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San Miguel Christmas Parade



Written by George W, Editor. All photos are by the author.

December 16 was the annual Christmas Parade in San Miguel. As we had for the last several years, the club entered the event and agreed

to arrive at a field north of the fire department between 4 PM and the staging time at 5 PM.

This parade is always a lot of fun for the club members as we take the time to decorate

our rigs with lights and various Christmas decorations.

Dennis V and I got there fairly early and started out decorating process. We found out while decorating that our

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2017 SLO 4-Wheelers Officers

Officers:

President:..... Open
Vice President:..... Open
Secretary:..... Steve R (Acting)
Treasurer:..... Open

Board of Directors (includes officers):

Ways and Means:..... Open
Membership Director:..... George W
Events Director:..... Dennis V (Acting)
Land Use Liaison:..... Open
CA4WDCA Liaison:..... Suzy J
Social Chairperson:..... Open
Newsletter Editor:..... George W

Committees:

Safety Chairperson:..... Phil B
Promotional Chairperson:..... Dan H
Virtual Club Scrapbook:..... George W
..... and Suzy J
Archived Scrapbook:..... Randy P
Virtual Committee:..... George W

Adopted Trails and Campgrounds:

Garcia Ridge Trail:..... Open
Pine Mountain Trail:..... Open
La Panza Camp Ground:..... Open

Newsletter submittals

by two weeks before the next issue to George at gwestlun@charter.net

Hollister Run

by Dennis V

NOTE: All photos are those of the author

We all met Saturday morning December 8th at the Denny's parking lot in Paso Robles at 8:00am making the run was my brother in law Richard A and my sister Dawn in their 2003 TJ. Also attending was Cory S in his 2009 Jeep Cherokee and me, Dennis V and my partner Debbie in our 78 CJ-7.

We all towed our rigs to King City. We unloaded at a truck stop in King City and drove our Jeeps the back way up Hwy 25 past the Pinnacles National Park to Hollister.

We arrived there about 10:30 to see the Santa Cruz 4 wheelers compete in the last man standing obstacle course competition. They had two classes Modified Stock and Modified. It was three hours of mudslinging and transfer case banging entertainment. Well worth the drive just to see the carnage.

After the competition was over the Santa Cruz club put on a raffle. I



thought I should help support their efforts so I purchased one ticket and before it was all over I had won a new Hi-Lift jack.

We had lunch and hit the trails at the Hollister Hills OHV Park. The area trails are well marked, but the map is not to scale, so we had to stop frequently to make sure we were at the correct place. The trails are marked, green for easy, blue of intermediate and black for difficult. Just like a map for a ski run.

We spent a couple of hours running the blue and black runs when I spotted a creek that looked interesting. There

were no trail markers on the creek, but I could see where other people had driven up the creek. The creek quickly became difficult with off camber bends that pushed you up against a 12' dirt wall and pushed the suspension to its limits as the creek snaked its way up the canyon.

About a quarter mile into this creek I came around a corner to a dead end. I could see to my right that someone had climbed up a 16' 75 degree bank. I knew I couldn't make it out just in four-wheel drive so I told Debbie to climb the bank with a rope and I would winch myself out. (This is why I always bring a passenger with me).

After ten minutes and a lot of complaining/ effort she made it to the top, however I had already decided that maybe that was not the best way out and as Debbie lofted dirt clods at me from the top of the hill. I started backing my way out of this creek from hell. It took me about an hour and a lot of sweat, but I made it out and actually had fun doing it. No paint lost and nothing broken but my pride.

We hit a couple more trails before heading out. I was in the doghouse for making Debbie climb the hill so we headed into Hollister where we had dinner at the best Taco Bell I could find. Take notes guys. Do I know how to treat a lady or what! Back in Debbie's good graces we hit the road to Paso Robles.

I highly recommend Hollister. The trails are fun and the obstacle course has been expanded to an area that you could play at all day if that's your thing. Thanks to Rich and Dawn, Aldava and Cory S for a fun day wheeling at the Hollister hills OHV Park.



Poker Run



By Dennis V

The Poker Run started in Santa Margarita at 9:00am Saturday, January 6th. We had eleven vehicles and thirty-one enthusiastic members and family show up.

The object of the Poker Run was to obtain the best five card poker hand. We had five participating businesses. The participants had to stop at each business and collect one playing card.

The participating businesses were Jiffy Lube in Atascadero, Big Brand Tire in Atascadero, Taps Truck Accessories in Paso Robles, A1 Auto glass in Paso Robles and Blake's True Value Hardware in Paso Robles.

Advanced Adapters put up \$100.00 for the best Poker hand and the other sponsors put up, hats T-shirts, glass cleaner and even one very cool drone from Blake's.

The destination was Ranchita Winery in Ranchita Canyon near San Miguel. The run took about two hours. At the winery we had a Tri-tip barbeque, a 50-50 auction and a raffle for all of the prizes our sponsors provided.

The winner of the \$100.00 Poker hand was Matt N and the winner of the 50-50 drawing was Steve R \$55.00 I think just about everyone walked away with something from the event.

A big thank you to our sponsors and to all of the club members that came out to enjoy this special day with friends. I didn't get a lot of pictures and blew a real good opportunity to get a group picture with our club banner in the background. Maybe next year.

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staging area was really close to where we were doing the decorating (its never been that easy before). As we continued to decorate, a few other members arrived and started decorating their rigs. The additional member's rigs included Eric F, Steve R, Dan H and Matt N. A few other members who said they would be there were missing, one at the fires down south.

A friend of mine joined me for the ride around the parade route. She's always a kick and its her home town.

When the parade started we fell into line in our appropriate position. This parade is unique in that the route is doubled. This year it started just north of the fire station, went down to Fr. Reginald Memorial Park by the mission, circled the park and then headed back north on Mission St.

We proceeded back up to our starting point after lots of waving and saying Merry Christmas to the families along the parade route.

When we reached our starting point, some members started removing the decorations from their rigs while other's said



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their good byes so they could head off to diner. I was having diner in town so we drove to the restaurant and she secured our table while I striped the lights and decorations off the rig.

If you haven't ever done this parade before, I highly recommend it. The community is very friendly and is glad to see us each year.

(One more photo is located on page 6.)

Club Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Minutes by Steve R, Acting Club Secretary

Meeting Minutes Date: 12/6/17

Meeting started: 7:00 pm

Acting President Eric:

Round-table introductions.

Opted to not do a Christmas party this year.

Office nominations later.

Randy:

Nothing special to report.

George:

Treasurer reported: \$808.44 in checking account.

54 paid members. 13 renewed for next year (2018) (please remember to renew your membership)

Requesting articles with pictures for next newsletter.

Newsletter is online.

Events:

Santa Margarita trash pick up Saturday 12/9/17, meet at the park at 8:00 am (always 1st Saturday after meeting).

December 16th 5:00pm San Miguel Parade. Dan needs to know how many of us will be there. Please contact Dan. Decorations recommended.

Meet just north of Fire station 4:00-4:30pm. (NO throwing candy during the parade).

Discussed Paniment Valley run. Great weather, great trip.

Dan:

Stickers available for new members

Shirts available. Waiting for a minimum of 12 orders.

Eric:

High Mountain Road: Still closed. No new information to report.

Eric: January is elections for office positions. Positions to be filled:

President

Vice President

Treasurer (Glenn Lynch volunteered)

Secretary (Steve volunteered to stay in the position)

Ways and Means

Land use liaison

Cal 4 Wheel

Social—As well as community volunteers

Events (Dennis will be moving later this year)

Membership and Newsletter (George volunteered to stay in position)

Safety Officer

Promotional Chairperson (Dan volunteered to stay in position)

Archive scrap book

(For full list of positions, refer to club website)

If you would like to participate and step into a position, please come to the next meeting.

Dan: Hollister run Santa Cruz 4 wheel club putting on Last Man Standing obstacle course. 12/9-10/17 Meeting at Denny's in Paso Robles at 8:00am on Saturday (12/9), leaving at 8:30am.

January 6th, trying to put together a poker run. Have general route and some prizes put together so far. More information at the January meeting. Lets all get together and have a fun day.

February, possible mud run.

Randy: King of the Hammers beginning of February 2nd-10th.

Glenn suggests if it is possible to set up voting via internet. Will be looked into after next election.

Randy, UHF Radios. Paofang UB5R model. Randy can help program. About \$25.00 Can be programmed to race radio frequencies as well. Up to 125 channels Works better than a CB type radio.

50/50 drawing: Randy won (again), donating winnings back to the club. Thank you Randy.

Meeting Adjourned 7:36pm.



It's Membership Renewal Time!

Please complete this coupon and mail it with your check for \$25.00.

Remember, you can only vote in the January elections if your membership is paid up into the new year!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Please indicate your Newsletter Delivery Preference:

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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 Association (CA4WDA) 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

In addition to this list, keep your eye on the club email list and web site:

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

for last minute events or spur of the moment runs.

January 3 — General Club Meeting. La Mexicana, Atascadero at 7:00 PM. Election of new officers for 2018.

January TBD — After New Year's Party.

January 6 — Club poker run. Over \$200 in prizes; may be other prizes. Stay tuned!

February 7 — General Club Meeting. La Mexicana, Atascadero at 7:00 PM.

February 10 or 11 — After meeting run. TBD.

February 10 — Head for the hills local mud run. Time to get down and dirty!

March 7 — General Club Meeting. La Mexicana, Atascadero at 7:00 PM.

March 10 or 11 — After meeting run. TBD.

April 4 — General Club Meeting. La Mexicana, Atascadero at 7:00 PM.

April 7 or 8 — After meeting run. TBD.

May 2 — General Club Meeting. La Mexicana, Atascadero at 7:00 PM.

May 5 or 6 — After Meeting Run TBD.

June 6 — General Club Meeting. La Mexicana, Atascadero at 7:00 PM.

June 5 or 6 — After Meeting Run TBD.

July 4 — 4th of July Parade in Templeton. This will probably be the After Meeting Run and since it's a Wednesday, we will probably reschedule the meeting.

August 1 — General Club Meeting. La Mexicana, Atascadero at 7:00 PM.

August 7 or 8 — After Meeting Run TBD.

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 the SLO-4-Wheelers Events Director.