

MESA 4 WHEELERS HORN NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting

Friday, October 17, from 7-9 PM

Chapman Jeep, 3800 89th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August 16-20, 2025

Norm & Keith Visit National Parks & Monuments after completing the Utah & Wyoming Backroad Discovery Trail

Saturday, August 16

Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming
Grand Tetons National Park in Wyoming
Fossil-Butte National Monument in Wyoming

Sunday, August 17

Hagerman Fossil Bed National Monument in Idaho
Craters-of-the-Moon National Monument in Idaho
Northrop-Grumman Test site in Utah
Golden-Spike National Historic Site in Utah

Monday, August 18

Dinosaur National Monument in Utah

Tuesday, August 19

Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park in Arizona

Wednesday-Friday, August 20-22

Pre-running for upcoming Flagstaff & Cinder Hills runs

Flagstaff and Cinders Runs

Saturday, September 13

Jim Hopper led the Cinders trail ride (thank you, Jim!). Driving in cinders and sand is always interesting. The play areas and hills were enjoyed by all.

During the Saturday night campout, the six that camped, said that they liked the new spot on Forest Road #552/418.

Sunday, September 14

I led a group along some forest service roads, on the west side of Mt. Humphreys/SR180, stopped at the Lava Tube/Tunnel, saw several deer, and ended the trip with some awesome views from the top of Saddle Mountain.

(For full photo coverage, see **PAST TRIPS & EVENTS**)

I hope to see you all at the next trail ride!



-Norm



**Mesa 4 Wheelers 30 Years Ago!
September, 1995**

Punkin Center to Young
(Trip invite only, no written trip report)
Trip Leader: Mike Dreckman

Trip invite:

Date: Sunday September 17th

Location: Punkin Center to Young

Pull-out: Punkin Center Restaurant 9:00 AM

We will head out towards Dupont Cabin, but cut off left and end up on the Young Road. We will continue into Young for lunch. The run will be easy (2+) and we should be back in town between 6:00 & 6:30 PM. Bring a lunch and your camera. The scenery is great and it should be a nice day for a trail ride. See you at the restaurant.



Edited & typed by Mike Drawsky

PAST TRIPS & EVENTS

Flagstaff & Cinder Hills Trail Ride & Campout

Trip Leaders: Jim Hopper & Norm Clark
Sept 13 -14, 2025

Members in Attendance: Jim Hopper, Norm Clark, Rick & Diane Nelson, Mark & June Race, Jim & Wendi Kawa, Mike & Linda Drawsky, Kurt Loga, and Dave Rupal

Guests in Attendance: Wendy Aangst, Sterling Wilson and Dawn Millin

For this year's annual weekend in Flagstaff, the club voted to move the campsite closer to the Cinders, so Norm, during his pre-run, found the perfect location off FR552, west of SR89 and Sunset Crater.



Jim & Wendi's, Class-C motorhome, they have had for nearly 15 years.

On Thursday, 2 days prior to the first club run, Norm, Rick & Diane, Jim Hopper, Jim & Wendi, Dave Rupal and Kurt & Wendy, arrived in their motorhomes and tents.



Jim Hopper, with his pop-up camper



Kurt & Wendy in their Class-A motorhome.



Norm in his "Can Camp Any Where Tent"



Off in the distance, Rick & Diane in their 36ft 5th wheel camper



After dealing with months of above 100° Valley temperatures, Norm, Jim H., Dave, and Kurt enjoying Flagstaff's 55°, late afternoon temperatures!



Saturday, morning at around 10:00 AM, before beginning our all-day Cinder Hills Run, led by Jim Hopper, we line up for a group photo.

Weekend Wheeling in Flagstaff (Continued)



Mark Race, getting ready to tackle the day's first cinder cone!



Seven was the day's total vehicle count

Just before departure, trip-leader, Jim Hopper laid out both the game plan and the rules!



Mark returning after a successful run to the top!



Jim Kawa taking on one of this first cinder cones of the day.

Shortly after we begin, Jim Hopper led us to our first cinder cone challenge. Jim has been running up and down these cinders since the mid-1960's, so he knows which ones are suitable for our vehicles. This 13,500-acre playground contains several cinder cones, ranging in depths of around 100 to 500ft.



Guests, Sterling & Dawn, in their Nissan Xterra, made the drive up this cinder cone look easy!

Those who decided to take on the challenge were successful in making it to the top.

Weekend Wheeling in Flagstaff (Continued)



Wendi and Linnie making plans for an evening dinner!



As on past runs, to capture breathtaking views of Mt. Humphreys and the surrounding craters, Jim led us to this popular viewing spot.



Kurt & Jim are also members of the Arizona Rough Riders and have wheeled these cinders together several times.



Given these views, we decided to break out our lunches and soak it in for a while!

Weekend Wheeling in Flagstaff (Continued)



Dawn, taking in this view of Mt. Humphreys.



Off in the distance a well-known cinder cone named "\$100 Hill"



Moving on to our next destination



When we arrived at the base of \$100 Hill, Jim's longtime friends Larry & Kathy Lymond were there to meet us. They, along with other friends and family members of Jim's, have been meeting up at the Cinders over Labor Day weekend for many years. Just 2 weeks prior, Jim had his sand rail out here running up and down these cones with Larry & Kathy. When Jim shared with them that he was returning in 2 weeks to lead this run, they offered to come out and meet us. Being residents of Flagstaff, Larry & Kathy were just minutes away.



Larry owns a couple of sand rails, and decided to show up with the one that he purchased from Jim's father. Jim's dad built and ran this sand rail up and down \$100 Hill on several occasions. "\$100 Hill" is noted as being, if not the most, one of most, difficult cinder hills to climb. A couple of drivers have lost their lives and many have been seriously injured trying to conquer this steep slope.



Weekend Wheeling in Flagstaff (Continued)



Larry's sand rail weighs in at around 1200lbs and is motivated by a GM small block 383 stroker, so it gets up and goes!



After visiting with Jim's friends, he led us over to this cinder hill for some more challenging fun. This hill was a bit steeper than the one we played on earlier in the day. I believe only one in our group was able to conquer all 3 routes. The rest, who gave it a try, after a couple of attempts, were eventually able to conquer one of the 3 routes.



Jim Kawa, who had success running this hill last year, instead decided to play spectator.



Jim leading us up to the day's final destination "Double Crater"



Norm, Jim and Dave, standing on the rim of "Double Crater" at an elevation of 8004ft.

Weekend Wheeling in Flagstaff (Continued)



Jim & Jim on the rim of "Double Crater"



Norm decided to run down and take in the view from inside the crater!



The gang taking in the view from the rim of "Double Crater"



Norm, making his way back up "Double Crater"



Off in the distance, Sunset Crater, that makes up Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument. Geologic and archaeological evidence places the eruption that formed this 1,120 ft high cone at around AD 1085.



While the group was viewing "Double Crater" from on top...



Heading back down the side of "Double Crater"

Weekend Wheeling in Flagstaff (Continued)



During our drive out, Jim led us out by way of the north entrance, giving us the opportunity to get a closer view of Sunset Crater.



Sunday morning, trip leader Norm, led us along forest roads, off SR180, a short distance from the Snowbowl Ski resort.



To add a finishing touch to the day's run, some of us gathered for dinner at our favorite Italian restaurant, Fat Olives!



This annual weekend event is meant to be a relaxing outing offering the opportunity to escape the Valley's summer heat.



Norm has led us on this route in the past and each time we have never had to share this scenic route with other motorists.

Weekend Wheeling in Flagstaff (Continued)



Once this Mountain Blue Jay noticed we had food, it hung around the entire time. We tried to capture a closeup photo, but it seldom remained in one place long enough. Finally, June was able to capture this perfect shot!



Lava River Cave



This $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long lava tube was formed roughly 700,000 years ago by molten rock that erupted from a volcanic vent in nearby Hart Prairie. The top, sides and bottom of the flow cooled and solidified first, after which the insides of the lava river continued to flow, emptying out the present cave.



For our lunch stop, Norm led us over to the Lava River Cave picnic area.

Weekend Wheeling in Flagstaff (Continued)



Ample evidence of how the tube was born is written in the rocks of which it is formed. Small wave-like undulations in the floor are the remains of ripples frozen in the last trickle of molten rock that flowed from the cave. Stone icicles hanging from the ceiling show where a final blast of volcanic heat caused the rock to partially re-liquefy and drip.



From the north side of Mt. Humphreys, we headed up FR550, leading to Saddle Mountain



Norm, taking in the views, from atop Saddle Mountain.



At the top of Saddle Mountain are microwave towers and solar panels with a view of Mt. Humphreys.



Norm, June & Mark pointing east, towards Sunset Crater, from Saddle Mountain.



Sunset Crater from Saddle Mountain

Weekend Wheeling in Flagstaff (Continued)



Mt. Humphreys is the highest of a group of dormant volcanic peaks known as the San Francisco Peaks. At 12,637 ft, it is also the highest mountain in Arizona.



Did you know that there is also a Crater Lake in Arizona?



View from Saddle Mountain, facing west towards Hart Prairie

Once again, we want to thank Jim & Norm for leading this 2-day annual event! After 4-5 months of 100+ Valley temps, we were ready to escape the heat and head up to mile high Flagstaff!

Reymert Mine

Trip Leader: Mike Drawsky

October 27, 2025

Members in Attendance: Jim Hopper, Rick Nelson, Mark Race, Jim Kawa, Tom & Patty Carr, John Hart, Robert Rogers, Dennis Schepp and Kieth Fliegel.

Guests: Nelsen Bush and Chuck Schmidt



10 was the total vehicle count for the day's run.



Lined up at the Mineral Mountain Staging Area, off SR60. By 9:30AM, we were aired down and ready to begin our half day run to Reymert Mine.



Just before we departed, Chuck captured this beautiful view of the Superstitions.



Mike made a stop alongside Mineral Mountain Road to show the group a State Land Map listing the trails within a 20-mile radius.

Reymert Mine (Continued)



Next stop, the Lulu Too Mine, along Reymert Mine Road.



On the way, we made a brief stopover at, what is listed on our Reymert road map as Lulu Too Mine. All around are several tailings scattered amongst the surrounding hills with roads leading to them. At the base of these hills is this rock house (nick-named the Sugar Shack) that appears to have been occupied up until about 10 years ago. Maybe the company that leased the property hired a caretaker to watch over their operation?



Jim checking out the inside, hoping to find something of value.



Mark, posing for Photo-Mike



Tom & Patty, posing for Photo-Mike



The backside of the rock house made for a perfect sitting bench!

Reymert Mine (Continued)



This view from Reymert Mine shot by Chuck Schmidt



Arriving at Reymert Mine



A short distance up the road, from the Lulu Too Mine, we arrived at the Reymert Silver Mine. The town is long gone, but the kilns are still partially intact.

Reymert History: Reymert is named for James DeNoon Reymert, who was the publisher of the Pinal Drill in nearby Pinal. The Reymert Mine was claimed on December 1, 1876 and was worked off and on until the 1950's. The smelter originally maintained a five-stamp mill, but capacity was increased to twenty stamps as the mine work continued. The mine was worked under the J.D. Reymert Mining Company which was incorporated in both California and Arizona in 1885, and was later leased to other companies. Over \$700,000 in silver was taken from the mine.

The buildings at Reymert have been leveled, but their foundations stretch for over one-half mile along the canyon. The foundations of the mill and smelter are imposing, standing over twenty feet tall. Bricks for the smelter were made by the Pacific Brick Company in California and hauled all the way to Reymert.

Estimates of Reymert's population vary from around one hundred to as many as five thousand. The 1890 Census lists Reymert as having 254 residents. This population could only warrant a post office from 1890 until 1898, but there are obituaries in the Arizona Republic which credit Reymert with living residents as late as 1964.

In a report to the stockholders dated March 14, 1891, J.D. Reymert details the many establishments in the town. Those included an assay house, stables, blacksmith, boarding houses and a Wells, Fargo & Co. Express station. In the same report, he states that a flood destroyed the adobe pump building and work was curtailed until the damage could be repaired.



Jim Hopper, Jim Kawa and Mike posing next to the kilns at Reymert Mine.

Reymert Mine (Continued)



Notice the layers of stone and firebrick?



Jim, posing for Photo-Mike



Mark & Jim, posing for Photo-Mike



From historical reports, these kilns were in operation from the late 1870's up until the 1950's, with silver being the prime ore.

Reymert Mine (Continued)



Tom & Patty and the rest of the day's group taking time out for lunch.



On our return, we ended up driving through a light downpour. Mike captured this desert scene right after the rain subsided.



By 2:30, we were back at the Mineral Mountain Staging Area airing back up for the drive home.

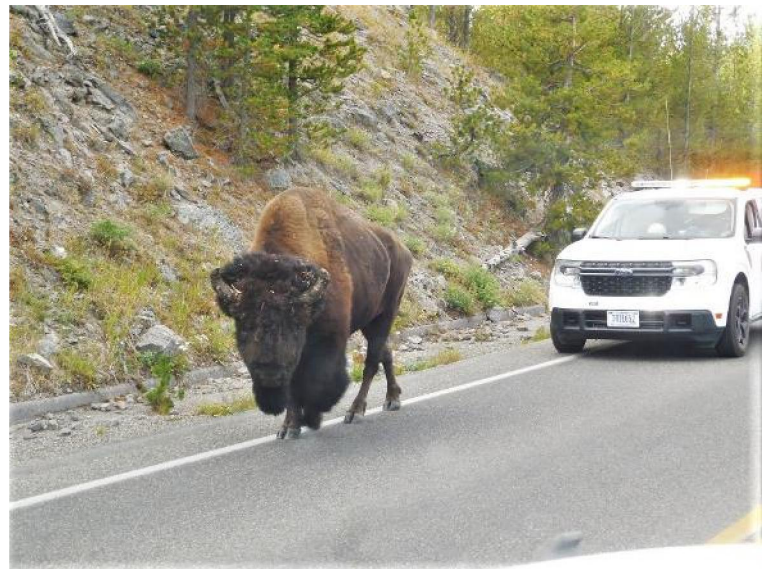


Some members still enjoy wheeling with older Jeeps. Mike purchased this YJ new in 1989. It has been his only Jeep and he just cannot bear to part with it!

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Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming



Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming



Yellowstone National Park South Entrance. Nearby, Norm and Keith set up camp at Sheffield Campground, where the morning temperature was 28 degrees. The campground sits just outside of the Teton Wilderness.



The Norris Geyser Basin is a dynamic and active area in Yellowstone National Park known for being the hottest and oldest hydrothermal feature, home to the world's tallest active geyser, Steamboat Geyser.



Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

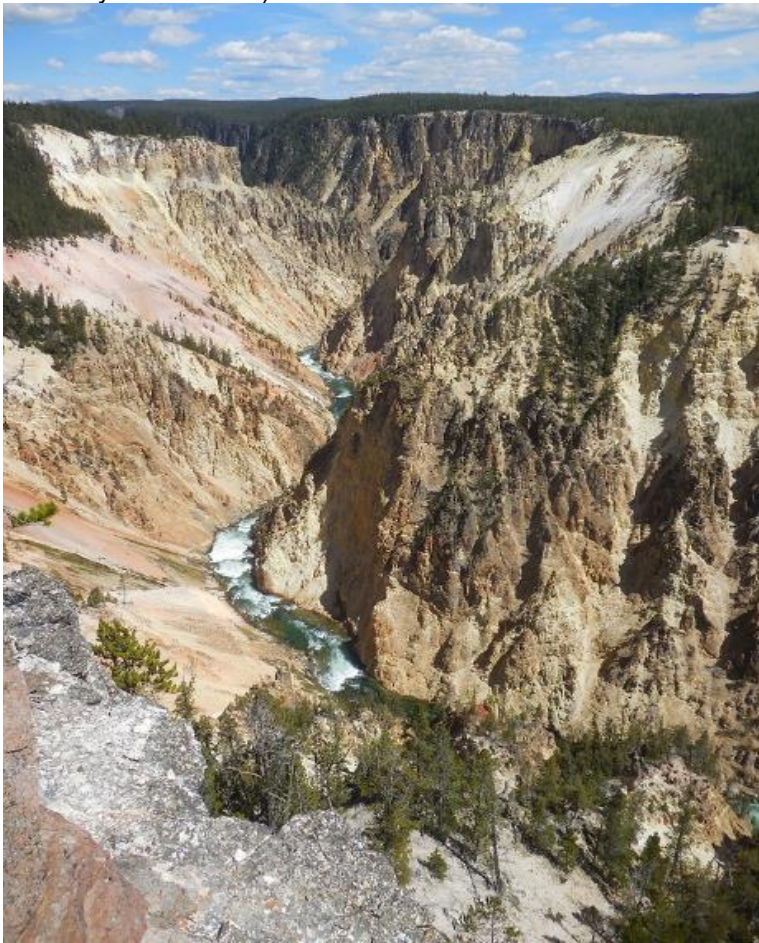


Sheepsteater Cliff is a geological formation of hexagonal columnar basalt in Yellowstone National Park named for the Eastern Shoshone "Sheepsteaters" who once frequented the area.

National Parks & Monuments (Continued)



Mammoth Hot Springs is a large complex of hot springs on a hill of travertine in Yellowstone National Park. It was created over thousands of years as hot water from the spring cooled and deposited calcium carbonate (over two tons flow into Mammoth each day in a solution).



The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone is a spectacular canyon in Yellowstone National Park, renowned for its colorful rhyolite walls, the powerful Lower and Upper Falls of the Yellowstone River, and its vibrant hydrothermal features.



The Mud Volcano is a unique geothermal feature in Yellowstone National Park known for its bubbling mud pots, acidic thermal features, and a strong "rotten egg" smell from escaping hydrogen sulfide gas.



Fossil Butte National Monument, Wyoming
There was a large freshwater lake in what is now southwest Wyoming 52-million years ago. The fossils found in the top layers of Fossil Butte are the remains of plants and animals that lived in and around the lake. The majority of fossils collected from Fossil Lake are fish.

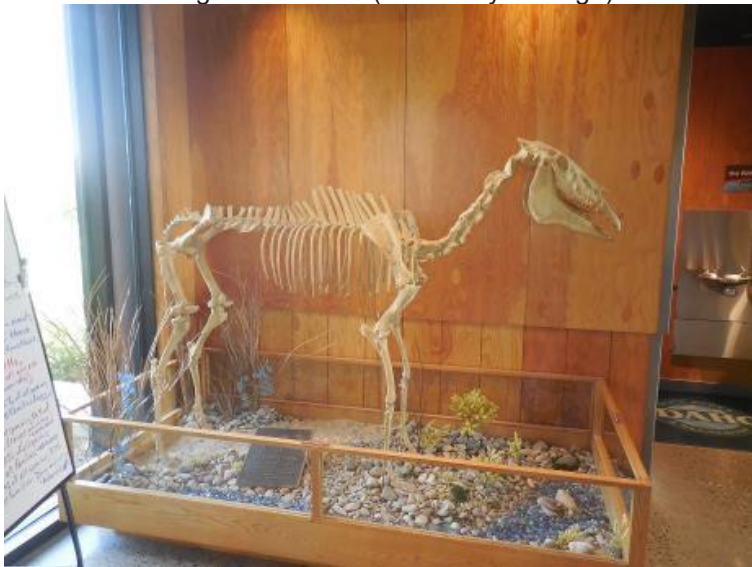


Fossil Butte National Monument, Wyoming

National Parks & Monuments (Continued)



Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, Idaho
Hagerman Horse (4-million years ago)



The Hagerman horse is an extinct species of equine native to North America during the Pliocene and Early Pleistocene. It is one of the oldest and most primitive members of the genus *Equus*. It is the state fossil of Idaho, where abundant remains of the species were discovered near the town of Hagerman in 1928.



Mastodon



Saber Toothed Cat



Craters Of the Moon National Monument, Idaho
The Craters of the Moon Lava Field spreads across 618 square miles and is the largest mostly Holocene-aged basaltic lava field in the contiguous United States. These lava fields range in age from 15000 to 2000 years.



Cinder Cone at Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho

National Parks & Monuments (Continued)



Indian Tunnel-lava tube at Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho



The Space Shuttle's Solid Rocket Booster (SRB)

This remote site, in Promontory, Utah, is home to Northrop Grumman's operations for testing the world's largest and most powerful solid rocket motors.



The final tie for the Union Pacific Railroad at Promontory Summit, Utah, was made of polished California laurel, engraved with a silver plate, and laid on May 10, 1869, to mark the ceremonial completion of the transcontinental railway.



Stegosaurus dinosaur at Dinosaur National Monument, Utah/Colorado

Originally preserved in 1915 to protect its famous Dinosaur Quarry, Dinosaur National Monument was greatly expanded in 1938 to include its wealth of natural history. The park's wild landscapes, topography, geology, paleontology, and history make it a unique resource for both science and recreation. The park contains over 800 paleontological sites and has fossils of dinosaurs including Allosaurus, Deinonychus, Abydosaurus, and various sauropods. The Abydosaurus consists of a nearly complete skull, the lower jaw, and first four neck vertebrae.



Femur of Brontosaurus

National Parks & Monuments (Continued)



Legbone of Brontosaurus



Indoors with plaster cast



Stegosaurus dorsal vertebra, top left



Dinosaur femur still in mountainside, along trail



Camarasaurus cervical vertebra, at top



Camarasaurus is the most common dinosaur at the Carnegie Quarry

National Parks & Monuments (Continued)



Long before Tyrannosaurus rex reigned supreme, another intimidating predator ruled in the area that is now Utah-- Allosaurus fragilis. Paleontologists have found more Allosaurus fossils in Utah than anywhere else on Earth. Not only is it a cool dinosaur, but it is the official state fossil of Utah.



Monument Valley, AZ



Artist Point in Monument Valley, AZ

FUTURE TRIPS & EVENTS

Turkey Creek



Trip Leaders: Mike Drawsky

Contact # 480-216-2730

When: Saturday, October 11th

Meet: 7:00 AM breakfast @ First Watch, Carefree Hwy. & I-17 (34948 N Valley Pkwy, Phoenix, AZ 85086)

Pullout: 8:00 AM

Finish Time: 4:00 PM

Rating: 3

Gila River Run



Trip Leaders: Rick & Diane Nelson

Contact # 360-319-1272

When: Saturday, October 25th

Meet: 9:30 AM at the Florence McDonald's (801 N Highway 79)

Pullout: 10:00 AM

Finish Time: 3:00 PM

Rating: 2.5

What to Bring: Lunch, water, chairs

Description: This run is suitable for stock Jeeps. SUV's and pickups are not recommended. There are some sections that are very rocky and have some ledges to go down.

GMRS channel 7 frequency 462.7125

Ham Radio 146.520

Mesa 4 Wheelers Holiday Party



You're invited to the Mesa 4WD Club Christmas Party on December 6th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Husky Hollow Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, featuring a BBQ, gift exchange, and a 60th anniversary celebration, with a request to coordinate the 'Best Dressed' contest.

Note

- Pay for your BBQ dinnerRSVP\$35 per person, no alcohol
- Volunteer to head up the gift exchange
- Participate in the gift exchange by bringing a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less
- Attend the Mesa 4WD Club Christmas Party

🎄 Mesa 4WD Club Christmas Party – Let's Celebrate the Season... and 60 Years! 🎁

- Mark your calendars and shine up those sleigh bells! Our Mesa 4WD Club Christmas Party is coming up on Saturday, December 6th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM – and it's shaping up to be a festive evening full of fun, food, and a few surprises.
- 📍 Where & When:
 - Date: Saturday, December 6th
 - Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Location: Husky Hollow Mobile Home Park Clubhouse - 1363 N. Plaza Dr., Apache Junction
- 🍽️ Dinner – Catered by Bobby Q's BBQ!
- Enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner, catered by none other than Bobby Q's. Cost is \$35 per person – but if you're not in the mood to eat, you're still welcome to come join in the fun. Good food, great company, and holiday cheer guaranteed!
- 🎁 Gift Exchange – Optional & Sure to be Fun!
- If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less (please, no alcohol).

It's a fun way to share a laugh and maybe walk away with something unexpected!

- Volunteer Needed: We're looking for someone to head up the gift exchange and keep the merriment rolling!
- 🎉 Celebrating SIXTY Years of Mesa 4WD!
- Can you believe it? Our club is turning 60 years old! We're planning a special salute to celebrate our history and adventures over the decades. A volunteer is needed to help pull together a short presentation – maybe even a PowerPoint with some great photos and memories?
- 🧵 Ugly Sweaters & Festive Fashion
- We're tossing around the idea of a "Best Dressed" or maybe even a "Best Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest – with prizes, of course! We just need someone with a keen eye (and good humor) to orchestrate the competition.
- 🎁 A Few Surprises Up Our Sleeves...
- We won't spoil everything now – but trust us, we've got a couple of special touches planned to make the night extra memorable.
- Don't miss this chance to connect, celebrate, and kick off the holiday season Mesa 4WD style. Whether you're in it for the BBQ, the stories, or just the good company – there's a place for you at the party.
- We hope to see you there – festive attire encouraged!

WE WOULD LIKE TO FIRM UP A HEAD COUNT & HAVE PAYMENT TAKEN CARE OF BY OUR NOVEMBER. 21ST MEETING.

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

3" M4W Stickers	\$5.00
6" Sew-on M4W Patch	\$15.00
M4W Arm Patches	\$0.50
3" ASA4WDC Stickers	\$5.00
4" ASA4WDC Patch	\$10.00
2 ½" ASA4WDC Patch	\$10.00
State Decals	\$2.00
M4W Front Bumper Plates	\$20.00
Club Hats	\$25.00

MORE CLUB PROMOTIONAL ITEMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON: [Mesa 4 wheelers by Little | Printify Pop-Up](#)

REFRESHMENTS

October & November

Drinks: ?????
Snacks: ?????



BIRTHDAYS

September

9/2 Bob Nyberg
9/9 Kurt Loga
9/12 Michael Marchi
9/14 Bob Williams
9/16 John Hart
9/18 Steve Maertens
9/24 Paula Brown
9/25 Adeline Hayton



October

Pat Jenkins 10/14
Bill Murray 10/30

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

September

Mike & Linda Dreckman 9/84 Associate
Darrel & Debra Wallace 9/05 Regular
Dan & Debb Smith 09/17 Regular
Bo & Laureen Shaw 09/19 Regular
Jamie Shute 09/23 Regular

October

Dave & Paula Brown 10/97 Associate
Mike & Linda Drawsky 10/98 Life
Rick & Diane Nelson 10/19 Regular
Robert Rodgers 10/17 Regular
Nathaniel Stringer 10/16 Regular

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