



# The SLO 4-Wheeler

July 2007



SLO 4-WHEELERS

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## Up coming runs

- Next General meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday August 1st Players Pizza in Atascadero 7:00
- **July 20-22** Ken & Tom going to Coyote Lake Open invite
- **July 20-21<sup>st</sup> Antique Truck show**  
Anyone interested????..... annual local event this coming weekend, really old and really neat vehicles, Friday afternoon and Saturday all day, Trinity Hall corner of Hwy 227 and Price Canyon Rd. I'll be there with my '43 Jeep. Contact: Frank S.

- - **August 4th- After Meeting Run**  
**SLO4WHEELERS 4x4 Cruise For Cancer-**  
See Flyer- open to public-bring a friend!

- **August 10th-13th Coyote Lake Run**  
. Usually our largest club run of the year, conflicts in dates kept this from getting scheduled & promoted. Due to no volunteers to head this up, this now is our "official" 13<sup>th</sup> annual run. (*I was going anyway*) Camping at its finest!  
Oh and Ray M says BE There!  
Contact Mark

- **August 18/19 Relay for Life of Paso Robles**  
. SLO 4-Wheelers as "SLO 4-Walkers" participate in American Cancer Society fund raiser in honor of Kathy Peterson. Visit web page for info and to sign up! Paso Robles-River Oaks Hot Springs & Spa 800 Clubhouse Drive. Contact Suzy @

<http://www.acsevents.org/relay/ca/pasorobles>

- **August 22nd-26th- Club Run- Sierras Run**  
We will have a Base Camp out of McKinley grove. Trails to be run are Red Lake/Coyote Lake, Swamp Lake and a taste of the Dusy Ershim Trail. The Dusy teaser will take us up Chicken Rock along the top and down a very rocky section to the end of Courtwrite Reservoir Lake and back out. All vehicles going must have one locker, short wheelbase must have 31's, longer wheelbase min 33's. There is a possibility of minor body damage if not careful. Contact Eric F

- Adopted Trail maintenance & F/S projects  
-on going  
Anthony S.I - SLO 4-WHEELERS Events Director

## Welcome New Members

- **Vince F.**
- **Bob O.**
- **Cameo W.**  
**Welcome!**

**GET 'EM TO JOIN!**

*.send me an email and we'll sign you up*

### 2007 Officers of the SLO 4-Wheelers:

#### Officers:

President:	Eric F.
Vice President:	Jim T.
Secretary:	Chris S.
Treasurer:	Florence S.

#### Board of Directors: (*Includes officers*)

Ways and Means Director:	Dennis V.N.
Membership Director:	Dave O.
Events Director:	Anthony S.
Land Use Liaison:	Anthony S.
CA4WDC Club Liaison:	Suzy J.
Newsletter Editor:	Mark B.

#### Committees:

Social Chairperson:	Robin M.
Safety Chairperson:	Frank S. & Dennis V.N.
Virtual committee:	Mark B.
Promotion Chairperson:	Suzy J.
Scrapbook:	Glenda G.
Outside public relations:	Jennifer B

#### Adopted trails:

Pine Mountain:	Anthony S.
Garcia Ridge:	Jim T.

*Newsletter submittals*  
by the weekend after the meeting to  
Mark

**At the July meeting SLO 4-Wheelers  
voted to adopt La Panza campground in  
an effort keep it open!**

La Panza is on the road to Pine Mtn. Trail, Pozo area

## **Cruise Night high lights : Friday May 25th- Paso Robles Cruise Night**

Eric had the lot cleared for the club by 5.00pm. Members and guests who attended cruise night were: Jeremy R. from the Pack with his rock buggy. Yes he did kinda drive on the street(alley ways), Suzy Kurt and Terry J. with thier rubicon, Eric F. and his cherokee, Anthony S. with his power wagon. Dave, Tammy, Kim and dixy the dog, (they brought both of thier 4x4s, the samurai and the dodge diesel). Tom B. and his toyota, Paul V. and his rubicon, Chris and his son Jackson and thier 4runner, Bruce H. and his wife(forgot her name) and thier rubicon, Shawn and Duke M. came to watch, as did Bob D. , (they left thier jeep at home), Dennis V. N. and daughter Kendal and guest (no one knew her name) and thier 69 jeep.. Guests: Vince F. with his tj, and Camio and her tj.

The club had the Banner proudly displayed for all to see. . The Reneau Dealership had the BBQ fired up cooking up stuff and we were also cooking up stuff. The Cruise seemed to start a little late this year.. But oh well. We got to see some really nice cars and trucks and some works in progress

The cruise seemed to taper off around 8.30 and ended at 9.00. After the Cruise ended it was time to clean up. Take down the Banner, fold up the display table and everything else. We cleared the lot to put back all the new vehicles on the Lot. Well Dave found a puddle of water across the street...That lead to a small tire smoke show. Eric being The big kid he joined in and filled the street with tire smoke.

The Reneau lot was put back together and the group went our separate ways . Some took the back roads, some cruised spring for more fun.

Thanks to all who came out. I had a great time And hopefully you did too. Eric F.

## **SLO 4-Wheelers Spring Thing BBQ & Trail report Saturday May 12th**

Hi, All

First I would like to thank everyone who came out for a Fun day of Wheeling and a Good BBQ. Also I would like to thank Dave F for being the Trail Boss for the Day!

The day started out with everyone meeting at the La Panza Campground. Those present were Eric F-Cherokee, Suzy & Terry & Kurt J.-Rubicon, David & Tammy & Kim F-Samurai, Frank & Florence S-Old Military Jeep, Tom & Patty G-Jeep, Paul V-Rubicon, Tony P-Jeep, Vince F-Jeep, Dan & Glenda G-Toyota Land Cruiser, Anthony S-Power Wagon and Guests Bob & Devon O-Toyota P/U, Evan S-S-10 Blazer, Brian W-Range Rover, Trey C-Ford Ranger for a total of 14 vehicles.

After talking with everyone and getting their Safety Check Lists checked off, we decided we would run a small trail next to Navajo Flats that Dave F said had a good notch that we could run and let the guests either try or watch, and then Las Chiches. David F volunteered to be the Trail Boss. We then had a drivers Meeting and Eric decided to have an impromptu Poker Run and handed out the first card.

We all then headed out to the trail around 10:30. When we reached the trail head, David F did a quick scouting run up the trail to see the condition of the trail. To our surprise it had been graded, but we decided to run it anyways. Which is a good thing because even though there wasn't a notch for us to navigate there was a couple

of Loose Hill Climbs, the second climb was pretty steep and Real Loose. Devon had to back down after trying to go to slow the first time, but he made it up the second time no problem, Brian W in the Range Rover had the same problem, but he too made it up the second time. Eric handed out the second Card at the top of the first trail.

The group then headed to Navajo Flats to use the restrooms and then head up to Las Chiches, I had to go get the BBQ started and went back to camp. Three of our Guests had to return early so they only ran part of Las Chiches, the group got them turned around and then continued with the trail. Eric handed out two more cards for the Poker Run on Las Chiches.

The rest of the group made it back to camp around 1:30. We all received our final poker card from Eric, Suzy J son Kurt had the winning hand and gets a free Club Shirt, Tony P won Second place and Vince F got Third place they both won a Club License Plate Frame. We had a great BBQ with Lots of Food...

Thank You Everyone for bringing so much Great food!

After eating some of the group decided they wanted to go up Pine Mt, Suzy J and Family went off looking for a Geo Cache, while others lounged around for awhile before heading home.

Overall It was a Great Day Of 4x4ing, Good Food & Good Friends.

I would again like to Thank everyone who came out!

Anthony S. SLO4WHEELERS Events Director

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## Ted Miles Jeep



A GREAT 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!*

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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!**



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✓ <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.

Through our united efforts, the opinions and beliefs of four wheel enthusiasts are heard by land management agencies and by our elected officials.

✓ <http://www.ufwda.org/>

The California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) is 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

## A Near Miss

### **From "Tow Times" and Warn Industries**

Please study this photograph carefully; notice the eight inch nylon strap, ¼ inch thick, out the rear of the Jeep. See that it comes through the rear window, then through the driver's seat, then out the front windshield. Notice that the holes in the seat and the windshield are relatively clean.

This is a reconstructed photo. However, it shows precisely what happened and was reconstructed to demonstrate what can happen (and has happened before) when straps are used to pull a vehicle from mud, sand or snow. The picture depicts an actual occurrence. Happily, the driver recovered.

Now the story of this NEAR MISS.

The Jeep owner was being a good guy and volunteered to help extricate a friend's truck from where it was stuck in the mud some sixty feet away. Someone produced two of those thirty-foot straps and put them together with a five-pound clevis hook. One end was hooked to the frame rail of the truck, the other to the Jeep. The on-lookers recommended this procedure rather than to use the winch plainly seen on the front of the four-wheel drive, offroad vehicle. The Jeep driver slowly moved ahead and got the strap lines into a taut state. Then in low gear he started to pull.

The hook to the frame rail did not come loose; it pulled a nice neat piece from the rail. The hook and the dislodged section fell to the ground. The heavy clevis hooked became the leading edge of the missile. With the double straps trailing, it broke through the rear window, took a neat 4" square section from the seat, and crashed through the windshield. The end hooked to the front of the seat, and crashed through the windshield. The end hooked to the Jeep stayed attached, but the clevis dragged the rest of the straps on its potentially fatal journey.

When the missile sprang forward, the release of drag caused the driver's upper body to shift forward moving his head to the right of that four-inch hole in the seat. The clevis hook struck him in the left shoulder, grazed his neck and went on its lethal way. The driver never knew, until later, what hit him. Rendered unconscious, he slumped forward, his foot depressing the accelerator. The Jeep roared ahead and stopped some 500 feet later when the dragging strap became tangled in the brush. This wild ride crossed two roads, two ditches and tore down a fence.

The onlookers rushed to the driver's aid expecting the worst. Still unconscious, he was air lifted to the hospital and x-rayed twice; there was no injury except a very sore shoulder. He personally related this tale to your editor some months after the event, and he still has some soreness where the clevis hook caressed him on its meteoric path through the Jeep.

This did not occur in the snow belt where off road, four-by-fours typically cruise about extricating vehicles imbedded in snow banks. This type of unprofessional conduct, using straps, has caused similar mishaps, one two years ago being a fatality. The Jeep owner in our story took a series of photos to reconstruct what happened and sent the photos to several magazines in the off-road vehicle trade. Tow Times got the exclusive in the towing industry. All of us hope that this will never happen again. That's why we are telling you this story of this NEAR MISS.

Reprint from "Tow Times" some time back.

Submitted by Anthony



## Misc tips

- **Great Burning Dirt?**: It seems that what I thought common knowledge, isn't. When you're in the Sierras there's a real danger, when your campfire is real hot or in the same place for a few days, of setting the "dirt" on fire.

Yup! Great Burning Dirt, because a lot of what you think is dirt isn't—its decomposed trees and such. Or worse, the fire will go down and set the roots on fire. You may not see it for a day or so. So use an existing pit and/or stay outside of the drip ring when you build a pit. A lot of the places we camp the roots are pretty shallow. And when you leave—use lots of water, stir up those ashes and use some more water.

- **Guests**: Sometimes you take for granted, or don't think the situation will arise to explain to passengers, some basics do's & don'ts. For example, for most people the first impulse when off camber is to grab the roll bar or to stick a leg out. You've got to tell them no matter what "Don't".... Or getting out on the down hill side of a rig in trouble. Simple things you take for granted, tell them cause they probably just don't know. **Guest vehicles**...Well you can't teach experience but you can help and share simple things. Most people welcome pointers. So share what you've learned, encourage them, laugh with them over simple mistakes & never ridicule because of inexperience and they'll be back with a bit more confidence.