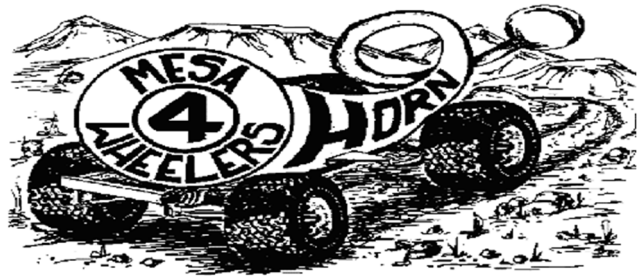


# MESA 4 WHEELERS HORN NEWSLETTER

December 2020

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**Next Meeting**  
 (To Be Announced at a later date)

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I want to thank those of you who came out to support the Sheriff's Toy Patrol held at Desert Rat's Tempe location. Between individual members and the club's donation, we contributed over \$600 worth of toys!

This month we have been getting a number of guests showing up for our runs, probably due in part to April Taylor's excellent photo & video coverage she has been posting on our Facebook page!

Although this year's Annual Snow Run had lower attendance numbers, based on the current circumstances, we were fortunate to have as many as we did! New member, Justin Fogel, brought out his drone and captured some great video and aerial photos of the run and posted them. April did another fabulous job putting a collage of photos together that captures everyone and every moment!

Mike's Reymert Mine Run was a hit, with 20 Jeeps and 1 Pathfinder. Guests, made up for more than half, with half of those being first-time attendees. (To view video of this run, go to the club's Facebook page and click on April's Reymert Mine posting)

Wishing everyone a Brighter New Year!

-Norm



## REMEMBERING PAST CHRISTMAS PARTIES



# CLUB TRIP REPORTS

## Desert Rat's Annual Toy Drive

(Benefiting Maricopa County Sheriff's Toy Patrol)

M4W members in attendance: Ray & Pat Jenkins, Mike & Lin Drawsky, Elisia Little, April Taylor, Adelaide D'Ippolito, Walter & Gert Leible, Bob Williams, Max McKee and Don & Chris Netzel



We had food and drinks

Caught Mike buying raffle tickets ... hope you won one of these awesome prizes!



Mesa 4 Wheelers 11 members with Tim (of Desert Rat) thanking us for our donation of \$500 of toys! Thank you all members for contributing to this event... we could not have done it without you all! 🍪🍪🍪

**Desert Rat's Annual Toy Drive (Continued)**



Guess who this is?... Nice rig!



April & Pat



Nice t-shirt Don & Chris



Mike in this old Jeep

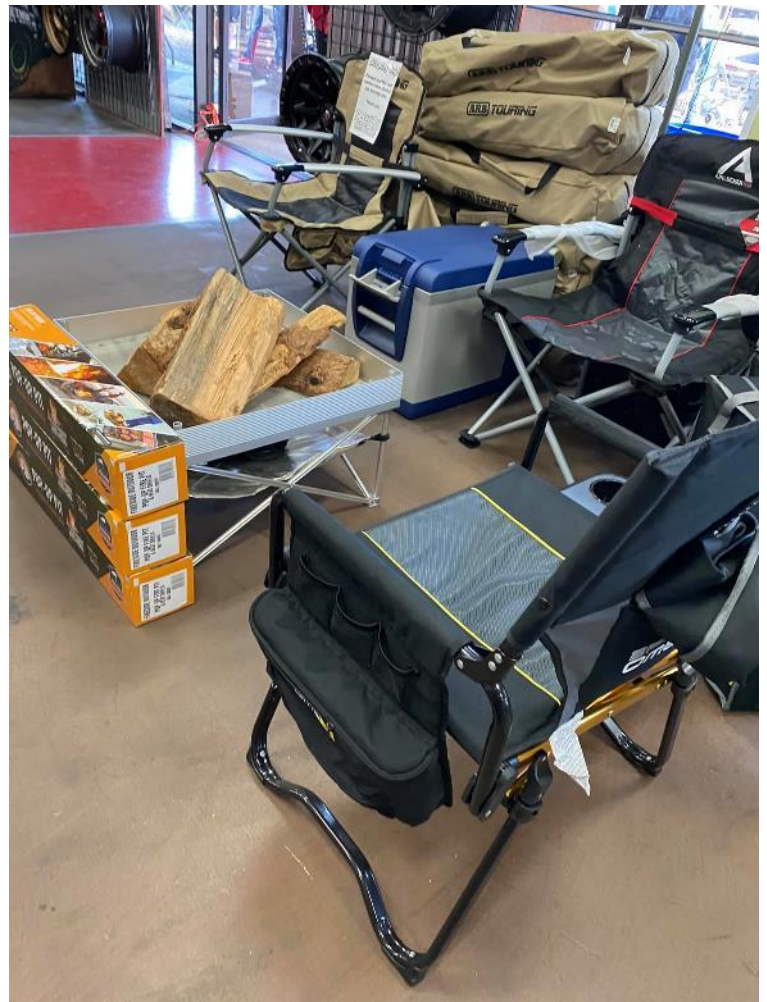
**Desert Rat's Annual Toy Drive (Continued)**



Pat at the wheel!



Nice couple... Chris's turn to drive



Nice portable fire pit... also has a grate for cooking...maybe should get one then we can make Hobo dinners 😊



Eliesa and April in the old jeep

## Desert Rat's Annual Toy Drive (Continued)



Oh we hit a bump in the road!



Running board vendor



Big Willie... the tires almost as tall as me (April)



The early birds got a photo with Big Willie  
*(Photos & writeup provided by April Taylor)*

## Annual Snow Run

Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

Trip Leaders: Mike & Lin Drawsky

**M4W members in attendance:** Eliesa Little, April Taylor, Adelaide D'Ippolito, Justin, Shannon & Haydon Fogel, Clete & Randi Hruska and Jack Gray

**Guest in attendance:** Mike & Carol Trapshuh, Steve & Kathi Maertens, Marty Hart, Edwin Horn, Dennis Schepp, DJ & Amber Witter and Mike & Laura Painter

Mesa 4 Wheeler's Annual Snow Run on Forest Road 300 part of Mogollon Rim.



While arriving in Pine, April & Eliesa are greeted by a group of elk crossing the road!

## Annual Snow Run (Continued)

Breakfast at Historic Randall House in Pine then off to Forest Road 300. We had the annual warm apple cider drink at the General Springs cabin! After that some of us had lunch/dinner at That Brewery & Pub! Thanks, Mike for putting this together! Merry Christmas all!



The food was great here at The Randell House...they use fresh fruits and veggies!



April had to go out and throw a snowball! Great photo shot by Eliesa Little.



Shannon & Haydon Fogel

**Annual Snow Run (Continued)**



300 Road



Kehl Spring Forest Camp area



Adelaide, Lin and April



Kathi & Steve Maertens, at the edge of the Mogollon Rim



Mike & Lin, at the edge of the Mogollon Rim

**Annual Snow Run (Continued)**



Mike & Laura Painter



Mike & Adelaide, at the edge of the Mogollon Rim



April, jumping for joy!



Haydon, floating in the air!

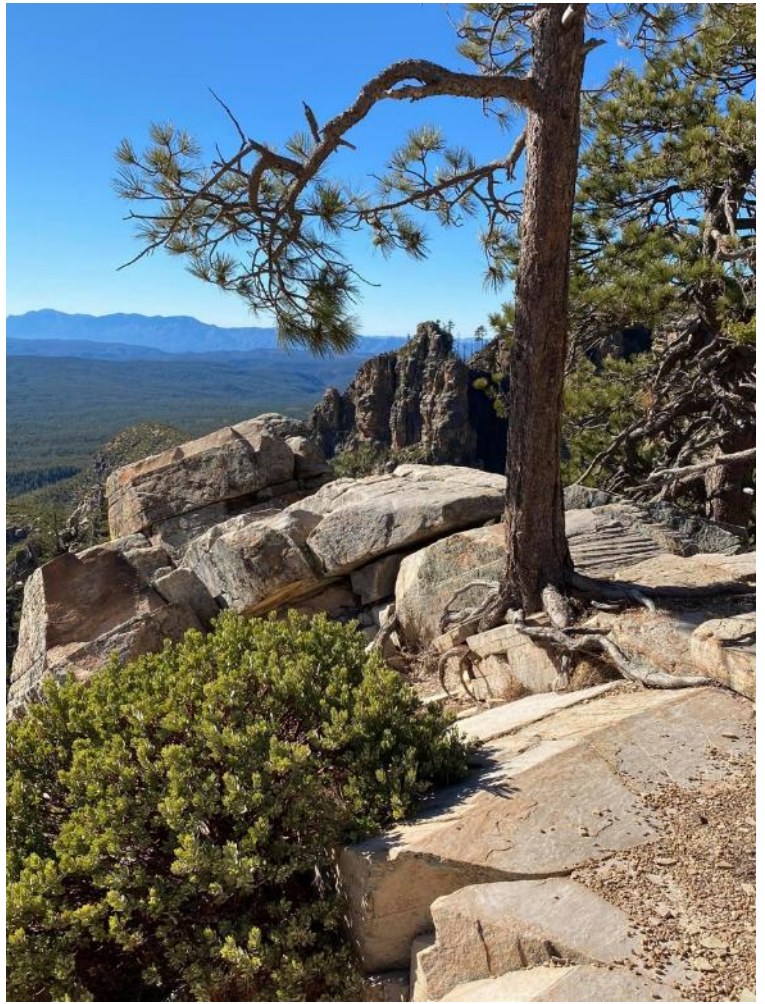


April, Adelaide and Mike on the edge!

**Annual Snow Run (Continued)**



DJ & Amber Witter



Off in the distance, Mazatzal Mountains



Shannon & Haydon Fogel



DJ, Amber, Laura and Mike, are members of a Toyota club, but also do not mind wheeling with other brands of off-road vehicles.

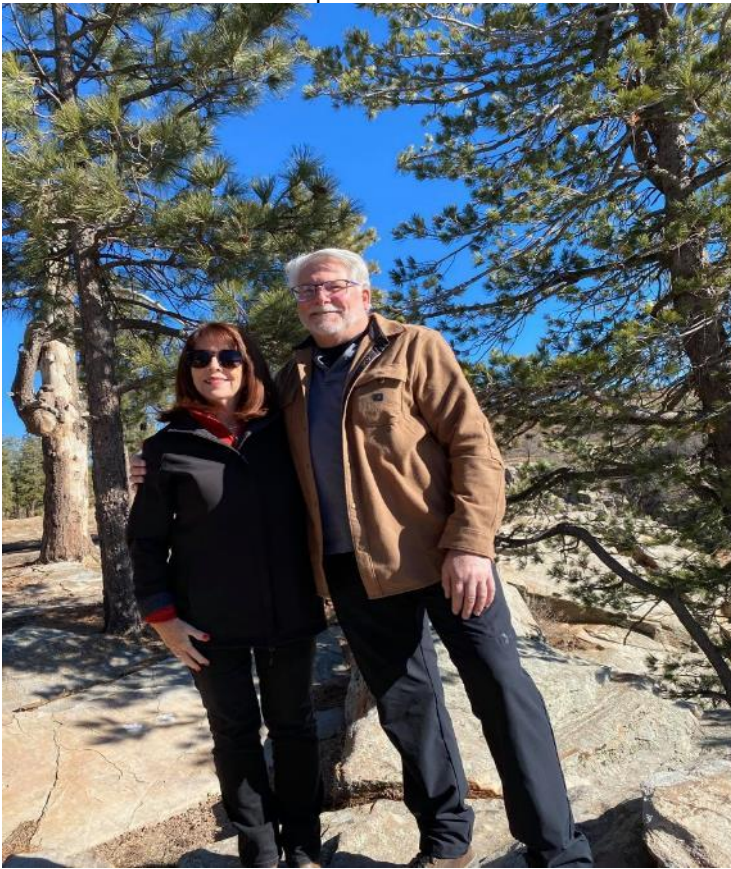
## Annual Snow Run (Continued)



April & Eliesa



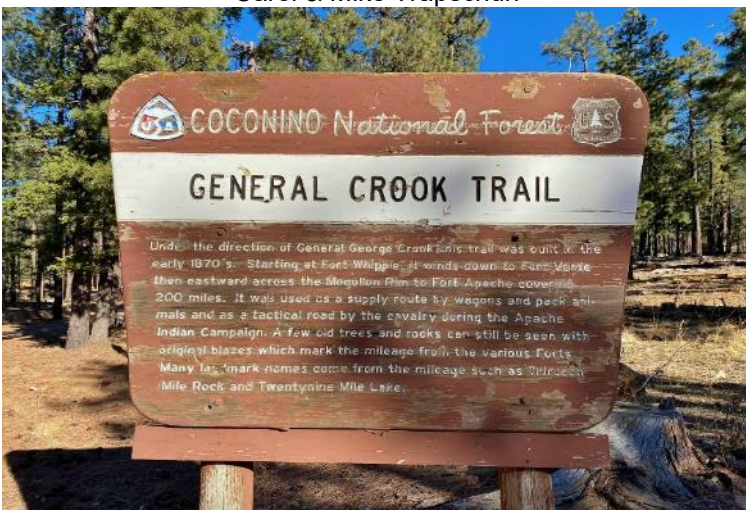
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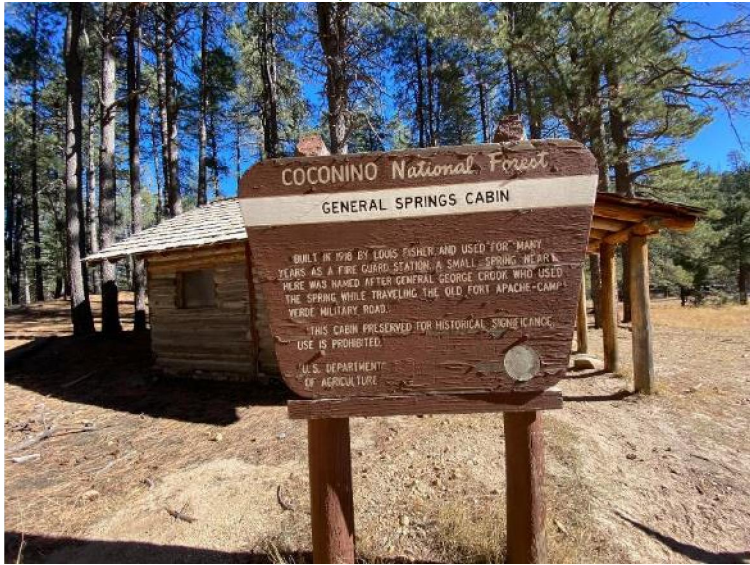
Carol & Mike Trapschuh



Battle of Big Dry Wash



## Annual Snow Run (Continued)



History of General Springs Cabin



Sun shining down on us. Previous years, this meadow was covered in snow.



The original cabin was built in 1918 by Luis Fisher for use as a fire guard station.



Enjoying the mild winter weather on the Mogollon Rim, outside the cabin.



**Annual Snow Run (Continued)**



Clete, had club hats made up and on display for purchase.



Mike, Clete & Mike



Mike & Lin heating up the traditional Hot Apple Cider!



Lin & Randi

## Annual Snow Run (Continued)



Last minute group photo before we depart...



Arriving back at the start of the 300 Road, at SR87, we aired up.

While some decided to head for home, others prolonged the day's outing by stopping in Pine for an early dinner at "That Brewery & Pub".

*(Photos provided by April Taylor, Justin Fogel & Carol Trapshuh)*

### Reymert Mine Pre-Run

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

Trip Leader: Mike Drawsky

**M4W members in attendance:** Ray Jenkins, Jim Kawa, Clete Hruska, Jack Gray, Bob Williams, Dave Brown, Rich Dalton, Richard Freise, Dale Ebright & Mercedes Johnson.

**Guest in attendance:** Dean Eddleman, Cody Wheeler and Chris Nickelson, Larry Blau



After leading the Snow Run, the following day, Mike is in Queen Valley getting ready to pre-run the route to Reymert Mine.



Mike put out an invite for the pre-run expecting maybe 3 or 4 takers and ended up with 15 vehicles!



Within about an hour and half, they arrived at the mine site and came across this cabin.



Ray & Clete, checking out the inside of the cabin

## Reymert Mine Pre-Run (Continued)



Dave Brown followed Mike through this optional route



Behind Larry, Dick was in his TJ Rubicon



Following Dave, it was Jim's turn. Notice the flex!



Behind Dick, today's tail-end, was Clete & Gary. Notice the flex!



Following Jim, Larry was in his LJ Rubicon Unlimited



Trip leader Mike, misses the turn to the Old Reymert Mine site and ends up running into a dead end! The road used to go through and return to SR60, but a mining operation closed off access to the new Reymert Mine site currently in operation.

After some maneuvering, we were able to get turned around and eventually find the turn to the old mine site.

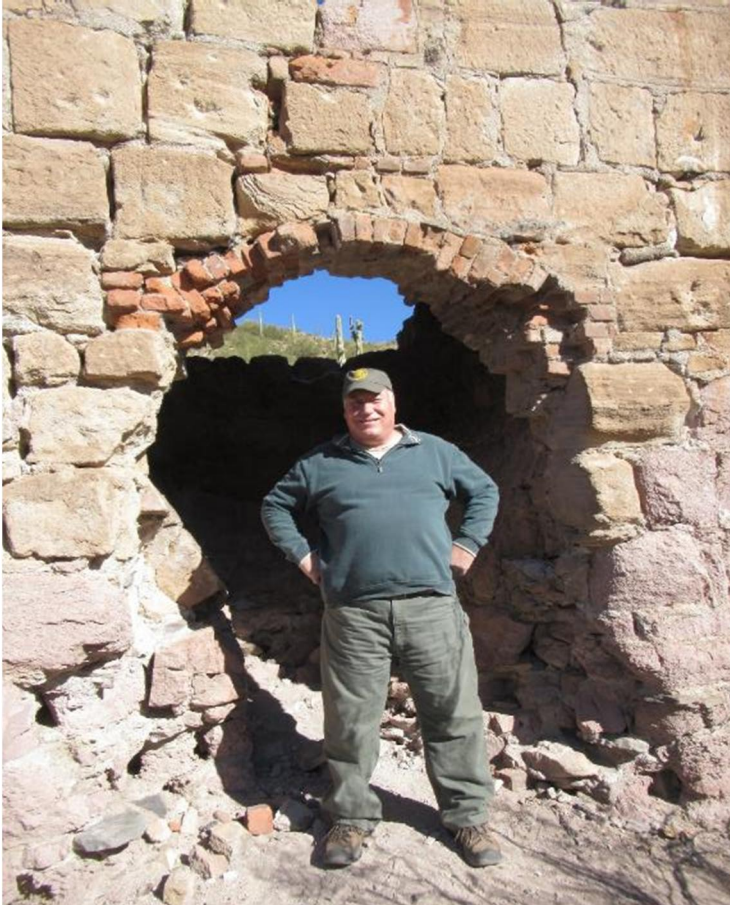
## Reymert Mine Pre-Run (Continued)



Dale posing next to the smelting ovens



Another view of the ovens



Trip leader Mike



Looking back at the day's caravan

**Reymert** is a ghost town in Pinal County, Arizona.

Reymert was originally established around a post office that began operation on June 6, 1890. Reymert was named after its founder, James DeNoon Reymert, who also founded the adjacent milling and smelting town of DeNoon. James Reymert also was the editor of the *Pinal Drill* newspaper published in the nearby town of Pinal City.

The town's occupants largely worked at Reymert Mine, until work there stopped in the 1950s. Originally a silver mine, later a silver-manganese mine, it was located approximately 5 miles southwest of Superior, Arizona. A Phoenix-based company bulldozed the remnants of the town in the late 1970s. The remains of two processing kilns still exist, as well as a number of stacked stone foundations.



Off in the distance, the cottonwoods were turning yellow

## Reymert Mine Pre-Run (Continued)



On our return to SR60, Mike chose an alternate route.



Heading north, making our way back to SR60. The Superstition Mountains and Weaver's Needle is off in the far distance.



This cattle yard may have been used to provide meat to the town of Reymert and other surrounding mining camps.



Everyone enjoyed the day's Reymert Mine run, mainly because it was new to everyone, including Ray & Clete!



Jim trying to imagine what type of livestock was placed in this pen. Looking at the steel plate base, it looked as though it originally functioned as a water storage tank.



Airing up at the end of a full day's pre-run.

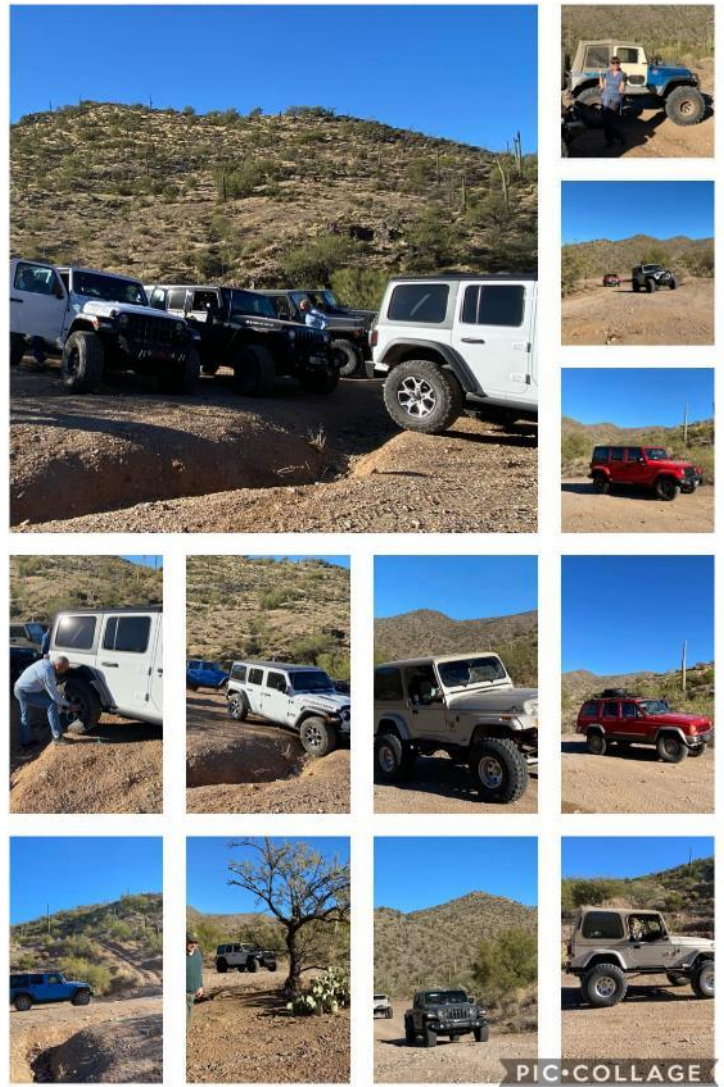
# Reymert Mine Run

Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

Trip Leader: Mike Drawsky

**M4W members in attendance:** Bob Williams, Jim Hopper, Walter & Gert Leible, Norm Clark, Chris & Eliesa Little, April Taylor, Dan Smith, Ralph & Cindy Koepke, Adelaide D'Ippolito and Rick & Diane Nelson

**Guest in attendance:** Dean & Sue Eddleman, Joesph & Katie Rose, Jim Atwater, Dave & Michelle Caffroy, Mark Sullaben, Brett Anderson, Mark Zullnere, Christopher Nickerson, Dennis Schipp, Jackie & Steve Gibson, Michael Gibson, Dave & Claudia Lucas and Dennis Fitzpatrick



Our first stop...at the cabin

Staging area... amazingly we had a large group!



Here we go...

# Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)



The inside of the cabin... did you notice the refrigerator is built into the wall...



This cabin was built into the ground so we were standing on the roof.



Nice views outside from the porch of the cabin

# Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)



Here we go again off to the ovens



Got some great shots of those who dared to take the low bumpy road 😊 Walter & Gert enjoyed this part of the ride



Taking the low road...lots of rocks...



Dan working his way through...

**Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)**



Brett Anderson, driving "Willys"



President Norm made his way through just fine!



Dennis & Judith Fitzpatrick brought little Cody along for this ride.



On our way to the mine ovens



Adelaide coming through...she made it...a piece of cake



The ovens...notice in the distance the golden cottonwood trees.

# Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)



Chris climbed up to the top of the oven



Lots of posing for photos. Kids enjoyed exploring around.



Remaining walls of the ovens



Looking around and snapping photos of everyone who would pose for me. 😊

Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)



Dean & Sue



Going up to the switchbacks

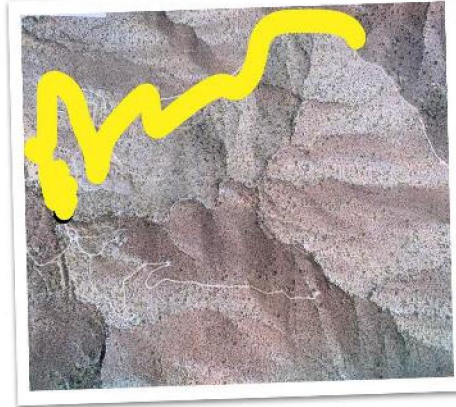


Fun road with lots of saguaro cactus around the area



Narrow road going to the top of the hill

**Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)**



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The yellow is where we drove to get to the top...switchback turns were very sharp...had to turn a bit then back up and straighten out to go straight up the hill.



We drove on the road at the top of the map.

Some views to the east



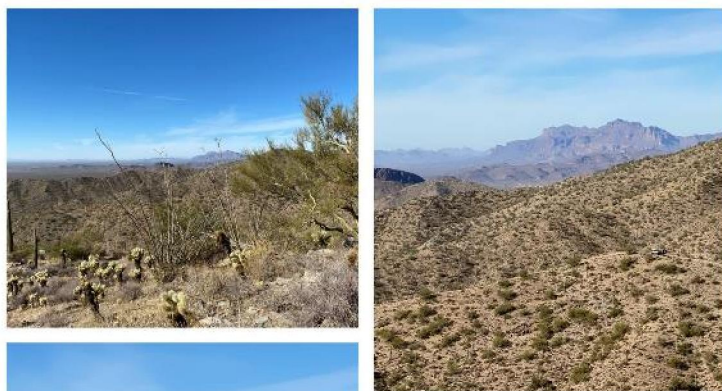
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We found enough room to park all of the Jeeps.

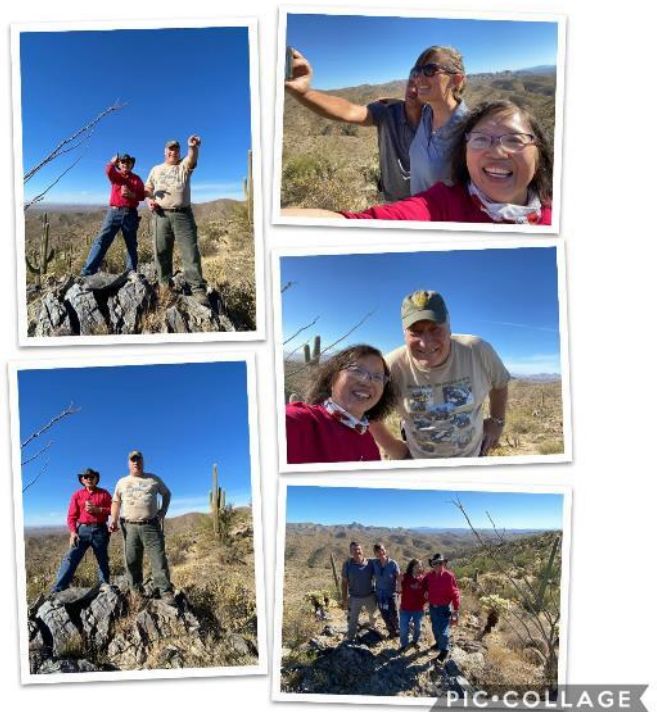
# Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)



Eliesa Little climbing to meet us up at the top



Views from the top



Admiring the view!



Cactus

# Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)



Chris, Eliesa, April & Jim standing at the Top of The World!



Facing south, towards Mt. Lemon



Hey Jim, I think I see Woodpecker Mine!  
Mike...I see the "Highway to Hell" just above it!



Mike's Jeep...very high hard to get and out of for someone who is 4'10" 🤪

# Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)



PIC•COLLAGE

Going back down the hill



PIC•COLLAGE

All made it down safely!



PIC•COLLAGE

On the way to the quartz wall



PIC•COLLAGE

Getting ready to drive up the quartz wall area

## Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)



Mike stopped at the turnoff to the quartz hill to see if everyone was up to driving the road to the top.



Everyone was still up for more challenges! Here's Ralph & Cindy making their way up.



Close up shot of the quartz rock alongside the road to the top.



Bob, working his way around the rock obstacle, while following Ralph & Cindy.



Following Bob, Dan was working his JK around that same rock.



Walter & Gert posing next to Jim Atwater's well maintained 25 year old YJ.

## Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)



Jim, found the highest point to park his Jeep



Mike's been wheeling his YJ since he purchased it new in 1989



Ralph enjoying the late afternoon extended run!



One last stop at the deserted cattle pens and windmill before returning to SR60.



Dan positioned himself to take advantage of the sun's warmth!



For the past couple of years, Jim has been making it a tradition of climbing to the top of old windmills. Great to still have that much energy when you are nearing your mid 70's!

## Reymert Mine Main Run (Continued)



Here in the Arizona desert, ranchers would quite often use the main stem from the Ocotilla plant to support the barbwire.



Walter and Gert, airing back up after a long day on the trail. By the time we had returned to pavement there was about an hour of sunlight remaining!

*I want to give special thanks to April Taylor for providing the excellent collage of photos and captions!*

Mike

## FUTURE TRIPS & EVENTS

### Box Canyon

**Trip Leader:** Adelaide D'Ippolito

**Contact #** (714) 345-4434

**When:** Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Meet:** 9:00 Price Road & SR79, Florence

**Pullout:** 9:30

**Finish Time:** 2:00

**Rating:** 2.5

**Details:** (To Follow)



### Concours in the Hills 2021 – Vehicle Registration

**Date:**

Saturday, February 13, 2021

**Time:**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Location:**

Fountain Park  
12925 N Saguaro Blvd  
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

The show is held in what is undoubtedly the most spectacular setting for a car show in the valley, on the grass around the lake and fountain. In 2020, the event raised over \$260,000 for Phoenix Children's, approximately 30,000 spectators, 1,052 vehicles and 118 dealers/vendors displayed. These were all new records and we hope to break them all in 2021. Scuderia Southwest has renewed their commitment to support the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Phoenix Children's.

The Concours is supported by the leading car clubs of Arizona representing Ferrari, Lamborghini, Porsche, McLaren, Maserati, Jaguar, Corvette, Viper, Ford GT, Lotus, Audi, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Alfa Romeo, DeTomaso, DeLorean, Mustang, Cadillac and others.

In anticipation of even greater attendance, we are making more changes to improve the show and especially to allow more space and less cramming. There will be more food trucks and more washrooms.

This is not a formal "white gloves" concours but rather a relaxed and fun event designed to allow enthusiasts to display their own vehicles and admire others. We welcome all high-performance, sports, classic, race, muscle, hot-rods both import and domestic.

Early bird registration through February 11, 2021 is \$60 for vehicles and \$30 for motorcycles. Due to CDC Guidelines, we are not allowing day of registration so be sure to register today by completed the form below.

Spectator admission and parking is free. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, February 20.

## ITEMS FOR SALE:

### CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

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## BIRTHDAYS

### December

12/5 Jeri Liberman  
12/11 Dave Brown  
12/12 Nate Van Keuren  
12/16 Ann Nyberg



### January

01/01 Kim Calvert  
01/02 Char Murray  
01/24 Bo Shaw  
01/28 Ralph Koepke

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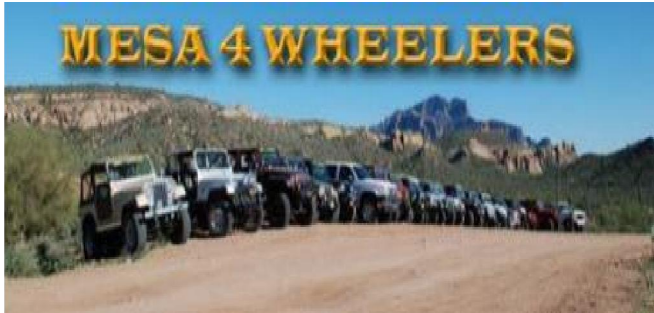
### December

Bob & Ann Nyberg 12/97  
Clete & Randi Hruska 12/08  
John Guthrie 12/09

### January

John & Hazel Hart 1/10  
Bill & Charlotte Murray 1/11  
Wayne & Tonya Mihailov 1/15  
Dale Ehrbright & Mercedes Johnson 1/18  
Glenn & Laura McConnell 1/16

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