



# The SLO 4-Wheeler



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## Templeton 4th of July Parade

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*Written by George W., Editor*  
 The club members started to gather at the Donut shop at the north end of Templeton. When they set up their sign in table, we got our number and found our prep area down the street to start getting ready and decorate our rigs. The decorating spot was a little tight for the number of rigs involved so we had park them

two deep and even they we overflowed into the adjoining spaces and the street. Decorating is a big part of the parade. As soon as we got parked, the bunting, ribbons and flags started appearing and getting attached to our rigs. On some rigs it seemed there wasn't a part that couldn't hold a flag; I even took advantage of my CB

*(photo by George W.)*

antenna to hold a larger flag. The kids who cam along were having a lot of fun helping and just climbing all over their folks and grandparents rigs. Finally, at 10 AM the parade started. We watched the lower

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## 2013 SLO 4-Wheelers Officers

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 by two weeks before the  
 next issue to George

# Late July Hollister Hills Trip



*As told by Derrick B., edited by George W., Editor  
Photos by Derrick B.*

The group consisted of Derrick B. and his daughter, Ericka in Derrick's Toyota with a new body cage, Levi and his girl friend Samantha in his orange Toyota truck, and Jerramy in his 4Runner. They left on Sunday July 21st for the Hollister Hills OHV park and hit the trails the following morning.

Almost immediately Jerramy broke

first one and then the other front hub leaving him in two wheel drive and limping badly. They got him back to the camp area and the trailers and tow rigs and then tried to find parts. After not being able to find any repair parts in the vicinity, Jerramy left for home

leaving the rest of the group to continue at the OHV park.

They wheeled several trails including Bonanza and McCray. They had a pretty good rain on Monday afternoon, it was so dry there that the water soaked in almost immediately not making much mud, but still making the rocks a little slick and more of a challenge. They eventually made it up to the Vista point.

While wheeling it on the Bonanza, Derrick landed his truck on its passenger side finding that the new body roll cage did its job and the only damage was the removal of paint as he had to drag it about 30 yards on its side before he could get to a point where he could get it back upright. While dragging it the thermal overload protection on the winch tripped from over heating. They eventually got the rig back upright.

On the Mini Rubicon, Derrick managed to put it over on the passenger side again. With some help of some other park goers from Utah, they got



the rig right side up again and back wheeling. Derrick's daughter, Eicka, commented that he was always putting it on her side, could he put it on his once in a while, to which Derrick had to remind her he wasn't doing it on purpose.

Part of the trip was testing Derrick's new body cage which can be seen in the photos. With the two flops on the passenger side, the cage had received a thorough test and pasted with flying colors except for the portions that needed to be repainted after dragging it on its side.

After having a good time with the reduced group and feeling sorry for Jerramy who didn't get to do much wheeling at all, they packed, up camp, trailered the rigs and headed for home.



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numbered parade entries make their way past us and down Main Street toward the actual route. Finally, after over twenty minutes of watching other entries make their way their way past us, it was our turn to join the line and move out. Tom took the lead with club banners on both sides of his Toyota with the rest of us following in two columns.

We headed down Main to 1st Street and turn up 1st Street to Crocker Street, went

(photo by Rick E.)



down Crocker to 8th Street and back to Main Street for the return trip north back to our starting point. While going along the parade route candy got tossed to children, people got squirt-



(photo by Rick E.)

ed (both in the crowd and in the rigs) and Kenn kept climbing on top of Keven's tires with his new rig.

When we reached the parade staging area again, we grabbed some shoulder and started un-decorating our rigs and some headed off to other events while some stayed in Templeton to enjoy the activities in the park.

(More Parade photos on page 6)

# Swamp Lake — July 2013



*Written by Tom B.  
Photos by Kenn B.*

We planned our trip to Swamp Lake as soon as we found that it had opened. Since we were running in the middle of the week I put out a run request but no takers so it was **myself in my '85 Yota Pickup, my son Kenn and his son Wyatt with his "new to him" '85 4 runner and Kenn's friend Ben G. in his Jeep CJ7.**

We met after Kenn got off work at 5:00 at the usual Golden Hill and Hwy 46. On Monday late afternoon.

Kenn and I trailered but Ben drove his jeep. It was smooth sailing until we had to stop just before Kettlemen **to adjust Ben's load. It was really hot at 105 and I was glad I was trailer-ing.**

We did our usual stop in Prather for Pizza. Kenn has the number on his phone so he called ahead and it was ready when we got there. It is very good and easy to get to with room for the trailers in the parking lot.

We arrived at the snow park at the summit by around 9:30. We usually park here and spend the night as

there is lots of room to park the trailers and a bathroom. We unloaded the rigs and spread a tarp on the trailer to sleep on. There is a road that goes out the back of the snow park and is a shortcut to the road to Cartwright Reservoir which is what you need to get to the Swamp Lake Trail head.

We hit the road by 6:30 AM Tuesday and the trail head by about 9:00. The first part of the trail is fairly easy as you go over the top and drop down to the split with Mud Lake. It gets a little more difficult at this point and you go over some rocks and down alongside what is normally the creek but this year it was dry. Apparently the mosquitos were looking for it also as they were out along the dry creek bed in sufficient numbers to carry small children away. This is a good photo opportunity and we each took a few pictures but because of the bugs and Wyatt being almost in their range, we decided to get away from that area.

There are some challenging spots after that but nothing like the next tuffly which is ROOSTER ROCK. **Pictures don't do it justice as it is very steep and shear granite.** We all made it up rooster and at the top took the most difficult route over to the main trail.



We continued on past Grouse Lake and up to the top. At this point you need to get out and take pictures as you look down on Grouse Lake on one side and Swamp Lake on the other. It is really spectacular and being so high above them you can see how clear they both are.

We dropped down to the Swamp campground but we prefer to camp at lake level. It is a very difficult trail to get to lake level and much harder when you climb back out but well worth it as you are closer to the lake. The main drawback to Swamp Lake is the rocks. Even at lake level you must climb over large granite boulders to get to the water. The disadvantage to camping at lake level is that you are a long way from the bathroom and it is all uphill. You must decide the lesser of 2 evils.

The camping was great and even though we did not bring the canoe on this trip, we fished the lake and got lots of strikes. Kenn brought in a nice trout and Wyatt caught one too. We usually catch and release so we got some pictures and let them go.

We got sprinkles Wednesday afternoon and after we hit the sack it started to actually rain. I had forgotten what that sound was. Ben was on a cot out in the open so Kenn gave him a tarp to cover up with and put anything in camp under cover. Thursday A.M. we packed up and headed for home. There is some really great wheeling on the way out and we got some great video and pictures.

This trip is what rock crawling is all about. **We didn't see another person** on the trail or at the camp sites. The



wheeling was great and all the rigs made a good showing for themselves. **This was Kenn's "shake down" cruise** with his new rig and he was more than satisfied. He has decided that the 4 runner is a keeper.

Ben had put a Yukon locker in the front of his rig and found out why **ARB's are so popular. He figured out** that if was in 2 wheel drive he could turn so he did that except he **sometimes forgot and couldn't understand why it wouldn't climb some stuff** until he put it back in 4x4.

I got my new roll bar painted and the spare tire mounted on top and it was perfect. I have new places to run tie straps to and having a spare tire gives me a little more peace of mind.

We got home around 5-6:00 Thursday evening and we all agreed this was one of our top 5 trips. Ben has been going to one of the jeep Rubicon trips for the last few years and rates the Swamp Trail as 10 times as hard but you need go and judge yourself. Tom B.



## More Parade Photos



(photos by George W.)



(photo by Rick E.)



## Club Meeting Minutes:

*Meeting Minutes by Loree R., Club co-Secretary*

June 5, 2013

After Meeting Run

Originally the June after meeting run was scheduled to be a check on the La Panza campground. When we were up there for the Spring Fling everything seemed to be ok. Due to that, hot weather and other commitments by a majority of members there will be no run June 8.

New Business

Cal 4 Wheel Membership – this mem-

bership is an individual membership open to each and every person out there. When a minimum of 3 people from one club join then that club is represented by Cal 4 Wheel when it comes to legislative items both in Sacramento and Washington D.C. Membership runs from June to June. The dues are \$45 per year, some of the benefits you receive with that are discounts at all Cal 4 Wheel runs, a bi-monthly color magazine, and representation fighting for your rights and trails. You can join or renew on their website at <http://www.cal4wheel.com/ca4wdc-membership-2> Membership must be

done before June 30.

**Club voted to reimburse the Burt's** for the wonderful food they provided for our June meeting. Thank you Tom and Karen for opening up your home to all of us, it was a great evening.

Events – Mark your Calendars

July 4 – Templeton 4th of July parade – meeting time/place to be determined at July 3 meeting.

August 9, 10, 11 – Coyote Run

September 21 – Pismo Dunes Clean Up Day

## How would you like to receive your copy of the “SLO 4 Wheeler”?

In order to save money with the rising costs of printing and postage, we are looking at ways of trying to cut back on one of our biggest expenses, producing and mailing the club newsletter. We recognize that **some people still don't have access to the Internet or they may have a slow connection because of how remote their residence is**, others may not have a computer capable to of downloading large PDF files. As a result we are looking t providing multiple options. Please review the options below and either mail this coupon to the club PO Box, bring it to the next meeting, email your preferred Newsletter delivery method to the Newsletter editor or call it in.

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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.

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<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.

August 7th — SLO 4-Wheelers General Club Meeting: DENNYS, Atascadero Wednesday 7pm

August 9-11th — Coyote Lake Run

Annual Club run to Coyote Lake in the High Sierras

September 4th — SLO 4-Wheelers General Club Meeting: DENNYS, Atascadero Wednesday 7pm

September 21 — Pismo Dunes Clean Up Day

October 2nd — SLO 4-Wheelers General Club Meeting: DENNYS, Atascadero Wednesday 7pm

November 6th — SLO 4-Wheelers General Club Meeting: DENNYS, Atascadero Wednesday 7pm

December TBD — San Miguel Christmas Parade and Club Christmas Party

December TBD — SLO 4-Wheelers Christmas Party 2013 - NOTE, General meeting will be at 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.

