



# Happy Trails and Dusty Roads

Phoenix ATV / UTV Club Newsletter



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## Welcome



Welcome to Volume 2, Issue 1 of **Happy Trails and Dusty Roads**, the Phoenix ATV/UTV Club's newsletter. **Bob Maitzen** is this month's contributing author on a recent **Wickenburg - Stanton Goldfields/Ghost Town - Yarnell - Hassayampa River Box Canyon Ride** that included a number of historical and scenic destination highlights. We hosted two club rides in January for visiting members of the **Colorado Cliff Riders Club** that were RVing in Wickenburg.

We want to encourage our members to submit their own ride summaries, photos, and videos to share their trail experiences and to give insight to the numerous rides available in Arizona and around Phoenix. Send a Word document narrative with JPG photo attachments to [bob.maitzen@gmail.com](mailto:bob.maitzen@gmail.com) for inclusion into a future **Happy Trails and Dusty Roads** newsletter issue or for a meeting's "Trail Talk" presentation discussion. It can be a short or long narrative since the newsletter can accommodate both formats and expand into multiple pages as needed. We also received a few new ride videos from members to show at our next quarterly meeting. Future quarterly meetings, social events, and off-site educational forums will be held at various locations and venues around the Valley. Check out the Facebook website for event postings and future meeting locations.



Scenic Slot Canyon within Hassayampa River Box Canyon



**Bob Harper** has recently joined the creative team of the founding Phoenix ATV / UTV Club Board in an Undefined Role in January. Bob is a veteran ride wingman and tailgunner. **Welcome aboard Bob!** If anyone else is interested in joining the PAUC Board, please contact Bob Maitzen.

## PHOENIX ATV/UTV CLUB Facebook Group website (Social Media Platform)

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NEW ACTIVITY ▾

Bob Maitzen uploaded a file. November 10, 2019

Four Peaks - EL Oso Mine - Rolls OHV Area - Saquaro Lake Hidden Cove #2 GPS Track

Four Peaks-El Oso Mine-Rolls OHV Area.gpx

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DESCRIPTION

**Our club has a Facebook Group website for full social media interaction with our Facebook Followers for Discussion blogs, Member contacts, Rides, Event Calendar Announcements, Sharing of Member Videos and Photos, and General OHV announcements.**

Membership on our Facebook website continues to grow everyday as members invite their friends to join the club. We hit a new milestone event of **550 Members** at the end of January 2020. Not bad for 1 year of operation!



**Bill Haney** is the chief **Administrator** for our **PHOENIX ATV/UTV CLUB** Facebook website. Thanks Bill for all your help!



# PHOENIX ATV/UTV CLUB new internet website (Membership Fee Platform)



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A Phoenix Arizona ATV / UTV / SxS Club

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Explore the many desert and mountain riding trails of Arizona with the

## PHOENIX ATV / UTV CLUB



**COMING SOON -** Our new Membership-Fee-Based internet website (<https://phoenixatvutvclub.org/>) is expected to Go-Live on March 1st after some internal testing by the board members. There will be public relations/marketing information, member benefits, ride photos/video galleries, and a number of Members-Only-Access features (club merchandise store, events calendar, maps & GPS tracks library, outside reference maps library, newsletters library, and much more). Family Household Membership Fees = \$30/year from date of application.

**In addition, our club has its own YouTube Channel for posting of our Four Points of the Compass ride videos and Educational Forums and Roundtable Discussion presentations.**



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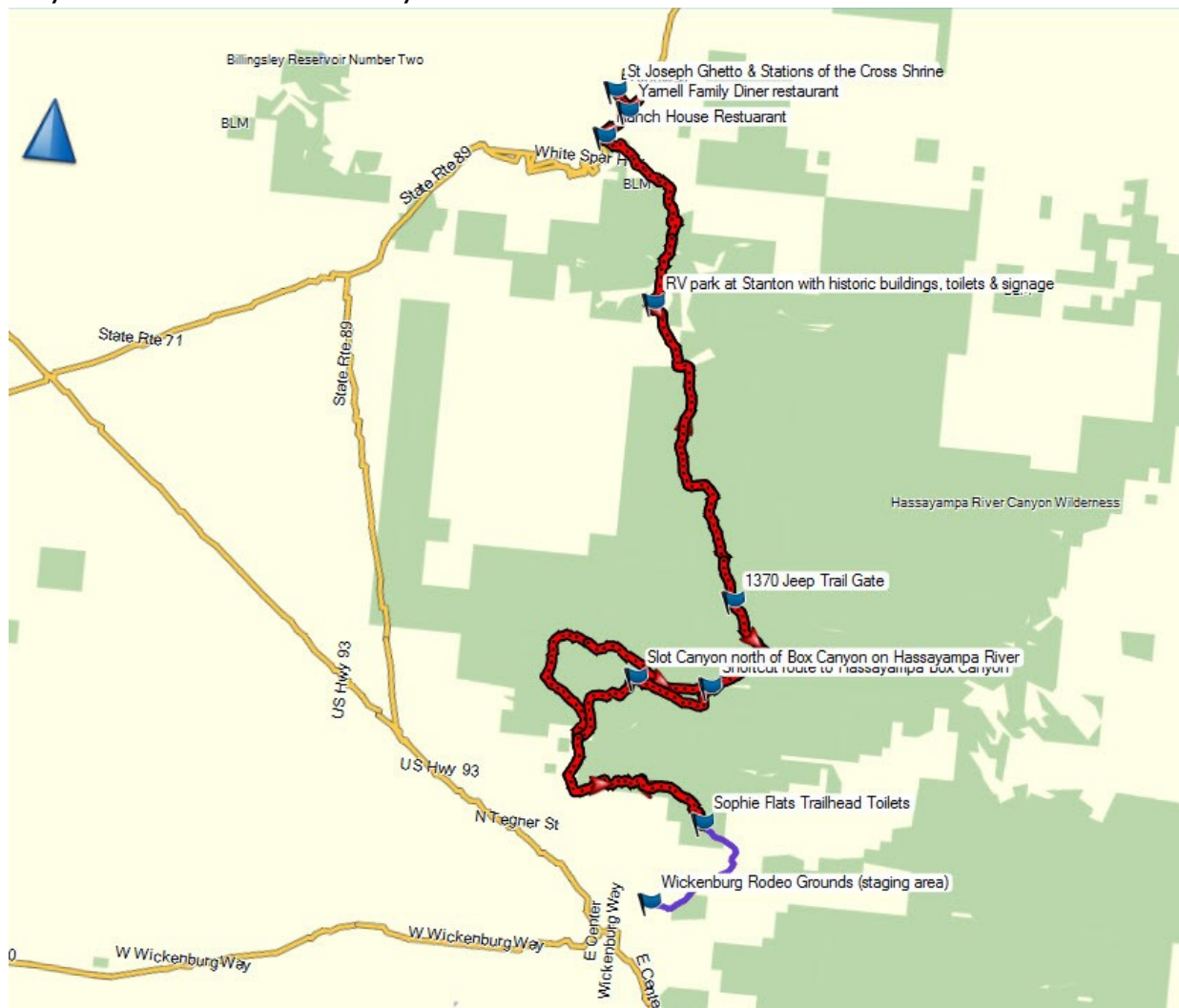
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## Ride Summary - Wickenburg - Stanton Goldfields/Ghost Town - Yarnell - Hassayampa River Box Canyon Ride

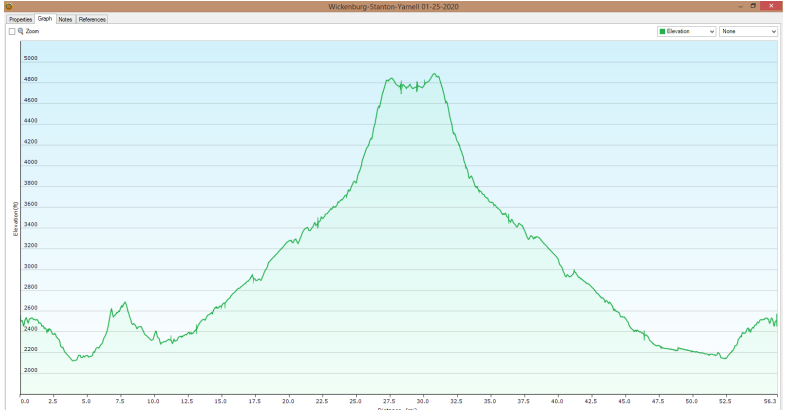
**Article by Bob Maitzen** - The **Phoenix ATV / UTV Club** had nice cool sunny weather (mid-40s to low-70s) for their **Jan 25th - Wickenburg-Stanton Goldfields/Ghost Town-Yarnell-Hassayampa River Box Canyon Ride**. That morning, we had to relocate our staging area from the Wickenburg Rodeo Grounds to the nearby **Sophie's Flat Trailhead parking area** about 3 miles away due to an unanticipated rodeo event going on that weekend. Bob played traffic cop at the rodeo grounds redirecting the group to the new staging area with flyers and had placed directional signage along the route.

There was a good turnout of 46 adventure-seeking participants (including 2 small dogs + 1 new puppy) in 30 vehicles (4 ATVs + 26 UTVs). It was nice seeing some familiar snowbird faces return to the Valley and very nice to meet new people interested in OHV riding at our meet-and-greet stops. The joint club ride was primarily organized for visiting members of the **Colorado Cliff Riders club** that were RVing in Wickenburg but we had a few other out-of-state visitors join us too. David & Beverley Cade and his friend Tommy Lusan & his wife drove in from Yuma AZ to attend this ride.





Other out-of-state visitors included Shaun & Jen Kirkman from Ogden Utah; Dwight & Carolyn Bevans and Howard & Cindy Trask from Rush Colorado; and Steve & Lois Love from Wichita Kansas. We were pleased to note that the out-of-state visitors had purchased their Arizona OHV Decals for this week's two club rides. James & Robert King of the **Prescott ATV/UTV Riders club** joined us with their 2 sports quads. All the other participants were from the surrounding Phoenix Metropolitan Area (Phoenix, Chandler, Surprise, San Tan Valley, Cave Creek, Scottsdale, Peoria, Sun City West, Buckeye, Goodyear, Gilbert, Palo Verde, Laveen, Morristown, Anthem. and Waddell).



**Elevation Graph 2100'-4900' over 56 miles**



**Stanton Goldfields/Ghost Town N34° 09.814' W112° 43.866'**



**30 vehicles in 2 flights**

We divided the group into two flights. Bob Maitzen was the **Roadrunner group flight** leader heading out first with Mike & Joan Koep as his tailgunner. Bill Poppo led the second **Coyotes group flight** a few minutes later with Steve Block as his tailgunner. I want to give a big Thank You shoutout to the Mike, Joan, and Steve for volunteering to be our tailgunners at the staging area.





### Visiting Members of the Colorado Cliff Riders Club

At the Boyd Ranch, we headed east-northeast on the moderate-level-rated jeep trail with its loose rock and off-cambered and bedrock sections. It was in pretty good condition (20-25MPH) and has many changing ridge-running elevations for great scenic views. Our first meet-and-greet photo stop/pee break was 15 miles in at the jeep trail gate. The Coyote flight joined us a few minutes later.



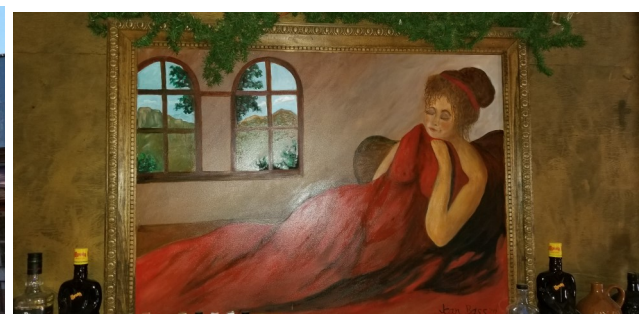
We continued on to the Angels Ranch Road and then to the Decision Corner intersection where we headed north on Weaver Creek Road to the **Stanton Goldfields/Ghost Town**. Bob played traffic cop again to line up the two flights in the Stanton parking lot. The RV park at Stanton was full of RVs and recreational gold panning snowbirds. Some club members bought ice cream at the main office to eat while exploring the **Opera House/Saloon** and **Hotel Stanton buildings** and reading about the **Rich Hill/Potato Patch** sign. It was another great meet-and-greet photo stop. We took group photos in front of the Opera House and Hotel Stanton building and by our vehicles.







Opera House Bar/Saloon







The RV park was full of snowbird recreational gold panners trying their hand at striking it rich on the Lost Dutchman Mining Association gold claims. We continued up the road to Yarnell where the flights split up for lunch between the **Ranch House Restaurant, Yarnell Family Diner**, and those packing a lunch went directly to the nearby **Shrine of St Joseph of the Mountains**. After lunch, both flights met up at the Shrine to walk the hillside and take photos of the life-size statues depicting the Stations of the Cross. The Shrine is easily accessible by visitors coming through Yarnell.





**Side note** – the town of Yarnell is currently constructing a **Granite Mountain Hotshot Firefighters Memorial** on the Shrine Drive corner to honor the 19 firefighters that died saving the town and community from a devastating wildfire. The original Hotshots Memorial site required a 3.5 mile hike northwest of the town to the spot where they perished. The 8,400 acre **Yarnell Hill Fire** was ignited by lightning and was the deadliest wildland fire for U.S. Firefighters since 1933. The wildfire was the sixth most deadliest American Firefighter disaster overall, and the deadliest wildfire ever in Arizona (Source: Wikipedia). A 2017 biographical drama movie was made called “**Only the Brave**” telling their story and dedicated to their memory.



**Shrine of St Joseph of the Mountains**  
**N34° 13.632' W112° 45.173'**  
 (hillside path shrine with life-size statues depicting the Stations of the Cross)



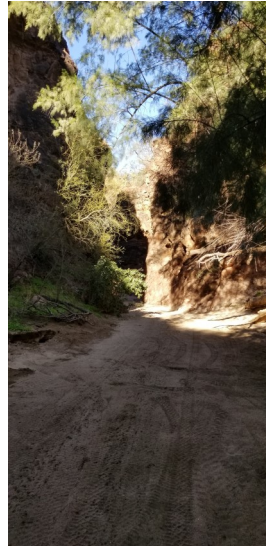




**Rock House at Flora May Park in Yarnell N34° 13.450' W112° 44.869'**

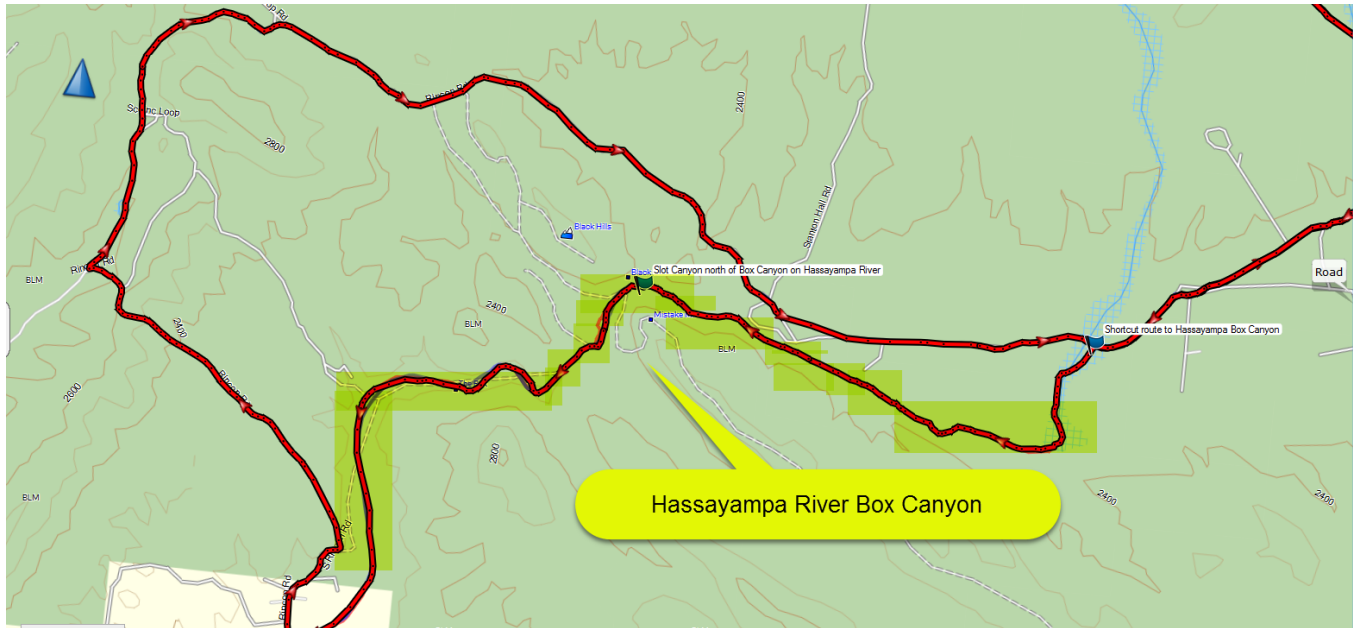
On our return, we stopped again in **Stanton** for a vaulted toilets pee break and to leave a \$20 tip to replenish the toilet paper we used. We returned on the same jeep trail with a rest stop at the mid-trail gate again. At the Boyd Ranch, we stopped for mechanical repairs on one of the Prescott sports quads. James King had lost a couple of bolts on his back frame resulting in a flopping cargo box. Ray Hildago carries extra bolts and between the bolts, zipties, and bungee cords, the pit crew was able to secure James' frame and cargo box. It pays to travel with a group.

Afterwards, we dropped into the upstream end of the **Hassayampa River Box Canyon** for 2-1/2 miles of continuous meandering water crossings within the Box Canyon. That section was a lot of fun to drive crossing 6"-12" deep water with the occasional canyon wide water crossing! You had to maintain momentum and zigzag across the flowing water and deep sand to go around the deep holes. The guys on the sport quads got soak! For camera buffs, the Box Canyon and adjoining hidden slot canyon make for some really nice photo opportunities of the box canyon trail. We stopped the group across from the Mistake Mine so they could explore/photograph the **hidden Slot Canyon** on foot. Everyone enjoyed that leg of the ride.



We had a race down the Hassayampa with everyone spreading out across the wide riverbed as the water headed underground. The sand caked our machines after all the water crossings. It is the club's version of being tarred and feathered. Ha-ha! We arrived at the Jack Burden Road riverbed crossing where we headed south to Blue Tank Road and east on it to the staging area arriving 1/2 hour late at 5:15PM.





The board members quickly set up the tables for the **post-ride Desert Desert Bar** at the **Sophie's Flat Trailhead** gazebo as the participants reloaded their vehicles on their trailers. Brownie bites, lemon bites, sodas, water, and 4 types of cake slices were provided by the club for everyone to decompress, socialize and top off a great ride. People lingered for an hour until the sun started setting. Overall, the **Wickenburg-Stanton-Yarnell-Hassayampa Box Canyon ride** was a nice fun ride and one to remember with meeting new riding buddies and great scenic views. Again, thanks to everyone for a great ride! A photo album and GPS track will be posted on the new [www.phoenixatvutvclub.org](http://www.phoenixatvutvclub.org) website and our Facebook website soon.

The total trip was 56 miles in length with a starting elevation of 1900' reaching a high elevation of 4900'. Great rides are a result of the great people on the ride so I want to give a big **THANK YOU** shoutout to **Board Members Mike & Joan Koep, Bill Poppo, Albert Leslie, and Bill Haney** and to our tailgunners and midpack radio wingmen for watching over the group. I want to also thank Bill Poppo as my Co-Ride Leader/Board Member for leading the second Coyote Flight Leader and for doing the earlier pre-rides with me to check out the trail conditions and timing. It really makes the our flight leader's jobs so much easier having our veteran club riders helping out. Judging from all the ride photos posted on our club Facebook website, it appears that everyone else had a great time too!

Live to Ride... Ride to Live! Happy Trails to You...Until We Meet Again...



Bob Maitzen  
Ride Leader



Bill Poppo  
Ride Leader



Mike & Joan Koep  
Tailgunner



Albert Leslie  
Wingman

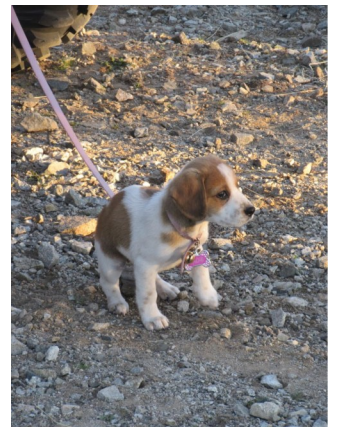


Bill Haney  
Wingman

[Photos courtesy of Bob Maitzen. Check out the club's Facebook PHOENIX ATV / UTV CLUB website for more ride photos]



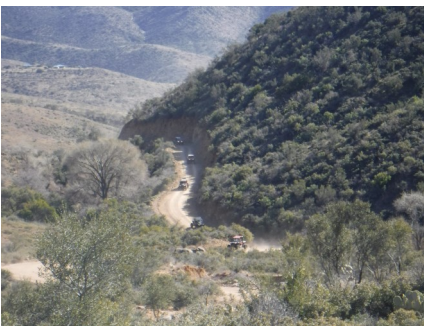
### Additional Wickenburg-Stanton-Yarnell Ride Photos from Club Members



[Photos courtesy of Dwight & Carolyn Bevans ( visiting Colorado Cliff Riders club members ) ]  
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# Destination Highlights Quiz - Where am I ?



A

**N33° 55.788' W | 12° 35.090'**



A



B

**N34° 15.085' W | 12° 08.007'**

*“Don’t know?  
Then you  
need to go on  
one of our  
club rides!  
Answers are  
on the last  
page.”*



C

**N34° 04.686' W | 11° 42.495'**





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Answers to Destination  
Highlights Quiz

- A. Tin Shed Cabin,  
Morristown, Jackass  
Flats OHV Area
- B. Antelope Creek  
Waterfall &  
Petroglyph Rock  
(aka Bumble Bee  
Creek Waterfall),  
Bumble Bee OHV Area
- C. Sheeps Bridge  
Crossing, Bloody  
Basin Area on Verde  
River, Tonto National  
Forest



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## Upcoming Rides, Educational Forums, and Meeting Locations

Check the Events Calendar on the club's internet website and Facebook website as we firm up the future meeting locations, rides, and social event dates.

- **Jan 4 - AZ OHV Ambassadors Boulders "Show Me" ride**
- **Jan 23 - PAUC Wickenburg-Jackass Flats ride**
- **Jan 25 - PAUC Wickenburg-Stanton Goldfields/Ghost Town-Yarnell- Hassayampa River Box Canyon ride**
- **Feb 8 - PAUC Four Peaks Mountain Summit + EL Oso Mine +Rolls OHV Area**
- **Feb 8 - AZ OHV Ambassadors KofA Wildlife Refuge "Show Me" ride**
- **Feb 16 - PAUC Western Sedona ride**
- **Feb 29 - AZ OHV Ambassadors Superior OHV Area "Show Me" ride**
- **TBD - PAUC Table Mesa OHV Area Geocache/Poker Run**
- **Apr 4 - AZ OHV Ambassadors Western Sedona "Show Me" ride**
- **Apr 18 - AZ OHV Ambassadors Cherry "Show Me" ride**
- **May 2 - AZ OHV Ambassadors Stoneman Lake "Show Me" ride**
- **TBD - PAUC GPS Roundtable Discussion # 2**  
(Classroom setting with video presentation capability) 
- How to use Gamin Basecamp software. How to share GPS tracks. How to combine/delete/join/splice/clean up GPS tracks.