



August 1997 Newsletter for The San Luis Obispo County Four Wheel Drive Club
Editor Jennifer B.

Meeting Summary August 6, 1997

Dave called the meeting to order and announced that it was his intent to see that the club was incorporated by the end of the year.

- o Ray reported that his Jeep is running and he has a new exhaust system.
- o Secretary, Kathy was absent, Randy substituted for her and announced that a Mojave road calendar will be available for \$6 and if you want one to let him know.
- o Tom reported that we still have just over funds earmarked for incorporation and the balance in general funds has increased slightly.
- o Mark reported that membership is at 55 paid families and handed out new rosters and phone lists.
- o Run reports: Will reported that the Templeton 4th of July parade was fun and wet.
- o Jim Z gave a nice report on the Red mountain run. There were 6 rigs and the report centered around food and showers!
- o Land use: Jerry reported that the Oceano Dunes flyers have gotten some attention and passed out a few more.
- o Condor: Cindy said the US Fish and Wildlife needs help in getting the new release site prepared at Bitter Creek on Cerro Noroeste. Sept 6 & 7 they will need help mainly building fence.
- o Safety Clinic: Randy handed out flyers to help define the scope of each committee. He set a meeting for August 20th from 7-8 PM at Randy & Kathy's home for anyone interested and particularly the committee chairpersons who are:
 - Location, Dave H and Jim Z
 - Public Relations, Debbie and Richard K.;
 - Registration, Kathy P and Jennell T
 - Training, Tom C
 - Logistics, Darlene M and Randy P.
- o Old Business Incorporation: a motion was made and seconded to empower Tom to use any and all of the money we have set aside to get incorporation accomplished as soon as possible.
- o Randy is pursuing the banner through Curry's. We need the artwork to send him. It may be at PJ's Top Shop.
- o Tom and Randy are pursuing the answering system. Tom approached the GST Call America people. Free service can be made available to non-profit organizations that includes 4 mailboxes. Randy and Tom are pursuing it.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Julie and Tom's baby boy,
Walker Adams
 , was born on July 17 at 5:19 a.m.
 She delivered their 8 lb. 15 oz. baby on the third push!

UPCOMING CLUB RUNS

(Mark your calendars!)

- *Special Event Cruise Nite* will be on **Friday night August 15**. Ted Miles has invited us to BBQ in his parking lot. 12 plus members were interested. BBQ would just be provided by us, for us, or if we act quickly we could make a buck or two. Call Ted Miles for more info,
- *Safety Clinic Committee Meeting* on **August 20** from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Arrive on time and leave on time. All interested parties are welcome. Call Randy P. for more info.
- *Coyote Lake* is coming up on **August 22-24**. Tom C. handed out a nice flyer. See the flyer for all the details or look elsewhere in this newsletter. There are a lot of us going, this has been the most attended big run in the past. Mark and Ray are going Thursday night. The Z's will be leaving Friday morning for their place at Dogwood. 5 vehicles will be leaving Friday night at 5 p.m. and Jenni and Richard & Debbie will be leaving closer to 8 p.m. Get in touch with your buddies and plan to go!!! Also Some are staying over 'til Monday and doing Swamp Lake, too.
- *Second annual vehicle show*, **September 20**. Where? Prizes? BBQ volunteers? Harass Brian T.
- *Condor Work Day* on **September 6 & 7** at Bitter Creek. For info. Call Cindy B.

Thank you!!!***A big THANK YOU to Jim & Avanette & their family***

for their warm hospitality on the week-end of 7/18 - 7/20. They hosted the SLO 4-Wheelers at their son's property by Shaver Lake and a wonderful time was had by everyone who attended. They treated those of us who arrived on Friday to a delicious steak dinner with all the trimmings. Yum! We enjoyed nice campfires each evening and great company! Thanks again!

RED MOUNTAIN RUN - July 18-20, 1997**By Trail Boss: James Z.**

Six 4X4 rigs met at "Z's" place Friday night, July 18th. Friday night's feature was BBQ Filet Mignon and a large campfire. The camp was small, located on James property at 4500 ft. elevation.

Saturday morning all was well, up early and on the road by 8:30. The round-up and safety check was at Tamarack Ridge. Some rigs got hot. J.L. (son) had carb problems. The safety check went well and all passed.

The road to Strawberry Lake took its toll. Overheating, vapor locks and two rigs stuck in 2WD.

At Strawberry Lake, the pit crew took Ray's jeep hubs off, and found the problem-a spring in backwards. J.Z.'s rig (son) turned back with carb problem. Roxie and Jerry T. walked 2 miles up to Strawberry Lake and took seats in JBZ's Bronco. The fish were biting.

The food was good. The Pit Crew completed the repairs and we headed back down the trail. We stopped at Mirror Lake Rd. but none ventured out. It was just too hot and the trail too "rough". It's now 3 p.m. and at least 1 hour to Shaver Lake. We decided to skip the SJ&E Trail and head back to camp.

Back at camp Darlene gives the Z's Ford Camper a new name. The "Hacienda". It had a shower with hot water. The word is that unless Ray gets a Jeep Shower like Preston's they will stay in the "Hacienda" on the Coyote Run.

30 minutes back at camp, Pat G. was working on his Jeep Cherokee, he backs up his, we hear a snap and he got 4WD again. He's it going to need it for Sunday's Run to "Bald Mountain."

The talk at the campfire was about the Jeep Shower. Our engineers, Ray and Mark the draftsman and Jerry, the electrician was making a drawing on the ground. Shari, Preston's wife brought out her special glasses with Duel head lights. Great for night drawing on the ground.

Bald Mountain on Sunday is the favorite trail of trail boss, J. B. Z. It's located 5 miles west of Shaver Lake off Dinkey Creek Road.

Five rigs met at Swanson Meadow Campground. Many used the U.S.F. S. Little Green Buildings just off the main road. And it's off to Bald Mt. At 9,000 ft. elevation. Look-out built in 1934. At Bald Mountain you can look down on Shaver Lake 6 miles away, see the valley floor to the west, and see the back fork of Pine Flat Reservoir some 40 miles away to the southwest. From here you can see the Eastern High Slopes, some with snow. They glisten in the high mountain sunlight.

Now, the trail's been steep, with bald rocks, but no rough stuff.

It's time to stop this glamour show and do some serious Jeeping. The road back has some large rocks, side slopes, and steep down hill grades. Some get out and walk. At a resting stop, the gang says, "I wonder if my Jeep can make it up this trail?" Trail Boss, Mr. "Z" answered "This Little Bronco Trail goes both ways, Boys, but today, we're going Down."

From the Trail the group headed 8 miles to see the "Big Trees" at McKinley Grove. We had to take numbers to get in restroom this time.

It was a nice cap to a wonderful trail. We made it back to camp by 4 tired and dirty. But all made it without a breakdown. No FUBAR this trip, just fun.

For being good hosts, Mark and Margaret gave Trail Boss, "Z" a bronco shirt for which we thank them.

OTHER LESSONS FROM RED MOUNTAIN AREA:

Call your wife, take spare parts

(and wife, check your messages)

Mark and Margaret's sons had an entirely different adventure on their own trip to Red Lake. Sunday night when they decided to leave camp, Matt's belt broke (he *thought* he had a spare). By the time they got to Shaver in Nathan's jeep, the parts house was closed. So they went back to Red to spend the night. (They weren't part of the group, they were staying at Red to fish.)

Monday morning no one in Shaver had a belt to fit so they ordered a belt, bought some more food and went back to Red Lake. Tuesday they went back to Shaver, the belt didn't arrive until 3, so they decided to go back to Red, fix the jeep and spend yet another night before returning.

As for Mark's "rescue attempt" - I got a call Monday morn, Tracy (Matt's wife) could barely speak. She awoke with Matt still not home. I assumed that since no word was heard that they'd had trouble on the trail and told her not to worry. After getting off the phone I came to the conclusion that since no calls were made they must have broke both jeeps. So off I went-I figured the kids could get themselves out but with Tracy and Margaret sick with worry I had no choice... I kept checking back home, by the time I reached Academy & Manning out of Fresno they had called to tell us that they would be back Tuesday. (The first message they had left that they wouldn't be home Sunday on Matt's machine wasn't retrieved.) So after careful deliberation I decided to give up my effort to spend the night at Red, go home and get ready for work.

Moral of the story, Check those spare parts you ***THINK*** you have, if you leave a message so others know your OK maybe leave it at 2 different places (or make sure the 1 is on a machine that works) and don't break near a place you'd like to spend more time at anyway.

*(Editor's note: I think if you're going to break, it might as well be somewhere you **want** to stay anyway!)*

FOR SALE

Do you have something you want to sell? Clean out that garage and spread the wealth. Your fellow club members may be your best market for the extra parts, accessories, tools, etc. you just don't know what to do with. (Ray, how are those hinges?!)

- **1992 23' Winnabago Class A motorhome**

, loaded, Chevy 454, 13,000miles like new!. Added Extras include awning, receiver hitch, CB, SteerRite, microwave, generator, new front and rear air suspension bags, new shocks , custom headboard & wood valances - she's nice. New will set you back 45 grand + extras, steal it for 28. Margaret B..

- **1982 CJ7 FOR SALE**

Almost stock w/4:11's limited slip both ends, 1 piece axles rear, 6 cyl w/NEW NV4500 5 spd & clutch held up by trick dual plate mount, lots of storage, air compressor & tank, oil cooler, 9000# winch, 33's on mod wheels, full roll cage, everything that bolts to engine has less than 5000 miles (including hoses, smog, carb, alt, pumps, gas tank etc.) new high flow water pump & thermo, CB, Confer shackles & skids, Trailmaster 4" lift. custom rear can/tire/ice chest rack, complete w/straps cans ice chests, bungies extras parts, hi lift & lots more. \$7,500 Mark B.

WELCOME! NEW MEMBERS

- **KEVIN & LAURIE C. & family** Toyota FJ40
- **TODD & CARRY P. & family of A** Chevy PU

- **BRIAN N.** 75 Chevy P.U
- **KEN P. & MONICA P.**CJ-7

Associate member **Ted Miles Jeep**

offers a 15% discount on all part
(& 10% off accessories like hats)
to club members who present their 1997 Membership Card!

Ted Miles Jeep/Eagle

7380 El Camino Real

Atascadero 466-2411

MAJOR BUMMER NEWS DEPARTMENT: EVERYONE WANTS YOUR JEEP

If you haven't heard already (and I can hardly imagine anyone's missed out on this bad news), our president, Dave H., lost his tools, his spare parts his camping gear and his whole Jeep to thieves!

Dave, Donna & two of their close friends were all loaded up and ready to go when they parked their jeep in the motel parking lot of the Placerville Inn on July 23 the night before the Rubicon: Jeepers Jamboree. When they got up at 4 a.m., the jeep fully loaded for the trail, was gone! He's pretty bummed as you might imagine. At last word he hasn't heard anything. The cops are saying that, it's most likely already parted out.

Lessons First, **no Jeep appears to be immune**. They're popular at this point. Tips from the cops, cock your wheels hard then lock the steering wheel, don't back into a stall (especially if it would be relatively easy to line a trailer up with the Jeep), use some sort of theft deterrent such as The Club or alarm (thought thieves often know how to defeat these, it gives them one more thing to worry about and may lead the thieves to look for an easier target), don't leave all your stuff in your Jeep, hard-top or no.

If you find this Jeep, notify the local police that it is a stolen vehicle & notify Dave.

- 85 CJ-7, Silver paint (fresh paint job)
- California license - 2ZVC644
- VIN - 1JCCF87E5FT148999
- T5 tranny & Dana 300 transfer case
- White spoke 15"x7" rims with new 31"x10.50 BFG MT's
- ARB air lockers front and rear
- Dana 30 front (4.56 R&P)
- AMC 20 rear axle housings with Moser flanged axles
- Superwinch front hubs
- Premiere welder under the hood
- Black Roll cage
- Rubicon rack with 2 back-up lights, 2 full Jerry cans & an ice chest (2'x 4' deck)
- Bestop Super top, black, new
- Alpine CD player, sub-woofers
- Gray Stock front Hi-Back seats
- Fold away rear seat
- Ramsey REP 8000 winch
- Hi-Lift jack on the front above the winch
- Dual Optima Batteries
- 3"x4" square tube rear bumper with square receiver hitch
- Diamond Plate rear corner and rocker panel guards
- CB & linear with antenna on stock spare tire stop at rear
- Cell Phone with antenna @ centerline of front window
- Hand throttle on dash below heater controls
- ARB switches in dash where the heat & def/vent stock light holes were
- Utility lights near frame below rocker panels
- enough clothing & camping gear for 4 people for 4 days
- Spare parts & tools
- spare tire & rim
- SLO 4-wheeler magnetic emblems

- CA4WDC magnetic emblems
 - 3 gauges cut into dash where heater duct goes up behind dash above stock gauges
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SLO County 4WD Club is proud to announce

Coyote Lake / Swamp Lake High Sierras Run

Tom C ., Trail Boss

August 23rd 24th & 25th

For flyer see [Coyote Run](#)

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