



April 1999 Newsletter for The San Luis Obispo County Four Wheel Drive Club
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National Parks Alert

Colorado Department of Fish and Game is advising hikers, hunters, and fishermen to take extra precautions and keep alert of bears while in the field. We advise that campers wear noisy little bells on their clothing so as not to startle bears that aren't expecting them. We also advise campers to carry pepper spray with them in case of an encounter with a bear.

It is also a good idea to watch out for fresh signs of bear activity. Campers should recognize the difference between black bear and grizzly bear dung. Black bear dung is smaller and contains lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear dung has little balls in it and smells like pepper.

Tip Of the month:

Well not so much a tip as a reminder. If your planning on attending a planned SLO 4-Wheeler event, especially a run,-its highly recommended to contact the trail boss.

In the past runs have been canceled cause the Trailboss wasn't contacted and didn't think anyone was interested or worse the run was canceled and your out there wondering where everybody is. Its happened. Also if your on a different schedule we'll know to expect you so if you have trouble on the trail we'll be looking for you.

Other point on campovers and runs is to get info on what to expect and what you might need. Like trail difficulty or its a dry camp, bring water etc. All in all its a good idea that slips aside. So give 'em a yell.

And Trailboss- if there's a last minute change or run is canceled hopefully the word will be passed on.

SLO 4-WHEELERS SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH



The **SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH** is everything you wanted to know about fire extinguishers. You know that "**red thing**" that's in your jeep or house, that you usually don't think about until you *really* need it.

Fire Extinguishers Have Limits

Used properly, a portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives.

Portable extinguishers for home and vehicle use, however, are not designed to fight large or spreading fires. Even against small fires, they are useful only under certain conditions.

- The operator must know how to use the extinguisher. There is no time to read directions during an emergency.
- The extinguisher must be within easy reach and in working order, and fully charged.
- The operator must have a clear escape route that will not be blocked by fire.
- The extinguisher must match the type of fire being fought. Type A extinguishers that contain water are not suitable for use on grease or electrical fires.
- The extinguisher must be large enough to put out the fire. Many portable extinguishers discharge completely in as few as 8 to 10 seconds.

Choosing Your Fire Extinguisher

Fire extinguishers are tested by independent laboratories and labeled for the type and size of fire they can extinguish. Use these labels as a guide to purchase the kind of extinguisher that suits your needs.

Classes of fires

There are three basic classes of fires. All fire extinguishers are labeled using standard symbols for the classes of fires they can put out. A red slash through any of the symbols tells you the extinguisher cannot be used on that class of fire. A missing symbol tells you only that the extinguisher has not been tested for a given class of fire.

Class A: Ordinary combustibles such as wood, cloth, and paper

Class B: Flammable liquids such as gasoline, oil and oil based paint.

Class C: Energized electrical equipment including wiring, fuse boxes, circuit breakers, and appliances.



The extinguisher must be appropriate for the type of fire being fought. If you use the wrong type of extinguisher, you can endanger yourself and make the fire worse. Multipurpose fire extinguishers marked ABC may be used on all three classes of fire.

Remember, in some cases it may be dangerous to use any type of extinguisher. For instance, pressurized extinguishing agent could spread a grease pan fire rather than put it out.

Extinguisher Sizes

Portable extinguishers are also rated for the size of fire they can handle. This rating will appear on the label for example, 2A:10B:C. The larger the numbers, the larger the fire that the extinguisher can put out, but higher-rated models are often heavier. Make sure you can hold and operate an extinguisher before you buy it.

Installation & Maintenance

Your extinguishers should be installed in plain view, above the reach of children, near an escape route, and away from stoves and heating appliances.

Extinguishers require routine care. Check them regularly and read your operator's manual to learn how to inspect your extinguisher. Follow manufacturer's instructions on maintenance.

Rechargeable models must be serviced after every use. (Service companies are listed in the Yellow Pages under "Fire Extinguishers".) Disposable fire extinguishers can be used only once and must be replaced after use.

Remember The "PASS"-word

Keep your back to an unobstructed exit and stand six to eight feet away from the fire. Follow the four-step PASS procedure.

- **Pull** the pin: This unlocks the operating lever and allows you to discharge the extinguisher. Some extinguishers may have other level-release mechanisms.
- **Aim** low: Point the extinguisher nozzle (or hose) at the base of the fire.
- **Squeeze** the lever about the handle: This discharges the extinguishing agent. Releasing the lever will stop the discharge. (Some extinguishers have a button instead of a lever.)
- **Sweep** from side to side: Moving carefully toward the fire, keep the extinguisher aimed at the base of the fire and sweep back and forth until the flames appear to be out. Watch the fire area. If the fire reignites, repeat the process.

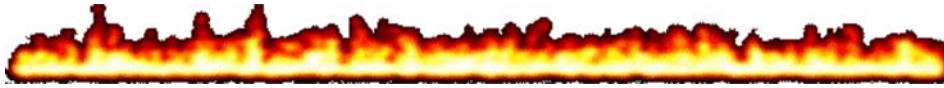
Always be sure the fire department inspects the fire site, even if you think you've extinguished the fire.

ASK YOURSELF. SHOULD I FIGHT THE FIRE?

Before you begin to fight a fire:

- **Make sure** everyone has left, or is leaving, the building.
- **Make sure** the fire department has been called.
- **Make sure** the fire is confined to a small area and is not spreading.
- **Be sure** you have an unobstructed escape route to which the fire will not spread.
- **Be sure** you have read the instructions and that you know how to use the extinguisher.

It is reckless to fight a fire in any other circumstances. Instead, leave immediately and close off the area.



EVENTS

- 4/17/99 CA4WDC Quarterly Meeting- City Hall Room 102: TrailBoss Jim Z
 - 05/08/99 California Valley Family Day Run Bring Lunch TrailBoss: John J.
 - 05/15/99 Hollister Play Day (trailboss?)
 - 05/28,29 & 30/99 [SLO 4-Wheelers 2nd Annual Spring Thing](#)- Turkey Flats TrailBoss Mark B.
 - 06/12/99-Gold Coast Fund Raiser; Beach Run Pismo Beach; Trail Boss Cindy B. (need sponsor pledges)
 - 06/11/99-06/13/99 Hume Lake TrailBoss: Will H.
 - 06/26/99 Bald Mountain- Strawberry Lake TrailBoss Jim Z
 - 07/04/99 Templeton 4th of July Parade Water Guns a must... TrailBoss: Volunteer Please
 - 07/24/99 Swamp Lake TrailBoss: Jim Z
 - 08/14/99 Red Lake/ Coyote Lake TrailBoss: Todd P.
 - 09/18/99 Rubicon TrailBoss: Volunteer Please
 - 10/23/99 Fright Nite- Pt. Magu Club TrailBoss: Brian T.
 - 11/13/99 Leapin Lizard (if it happens) TrailBoss: Randy P.
 - 12/04/99 San Luis Obispo Christmas Parade TrailBoss?
 - 12/05/99 SLO 4-Wheelers Christmas Party TrailBoss: Christy M.
- If you wish to Trailboss a run please contact Todd P.

RECIPE'S NEEDED

Please turn Your camping creations in to Buzz J.
A unique name like Off Road Stew or Campfire Heaven
will enhance the...

SLO 4-Wheelers Cookbook

----SLO County 4WD Club Board of Directors Meeting---
Wednesday April 21 or 28 ??, 1999
Joe & Joanna D's home ,

6:00 p.m. for dinner, please R.S.V.P. to Joe/Joanna D.

7:00 p.m. meeting begins

----SLO County 4WD Club General Meeting

Wednesday May 5, 1999 7:00 PM

**PLAYERS RESTAURANT
ATASCADERO**

FOR SALE

**Cj-7 Hard top & Doors
\$750
Brain/Tina 474-8084**

FOR SALE

**'56 F100 2WD
Call Ray M or email: rmdm@cris.com**

FOR SALE

**'77 CJ5, mostly original, 3sp
Brian D. 461-5215**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- **Erik & Christie Marangi**
 - **Dan and Glenda Goulet**
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Ted Miles Jeep



The ONLY place to buy a new Jeep!

Great selection of pre-owned vehicles too!

*Ted offers a 15% discount on all parts
(& 10% off accessories like hats)
to club members who present their 1999 Membership Card!*

Ted Miles Jeep

7380 El Camino Real

Atascadero 466-2411

Cake Decorating Classes

Taught by Christi M

@ Michaels Craft Store in SLO 929-2445

I've Landed a Landcruiser by Dan G.

Think way back to the late 70's. Boston had that cool upside down space ship guitar album out. Pink Floyd was promoting "The Wall" album. Gas lines. Yours truly was 17 and wanted a Jeep CJ-5. Man I wanted a Jeep. Those slick lines. The distinctive Jeep look. I sure would be happy to have one of those. I subscribed to Four Wheeler and Off Road magazines and gleaned every bit of Jeep CJ-5 info I could read. I could pick out a Jeep headlight pattern coming in my direction from ½ a mile away. Jeeps filled my dreams. I was ready. I was primed.

My main obstacle was money, or the lack thereof. I learned more about my future Jeep while I continued to work. Saved all that I could until I felt I had enough money to buy what I wanted - 1979 Jeep CJ-5 with the 258 Six and a four speed. This is gonna be sweet.

Car dealers are a strange bunch. Any young, pubescent male that walks onto a car lot is immediately classified as a sucker with the I.Q. of a water beetle when it comes to buying a new car. Things are only made much worse when that male is looking at a vehicle that is considered "rugged" and "tough". If I was willing to pay full MSRP and more (an automatically assessed "young male sucker" factor) then I could be driving home today. TODAY! RIGHT NOW! Sounds good for the dealer, but not for me. Yeah, I want the Jeep. Sure, TODAY sounds great. But the funds just aren't there. I think I sort of jumped the gun by walking onto the car lot before my bank account was full enough to be bled dry. If my memory serves me right, the price was something like \$7500. My monthly statement was about \$2500 short. With my head hung low, off I went to look for options.

Well, let's see now. Where can I turn. How about the classified ads in the newspaper? It's not a new Jeep, but it's a Jeep. All right. I'm back on track. This is going to work. The Jeep dreams are coming back. I just need to be patient and search carefully. The paper I did glean. Daily. I went to car lots. I actually test drove Jeeps. What a rush. If I could only take this thing off road and then start to have some real fun. The day will come.

The day did come. Our paths crossed and there was my future Jeep sitting in all of its six cylinder four speed glory. Red with a black soft top. White eight spoke wheels and with enough money in my bank account to make the buy. My plan was about to be completed. Haggle over the price and I drive it home. There was just one small detail that I had overlooked.

It seems that my dad, who ran the show at our house, for some strange reason, never really wanted me to have a Jeep in the first place. Maybe he was hoping that my Jeep "phase" was just that, a phase. A testosterone fueled period of insanity. It would pass and all would return back to the pre Jeep era at the Goulet home. Unfortunately for me that's not the way I saw it. He pretty much said "NO Jeep". That was it. No haggling. No black soft top with white eight spoke wheels. Not even a four speed. I was crushed.

About five years go by. I'm still thinking 4X4. The Toyota pickups are nice. I check them out. I empty my bank account and buy a truck. Nice truck. Great vehicle. I could have bought a Jeep but I needed something with more cargo space. Life goes on.

Let's zoom ahead to 1996-1997. Somewhere between late fall and late winter. I'm married now. The careers are going well. There are a few extra bucks in the bank. I see a Jeep for sale. Hmm. There's this old flame that starts burning again in my gut. My blood pressure starts to rise. Nah. "Let it go", I tell myself. I do let it go - for a while. I find myself picking out jeep headlight patterns in traffic again. I gawk without shame at Jeeps driving down the road. I start noticing lift kit/tire combinations, accessories, and those smooth Jeep lines again. Every parked Jeep gets the once over from me every time I happen by one. Hey Glenda, what about, uh, if we uh, you know, ah, maybeee, picked up a used Jeep sometime soon?

I'm back on the hunt. This time a whole history of Jeeps has been written and it's all available on the internet. I learned things about Jeeps that I never knew existed. Engine/drivetrain/gearing combinations and what year had what with when and this with that. The more I read, the narrower the field became for me to choose my Jeep from. I found out that 1976 was the first year that Jeep CJ's came with a boxed in frame. I also found out that 1976 had the T-18 four speed transmission. The 1977-1979 models had the T-18A four speed with a 6.32 to 1 first gear. This coupled to the Dana 20 transfer case and 3.54 gears resulted in a nice 45 to 1 final crawl ratio. That's what I want. Time to start looking.

So here I am, anxiously awaiting the arrival of each week's "classified trio" - Trade Express, Easy Ad, and Photo Ad. Then it's on to the Fresno Bee, Sacramento Bee, and Modesto Bee via the internet. Then the classifieds 2000 (internet). Wow! Lot's of Jeeps! Some

1977-1979. Lot's of 304 V8's. Many 258 six cylinders. No four speeds. None. Zero. Everyone bought three speeds. Al I want is a four speed. Many modified Jeeps to chose from for bigger bucks than I want to spend (excuse me, we want to spend). The search continues. In 18 months I found three that met my criteria. Two were already sold when I called. One more in San Francisco with 146,000 miles on it that "needs work". This search isn't going too well. That three year window is getting further and further away. We're talking about 20 year old Jeeps that are still in good running condition. Time is moving on. It's time to look for options.

Toyota Landcruisers. The lines aren't that of a Jeep, but they're short wheel based vehicles. Parts are readily available. O.K. Back to the internet. What I want is another four speed and six cylinder. It's there. 4.11 gears. Good. Front disk brakes. A bonus. Factory hard top. I'll take it. Maybe I'm just too picky. The window for this vehicle is 1976-1978. Three short years. Back to the classified sources. Sticker shock! Old Land cruisers aren't cheap. Now I'm searching for Jeeps and Landcruisers. Things aren't looking too good. Still no Jeeps. How much are we willing to spend on a Landcruiser?

The whole situation is looking grim. I come to the realization that there just may not be a short wheel based 4X4 in our future. I start looking around a bit less, but I still look. My friends are still on patrol for me.

One afternoon in February, I'm driving across San Luis, to a pre-destined part of town, and on the corner of the street that I set out to turn on as my destination, there sits a Landcruiser. I'm thinking "No way. This is too good to be true". I pull off and check it out. A 1978 (it's in my search window). 75,000 original miles. Rebuilt engine 600 miles ago. Lots of new parts. I check it out. I call the owner. We close the deal that night. On Friday I pick it up after it passes smog. "The mechanic said that it's running hot" the owner tells me. This is not exactly what I wanted to hear. But I figured that the Landcruiser had many other things going for it and that I could figure out why it was running hot. Yep. Maybe this was too good to be true. More next month.

HINT

NEVER leave the Air Quick Release Valve unattended while airing down your tires...

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