



February 2000 Newsletter for The San Luis Obispo County Four Wheel Drive Club
 Editor Debbie K.

HOLLISTER RUN FIRST AID CLASS



**February 26-27,
 2000**

RSVP Brad J. 831-633-6260

**Call for Information,
 Directions, Times , Meeting
 Places, Questions**

• **Saturday**

First Aid Class 10-3

Night Run Hollister

• **Sunday**

Morning Run Hollister

Friday Night Arrivals

• **call Randy P. 438-5802**

Camping Available at Brad J.

The Trail Boss

**Have intimate knowledge of the proposed run area
 (been there & done that recently)**

Have a 4 Wheeler in good repair

Select a tail gunner to bring up the rear on the trail

Prepare a description of the run including:

distance from meeting point

**nature of run (exploration camping, fishing, 4WD
 vehicle & driving challenge, scenic tour, etc.)**

Prepare info to be published in the SLO 4 Wheeler Newsletter

Date of departure and return

Meeting place & time for departure

Any special vehicle equipment requirements for the run

Schedule of activities with times & places itemized

Location of nearest gas

Location of nearest medical facility

**Insure that every SLO 4 Wheelers is reminded by phone 1 week
 before the run and establish a head count of those who plan to go**

**Conduct a drivers meeting immediately before the run including all
 drivers**

Discuss safety issues

Discuss proposed route & schedule

Perform vehicle safety inspection

Prepare a written report for the next general meeting & Newsletter

Names of all who attended

Description of events and activities

Safety check results and fines

FUBAR flag nominees

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

house

SLO 4-Wheelers General Club Meeting

March 1, 2000
Players Restaurant Atascadero 7:00

SLO 4-WHEELERS EVENTS

February 12, 2000

TrailBoss: James B.
ClearCreek.. CANCELLED!

February 26-27 2000

TrailBoss: Brad J.
Safety Meeting/Hollister Run

March 17-19 2000

TrailBoss: Ray M.
James B. Molina Ghost Run

April 28-30 2000

TrailBoss: Al J.
Highway 4 Run

May 27-29 2000

TrailBoss: Ray M
SLO 4-Wheelers Spring Thing Event

June 9-12 2000

TrailBoss: Will H.
Hume Lake Run

July 1-2 2000

TrailBoss: Jim Z
Shaver Lake Area Run

July 2000

Templeton Parade
TrailBoss: Debbie K

August 11-13 2000

TrailBoss: Lynn S.
Coyote Lake Run

September 7-10 2000

TrailBoss: Al J.
Highway 4 Run

October 2000

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Molina Ghost Run
March 17,18,19 James B.
Bond@calinet.com

SLO 4 Wheelers needed to help with
spotting and winching on Saturday Run.
March 18

Cindy B.
help need with children's games on
Sunday March 19

Please Call if You are helping entry fee;
1/2 price

FUBAR WILL H.

Received this distinguished award at the
February General Meeting
presented to him by Mark. B

You had to be there
variable speed drills

yes Will does have one

(When he pretested his drill on Als
welder/110v outlet to insure it worked be fore
hitting the trail-he didnt relize the test proved

TrailBoss: Richard K. 466-6077
Fright Nite

December 2000
TrailBoss: Judy J.
SLO Christmas Parade

December 2000
TrailBoss: Christy M.
SLO4WD Christmas Party

not that it worked, but that a variable speed
drill indeed *wont* work (it burnt the switch
out)...
There are still no winch anchors on Garcia
Ridge

FLY IT PROUDLY

SANTA MARIA MUD BOGS

CALL: Gary or Sherry P.

**SLO 4-WHEELERS DUES ARE DUE-HAVE YOU PAID YOURS
YET?**

-Contact Brent M at bczandz@thegrid.net

SLO 4-Wheelers Safety Tip of the Month WINCH SAFETY

I would like to thank **Ramsey Winch** for sending the Video on the "Basic Techniques of Winching". The tape is available if you would like to view it

First of All Safety:

Before you use your winch take the time to read the Manufactures owners manual for your type of winch. Know the limits of your winch and any manufactures recommendations. But no matter what type of winch you own, here are some **basic safety tips**:

- o Keep-your winch in good working order and always inspect the cable for any frays or cuts.
- o Wear Gloves when handling the cable.
- o Always put a blanket or tarp 6 to 8 feet from the end of the cable.
- o Try to stay inside your vehicle when winching,
- o Make sure the winch has at least five wraps on the drum
- o Never step over a cable under load

Basic Overview. There are three types of recommended winching techniques:

Self Recovery Three Point Recovery Two Part Line Pull

Self Recovery:

- o When removing cable from winch disengage the clutch, this will make it easier on the motor.
- o Always attach the end of the cable to the frame or a tow point.
- o Put a tarp or blanket 6 to 8 ft from the end of the cable.
- o Take all the slack out of the cable then recheck the connection to the vehicle or pulling object.
- o Take the remote into the vehicle with you, start the engine, set parking brake and put vehicle in neutral.

- Then start winching

Three Point Recovery:

- Chock the vehicle that you will be pulling off of.
- Hook the strap and snatchblock to the frame of the stationery vehicle.
- Hook the end of the cable to a tree or other secure object at about a 90 degree angle from the stationery vehicle. (If it is a tree use a wide strap or tree protection and keep the strap as low to the ground as possible). Don't forget the tarp 6 to 8 feet from the end
- Put the stationery vehicle in neutral with the parking brake on
- Take the slack out.
- Get into the vehicle and start winching, This technique doubles your pulling power.

Two Part Line Pull:

- Find a firm anchor point (Again, If it is a tree use a wide strap or tree protection and keep the strap as low to the ground as possible) and wrap your strap around it and attach the snatchblock.
- Route the cable through the snatchblock and back to the vehicles frame or tow point.
- Take the slack out and don't forget the tarp or the blanket 6 to 8-ft from the end of the cable.
- Get into the vehicle and start winching This technique also doubles your pulling power.

<-----**HAPPY WINCHING**

SLO 4-WHEELERS FEBRUARY 2000 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

President: Mark B. presided over the meeting

Vice President: Jim Z. still figuring out the duties of a VP, received a gift from Gary and Sherry: a teddy bear with a lil reminder that it takes two swipes to take down a tent.

Secretary: Cheryl S. was not in attendance... Debbie K. took minutes in her absence

Treasurer: Judy J. brought the club up to date on finances

Ways & Means: Glenda G. reported on the general meeting raffles

Membership: Brent M. was ill Mark B. talked with new members.. 24 paid members

Events: Al J. brought the club up to the present calendar.. No more Yahoo... we now have a webpage that anyone can get in to.

January Runs: 1/8/00 Frank A. property run... discovered a new spring

1/8/00 James B. ClearCreek run... a fun trip, checked out trails for Molina Ghost Run

1/15/00 Frank A. property run... met some challenges in forging new trails

1/22/00 Will H. Garcia Run.. well the wench anchors are still not in

Upcoming Events: 02/12/00 James B. ClearCreek run.. meet 7AM MidState Bank Atascadero

02/26-27 Brad J. Hollister/First Aid run.. class and run

Land Use: Lynn S. brought the club up to date on law suits being filed, Public Lands for The People group, Sierra Nevada Framework, CORVO, red legged frog issues, and RTP grants for CA

CAL4WD: James B. talked of "Burnout" trail should be opened by the Spring Thang, a great night run,

discussed RTP grants and the money to be spent locally

Newsletter: Trex Deadline for newsletter submissions Saturday after General Meeting

Promotions: This committee spot is open and in need of someone to do it!

Safety: Brad J. discussed up and coming Hollister First Aid class, winch video will be shown next general club meeting, Trail Boss responsible for getting Safety Inspection sheets filled out on every run and then turning them into Brad J.

Social: Christy M. was ill

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CORVA Jump-Starts PLP's Lawsuit vs. SNEP

On December 4 CORVA's Land Use Committee discussed major concerns that effect the rights of our membership to recreate on public lands. President Ed Waldheim asked CORVA' Southern BOD members what one issue should be the priority, in filing a lawsuit. The unanimous consensus was the Sierra Nevada Framework that is being driven by SNEP (Sierra Nevada Eco-system Plan)

This issue is not the only hot button that BOD members and CORVA's membership feel deeply about. Being the CORVA doesn't have deep

Frank A writes

Donna and I really enjoy the club and know there is a wealth of information & experience out there. We want to find a capable 4WD vehicle so we can go on more of the club runs. SO - I am looking for some INFORMATION, (and probably PSYCHIATRIC ADVICE) regarding choosing a 4WD vehicle.

Criteria are: fun to drive (on & off road),

pockets (like the Green Groups that line their pockets off the taxpayers backs by suing our public agencies) we are limited in funds in which to sue.

We felt a lawsuit on this one issue would give us the greatest bang for the buck, since it has the implication of impacting so much of this state. It's effect, if allowed to proceed, would equal S-21, the California Desert Protection Act, which closed nearly 12 million acres of public land. The Sierra Nevada Framework has the potential to be the key domino that allows this caustic plan to roll into other states. With our energy concentrated on this one issue, it can be stopped.

CORVA networks with many other organizations such as PLP (Public Lands for the People, Inc.) this organization recently put forth a 12 page letter authored by Don Eno who is one of their Northern CA BOD members. this letter titled "Just Say No" clearly addresses the problems and how to put them to rest.

Article: Off-Roaders By Jim Arbogast VP of Land Use Permission given to include article in SLO4Wheelers Newsletter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS

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Visit CORVAS web site at www.corva.org

relatively small & light in weight but able to carry at least 3 people (and an oversized amount of gear), not to expensive (maybe \$10,000 trail ready), reliable (Ha Ha), available aftermarket parts, and it can't ride like a coal cart in a rock quarry (I have a bad hip & back)

I really don't think I want a Jeep, and have been wondering about a Bronco II. I know that no matter what I get, some modification will be necessary, but I can't handle another vast project (I have too many now). Any information, experience, or suggestions members may have would be appreciated.

Email Frank A at atkinsonf@tcsn.net

TIP FROM BRIAN: GET UNDER THE JEEP BEFORE EVERY TRIP

**Tip on Tips:
Double the sales tax and there it be.....**

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SLO 4-Wheelers February 2000 Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday February 16, 2000

RSVP Brent & Christy M

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6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Meeting

HAPPY Valentines Day!



End of February edition of the SLO 4-Wheeler for the year 2000

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