frustrating run but we did have fun, best of all, no vehicle breakage!

First three photos—the Rookie Filter followed by the Gate Keeper, then the rest of this intriguing trail:







The last of the Gate Keeper photos. Next photos show portions of the rest of the trail. We all had a great time!





## Tucson Rough Riders—Three Feathers Rescue (Jan 13)

Excerpted from the Rough Rider—January 2015 newsletter—Report and photos John Hill

As you recall, Troy destroyed the rear diff and two axles of his '96 Suburban 1500 on Sunday night while towing a hydro-locked Nissan Pathfinder up the main route at Three Feathers. This morning (13 Jan 2015) we mounted the rescue expedition with John H in his Avalanche 2500, Mike D in his FJ Cruiser, and Miles, Andy and Tim in their respective Jeeps. That's 5 winches if you are counting, plus Bob P. came along later with a spare winch. Troy and his son Darian were passengers.

The Suburban was "parked" at the bottom of Three Feathers when we arrived at 9:00 AM. We secured it by connecting John's winch and Mike's winch from the top. (Suburbans conveniently come with two massive tow hooks on the front.) Since both rear C-clip axles were broken, we had to jack it up and secure both rear wheels with bars and straps to keep the wheel and axle from sliding out. On the first side, we used a piece of unistrut with 2 PVC pipe rollers. These were secured by ratchet straps to the leaf springs and the rear bumper. On the second side, we used a spud bar and some grease on the tire. The bar was secured by a chain and a ratchet strap.

Next Mike and John double-winch the Suburban up the main route. Since Troy still had front wheel drive, it wasn't such a hard pull for the two 9000# winches. The noise was interesting as the ring gear was grinding/ratcheting against the loose diff cover. At the hard right turn at the top, we did a 3-winch sequential handoff to put the Suburban on Tim's winch for the final section. Tim pulled the Suburban up the final section to level ground.

For the big hill just west of Three Feathers we strapped FJ+Avalanche+Suburban together in a train and drove right up. This was a blast as you feel the traction transferring from one truck to another. Mike provided some impressive tire smoke. After the hill, John strapped the Suburban out to the Three Feathers parking lot where it is waiting for a flatbed pickup later this afternoon. We were out on pavement by noon. The trip ended with Troy buying lunch at Risky Business. A good time was had by all. *[An impressive rescue! Congratulations and thanks for the report TRR . Ed]*





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