



August 1998 Newsletter for The San Luis Obispo County Four Wheel Drive Club
 Editor Debbie K.



JULY 98 CLUB RUN

The July '98 run was changed to the "Bald Mountain-Mushroom Rock-Big Creek-S&J Railroad" run due to Swamp being closed. In attendance were Frank & Florence S., Al & Judy J., Pat G., Brad & Elaine T. & family, Roxie & Jerry T. & family, James & daughter Kristina Z., Randy & Kathy P., Ava's sister Mary & family, Ava and James Z., (trailboss). Friday, July 24, 1998 at 10 AM the Z's, Mary & family from Texas (first 4 wheeling experience) met Al & Judy, Frank & Florence at Lucky's Atascadero. Arriving at Dogwood Mountain Friday afternoon. Pat G. waiting for everyone. After setting up camp, the spectacular filet mignon dinner was hosted by the Z's at 7:00. Brad, Elaine & family brought warm corn on the cob for everyone. Pie for dessert.

After chatting and enjoying the evening campfire Brad & family spent the night at Shaver Lake. James Z. & Kristina arrived Saturday AM. After breakfast the group joined Brad & Elaine at the entrance to Swamp. 8 rigs headed for Bald Mountain, lunch at the top then on to Mushroom Rock going by Huntington Lake at the dam. Brad & Frank jumped in the lake to cool down splashing the rest of us with water. Off to Mushroom rock where we took some pictures and to see the view. On to the waterfalls at Big Creek. Many of the club members cooled off in the stream at the waterfall and took pictures. By this time it was coming on four, so we headed to see S & J Railroad. By the time we got back to camp it was 5:30, tired and dirty. After cleaning up... dinner in our stomachs, Kathy P. treated everyone to her hot delicious peach cobbler and cool whip from her Dutch oven. Around the campfire some were tired after the run, especially Al who fell asleep in his comfortable chair. Kathy and James played the guitar and sang. By the way Kathy has a beautiful voice and plays the guitar great. Some of us talked and had a good visit. Sunday morning, Al & Judy left for home to check on their patio being built. Some stayed and went on a short run toward Red Lake. Strawberry Lake was closed due to snow as well as Coyote. Ava Z. stayed behind and took Mary & family to the Fresno airport. James & Kristina left for home. Kathy and Randy stayed until Monday. They left and went to Cartwright Monday for more fun. The Z's headed for home Monday.

Ava & Jim Z want to thank Pat G. for letting Ava ride on the trails with him to make room in the other rigs for Ava's sister, Mary and family.

We hope all had a good time, as we know we did. Ava & James Z.

Submitted by **James Z. Trailboss**

SLO 4 Wheelers General Meeting Summary August 5, 1998

- **President:** Ray M opened the meeting about 7:10 PM
- **Vice-President:** Mike A Jr was not present.
- **Secretary:** Kathy P circulated the roll sheet and took notes.
- **Treasurer:** Judy J, gave a great treasurer's report and provided a copy to each of the officers.
- **CA4WDC:** Mark B has CA4WDC sweatshirts, tote bags, stickers and other goodies for sale.
- **Events:** Randy P asked Jim Z for a rundown on the **Bald Mountain Sierras** weekend. Jim gave a very nicely written up report

which will appear in the newsletter.

Ray & Darlene gave a rundown on the Jeepers Jamboree, and had a great video, which they showed during & after the meeting.

Coyote Lake will be the weekend of August 15, with Randy P as trailboss. He handed out flyers to all who were interested. Darlene took 13 names of people interested so far. Those who can get Thursday off will be led by Ray, and the Friday faction will be led by Randy. Please call if you are interested, so they will know to be watching for you.

Cruise Night is the same weekend, August 14. Ted M is making room for us at **Ted Miles Jeep Eagle** to exhibit our vehicles and enjoy the downtown scene without having to worry about where you're going to park. Those who can't go to Coyote, get your vehicle shined up or muddied up, whichever is appropriate for you and show up! There is now a 4WD class for us to exhibit at the cruise night!

Sierra Trek, a CA4WDC run has been moved up to August 27-30 probably because of snow.

The Vehicle Show >will be sometime in October. for just our members, and may include the RTI ramp, BBQ & vehicle games. It's possible that we may be able to have it on private property this year.

- **Land Use Liaison:** Will H didn't receive a notice this month for the CCORE meeting. Remember the 24 hour line will tell you which trails in our area are open. (805) 438-4048.
- **Garcia Ridge & Pine Mountain Adopt-a-Trail Chairmen:** Jessie H & Randy B, both plan to cover the trails some time this month.
- **Membership Director:** Dave H was not present, but we had one new member sign up at this meeting. Brad and Carrie J., from Castroville, have joined up.
- **Newsletter Editor:** Debbie K asks that contributions to the newsletter be in to her in a timely manner, by Sunday night.
- **Ways & Means :** Brian T ran the 50/50 raffle.
- **Promotional chair:** Lynn S, not only had a table filled with shirts for us to buy, but he has displayed the new **club banner**. It's great! Also, watch Ray's vehicle, he should be flying a nice FUBAR flag soon.
- **Social Committee:** Christy M offered to help plan the Christmas party. We're looking for a co-chairperson to help Christy.
- **Safety:** Jessie H, will be providing safety check forms for the Coyote lake run. It was suggested that a copy of the safety form appear in the newsletter so the new members know what they need.
- **Scrapbook:** Avanelle Z brought in the. Ava has kept the scrapbook up with current pictures every meeting, and it is filled with pictures and newspaper articles. Check it out if you haven't seen it!
- **Telephone:** Kathy P didn't call to remind you of the meeting and there were still 34 adults and 5 kids attending.
- **Virtual Committee:** Mark B said there is a new song on the web, and he wants to know if anyone can tell him what it is.
- **Old Business & New Business:** none.
- **Board of Directors Meeting:** will be held Thursday, August 27, 1998 at Dave H's place.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen P.

CA4WDC SAFETY REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

All vehicles must be maintained to conform to highway safety standards, as well as meet the minimum requirements listed below:

1. Roll bar or full cage or factory installed hard top.
2. Functional parking brake or micro lock.
3. Tow strap or rope (recommend rated at 2 times the vehicle weight)
4. First Aid Kit
5. Jack cable of lifting the vehicle and a tool capable of removing lug nuts.

- 6. Spare tire equal to or within 3 inches of existing tires on the vehicle (no temporary spares)
- 7. Fire extinguisher with gauge indicating good/full, appropriately stored.
- 8. Seat belts for all passengers
- 9. Antenna(s) must not exceed 4'6", except when longer antennas/whips are required by certain OHV areas.
- 10. Adequate attachment points front and rear, i.e. tow hooks, receiver, etc.
- 11. Battery hold downs (no bungee cords)
- 12. CB radio is helpful.

SLO4WD NECESSITIES

CONTACT: LYNN S.

or at Ted Miles Jeep Eagle

ADULT SIZES

T-Shirts..... \$10.00 XX \$11.00 XXX \$12.00

Crew Neck SweatShirts..... \$15.00 XX \$16.00 XXX \$17.00

Hooded Sweat Shirts..... \$20.00 XX \$21.00 XXX \$22.00

Hooded Zip Sweat Shirts... \$21.00 XX \$22.00 XXX \$23.00

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to club members who present their 1998 Membership Card!

TED MILES JEEP/EAGLE

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COYOTE LAKE-BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brad & Carrie J

83 CJ7 & 46 CJ2A

Coyote Lake '98

When will Coyote Lake trail open for '98 ?

The weekend of August 15-16 has been selected as the date for the '98 SLO 4-Wheelers Coyote Lake run. This will be the fourth annual run to Coyote Lake for the SLO 4-Wheelers. Coyote Lake trail is now open.

The Run

From past experience departure times for The Coyote Lake Run are diverse. Some members take more time for this run than just the two day weekend. It's not unusual to have some members going up into the Sierra National Forest Thursday night after work, while others opt to go Friday morning, Friday night or even Saturday morning real early for this run. So the best solution might be for SLO 4-Wheeler members to network a little and discover when others plan to depart, and what the different departure times offer. Then make a choice and get together with those you plan to travel with to resolve travel details. Most important of all, let the trail boss know what your plans are. Call me, Randy P. with your plans for the weekend. I'll use the information to keep track of who's arriving at what time etc etc.

Departure times from Coyote are also very diverse for the same reason. Some leave Sunday afternoon to head home to the coast. Others leave early Sunday morning to do the Swam Lake trail Sunday & Monday, traveling home Monday night or Tuesday. Some stay at Coyote Sunday night & travel home on Monday.... Make your plans in advance if possible, but there is room for flexibility here. The trail boss will be departing Friday Night at 7:00 from the Santa Margarita. We can meet people on the way in Atascadero and Paso as requested by others departing Sunday night. Call Randy P. to make arrangements that meet your needs.

So just exactly where is Coyote Lake anyhow ?

Coyote Lake is located Northeast of Shaver Lake in the Sierra National Forest East of Fresno, CA. To get there from the SLO county coast you proceed NE on Hwy 101 & 41 to the Fresno Area (about 130 miles). Then NE on Hwy 168 through Prather & up the 4-Lane to Shaver Lake (about 60 miles). Stay on Hwy 168 through Shaver toward Huntington Lake. At the Tamarack creek bridge, 13 ½ miles from Shaver, turn right on the Red Mountain OHV trails forest service road. Follow the signs to the Red Mountain OHV trails & Coyote Lake. Also see the detailed maps attached to this events flyer.

Time elements from the coast to:

Fresno is about 3 hours

Shaver is about 4 hours

Sand Flats about 5 hours

Sand Flats to Coyote is about ½ day of good 4-wheelin'

4-Wheeler Preparedness

The best way to enjoy Coyote Lake is to be prepared for the run in advance. There will be a Safety Check of all vehicles on the run. Check your vehicle against the SLO 4-Wheeler safety check list before you leave home (Jesse H., is our Safety person and will provide you with the list). The Coyote Lake trail is a serious rock crawling trail. You will experience body damage and vehicle mechanical failure on this short run from Red lake to Coyote Lake. Preparing your vehicle for rock crawling with bigger tires, spring lifts, rocker panel skid plates, low gears, locking diffs, winches, tow points, spare parts & tools all can make the run more enjoyable. Develop a trail survival strategy with a fellow SLO 4-wheeler. Enter into an agreement before you get on the trail to help your buddy through or out if he/she have mechanical problems. As a trail boss I do not guarantee your successful arrival at Coyote Lake. If you brake down, I'll try to help you get back to Hwy 168 on my way back out from Coyote on Sunday or Monday. You are ultimately responsible for your own destiny.

So what's there to do at Coyote Lake ?

Once you have arrived at Coyote Lake, there's plenty to do. Set up camp, gather fire wood, cook good food, fish for trout in the lake (bring a fishing license), swim in the lake, canoe in the lake, hike 2.6 miles to First Dinkey, South Lake & Swede Lake, enjoy SLO 4-Wheeler comradery, fix your broken 4-wheeler, enjoy the campfire & kick back and relax are just a few of the possibilities. Even if you have some mechanical trouble, Red Lake is a good place to camp & Fish.

Cotoye Lake Trailboss: Randy P. '82 CJ-7

NEXT SLO4WD GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY Sept. 2, 1998

Players Restaurant Atascadero 7:00 PM

SLO4WD BOARD MEETING

Thursday August 27, 1998

David H. House 6:30 PM EVERYONE INVITED

End of August 1998 edition of the SLO 4-Wheeler

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