



August 1999 Newsletter for The San Luis Obispo County Four Wheel Drive Club
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- **Virtual: Mark B.**
- **Public Relations:
 IS IT YOU?**

EVENTS

RED LAKE/ COYOTE LAKE 08/14/99 Trailboss: Todd P. details in newsletter

HOT AUGUST EL CAMINO NIGHT 08/20/99 Show Your Jeep Off, Cruise El Camino, Socialize, Have Fun, Come park at Ted Miles Jeep Eagle. Possible Night Run after the event.

HIGHWAY 4 RUN Thurs 9/9 - Sunday 9/12 Trailboss: Al J

FRIGHT NITE 10/23/99- 10/24/99 RESERVE YOUR HOTEL EARLY for FRIGHT NITE (if you are not camping) Flying J Motel- Fraizer Park 805-248-2700. Trailboss: Brian T. No on sight registration..Must, Pre-register to go on Night Run Vehicle Costume Contest....Pt Magu Club Awesome Night Run with all the Spooks and Goblins You Care to See

SLO CHRISTMAS PARADE 12/03/99 Trailboss Judy J. Decorate your vehicle Party at Al & Judy's afterwards

SLO CHRISTMAS PARTY 12/0/99 Trailboss: Christy M., William Cody's Steakhouse & Saloon Grover Beach. Gift Exchange, Raffle Drawing, Toys for Tots donations, Can donations, **NEEDED RAFFLE PRIZES**

Please collect raffle prizes for the club Christmas Party

SLO 4 Wheelers General Meeting Summary August 4, 1999

- **President: Lynn S.** reported of his travels .. Met with the "who's who of landuse group" REN (Resource Education Network) this week discussing issues of how to keep the Sierra Nevada trails open..this group is trying to postpone any action on these issues until after the new elections as Gore is wanting to close everything..
WANTED: Computer/email Literate Volunteer to put out announcements to our club members that they will receive from other clubs- Example: current hot issues, trail reports, announcements from other clubs, for sale items, etc. Please call Lynn 466-8576
- **Vice President & Secretary:** not in attendance
- **Treasurer: Judy J.** reported no activity in July
- **Ways & Means: Christy M.** Xmas Party at Wm. Cody 12/4/99 Need everyone to collect raffle donations.. Possible BBQ at Hot El

Camino Nights at Ted Miles 8/20/99... Submit pics of your rig for 2000 Calendar

- **Membership: Brent M.** 70 club members now
- **Events: Welcome Back Todd P and Congratulations on your new baby boy, Colton.**
 - **Run Report: Rubicon Club Run:** Ray M in his very descriptive way told of great fun, great challenges, good cooking, and good company. If you were not at the meeting you missed a good story
 - **Swamp Run Report:** Jim Z reported that a very small group enjoyed the Swamp Lake Run with body damage and a lot of 4 wheeling challenges..
 - **August Run: 8/12-8/16 Coyote Lake** Thursday Night Caravan leaving from Ray M. house 6PM Todd P Trailboss: leaving Players Friday 8/13 6PM
 - **Hot El Camino Nights: 8/20/99 Ted Miles** has invited the club to show off their vehicles once again at Ted Miles Jeep Eagle and to have a BBQ for the club if we wish
 - **Highway 4 Run: Trailboss Al J.** passed out flyers with info
 - **Christmas Parade: Trailboss Judy J.** and party party party after the event at Al & Judy's

Landuse: James B. was out of town so did not get to attend the meeting

CA4WDC: Jim Z was at Swamp Lake so Lynn S. attended the district meeting...discussion of Convention 2000 and Sierra Nevada Framework

Newsletter: Debbie K- appreciates all the help from those submitting items to the newsletter..keep up the good work...

Committee Report

Promotions: Todd P. brought all the club tee shirts, sweat shirts etc.... promotions have been slow as Todd has been occupied with his new baby and has not made the meetings..but is back in the "seat" again

Safety: Brad J. was not in attendance

Scrapbook: Joanna D. needs your pictures

Social: Christy M. Cookbook has been put off until enough recipes are turned in, maybe Valentines Day..RECIPES PLEASE to Buzz J.

Telephone: John J. was working out of town this month

Virtual: Mark B. encourages everyone to visit the webpage..

Public Relations: WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO GET OUR CLUB IN THE NEWSPAPERS, ETC.

Minutes taken & submitted by Debbie K. for Joanna D.



SLO 4-Wheelers Vehicle Safety Check List

- **Brakes**
 - Four functional hydraulic brakes
 - Mechanical parking brake or micro lock parking brake
- **Rollover Protection**
 - Factory hard top, roll bar or roll cage
 - Seat belts for each passenger
 - Freight tied down
- **Spare Tire**
 - Full size (within 3" of diameter of vehicle tire)
 - Lug nut wrench
 - Jack capable of lifting the vehicle
- **Vehicle Recovery Strap**
 - Nylon strap or chain
 - Adequate attachment points front & rear

- **Battery Tie Downs**
 no bungie cords
- **Legal Exhaust System**
 Street Legal, no open headers
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Fire Extinguisher**
 With gauge showing a good charge
- **Antennas**
 shall not exceed 4'6" in length
- **Proof of insurance**
 (a California law)
- **Trail Partner**
 One who has agreed that in any emergency on the trail, they will assist you with all means available to safely get you off the trail, and you are in agreement to do the same for them!
- **Optional Recommended Items**
 Extra water Extra Fuel Spare Parts CB radio Winch & tree strap

Comments: _____

Drivers Signature: _____

Date: _____

Inspected By: _____

Safety Never Hurts

PROMOTIONS: TODD P. 461-6403

Tee Shirts S-XL \$12.00 2XL \$13.00 3XL \$15.00

Men's Tank Tops \$12.00 Women's Tank Tops \$12.00

Crew Neck Longsleeve \$15.00

Sweat Shirts \$20.00 Slip-on Hooded Sweatshirt S-2X \$24.00

Zipper Hooded Sweatshirt S-XL \$25.00 2XL \$27.00 3XL \$29.00

License Plate Covers 1 for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00

Ted Miles Jeep



The ONLY 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 who present their 1999 Membership Card!*

Ted Miles Jeep

7380 El Camino Real

Atascadero 466-2411

SLO 4-Wheelers COOKBOOK

WILL NOT BE OUT FOR CHRISTMAS

Due to lack of the number of recipes the cookbook will not be out by Christmas. We will try for Valentines Day and if not by then Mothers Day.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES

They do not have to be trail recipes, there will be a section for all different types of recipes: Appetizers, Main Dishes, Side Dishes, Desserts, Handy Cooking and Preserving Tips, and Camping Recipes.

Recipes to Buzz J

Email: bowvalley@thegrid.net

Monthly General Meeting

Snail Mail: call Buzz at 461-1468

Subject: National OHV Access Alert

--Ask Dombeck to be inclusive From: Donald C. Amador, To: Clark Collins, Date: 7/26/99 9:43 PM RE: National OHV Access Alert--Ask Dombeck to be inclusive

Dear Friends, Please FWD these letters on to your own email networks and consider sending in your own letters to Dombeck about his efforts to develop a national "closed unless posted open" policy. I had this issue confirmed today from somebody in the D.C. recreation community. Dombeck and Congress need to hear from all of you on this issue. Thanks for your interest. Don Amador

BLUERIBBON COALITION, INC. July 26, 1999

Michael Dombeck, Chief , USDA Forest Service (sent via FAX) ,14th & Independence SW ,Washington, DC 20090 FAX 202.205.1765

Re: Proposed National Closed Unless Posted Open Vehicle Travel Policy

Dear Chief Dombeck:

It has been most disturbing for me to find out today that you are covertly developing a nation-wide policy of Closed Unless Posted Open for off-highway recreation (OHR). Just as you excluded OHR organizations from participating with you as your office worked in conjunction with green groups in the Fall of 1997 to develop the Interim Road Rule, it now appears you have chosen to go down that same trail with this issue.

Many national and state OHR recreation organizations have worked hard to promote responsible use of our public lands. Often times these efforts have included collaborative projects with the Forest Service. These programs include TREAD LIGHTLY!, habitat restoration projects, trail improvements, watershed enhancement efforts, sound and noise reduction, improved signing, and youth outreach.

By not including national recreation groups (i.e. American Motorcyclists Association, Backcountry Horsemen of American, United Four Wheel Drive Association, Blue Ribbon Coalition, etc.) in this new policy effort of you are violating the public trust.

In addition, I am sending a formal FOIA request in separate correspondence. As you remember, I withdrew a similar FOIA earlier this year when you decided not to review the Regional (R5) Foresters decision that overturned a Closed Unless Posted Open travel management proposal by the Stanislaus National Forest. As promised, I am now being forced by your current actions to resubmit a FOIA so that the public may be informed as to how radical preservationist groups and others are apparently involved with decision making in your agency.

I urge you to contact national OHR groups and invite them to the table. It is not too late to correct the grossly apparent NEPA and legal conflicts of trying to forward a national Closed Unless Posted Open policy that is being crafted without any input from affected users.

Sincerely, Don Amador ,

Western Regional Representative, Blue Ribbon Coalition, Inc. ,555 Honey Lane, Oakley, CA 94561 (925) 753-1687 Office (925) 625-5309 FAX cc: Resource Education Network

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 Michael Dombeck, Chief, US Forest Service,
 14th & Independence SW, Washington, DC 20090, 202.205.1765
 Re: FOIA Request

Dear Chief Dombeck:

As the Western Regional Representative for the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC), I have become aware of your recent decision to covertly develop a national off-highway vehicle (OHV) travel management policy that will be announced this Fall. This policy appears to forward concepts of Closed Unless Posted Open. Having met you in person, I am surprised and disappointed that you have apparently chosen to disregard the opinion of a federal magistrate in Carson City, Nevada who ruled that a OHV travel management policy of Closed Unless Posted Open is in conflict with basic English Common Law as it relates to the public's right to travel without government permission. The magistrate also said a closed policy is in conflict with the California Vehicle Code. Knowing that many local and national preservationist organizations were unhappy with the Regional Forester's (R5) Decision that basically upheld the Forest Service's long-time "Open Unless Posted Closed" policy, it appears that your office is being pressured by green interests to overturn the Regional Forester's Decision via a national policy. Because of your decision to champion this issue, I believe that your agency has had correspondence with green groups and their supporters in the Congress and White House. I believe these documents are public property and should be made available to interested citizens.

I hereby request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552: When correspondence is mentioned it refers to email, FAXes, letters, and memos.

- 1) A copy of all correspondence between the Forest Service and environmental, conservation, and land-use groups and/or individuals -- between June 1, 1998 & July 25, 1999 -- regarding OHV travel policies including the Closed Unless Posted Open concept.
- 2) A copy of all correspondence between the Forest Service and members of the House of Representatives, the US Senate, and the Offices of the President and vice-president

-- between June 1, 1998 & July 26, 1999 -- regarding OHV travel policies including the Closed Unless Posted Open concept.

Chief Dombeck July 26, 1999 FOIA Request

- (3) A copy of all correspondence between the Washington Office of the Forest Service and Regional Offices -- between June 1, 1998 & July 26, 1999 -- regarding OHV travel policies including the Closed Unless Posted Open concept.

As a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit educational organization,

I believe the requested information should be sent to the address below at no charge. The information from this request will be made available to various publics including recreationists, academics, schools, and other interested parties. The BRC publishes a national magazine and will include information obtained from this FOIA so that the public will be better informed about Forest Service policies. Should a copying fee be imposed in excess of \$50, please contact me. Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Don Amador, Western Regional Representative, Blue Ribbon Coalition,
 Inc. 555 Honey Lane, Oakley, CA 94561, (925) 753-1687 Office cc: Resource Education Network Land Use Network

Subject: Re: CA problems:CARB URGENT REGULATORY ACTION

ALERT

CARB Ignores Hobbyist Plea to Save Vehicles and Parts From the Crusher The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has amended its proposed scrappage regulation. However, despite concerns expressed by California's hobbyist community and SEMA, the regulation still forces all vehicles scrapped in a state-sponsored program to be completely destroyed. If finalized, the potential loss in terms of irreplaceable parts and vehicles will be significant. In fact, CARB plans to destroy 150,000 vehicles a year for 10 years to meet emissions reduction goals!

The CARB's regulation is especially offensive because California law specifically mandates that all scrappage programs allow parts recycling - a mandate the CARB flatly ignores. We have always had the facts and law on our side. Now, we have one last chance to let the bureaucrats know how we feel.

We urge you and your club to join SEMA and other California automobile enthusiasts in opposing this destructive and unlawful scrappage program and all its flaws.

Contact the California Air Resources Board. Let your opposition be known!

Clerk of the Board,
Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812.
Fax: 916-445-5025

We have attached some talking points to help in preparing your comments. Please send us a copy of your comments. If you need additional information or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve McDonald (stevemac@sema.org) or Brian Caudill (brianc@sema.org) at the SEMA Washington, D.C. office at 202/783-6007. Our fax number is 202-783-6024.

WHY SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED?

1. Existing law (California Health & Safety Code Section 44120) mandates that scrappage programs include recycling of parts.
2. Recycling of parts helps to ensure that affordable repairs will be available and that these repaired vehicles will emit less for the remainder of their useful lives. This proposal would also effectively eliminate the Bureau of Automotive Repair's (BAR) parts locator program that is charged with finding rare parts to repair older vehicles.
3. CARB has demonstrated no means to verify claimed emissions reductions from scrapped vehicles or that the scrapped vehicles are being replaced by cleaner vehicles.
4. A scrappage inspector in Southern California has testified that many cars turned in for scrappage either barely run or canM-^Rt pass smog inspections and that scrappage programs are fraught with other serious flaws.
5. The amended regulation reduces the minimum period between the time a vehicle is offered for scrappage and the completion of the sale (from 14 to 7 days), thus reducing the time members of the public can save these vehicles from destruction.
6. To improve our chances of killing California scrappage programs, SEMA is offering an alternative - voluntary vehicle repair and upgrade. This approach is working in Arizona, which rejected scrappage in favor of voluntary repair and upgrade.

I've Landed a Landcruiser - The Final Chapter

In the last installment I forgot to mention that I also checked for exhaust gasses in the radiator. Nothing. Then I did a pressure leak down test of the cooling system. And just like all of the other tests, everything was fine.

Well, there isn't a whole lot more that I can do. So while the solution to this mystery still evades me, I might as well do something constructive and adjust the valves. After all, the valves could probably use a good adjustment. Off with the valve cover.

Gee, that's funny. It doesn't look like there's really all that much oil residue in there. What is that white grease doing on the ends of the rocker arms? How come there isn't any oil spewing about with the engine running? The oil pressure gauge says that there is plenty of oil pressure. The dipstick shows that there is plenty of oil in the engine.

Let's just take this rocker arm assembly off and see what's going on. There's a little hole in the top of the head. Oil from the oil pump is supposed to come out of that hole and pass through the rocker arm shaft and lubricate things. But no oil is coming out! It's blocked! But why?

Off with the head. And there in front of me, hoisted up to eye level is the answer to this whole problem. When the engine was rebuilt 600 miles ago, the mechanic managed to put the head gasket on backwards. It fits just fine this way AND that way, but it needs to be THAT way. There is a passage in the head gasket that allows the oil from the bottom of the engine to pass through to the top of the engine. It was blocked solid by the backwards head gasket. One of the water pathways in the head (the one that goes right under the temperature sending unit) was also blocked, thus the high temperature readings.

So, a valve job, millions of dollars in parts, more time waiting. Put it all together and turn the key - varoom. It lives! Check to make sure that there is enough oil flowing up there with the engine running. A short trip. A longer trip. Some off roading. Then it's off to Hume Lake. We return home. All is well.

Now how much are those lockers?

NEXT SLO 4-Wheelers GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY Sept. 1, 1999
Players Restaurant Atascadero 7:00 PM

NEXT SLO 4-Wheelers BOARD MEETING

Thursday August 19, 99
Al & Judys home 6:30 PM

To get rid of itch from a mosquito bite try applying soap to the area, instant relief.

Ants, Ants, Ants....Everywhere

Well, they are said to never cross a chalk line.
So get your chalk out and draw a line on the ground or wherever ants tend to march

See for yourself

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