



Arizona State Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs
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Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Annual Report for 2017

The Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs (ASA4WDC) has survived another year. Membership seems to be down a bit due to internet and meet up clubs.

The ASA4WDC is continuing work on the grant that was written last year to Arizona State Parks. This is a pilot project that has been difficult to get off the ground due to some issues with ASP. But, the meetings that have been held have produced some new partnerships and working relationships in different parts of the state. The payment process and reporting are still a difficult process.

The ASA4WDC is continuing to work with the Tucson Rough Riders and a single-track association, Trail Riders of Arizona, on the ongoing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Coronado Forest Service (FS). This has turned into a very good partnership, and we are in the process of writing a grant for a trail repair project in southern Arizona.

The ASA4WDC is looking at ways to bring in the UTV's users. This is not in our bylaws but we are still researching the idea.

Issues that still affect us in our area of the country is access. Access through ASLD is the most difficult. This agency really does not work with the OHV community or other agencies very well when it comes to OHV access. Even though the ASLD receives a portion of our grant money. The ASLD land in Arizona is "checker boarded" with BLM, FS and ranchers. So, access is one of our major issues and is becoming more difficult as time goes on.

The National Forests and BLM districts in Arizona are continuing their planning and travel management plans. Our organization has tried to participate in all of them.

The ASA4WDC's membership is another very large issue that we have been dealing with. Due to the internet and social media the organized clubs and associations don't seem to do as well anymore. It seems to take much more time to find members and clubs that understand why they should band together. It seems that if it isn't on social media then it isn't worthwhile. The trend lately seems to be "Meet Ups" and not belonging to organized groups. Bringing in new members and new clubs is becoming harder and harder.

These social media clubs have also caused us some problems with road maintenance, damage and events. Some of these clubs just have events without going through any of the requirements or following regulations.



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Membership retention is an ongoing process that doesn't seem to have a good answer on how to retain or add new members. The same question keeps coming up, what does the ASA4WDC do for them and why should they belong. It is an age-old question that just continues and it has to be answered again and again. We drop our budgets more and more and try to do as much as we can for no charge but our members just don't see the advantages of belonging to an organization and would rather spend their money on parties and other club activities only.

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