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MEMBERSHIP

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

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

Our webmaster has developed a way of getting all of our information on the website. Please contact Don Hicks, ASA4WDC Membership Chair for information and the format that is required.

Refer to page 6 for more information.

ONLINE EDITION

ASA4WDC November Meeting minutes.

Salute to our boys over seas.

WHY THE NEW LOOK?

This is the new and improved Wheeldust.

The idea of the "new look" for the Wheeldust is to save printing costs, postage costs and to eliminate throwing away a couple of hundred newsletters each printing.

The newsletter is available

on line as soon as I get it finished.

I will still be glad to print anything that you might have or want to see in the Wheeldust, when you send it to me.

Please let me know what you think of this format. I will

ARIZONA CLASSIC BRONCOS 2007 STAMPEDE

have a larger edition available on line. This new version will be in an 8 1/2" x 11" format so anyone can print it from their home computer home computer or where ever you might have internet access.



The Arizona Classic Brocos are hosting their 16th Annual Stampede on March 23 - 25 at the Florence Junction.

There will be trail rides, barbeque and a big raffle. Checkout our website at: www.azbronco.org.

COPPER STICKER UPDATE

Workgroup met again Dec. 1 at which time G&F presented another bill completely outside what the workgroup had suggested. None of the funding alternatives suggested by the workgroup were involved in the presented draft. It also was Demanding MVD carry the load by having to change their entire programming for registrations.

The issues presented:

3)

 There is no longer a "Copper Sticker" as we know it to be but there will be a continuing RV Plate as mandated by statute. The significant change is that if ATV's, dirt bikes or UTV's purchase a \$25.00 RV Plate and they have all the equipment required for full highway/street registration & licensing, they can ride on ALL roads.
 Licensed, registered full sized vehicles can drive on all roads now. The loop is the UNlicensed/registered full sized vehicles must pay the \$25.00 but it's good for only offhighway.

Az State Parks will remain the

administrators but G&F will now receive 35% off the top of approx. 10 M where they are getting 30% off the top of 2.5 M now. Substantial increase.

PROBLEM:

Representative Jerry Weiers has now drafted a bill which makes the G&F draft look like heaven! 1) Would require THREE separate vehicle plates; a) for highway; b) for OFF-Highway only; c) for both ???

2) ALL dollars would go through
G&F. Remember, G&F receive approx.
\$800,000.00 now that they do no accounting for.
3) Sportsman group receive 20% for environmental rehab

4) MVD are again involved but they will have to "split" dollars.

5) RV Plate is \$50.00 first time, \$20.00 each year thereafter.

6) No race events allowed.

7) Money is split evenly in 1/3rds, Law

enforcement; education; grants.

8) Will form another Advisory Group to be appointed by the governor.

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Interesting that this would put us in exactly the position California is in where the environmentalists run the show for OHV dollars. Since G&F are in bed with the governors office we're gone. Are you all interested in paying millions to fund G&F and the environmentalists to close our access each year?

ASA4WDC WHEELDUST

Not sure where this will all end up but the last word, as of Dec. 27 is: 1) Representative Weiers office is drafting ANOTHER bill combining the two, Back to the table January 3. 2) G&F state they will not support Weiers bill.

3) G&F also state they will kill a bill

with just OHV laws if we push for this for this year and wait on the funding proposal until next year. 4) We have been told by Senator Jake Flake he will NOT support a Copper Sticker funding source. When G&F were asked "how is this any different" they feel that he will support it due to the fact the ATV's and bikes can license for highway for \$25.00 in lieu of \$97.00.

5) Representative Weiers stated LOUD and CLEARLY: "In no way can the words "Copper Sticker" be heard or anything presented will die.
6) The AZ OHV Coalition has proposed a numbers and percentage change to the G&F bill but if this is denied and they continue as is it will be brought back to the AZOHVC members for decision as to kill any bill that is put forth at this time.

Sandee McCullen, Environmental Affairs

ASA4WDC

JEEP TRACKS



As you can see from the articles in this newsletter we have big issues to tackle if we want to keep our roads and trails open.

The ASA4WDC has been very successful in becoming a part of the planning process for many agencies in the state of Arizona. This includes BLM, Forest Service and occasionally State land.

Unfortunately, that cannot continue



January 13

ASA4WDC Budget meeting in Wickenburg at the Wickenburg Community Center. The meeting will start at 1:00 pm.

February 10

February Quarterly Delegates meeting will be in Bullhead City at the Riverside Resort in Laughlin, NV. The meeting will be held in the Harbor Port 1 Meeting Room.

The board meeting will start at 10:00 am Arizona Time.

Directions are as follows:

From Kingman go west on Hwy 68 to Bullhead City, at the second traffic without the support of each and everyone of our members and our member clubs. The dues we pay help to keep our trails open by having the ability to attend meetings and voice your concerns. Please continue to support he ASA4WDC and all of the work that we have accomplished.

The ASA4WDC is holding another raffle that is open to the general public. This years raffle will be a Warn 800 lb winch with other secondary prizes. If you would like to help with a donation please contact a board member.

Rheal Tetreault, 2005-2007 President

ASA CALENDAR

light turn right over the bridge to Laughlin, making sure you are in the left lane which puts you on Casino Drive. Stay in the left lane, the Riverside Casino is the first Casino you come to . Turn left into the parking lot.

March 23-25

Arizona Classic Broncos Stampede will be in Florence area. There will be trail rides, barbeque, check out our website.



ASA DELEGATES MEETING MINUTES



Delegate meeting 11/18/2006 Wickenburg, Az

Meeting called to order at 1:07 by president Rheal Tetreault with 12 of 21 clubs present. Quorum established.

Treasurer's Report

\$16,868.55 in ASA4WDC treasury \$11,451.00 in land action fund

Wheeldust

Deadline is 12/15/06. Please submit articles to Becky Antle.

Membership

2006-2007 dash plaques and 2006 membership cards given to club delegates. 2007 membership cards will be handed out at the February quarterly meeting.

Historian

Don Hicks has resigned and new historian needed.

4 Wheel Awareness

Phil Strittmatter is taking names of people interested in becoming certified as instructors. He will be contacting Chris Tefke to set up a training session here in Arizona. It will consist of 8 hours training; 4 ea. of classroom training and field training. To be a chief field instructor you will need the classroom training plus CPR and First Aid. Cost will be \$40.00.

United 4 Wheel Drive Assoc.

Convention will be in July '06 in Grand Junction, Colo.

Adopt-A-Trail No report.

Environmental Affairs

The Copper Sticker meetings held around the state in the last few months were very well attended by the red shirts. A committee of off highway enthusiasts and Game and Fish representatives is being formed to decide how to administer the funds and to set the rules and rates. As it stands now, no one is sure exactly where the areas are. Also, the different environmental groups want to be on the committee to assure them of their own agenda. Rates being advocated run between \$30 and \$100 dollars a year, and as of now, it will only apply to unlicensed vehicles. Please visit the Game and Fish website, <AZGFD.GOV/ COPPERSTICKER> for more information.

The forest service planning transportation meetings have started. Make sure you get your roads into the forest service so they may be counted and put onto the maps. If they are not on the maps when they are printed, they do NOT exist and will be lost forever.

The roadless issue is back and Governor Napolitano will sign it into law.

Martinez Canyon is now open only to permit. You may get one at the BLM office.

Website

Clubs can now update their own roster on the website. Dues are still payable to Don Hicks who will forward them to Ray Jenkins.

Region Reports

Region 1 - No report

Region 2 - The Havasu Sidewinders and Parker 4 Wheelers have dropped out of the state Association.

Region 2 - Nothing to report

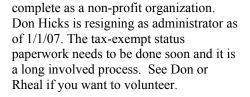
Region 4 - Charouleau Gap still has access from the Catalina side but Oracle still has not decided where their permanent access will be. The developers have promised to make an access.

Old Business

501 C-7 status has been dropped for the time being. Rheal will finish it and send it on at a later date.

AZOHVC No report.

Land Action Fund The incorporation is now



Land Use Raffle

We have a winch and a few other prizes already. Raffle tickets will be available at the February quarterly for the delegates to take back to their clubs. Profits are to off set land use expenses such as trips to Washington D.C. etc. Drawing will be at May quarterly.

New Business

We have someone working on patches and hats with our logo on them. More information will be available at the February quarterly.

No new nominations for Vice President and Treasurer. Elections will be at February quarterly.

February quarterly will be 2/10/06 in Laughlin at the Riverside Casino in Harbor Port One.

May quarterly will be May 12th in Tucson.

August quarterly will be in Star Valley at the Lamplighter RV park November quarterly will be November 17th in Wickenburg at the Rec. Center.

ASA4WDC will have a booth at the Sports, Vacation and RV show in April. Please contact Chari if you can help.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.



BULLHEAD 4 WHEELERS, INC.

Monthly runs ranging from easy to not so easy on established trails Guests Welcome!

Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month 6:30 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge 1745 Hancock.

OUR MEMBERS ON THE FRONT LINES

Jack H. List

Deputy Program Manager KBR/EG&G/LSI CLSS Strategic Partner, Camp Anaconda, Balad

I am the Lear Siegler Inc.(LSI) Deputy Program Manager of the Iraq Theater. We are a strategic partner to Kellogg Brown and Root.

Presently we have 1000 employees soon to be 1500, working on and maintaining every type of ground vehicle from Humvees to M-1 tanks. We also operate large supply warehouses for both the Army and Marine Corps.

My job is to insure that our 16 site managers, supervisors and foreman provide the customer with the best quality product on time. Presently we have a big initiative modifying the "FRAG 5 Up Armor" for the Humvees. Each door weighs 500 lbs. Travel in Theater can take days. I recently visited our site in Taji and it took 4 days to get back to Balad due to weather. We try not to use ground transportation but do use either commercial fixed wing aircraft which does not go to all locations and or military air which consists of the CH-47 Chinook and the UH-60 Blackhawk.



Jack is the third one from left.

My job entails me to conduct site visits, meetings with the military, strategic partner, and many hours on the computer and phone coordinating people

and equipment. We work 7 days a week 12 hours a day in support of our outstanding American Soldiers who I am proud to serve with, HooAhh!



SFC Shawn E. Petermann

Battalion Automations NCOIC (IMO) 86th Signal Battalion, Camp Victory, Iraq

Shawn signed up for the Army two years after finishing high school. He did his boot camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky. And has been stationed at Fort Hood in Texas, Schofield Barracks in Hawaii and Fort Huachuca Arizona. Shawn was just recently promoted to Sgt. First Class. He is in his 11th year with the Army.



What we do: OUR MISSION: Integrate, Operate and support the 86th Signal Battalion's Information Systems Operations, Network Defense and Information Sharing capabilities; provide guidance, recommendation and oversight for all information technology activities within the 86th Signal Battalion's Area of Responsibility; implement and coordinate all Joint NETOPS Control Center-Iraq, United States Central Command and Defense Information Services Agency driven technical requests and directives in order to enhance quality of service, general network health and security in out assigned Area of Responsibility.

Area of Responsibility: over 122,000 square miles

Network Size: Fifth largest IT network in the world (so we have been told)

Equipment Responsible for: Promina 400/800 (Integrated Digital Exchange Network Multiplexing Switches); Cisco Series Routers (Various); Cisco Series Switches (Various); Cisco VoIP Solutions (Call Managers and Subscriber Equipment); Enterprise Servers (Dell Server Architecture)

Services Provided: SharePoint Intranet/Internet Portal Management; File Server Management; Print Server Management; Data Recovery/Disaster Recover; Command Video Teleconferences; Morale Video Teleconferences; Morale Telephone Lines; General IT Help Desk Services (Computer / Software / Network Solution; Providers)

We also eat well; spend a good deal of time in the gym, even more time at work. When I am not working, I have volunteered my time to teach English improvement at the camp education center in order to help prepare Soldiers to raise their test scores so that they can change jobs or submit packets for Officer Candidate School or Warrant Officer Candidate School. My first group of Soldiers graduated from class today, 24 Soldiers who educated three weeks to elevating their knowledge of General Mathematics and General English. Overall, my days are rather long. A regular day starts in the morning at 9:00 a.m. in the office, I go to the gym for about an hour in the afternoon; teach from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.; back in the office until 9:30-10:00 p.m. and then three nights a week I go back to the gym to run for 30-45 minutes.

Currently he is stationed in Baghdad, Iraq. He is an Information Specialist. And his family, especially his mother are very proud of him and what he is doing.

Shawn was a member of the Tucson Rough Riders when he was in high school.



Sgt. Tray Romine 259th Sec For, Balad, Iraq Arizona Army National Guard Honeywell 4x4 Club

Tray, as many know is always ready to sign-up. After having done 10years active duty and 12 as a civilian, Tray joined the Army National Guard about two years ago. The family knew then there was no if about a Middle East tour, just when and where.

Tray spent August through October at Camp Shelby, MS training for his trip. Tray is a Mechanic in the Army as he is in civilian life.

To write or email, Tray contact Tammie through the club.

To write or email Shawn or Jack contact Becky Antle (Shawn's Mother).

DO YOU HAVE A RELATIVE YOU WANT TO HONOR?

These boys and girls are on the front lines for all of us, please let me know if you have a relative you would like to put in this column. Past or present service is fine.

I would like to continue this column and honor all of our members.

RECOMMENDED WILDERNESS AREAS

From the Blue Ribbon Coalition Website: <u>www.sharetrails.org</u>. This is happening in Montana, but it could happen here.

Situation:

BRC, with help from Craig Osterman, Executive Director of the Treasure State Alliance (a new OHV umbrella group in Montana) has been tracking Forest Plan revisions for many months. Despite our efforts working within the planning process, the U.S. Forest Service is planning a de-facto Wilderness management regime on all "Recommended Wilderness Areas" (RWA).

Under normal circumstances, the "Recommended" Wilderness classification is just that: a recommendation. The decision of "whether Wilderness" is supposed to be left to Congress and the American People.

Sadly, the Northern Region of the U.S. Forest Service seems to think they, not Congress, have the authority to manage these lands -- as Wilderness! New Forest Plans state that RWAs will now become closed to all motorized use, including winter snowmobile use.

Why you should care:

The US Forest Service Region 1 (Northern Region) manages 25 million acres of public national forest and grasslands in Montana, North Dakota, northeast Washington, northern Idaho, and northwest South Dakota.

New Forest Plans, under the guidance of the Northern Region Forester, dictate that large areas will be classified as RWAs. Thousands of acres of prime recreational lands will be included as RWAs in these new Plans. The new plans direct that RWAs will now become closed to winter snowmobile use and all other forms of motorized recreation.

No law or Forest Service policy requires the Forest Service to take such a drastic action. These closures would apparently be immediately imposed upon the completion of the new Forest Plan. No attempt will be made to postpone these closures until Congress passes legislation to legally designate these forest lands as Wilderness!

Only Congress has the authority to create designated Wilderness, but these RWAs are being treated as de-facto wilderness under the Region 1 Forester's direction as soon as they are created. This unlawful policy must be stopped immediately.

ASA4WDC ROSTER IS ELECTRONIC



The ASA4WDC roster has gone electronic. The roster is now a web-based system. This will allow for immediate changes and help keep the addresses and

emails current. That makes it a lot easier for those of us who have to use the rosters and keep them current also.

Your membership chair, or whoever handles your roster can access the online version easily. You can make all of your changes right there on line. No mailing of rosters anymore four times a year.

Your membership dues will still need to be sent to Don Hicks our new/ returning Membership Chair. Thanks Don, we all know you will do a fantastic job.

If your roster is in an Excel based spread sheet right now you can send it to Jim Gibson and he can easily input the current information. If it is not then the information will have to be input by hand. Contact Jim Gibson, Website chair for information on accessing this system. Contact Don Hicks for information on what program can be put in the roster.

This new system should eliminate errors and duplications and keep all our information current.

Thanks to our webmaster who has made our jobs easier and provided us with a great service.

FOREST SERVICE DESIGNATION PROCESS



The following information was gathered from the Americans for Responsible Access, www.arraaccess.com. It is imperative that

OHV enthusiasts participate in the route designation process in their local forest.

Each forest will have its own process and timetable for designating routes and there is no requirement that each forest submit proposed actions, meetings, etc. to any single clearinghouse. For this reason, we have created a Land Access Notification Database (LAND) as a means to submit information regarding the route designation process in individual forests.

This database allows you to submit meeting and process notifications that will, in turn, allow us to notify and engage key stakeholders in and around the affected forest. This process is designed to maximize awareness of local issues and to target appropriate responses, ensuring that the local forest is not negatively impacted by the route designation rule.

Please utilize the ARRA website as you become aware of any information pertaining to the implementation of the route designation rule.

ARRA COMBINES FORCES WITH OTHER OHV INTERESTS IN AN

EFFORT TO HELP ENSURE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF OHV ROUTE DESIGNATION RULE

As ARRA has reported, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) published its Travel Management; Designated Routes and Areas for Motor Vehicle Use rule on November 9, 2005.

The rule requires each National Forest or ranger district to designate those roads, trails, and areas that are open to motor vehicles. This will be a massive undertaking that will require individual forests and districts to undergo an extensive process of route identification, evaluation, designation and mapping.

Many forests have already started the process and others will begin soon. In an effort to help ensure that each forest hears and understands the needs of the OHV community ARRA has partnered with the:

Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) United Four-Wheel Drive Associations (UFWDA) BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) to develop a land use database to collect and disseminate information regarding

the USFS' Travel Management Rule.

ARRA members and members of the other associations will be able to input information about the rule, i.e. meeting times and locations, updates on status, concerns with the process etc. and ARRA and the other groups will be able to provide direction and assistance or help identify other off-highway enthusiasts in the area.

Representatives from each of the associations will review the collected data and work together to determine the most suitable course of action for each database submission. This collaborative approach will allow the allied associations to pool resources and memberships and provide for a comprehensive approach to dealing with route designation.

Please take this opportunity to review the *Land Access Notification Database* (LAND). If you have been active at a National Forest in your area please let us know by completing a database submission. If you are aware of upcoming meetings regarding OHV use or have a report about a recently completed meeting or hearing let us know.

Our groups are working together to do our best to ensure a successful implementation of the Travel Management rule but we cannot do this without your help.

Many Forests have outdated mailing lists

FSTRAVEL MANAGEMENT (Continued)

and will provide little additional notification about their processes or upcoming meetings. As such, it is crucial that all of our members become involved at the individual forest (and in some cases forest district) level. Please stop by or call your local forest and ask to be placed on its mailing/email list for updates. Ask how they intend to implement the Travel Management Rule then enter what you learned into the Land Access Notification Database. With your involvement the OHV community will have our voice heard at Forests all across the country, without your involvement there will be an almost guaranteed loss of access to National Forest land for OHV use.

FLORENCE AREA TRAINING SCHEDULE



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

If you are planning events in the Florence area the following

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

The AZANG will fly a flag at the entrance to Cottonwood Canyon Road when there is training in the area. Please respect the National Guards "Black out" dates. The following is the schedule for military maneuvers in the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road, at the Florence Military Reservation, for the Training year 2006, May through October 2006 and October 2006 through September 2007. This schedule is subject to change at any time, especially when there may be mobilization for war.

Date	Time	Purpose
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20 Jan 07 - 0700-1400 -Military Maneuvers 21 Jan 07 - 0700-1400 -Military Maneuvers 03 Mar 07 - 0700-1400 -Artillery Live Fire 04 Mar 07 - 0700-1400 - Artillery Live Fire 05 May 07 - 0800-1600 - Military Maneuvers 06 May 07 - 0800-1600 -Military Maneuvers 02 June 07 - 0800-1600 - Military Maneuvers



The ASA4WDC very much wants to move forward on the 4x4 Safety Awareness Program. We know there are a number of instructors within the state, like myself,

whose certification has expired and needs to be renewed.

Chris Tefke of United's program can travel to Arizona to recertify us but it would not be worth his time to so for only three or four people. Therefore, I am asking each club to send me a list of those folks who are interested in participating. Please include names, home or cell phone numbers, emails, and snail mail address.

SAFETY AND AWARENESS

Remember, presenting these classes to

the public can benefit your club financially as well as to generate possible new members and introduce our favorite pastime to others.

Phil Strittmatter, Active Chair 928-565-2811 2246 S. Dilkon Rd., Gold Valley, AZ 86413



ASA4WDC 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.

Following are the costs to

advertise in the Wheeldust:ADVERTIZING COSTSBusiness Card\$501/4 Page Ad\$751/2 Page Ad\$150Full Page Ad\$250

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

Want more information?

Visit our website at:

www.asa4ewdc.org ASA4WDC for a longer version of this issues of the Wheeldust.

The Wheeldust is the official publication of the Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs (ASA4WDC). The ASA4WDC, Inc. is an association of rough terrain vehicle clubs with the following goals:

To promote a more responsible attitude towards vehicle use on public lands; To prevent legislation which would impose undo restriction on recreational 4-wheeling; To institute programs of conservation, education and safety and to provide social and recreational activities for its members; The ASA4WDC also assists the state and national resource management agencies.

