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Pine Mountain Trip Report Dec 14th

Written by Eric and Alison

Well, Alison and i were sitting around Sunday morning bored. We had been watching the weather hoping for the cold rain storm that was supposed to pass thru to bring some snow to the lower elevations. Well, the storm did not come thru, so we decided "lets go for a run to the Pozo area.

We put out a quick e-mail telling anyone who wanted to come out to meet us at Santa Margarita park around 11.30 AM or so. Bob and Brandon were thinking about coming, but decided not to. We loaded up and went to the store for lunch supplies and headed out.

We passed the park in Santa Margarita. No one was there, so we proceeded on.

We made our way thru Pozo to the forestry station. No one was there.

We proceeded thru the rest of Pozo to the forestry boundary and aired down the tires. We loaded up and made our way down Pozo grade road, passed Las Chiches trail and the lower

part of Pine Mountain trail. We continued our drive.

We made a visit and did a quick visual inspection of La Panza Camp Ground. I pointed out to Alison all the areas that the club repaired for the forestry department. All looked OK at the camp ground.

We proceeded up to Queen Bee road . I pointed out the area of where i crashed on the ATV. *Ouch!*

We continued on Queen Bee road.

We ran into Don S. who was coming down the road. He had heard from his wife thru the email that Alison and I were doing Pine Mountain. He came out earlier. We chatted for a while then loaded up. Don went back toward Pozo.

We proceeded up to Pine Mountain road. On Pine Mountain we stopped at the first picnic bench. I told her about the story of the club putting the bench together with 2 left legs and making it work. The bench is still intact and looks good as does the other sitting benches

that were repaired at the same time.

We had lunch at the benches. It was windy which made feel colder than it was. *Ouch.*

We proceeded up the trail taking in the sites. Alison was awed by some of views that the trail has.

We proceeded to the last picnic table where we stopped to take a look around. We then decided to turn around and headed back.

We made our way back to the Queen Bee area where the old mine door is in the hill where Alison carefully took a look inside to see what or wasn't there. Just water. That's all.

We proceeded back to Navajo road and headed toward Red Hill road where it started to sprinkle. I aired up and hit highway 58. We hit some sprinkles till we hit La Panza rd. It really started to rain.

We made it home . All in all an uneventful day.

2008 SLO 4-Wheelers Officers

Officers:

President:..... Randy P
 Vice President:..... Mark B
 Secretary:..... Kenn B
 Treasurer: Florence S

Board of Directors (includes officers):

Ways and Means: Vacant
 Membership Director: George W
 Events Director:..... Eric F
 Land Use Liaison:..... Jim T
 CA4WDC Liaison:Suzy J/Eric F
 Social Chairperson: Vacant
 Newsletter Editor: George W

Committees:

Safety Chairperson:..... Dave F
 Promotional Chairperson:..... Pam T
 Outside Promotions..... Jim T
 Club Scrapbook:..... Randy P
 Virtual Committee: Mark B

Adopted Trails and Campgrounds:

Garcia Ridge Trail:..... J
 Pine Mountain Trail:..... Mark B
 La Panza Camp Ground:..... Mark B
 Carrizo Plains Land Use..... Randy P

Newsletter submittals

by the weekend after the meeting to George at g*****@charter.net

Jeepneys

by George W, Editor

NOTE: All photos in this article are by George W.

Since I was going to be in the Philippines for several days, I figured I'd spend part of my trip trying to generate some material for the club newsletter (I always need more material for the newsletter). I was visiting the Philippines as a photographer for a medical group, the Philippine Medical Society of Northern California, documenting their work, bringing medical services to those who cannot afford quality medical care in the Philippines, the nation of origin of many of the practitioners.

Well what is in the Philippines that the club members might be interested in? Why Jeeps of course! Well, er, sort of. How about the Jeepney thing? They once were Jeeps!

According to the Wikipedia Article on Jeepneys (This article is licensed under the GNU Free Documentation License. It uses material from the Wikipedia article "Jeepney", <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeepney>), they did originally start out as Jeeps at the end of World War II when, as surplus, they were given or sold to the local Filipinos who then modified them to carry several passengers. The vehicle quickly became an inexpensive way of re-establishing public transportation after the war; public transportation was almost non-existent as a result of the war.

As a result of their wide spread acceptance, the government stepped in to regulate them (don't governments always do that). Jeepney drivers have special licenses with designated routes like our city buses and regulated fares. They have become the privately owned Philippine equivalent of a public bus.

Since then the heavily used vehicles



evolved and took on different chasses as they old Jeep chasses wore out. Most of the classic looking Jeepneys still sport what looks like Jeep grills and fenders adorned with a variety of bright colors, lights and LOTS of chrome and shiny sheet metal. These classic looking Jeepneys tend to have refurbish engines, usually diesel, giving them a chart eristic noise and sometimes smoky. Their passenger capacity is also radically expanded when compared to the originals. I rode one of these a few Kilometers two years ago when I went to the Philippines the first time (2007 in Naga City in the Bicol region several hours south of Manila). It cost six Pesos (about 12-13 cents).

A newer and more modern Jeepney has now arrived on the scene, breaking tradition by just becoming an expanded version of whatever chassis was used for the platform with the original chassis front body clip. Many now have fully enclosed passenger compartments, some resembling stretched minivans. While recently in the Philippines (Bayombong in the Nueva Vizcaya province several hours north of Manila) most of our local transportation was provided by these newer versions. While still equipped with facing bench seats

that run the length of the passenger compartments, most had padded seats with opening windows, closible rear doors and some even had padded ceilings.

Many of the new chassis resemble Isuzu trucks which seem to be very plentiful in the Philippines. They seem to be plentiful and also appear to be very durable.

In the Philippines it seems that traffic rules are guidelines and passing other vehicles is common, even in zones with a double solid line. Luckily the speeds these vehicles travel is much slower than we would typically travel and the drivers seem to be very skilled at maneuvering around other Jeepneys, Cars Tour Buses, Tricycles (motorcycles with sidecars that sometimes hold several passengers, livestock or other cargo), pedal cars (same thing with a bicycle instead of a motorcycle) and animal or tractor towed carts. They signal their presence with multiple honks of their horns and acknowledge other's presence by blinking their headlights.



SLO Christmas Parade



By Jim T

The participants all showed up at the prescribed time, only to find that our designated set up spot had not yet been blocked to local traffic.

We formed up in (3) locations for the first 1/2 hour or so. We were there at 5:00 PM as required, but we beat the traffic control crew by about an hour.

Approximately 6:15 PM the street was finally readied for our group to finish, or in some cases start with our festive decorations. All that participated this year really went all out with the Christmas decorations and lights. As usual, the



group had many auxiliary power stations in service. There were lights, trees, bells, bows, candles, wreaths, tinsels, toys, and most of all, a large group of 4 wheelers promoting our Club and our involvement in the preservation of the sport.

I thank all that participated this year, and apologize for not making a list of who was not naughty or nice, oh wait, wrong old guy. I meant to say, all of you that make this Club so much fun to belong to.



Minutes: January Club Meeting

Submitted by Kenn B, Secretary

January 28, 2009 SLO4Wheeler club meeting

TRIP REPORT:

Jim T. for the SLO x-mas parade. Club had 8 vehicles all decorated. It

was a long wait before our turn. But well worth it. Good crowd.

Eric day trip to pine mountain. Had cabin fever just had to get out and wheel. Cool and windy but always worth it.

ELECTIONS:

Results were posted on the email list.

New President Randy Thanked all outgoing board members for their greatly appreciated service to the club.

50/50 total \$84.00 winner Eric F.

Minutes: January Board Meeting

Submitted by Kenn B, Secretary

1/27/09 Board meeting minutes

MEMBERSHIP:

Last years paid members 48

This years paid members so far 32

Projected members 60

EVENTS:

February

- 14th possible local run with outside group. Contact for this group is through Eric Faley

March

- 5,6,7 Terra Del Sol
- Discussion for Hollister Hills OHV

April

- 17,18,19 Calico run / Trail Boss Eric Faley

LAND USE:

Motion for Mark B to be committee chair for Pine Mountain and La Panza campground proposed by Eric. Second by George W

Motion for Jim T to be committee chair for Garcia ridge, proposed by Eric F. Second by Kenn B.

Randy Peterson self volunteered to be committee chair for Carrizo Plains Land Use issue. No one objected.

COMMITTEES:

Motion for Jim T to be committee chair for outside promotions proposed by Mark B. Second by Eric

Pam T appointed by Jim T for promotions committee chair. No one objected.

Motion for Mark B to be chair for virtual committee by Eric F. Second by Jim T.

BUDGET:

Discussion for the 2009 budget was straight and to the point.

Motion to approve the budget as was discussed was proposed by Kenn B. Second by Jim T

DONATIONS OF LAST YEARS LEFT OVER FUNDS:

Blue ribbon \$100.00 for club membership and \$250.00 as pure donation.

Cal4wheel \$250.00 for legal fund only.

Motion to accept this proposed by Eric F. Second by Jim T

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion for Florence S to be able to write check based on the proposed budget proposed by Eric F. Second by Mark B

Randy P will look into signature card for the club account in march

Randy P will look into P.O. Box name change when time is available.

Discussion around Associate Members to be continued at next board meeting.

Next board meeting will be at Randy P's on Feb. 17th @ 7:00 PM.



It's Time to Renew If you Haven't Already!

Please complete the fields below and mail the coupon and a check for \$20.00 made payable to "SLO 4 Wheelers" to the address shown below.

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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SLO 4-Wheelers contributes to and/or is a member club in these organizations. Visit and support, -they are working for US!
<http://www.sharetrails.org/>



The United Four Wheel Drive Associations also acts as your voice to keep 4x4 roads and trails open so that we can continue enjoying four wheeling in the great outdoors.
<http://www.ufwda.org/>



A varied group of outdoor recreationists who are extremely active in promoting the positive aspects of vehicular access on public lands and protecting that right.
<http://www.corva.org/>



SLO 4-Wheelers is also a member club in the California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDC) If your not a member, check it out, <http://www.cal4wheel.com> or ask Suzy

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We're on the web:

<http://www.slo4wheelers.org/>

Upcoming Events / Runs

February 4th — Club Meeting, Players

February 7th — After meeting run TBD.

February 13th - 16th — Other Club Run — Cal4Wheel Convention. Primm Nevada.

This is their 50th Anniversary! Make sure and Reserve your Spot Now!

See Cal4Wheel Web site for More Information and Online Registration.

March 4th — Club Meeting, Players

March 6th, 7th & 8th — Terra Del Sol Desert Safari. Contact Anthony S for more information.

March 7th — After meeting run TBD.

March ?? — Hollister Hills

April 1st — Club Meeting, Players

April 4th — After meeting run TBD.

April 17th, 18th & 19th — Calico Run. Eric will have more information on this soon.

May 6th — Club Meeting, Players

May 9th — Spring Fling with Powder Puff run to be included along with trail runs and Bar-B-Que at La Panza Camp Ground. Eric will have more information on this soon.

June 3rd — Club Meeting, Players

June 6th — After meeting run TBD.

July 1st — Club Meeting, Players

Anyone with boats and/or Jet Skis want to organize a Lake Trip, please let us know so we can help organize something for this summer!

If you have any questions or events/local runs / not so local runs you would like to do, coordinate and/or participate in, please contact Eric F, SLO4-Wheelers Events Director (f****@sbcglobal.net) or cell/voice mail 805-46*-.****