

FROM OUR HISTORY BOOK

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On August 1, 2006, Sam Giamarvo mailed a letter to Happy Trails Executive Manager, Beth McWilliams, advising her that he intended to form a 4-wheel drive club in Happy Trails. He enclosed a set of by-laws he prepared for the club.

November 9, 2006: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING The board approved the 4-wheel drive club as an unchartered club.

ADDENDUM

(Sam Giamarvo requested that the Happy Trails Board of Directors change the status of the 4-Wheel Drive Club from unchartered to chartered. Documents were provided to show that the club met all the requirements of a chartered club. After a presentation to the Activities Board they recommended this change. The Board of Directors voted at their April 2007 meeting to change the Happy Trails 4-Wheel Club to a Chartered Club.)

On November 17, 2006, Happy Trails 4-Wheel Club held its first meeting. Five families were represented. The members voted to adopt the proposed by-laws with a few minor amendments to the Extended Rules of Operation.

On November 24, 2006, the 4-Wheel club had a trail run lead by Sam and Connie Giamarvo into the Wickenburg Mountains. Seven families were present. The trail was rated as a class 2, easy. The club visited the Monte Cristo Mine.

On December 8, 2006, Phil & Carol Kennicott lead the club on a trail up to the Harquahala Peak. Five families were represented. The summit was over 5000 feet in elevation. This ride was rated as a class 2, easy.

On January 12, 2007, Sam and Connie Giamarvo lead the club into the Belmont Mountains. Ten families attended. The members visited the ruins of the old Belmont mine.

The 4-Wheel club took part in the Happy Trails Resort Club Fair. Photographs and information about the club was available.

January 19, 2007, the club held its second meeting. Eleven families were represented. An election of club officers was held. Those elected were: Sam Giamarvo - President, Phil Kennicott - Vice-President, Marj Tynan - Secretary, and Judy Loomis - Treasurer.

January 26, 2007, the club was lead by Sam and Connie Giamarvo on a trail run through the New River Canyon. Twelve families were present. This ride was rated as a class 3 medium.

On February 9, 2007, the club ventured on a trail run into the Wickenburg Mountains lead by Sam and Connie Giamarvo. Six families were represented. This trail was rated as a class 4 hard.

On February 16, 2007, the club held its third meeting. The club traveled to Sheep's Bridge North of Horseshoe lake lead by Art Norris. 11 vehicles went on the ride which was rated a class 2 easy.

By the end of the **first season** (2006-07) the club had grown to 26 families & had 11 rides.

By the end of the **second season** (2007-08) the club was up to 40 families & drove 18 trails.

By the end of the **third season** (2008-09) the club had expanded to 44 families & had 23 trail rides.

At the close of the **fourth season** (2009-10) the club membership was 35 families & had 40 trail rides.

At trails end of the **fifth season** (2010-11) the club membership was 33 families & had 34 trail rides.

The **sixth season** came to a close (2011-12) and Sam finally got a volunteer to replace him as president for the next season. We had 34 families and drove 43 trails.

The **seventh season** was another success (2012-13) with Dave Dahl as president. Two new club functions came into being: Our monthly meetings are now being held in the evening preceded with a pot luck dinner. The club members are now gathering once a week (Tuesday) at the Great Eagle Golf Course Grill for a two hour social. Both of these events have been very popular. We had 35 families join the club and we drove 51 trails.

Our **eighth season** has come to a close (2013-2014). The club membership reached 42 families and 33 trail rides.

As we complete our **ninth season** (2014-2015) with the leadership of our new president, John Shurtz, we have 43 families and have ventured out onto 44 trails.

Our **tenth season** (2015-2016) has come to a close. We had more fun & social events this year than ever before. This included a tenth-year anniversary celebration with a pizza party, cake and ice cream. We all took part in a boat ride out on Lake Pleasant. Our club socialized every Tuesday at the Great Eagle golf course bar & grille. We ended the season with 41 members and completed 35 trail rides.

The **eleventh season** (2016-2017) past so quickly with so many rides and social events. We finished the season with 42 families and all Jeeps. As a club, we voted to restrict our membership to only jeep owners. We completed our season with 36 trail rides.

We completed our **twelfth season** (2017-2018) with our new president, Don Phelps. We had a Christmas dinner & gift exchange, a Liberty Wildlife presentation, attended the Arizona Opry, and had a club rodeo. We had a record 47 families join and we took part in 46 trail rides.

Yahoo!!!