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Templeton 4th of July Parade

Written by George W,
Editor

Another 4th of July parade has been completed and it was a great turn out by the club. We had a total of thirteen rigs in the parade this year; a very good turn out.

We met at Templeton Donuts Plus at about 8:00 AM. When I arrived a few people were already there wolfing down a breakfast sandwich. The sandwich looked pretty good, so I went ahead and ordered one and we headed out to our staging location.

We were not sure how many members were going to show up, so we tried to make some room if a larger than normal staging space. We parked as close together as we could and still decorate and left some space behind for a couple more rigs.

Let the decorating begin. Some of us went a little crazy. OK, I went a little crazy; I still only used half the flags I brought with me.

When we saw that the sign-in table had opened, so I walked down to pick up our entry number cards and participant rib-

bons. A few of the people at the table were acquaintances of mine, we chatted for a few minutes and I headed back to our staging spot.

During the next hour, a few more members arrived and we shortly realized that we had not left enough room for everyone. The last two arrivals had to part down the street and would add to the end if the group as it passed by.

Decorating continued as we waited for the parade to start along with a lot of socializing within our group and within the surrounding groups. We also eyed other groups near by that contained 4x4s. A pair of very clean rigs were across the street from us. There were also several military vehicles from the Estrella Warbird Museum and a couple of other 4x4 groups.

As ten o'clock approached and the ambient temperature rose we positioned ourselves to watch the beginning of the parade go past us.

This parade is always a lot of fun in that there are usually a large number of entries with children, several mounted groups (including the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department



On the parade route heading North on Main St (photo by Rick Evans)

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..... and Suzy J
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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

Member Rigs: My on board air project

by Paul W

NOTE: All photos of Paul's rig are from his photos.

So, one fine Saturday I went wheeling with friends/members up on Pine Ridge, and had a blast learning the capabilities of my FJ 40. We aired down at the trail head, knowing we had the capacity to air up at the finish. After a slight miscalculation, I upset the bead on my left front tire. I wasn't looking forward to changing a tire while on difficult terrain... fortunately, Dennis had his very capable CJ along, with a York compressor on board! After deploying my hi-lift jack, Dennis helped me re-inflate & get back to wheeling! When we returned to the trailhead, we all took the time to air up from Dennis' rig. Thus began my York compressor envy... and since I was already planning air on this rig I did considerable research online (Thanks, internet!) and found some interesting designs.

I settled on one design that opened up the old alternator position for a later install of power steering by moving it up beside the York compressor. Now the challenge... make a template of the mount bolt area on the right side of the cylinder head, make a plate to mount the York, while getting it to align with the pulleys, and to make an alternator

mount. I also needed to fabricate an adjustable belt idler pulley arrangement, something that would allow for maximum adjustment in a small space. The mount needed to be light but strong. Visiting Paso Auto Wrecking, I located an old Volvo donor with a serviceable York. I grabbed the compressor and the mounting bracket. Snagging an idler pulley off of a Nissan Frontier, the total ran about \$100 for the lot.

I bought a 12"x12" plate of 1/4" steel to make the mount, and used some salvaged 1"x1" angle iron for spacers to sandwich the plates together. Along with a 36" stick of 2"x2" angle, this completed my shopping list... about another \$50 in outlay. Now to fabrication!

I began by using cardboard to make a head mounting plate, one that would clear the #1 spark plug. After cutting this out, I fabbed up this first critical design. Using the compressor and the old mount, I made the second plate to attach to the left side of the York. I mounted these plates together by using the 1" angle pieces, pared down to 1" long, and, utilizing an old fan belt, I dummied the plates together by blocking the compressor into position and aligning the two plates, tacking them into position. By trial and test fit, I



was able to finalize the placement/alignment and finish weld them. I used a strip of the 2"x2" angle to fab up the lower mount, drilling two bottom mounting holes and adding the bracket for the idler pulley to this.

The next item was to fabricate the alternator mount plate, this attaches to the right side of the compressor and will mount the alternator upside down, with the tensioning arm below for better clearance. The top alternator mount was made from 2"x2" angle, welded to the top of the rt. side plate. With a choice of two donor air tanks, I am slowly gathering the final pieces to round out this project.

Next chapter.... the install and test.



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Mounted Posse) and some other groups including Abe Lincoln.

As we entered the parade route, the organizer wanted us to go two abreast right off the bat, with one vehicle in the lead. That driver, Eric, was told to stay no more and no less than 30 feet behind the entry in front of us. The organizer said that there was plenty of room on the route to go that way through out the route.

Well that lasted about two blocks. As we turned onto Crocker, the drivable part of the road narrowed as people had inched their way onto the street for the best view. It was so narrow that we could not see the people on the right side of the right vehicles. As a result we slowed a little and spread out a little to be safe.

Then when some candy got thrown (no idea who threw it, but some got thrown) the kids



South on Crocker (photo by George W.)



were all over the street causing some members of the group to slow quite a bit more.

The Anticipated water works happened on 8th street between Crocker and Main. With my hard top and windows up, I guess I wasn't considered much of a target. Other than that there was a lot of waving, smiling and saying "Happy 4th of July" to the crowd. This got even easier as we turned North on Mail Street for the last and longest leg of the parade.

We now had room to maneuver a little bit even two abreast and those lagging behind had a chance to catch up with us. More hooting and hollering, a couple of

Dennis' Jeep (photo by George W.)

photographers taking photos of us later and we reached the end of the route near our starting point.

We then found a clear spot to [park and remove the decorations that we had so carefully applied to our vehicles. Since I had put a lot on it took a while to get it off. Once we were all done, some said their good byes and headed home and others made their way to as close to the Park as possible, parked their vehicles and joined the festivities.

A great time was had by all of us who attended and I highly recommend being a participant in the future if you haven't been in the parade already. It's totally fun and very family oriented. Just remember to have an investment in patriotic decorations on hand.

Pre-parade line up (photo by George W.)



A Sunday Drive

By Eric F

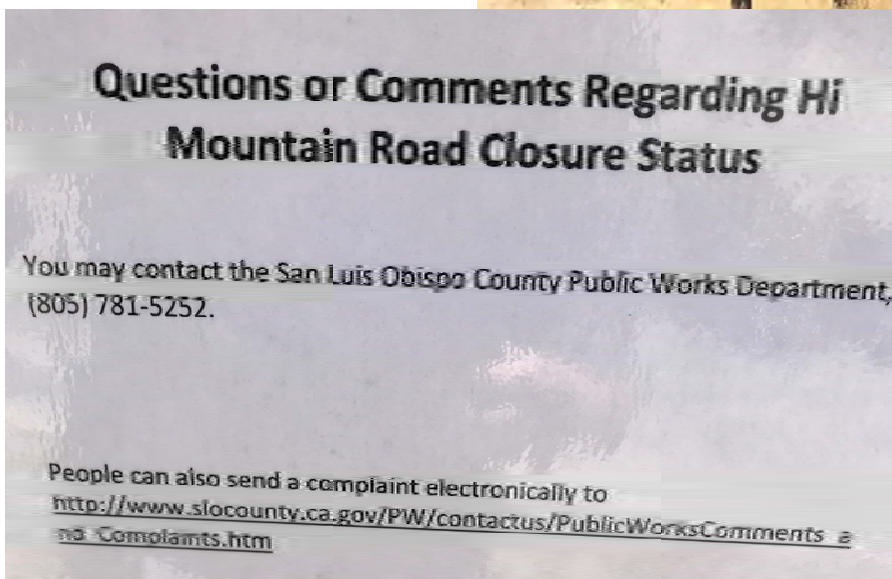
Photos by Eric F

So I was a little bored and thinking what a nice day for a drive. I had done a few upgrades to my Cherokee and needed to break them in. I went to a front long arm suspension upgrade. I also changed the rear locker from a full time Aussie locker to an air operated ARB.

First stop get some lunch. I made way down El Camino Real over to Highway 58 to Pozo Road. I was surprised to find several fields with yellow mustard plants and flowers still in bloom. All off the grass on the hills is dead and brown.

I made my way to the Pozo Fire Station and found High Mountain Road is still closed. There is paper typed sign taped to the gate. It instructs persons to either call or email complaints about High Mountain Road being closed to the County of San Luis Obispo.

I made my way towards the Pozo Saloon. The saloon looks to be closed; Sign in the door says closed. All gates to the parking lots were closed.



I made my way up Pozo Grade and stopping for a few pictures here and there. I made it to the top of Pozo Grade Road where Las Chichas and Pine Mountain Roads cross.

I took a break at the top and a luxury SUV came up from the other side with signs on the door; "Bespoke Rallies." The couple that were in the SUV were the pilot vehicle. They were from the United Kingdom. The company will import several European classic vehicles over and set up a rally the group had certain destinations everyday to reach.

I waited about half an hour and did

Welcome!

Fee Required

Self-Service Pay Station

Fees are used to manage and service this site. Fees are valid for 6 people and 1 vehicle for Single Site and 12 people and 2 vehicles for Double Site

Camping Fee

\$ 20 Daily Fee Single Site

With Golden Age / Access or Interagency Senior/Access Pass Discount Valid for Single Site Only

\$ 40 Daily Fee Double Site

Additional Vehicle Charge (when safe at PMC/USFS discretion) **\$ 10**

Additional Person Charge (not to exceed 8 for Single Site and 16 for Double Site) **\$ 10**

Instructions

- 1 Occupy campsite, note number, and return within 30 minutes.
- 2 Fill out envelope, and enclose fee.
- 3 Detach stub and deposit envelope in fee box.
- 4 Attach stub to post located at occupied site.

If no post, display on dashboard.

Violations punishable. 36 CFR 261.17

Thank You

For more information contact:



not see the group. I proceeded down Pozo Road going toward the La Panza Campground. I got about half way down the hill and saw dust coming up the road. I pulled over 3 classic cars went by me at a good rate of speed. A mid 50's Mercedes, a Porsche and another vehicle that I did not see what it was. These people were not afraid to drive their classic cars in the dirt dusty and gravel roads.

I proceeded down the road about almost to the bottom of the road where the last 2 vehicles passed me. Another classic Porsche and what I thought was an older Saab. A few minutes later the chase vehicle was in the tail end. I stopped and talked to the driver.

He was the Mechanic for the group of classic cars. The last car was a 1962 Tatar. I was informed that

comes out once a week, cleans the bathrooms and collects the money from the pay station. He stated he used come out twice a week, but no one uses the campground so once a week in fine. He stated he has to do some "weed whipping", as he called it, and check the fire pits. I told the him our club had helped in the past with some repairs and checked

there are only 6 in the U.S.. They were all from the U.K. I gave the driver one of our club cards. The driver stated that each day they have certain destinations. Today, Sunday, was Morro Bay and had to maintain a speed of 31 miles per hour. That explains why they were moving pretty good up Pozo Road. Tomorrow, Monday, is San Francisco. Ending in Seattle Washington.

I made my way to La Panza Campground. There was a couple of motorcycle riders camping. The pay system in all set up at La Panza Campground.

I ran into the maintenance man for La Panza

and reported back to the Forrest Service the condition of the campground.

We said have a good day. I turned around at the end of the campground and saw all the work we had done has all been destroyed. I made my way over to Navajo camp area and up Navajo Road; it's been a while since I was up this road. Very pretty. I did find some soft sand and couple of small rocks in the trail near a stream that a little bit of water. I was able to test my ARB and to report it worked flawless. Also the suspension had a some pretty good flex even with the sway bar connected and full street air pressure.

I made my way up to Five Points for a quick stop, then from Five Points to Turkey flats. The asphalt road from Five Points to Turkey Flats has been cleaned and the walls of the hills have been scrapped. Last time I was up there the road had quite bit of dirt and rock from the hills.

Turkey Flats has the pay system installed also. From Turkey Flats, I made my way home. Uneventful. It was a great day. Wasn't too hot. 88 was the hottest temp I saw on my overhead display.

Eric F.



Club Meeting Minutes:

*Meeting Minutes by Paul W,
Edited by George W*

May 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Officer Reports:

Vice-president: Not enough members present for vote for new President (requires 15 to 16, 33% of 47), 14 present.

Treasurer: \$523.41 Balance in checking account

Membership: 47 Paid Members

Newsletter: Articles needed for the next issue of the newsletter

Promotions: \$360 in T-shirt sales, \$378 in T-shirt expenses, Stickers: \$8.50 each for 8 inch, total price for order is \$360, checking price for 6 inch

Cal 4 Wheel: Dues are due. Can be paid on line or via club. If via club must be paid by June meeting.

Land Use:

High Mountain Road is still closed. County says they have graded the west end outside National Forest boundary. Says road within Forest boundary is unpassable from the top of High Mountain to the creek (Salinas River). Forest Service is waiting on country. They seem to be waiting on each other.

La Brea Grant Process Comment period is open soon in Santa Maria. Suzy will attend comment meeting.

Old Business:

Randy will send out message to elect new President. Discussed Proxy voting method and by-laws, spouses and significant other at same residence may also vote. Discussed need for President nominations. A form will be produced for a Proxy vote. Tabled until next meeting.

Vote on By-law change for date of elections also Tabled.

Events:

Mojave Road Run: 3 members went, good run

Molina Ghost Run: Mother's Day weekend, May 12-14

Spring Fling: Carissa Plains? High Mountain Road instead? Tabled until next weekend.

Pine Mountain Run: Dennis V. Rough trail from just above the Condor lookout to the top of the stair steps.

Highway Cleanup for May 5th cancelled, since it was done the week-end before.

Nocitone Dutch Oven Cook-off, May 13th, handout given

Blue Canyon Run - Shaver Lake area

Coyote Lake Run: Date to be determined

Doing the Right Thing

Written by George W, Editor

I am writing this article as a result of observations when I went out to photograph flowers on Easter Sunday. The trip itself was a mistake as the Carizzo Plains National Monument was radically over crowded with no crowd control on monitoring.

I luckily found a parking space in the parking area at the observation hill West of Soda Lake. And made my way to the top. Everywhere I looked people were wandering all over the hill, walking past sign that said area closed. People had parked along Soda Lake Road and were immediately wandering into the fields of the flowers trampling many in the process to take their photos of this natural spectacle.

When I got to the top I saw more of people trampling what they had come out to see and a few even laughing at the Area Closed signs. A few young people were wondering why I was shaking my head, so I told them. They responded, "Why Not? Everyone else is!" and promptly traipsed down one of the

closed trails. An older couple near by shook their heads watching the young people. Reminded me of one of my mother's old standby's, "If Johnny jumped off a bridge would you too?"

Just because a bunch of people are showing no respect for the park, doesn't make what they are doing legal or right. I was just amazed that there were no Park employees there to educate the ignorant masses.

Seeing cars parked all along Soda Lake Road to the South as far as I could see, I decided to take Seven Mile Road over to Elkhorn Road and try the East side of the Lake. Upon leaving the Monument boundary and turning right on to Seven Mile road for the almost seven mile drive to Elkhorn, I soon realized that this too would probably be a mistake.

We were now surrounded by private property and new legal Marijuana grows. People were parking wherever they felt like it, including the middle of the road, jumping fences, and walking around on parcels that

had "No Trespassing" signs posted. Doing that near someone's grow site is probably a good way to get your butt shot.

After maneuvering past several bad parking jobs I finally made my way to Elkhorn Road. Turned south and found a lot less traffic as the road was really washboarded badly. I made my way down to the P.G.&E. power lines from Diablo going over to the Central Valley which was also a Monument boundary. I parked on the side of a little side road and walked over to a fence on the west Side of Elkhorn and got a few shots and decided it was time to head home. Except for another large group at 58 and Seven Mile Road, the remainder of my trip home was totally uneventful.

Why people have such little respect for our National Parks and Monuments blows me away. The attitude that if everyone else is doing it, its OK also totally amazes me. As 4 wheelers, we need to try to set a good example whenever we can even when the majority don't seem to give a damn.

Adopt-A-Highway cleanup Reports

Meeting Minutes by Randy P, Vice-president

February Clean Up Report

Thanks to the Eleven SLO 4Wheeler members that came out and cleaned up our adopt a highway this morning.

Mike G, Dennis V & Debbie R, George W, Zack S & Brittaney D, Glenn L, Daniel & Dominic U, Brian T and Randy P.

We all met at the Santa Margarita Community Park along Highway 58 at 8AM. After a long winded CREW PLANS safety tailboard by Randy P. The group got their safety gear, empty bags and pickers and split up in groups of two to start the cleanup at about 8:15. We covered 5 of the 6 areas along the adopt a highway this month. At about 9AM most were back to the park with a bag full of trash and ready for the day run to Cuesta Ridge West led by George W. By 9:15 all of the adopt a highway folks were back and several more SLO 4 Wheelers joined the group for the run to Cuesta Ridge. Brian T volunteered his pickup to haul

the bagged litter to the SLO 4 Wheelers adopt a highway sign where it was piled up next to the sign post for Cal Trans to pick up next week.

I learned that we need to split area 6 into two areas, 6A and 6B so that four volunteers can cover that lengthily piece of highway 58. I will also get 5 more safety equipment setups from Caltrans for a total of 15 safety setups. Ten setups just don't cover our volunteers any more.

Hope to see most or all of you back next month with some more SLO4Wheeler volunteers for the March 4th adopt-a-highway cleanup.

Randy P SLO 4 Wheelers Adopt-a-Highway Primary Contact.

PS: I had a great time getting to know more SLO4Wheeler today.

March 4 Adopt-a-Highway cleanup participants included Mike D., Paul W., Dennis V., Debbie R., Glenn L., Randy P.

All were surprised to find more litter to

pick up, even though we had just covered the area last month. Safety meeting 8-8:15, cleanup 8:15-9.

Thank You for coming out.



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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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.

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

August 5 — Adopt-a-Highway cleanup. Santa Margarita Park at 8:00 AM. Followed that evening by the after meeting run: Bonfire—Oceano Dunes.

August TBD — Annual Coyote Lake Run.

August 18 — Hot El Camino Nites Cruise Night at Ted Miles Motors. Plan to arrive before 5:00 PM or you may have to talk your way in past one of the road closures.

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

September 9 — Adopt-a-Highway cleanup. Santa Margarita Park at 8:00 AM. Followed that evening by the after meeting run.

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

October 7 — Adopt-a-Highway cleanup. Santa Margarita Park at 8:00 AM. Followed by after meeting run: Garcia Ridge Cleanup.

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

November 4 — Adopt-a-Highway cleanup. Santa Margarita Park at 8:00 AM. Followed by after meeting run: Dos Padres Canyon.

December 6 — General Club Meeting. La Mexicana, Atascadero at 7:00 PM. Nominations for 2018 Officers.

December 16 — San Miguel Christmas Parade.

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

January TBD — New Year's Party

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.