



# The SLO 4-Wheeler



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## Garcia Ridge Run Report

*Written by Kirk R.*

On Saturday, January 7th Ingrid and I met with club members Jon, Dena, and Degan M. at 9am at the Santa Margarita Park and proceeded to the Garcia Ridge Trail head at the top of Hi-Mountain Road. 10 am was the meeting time. There we met up with club member Frank S. and Mark B.s friend, Brent, his family and friends from the Lopez side.

I was nominated to lead the group. We went to the "play ground" area where Jon and myself climbed the nasty part of the trail a couple of times. The first climb was easy for both rigs, and the second was a little tougher as we chose a more technical route to test our rigs and driving skills.

After a little regroup and discussion at the bottom, Frank, Brent and the other rigs, a '68 Ford bronco and a mid '90's Ford extra-cab pickup both fairly stock left for the back section of the trail. Ingrid and I, along with Jon and his family decided not to add any more scratches to our rigs. Jon and his family headed home and we proceeded to the High Mountain Look Out. It

was a beautiful clear day and could see the lake and all the way to the coast line. (picture attached). After taking in the views we headed to Pozo Saloon for lunch and meet up with the rest of the group. It was a fun and beautiful trip and we are looking forward to going again.



## 2012 SLO 4-Wheelers Officers

### Officers:

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 Archived Scrapbook .....Randy P.  
 Virtual Committee: ..... Mark B.  
 Adopted Trails and Campgrounds:  
 Garcia Ridge Trail: .....David F.  
 Pine Mountain Trail: ..... Mark B.  
 La Panza Camp Ground: ..... Kirk R.  
 Carrizo Plains Land Use .....Randy P.

Newsletter submittals  
by the weekend after the  
meeting to George

# So What's It All About?

by George W., Editor

So why do we do it, Join a club?

Joining almost any club will result in similar social organizations. Whether it be for four wheeling, shooting, quilting (had to put something for the women in here) or some other form of recreation, what we put into our organizations will determine what we get out of them. The more the members contribute, the more the club has to offer.

What the members contribute depends on their talents more than their monetary resources. Whether it be the ability to lead or set an example, enjoying working on vehicles, cook or put something together like this newsletter, we all have something to offer; we just may not realize it.

Whether its money, available time or some other resource, many of us **don't feel we have enough to share** with our fellow members, while not realizing that another resource we have in abundance may be very useful to the club as a whole.

We also have to be conscious to not let personal differences get in the way of our participation either. Personal differences are a fact of life that we have to recognize, understand and either let it go or move on if the differences are too strong to adjust to.

Most of us joined the club to meet other people with similar hobbies so we could do those things more often with more people. Some joined to learn more about a new activity that they like. Others join because they **don't have the resources they need** on their own to continue the activity **without someone else's knowledge or talents**. Some join just for the friendship of others who enjoy a common activity. And finally some join because they enjoy getting involved as much as possible.

Some think that dues are all they need to contribute to the organization. The problem with that is that dues usually only cover regular foreseen expenses that an organization has. They do not cover the people power necessary to put on an event, even a simple one as a weekend trail ride.

Speaking of people power, everyone gets tired of performing the same thing over and over again, which is why someone like the events director **doesn't determine all of the events or run them**. The purpose of an officer such as the events director is to facilitate others to pull the event off. We look to all of the club members to take turns at positions like trail boss, cooking at a Bar-B-Que, writing articles for the newsletter or whatever. This allows the officers that overlook those functions to remain fresh and continue to provide a

better experience for the club members as a whole.

So if you have an idea for a run or an event or anything else, bring it up at a club meeting, with the appropriate club office or on the club email list, if **a meeting isn't timely enough. If you're willing to bring it up, you should also consider heading it up or have someone already lined up that would be willing to head it up.**

If you need help with something, **don't be afraid to ask, but also be prepared to participate in something else in return.** After all, its not a free ride or a substitute for a shop mechanic. Its an opportunity to learn and help someone else in return.

Over the last four plus years I started off finding my way into the club at a friends nudging. I was amazed at what people were willing to come and help me do. In turn I did what I could to provide something in return whether it was a helping hand or something I could do. In some cases it was taking pictures at an event and sharing them with the other participants, in other cases it would be stretching my own abilities by leading a group on the trail.

To sum it up, we join a club for mutual benefit and you should never expect more out of the organization than you are willing to put into it.

## This Space for Rent!

If you have an article, trip report or work project that you would like to share with the other club members, it could appear on these pages!

# Be A Good Sport: Tread Lightly

Last time I covered the code of ethics that guides off-road driving. I'd like to go into greater detail here, and will use the Tread Lightly! pledge as a guide.

Tread Lightly! has separate categories for land and water, though the **rules are similar for both.** I've combined them, because many off-road enthusiasts also enjoy boating. (For more on Tread Lightly!, go to [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org).) They make it easy to remember the rules.

1. **T**ravel responsibly and only on designated roads and trails, and launch your watercraft only in the proper areas. Drive carefully through streams to avoid disrupting habitat, and make sure to cross on designated paths.

Fish beds and spawning grounds are particularly susceptible to being churned up and destroyed by vehicles passing by. If you must travel through a stream, drive very slowly to avoid chewing up the stream bed.

2. **R**espect the rights of others, including private property owners, recreational trail users, campers, anglers, skiers, swimmers, boaters and others so they may enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

There is enough room out there for all of us to enjoy our hobbies. On those particularly busy days or weekends, be extra considerate of your fellow outdoor enthusiasts. They have as much right to the land and water as you do.

3. **E**ducate yourself by learning rules and regulations, obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreation

skills classes, and knowing how to use and to operate your equipment.

**Don't try to wing it.** The outdoors can be a very unforgiving place. Too many people have found themselves in dire straights because they took their skills for granted. Even experienced drivers encounter difficult situations on occasion. Prepare well before you set out.

4. **A**void sensitive areas such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams, unless on designated routes. This protects wildlife habitat and sensitive soils from damage. Do not operate your watercraft in shallow waters or near shorelines at high speeds.

Much like we discussed Point #1, the idea is to minimize destruction to native habitat. Numerous birds, fish, mammals, and amphibians live in the areas where we take our boats and vehicles. We must operate our equipment to minimize the impact it has on the environment.

5. **D**o your part by leaving the area better than you found it. This involves properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species, restoring degraded areas, and joining a local enthusiast organization.

I like to apply the Golden Rule:  
Treat the land and waterways as you

would like your own property to be treated. Do you allow guests to dump garbage and tear up your front yard when they stop by? Of course not. So avoid that kind of behavior when **you're on public lands.**

As you can see, these are simple and common-sense principles. Unfortunately, **we don't always follow them.** We may not be intentionally violating them; more likely just getting a bit lazy. Recommit yourself to following **these principles, and you'll have a more enjoyable and rewarding time outdoors.**

I hope to see you on the trails!

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# Make Outdoor Resolutions You Can Keep

Well, it's that time of year again. Time for handing out gifts, partying, stuffing our faces, having a jolly good time (too good, sometimes), and then the customary New Year's resolutions. You know, that list of promises for the coming year that don't last past Super Bowl weekend.

I'm here to add a new twist on that: a list of resolutions designed to get you more enthusiastic about outdoors and more involved in our exciting hobby. So while shedding pounds and cutting down on sweet are good for you, these steps are fun and have a higher probability of success!

As you know, we're frequently under pressure by those who want to deny us access to public lands. By becoming more involved in our hobby, you help protect our privileges.

Please don't be intimidated by the length. I don't expect you to do all of them. Instead, pick three or four that you can accomplish. Some go quicker than others. Perhaps after accomplishing those you'll want to add another one. Good for you. The more the merrier, as we say, and not just during the holiday season.

The key to accomplishing a goal is to **make it "SMART"**.

A SMART goals is:

- **Specific:** It's a well-defined task.
- **Measurable:** Results are quantifiable. For example, 10 camping nights completed, 25 geocaches found, new bumper installed. **You did it or didn't do it.**
- **Achievable:** It's good to set high expectations, but be sure you can accomplish the task. Otherwise, you will become unhappy and give up.
- **Relevant:** It is a worthwhile use of time; not some busy work. You need to accomplish this task, and you will benefit from it.
- **Time-bound:** The task is accomplished within a particular period of time. It has a deadline.

Here is an example of a SMART resolution: **"I will update the expired meds in my first aid kit by the end of March, 2012."** It is very specific on what you will do, it is not hard and you know how to do it, therefore achievable, the result is an updated first aid kit. We know the deadline -by the end of March and it is easy to measure the results. It was done or not done

In no particular order, here are suggested resolutions for 2012:

1. Take more 4WD trips. Be specific – for example, schedule one day (or weekend) per month. Mark those on your calen-

dar, so you commit yourself now.

2. Do one of the big adventures. Go on the Rubicon Trail or Moab trails.
3. Finish those vehicle upgrades. Pick one or two that are doable. Could be a new front bumper, swing-away rear bumper, roof rack, new axle, whatever you need.
4. Purchase necessary additional equipment for your vehicle. There are a lot of possibilities: navigation equipment, extra recovery gear, first aid kit, onboard air, a winch, and so on. What can you add this year?
5. Buy a new (or new to you) vehicle or another one you can take off road.
6. Become more disaster prepared. This applies to home and vehicle. Perhaps you could use a 72-hour kit for home or a go-bag for the vehicle. Refer to the FEMA website [www.fema.org](http://www.fema.org) or these columns for more suggestions: Urban Disasters No Match For a Prepared 4-Wheeler and Your Gear Is Not Complete Without An Emergency Packet!
7. Obtain more training. Become a Tread Lightly! trainer. Take a first aid course or renew your accreditation if necessary. Sign up for one or two of my off-road skills courses. Find a course on GPS. **The key is to schedule it now. Don't put it off, or you'll never do it.**
8. Take your kids out. Commit to spending more outdoors time with your kids. Try to incorporate four-wheeling (they'll enjoy it), but it's important to enjoy more quality time with your kids.
9. Along those lines, teach your kids age-appropriate outdoor skills. These can include how to camp and start fires safely; how to use a map, compass, and GPS unit; knife safety; backpacking, tying knots; and so on.
10. Join all of these associations. Well at least one or two. These include
  - California Association of 4WD Clubs [www.Cal4wheel.com](http://www.Cal4wheel.com),
  - California Off-road Vehicle Association [www.corva.org](http://www.corva.org),
  - Blue Ribbon Coalition [www.sharetrails.org](http://www.sharetrails.org),
  - Tread Lightly! [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org),
  - United 4Wheel Drive Associations [www.ufwda.org](http://www.ufwda.org).

Your support of and membership in helps keep public lands open to 4-wheelers.

11. Get a ham radio license. Ham radio gear is quite useful off-road. Plus, you can

use it to participate in charity event and disaster training in your home community. Hamming is just plain fun - go to [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). For a related column, see Communication Equipment is Critical for Off-Road Driving.

12. Once licensed, consider joining the Outdoor Adventure USA net [www.oausa.net](http://www.oausa.net). We meet on VHF frequencies every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. PST to discuss outdoor related topics, including maintenance and repair, disaster preparedness, and useful gear, to **name a few. Though we're located in California**, you can participate in our nets from anywhere in the country via IRLP (Connect to the Western Reflector node 9251).
13. Go geocaching: This is a great activity to get the kids involved. You can combine kids, 4-wheeling and navigation into every outing. Set a goal to find a certain number of geocaches. For example a **SMART goal might be "With the kids, find and log 6 geocaches each quarter in 2012"**. **Start at the geocache web site** <http://www.geocaching.com/> and start with geocaches close to home.
14. Commit to bring back a full Trasharoo each outing. Pick up trash you see on the trails. <http://www.trasharoo.com/iWeb/TRASHAROO%20/About.html>
15. Give talks to area groups about 4-wheeling. Help dispel the myths, and encourage others to join the fun hobby (or at least support it). Talks to service clubs (Rotary, Lions, etc), Chamber of Commerce meetings, and civic clubs.
16. Write about our hobby. Use blog posts, tweets, Facebook comments, letters to editor of local papers, and other venues.
17. Contact radio and TV stations and offer to be interviewed. This is especially important when negative stories break. Our hobby needs eloquent people to present a good side to four wheeling.

This may seem like a daunting task, but **once you accomplish a few of these, you'll find it's a lot easier than shedding pounds and giving up doughnuts.** Try it!

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# Mojave Green Can Bite You In A Whole New Way



*Mojave Green on Mojave Road*

While going off road, especially in the southwestern part of the United States, people often wonder about snakes, rattlesnakes in particular.

Several rattlesnake species inhabit the United States, with the Diamondback and Mojave Green rather prevalent in the southwest (and most of Mexico). They are similar in appearance, but the Mojave Green rattlesnake is far more poisonous.

Found at higher elevations – in the 2,000 to 4,000 foot range – Mojave Green rattlesnakes (sometimes spelled Mohave) prefer grassy areas or scrub brush like creosote and mesquite. They have a diamond pattern down their backs like the Diamondback rattlesnake, but the pattern disappears near the tail. They derive their name from their blue green color.

Mojave Green feast on kangaroo rats, lizards, and other small critters. Unlike most snakes, Mojave Green young ones are snakes, not eggs.

Rattlesnake venom contains several poisons, chief among them being neuro toxins and hemo toxins. Neuro toxins affect the central nervous system, while hemo toxins cause you to bleed internally. Symptoms of a snake bite, which can take several hours to appear, include blurred vision, slurry speech, difficulty in swallowing and speaking, and respiratory failure. A rattlesnake has the capability of biting you but not injecting you.

**The young ones don't have as much control over that process, so they're more likely to inject you.** Not all snake bites result in poison being injected, but you should treat all bites as serious matters.

According to Emedicinehealth.com , ap-

proximately 7,000 snakebites are reported in the United States each year, with five to 10 of those being fatal.

What makes the Mojave Green rattlesnake noteworthy is the potency of its venom, which by one estimate is about 16 times as toxic as the Diamondback rattlesnake venom.

What to do if you see a rattlesnake  
Mojave Green on Mojave Road Another one on the Mojave Road

The best way to avoid being bitten by a rattlesnake is to stay away. That sounds obvious, but some people find out the hard way. Most snake bites occur because the person has tried to handle or otherwise mess with the rattlesnake.

If you hear the distinctive rattle, stop and look carefully. Rattlesnakes can be **difficult to see at times**. **Once you've located the rattlesnake, step away.** Most rattlesnakes will slither away if you make any noise. Stomping or pounding the ground with a stick may help. Mojave Green rattlesnakes, however, tend to stand their ground. Give them a wide berth.

**As is the case whenever you're outdoors,** remember to wear boots and long pants; long-sleeved shirts can help, too. Wear shoes and use a flashlight at night. Although they generally are more active during the daytime, rattlesnakes are known to feed at night. You may find one near your tent or the latrine.

What to do if bitten by a rattlesnake  
The first step, as with all emergencies, is to avoid panicking. Keep a cool head and think this through. Realize that rattlesnake poison typically needs four to six **hours to take full effect. Don't drag your heels on this issue,** but unlike what the movies suggest, bites from Mojave Green **and Diamondback rattlesnakes don't result in instant death to a human.**

Remove any jewelry near the wound and loosen the clothing, as that part of the **body may swell from the reaction. Don't cut the wound.** That will do more damage **and won't help at all.**

Clean the wound and apply a bandage. (Do not apply ice or a tourniquet.) There is no need to kill the snake. When calling the hospital mention that the person has been bitten by a pit viper (the name for that class of snakes). There is just one anti-venom for all rattlesnake bites.

If possible, keep the person – or at least the affected body part – as still as possible. That will slow the flow of rattlesnake venom throughout the body. You may not have a choice in this matter, however. If the person was bitten while hiking, he will have to walk some distance if he **can't be carried.**

Call 911 or the National Poison Control Center (800-222-1222) for help. Make sure the person gets to the hospital, even if there are no visible signs of poisoning. Bite wounds are severe, and must be cleaned properly. The doctor may also administer a tetanus shot as a precaution.

Anti-venom is administered through an IV. It generally takes about 30 minutes to administer a bag of anti-venom, and the person may need more than one. (There is no anti-venom you can take out in the wild. It is available only in a medical facility.) Medical staff will also observe the patient for some time to see if there is any allergic reaction to the anti-venom.

Because rattlesnake bites are so rare, not all hospitals carry the anti-venom. This is another reason to call for help as soon as the person is bitten. Give the hospital as much lead time as possible to obtain the anti-venom if needed.

While rattlesnakes are dangerous, **they're easy to avoid. Many people are fascinated when they encounter a rattlesnake, and use the opportunity to take interesting pictures.** Think of your rattlesnake **"experience" as an educational one.** Just keep your distance.

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*Saw this one on the Mojave Road*



# Club Meeting Minutes:

*Meeting Minutes by Kirk R., Club Secretary*

SLO 4 Wheelers –Club Meeting  
Minutes: December 7, 2011

Christmas Party held at the Santa Margarita Community Hall. Everyone had a great time and a fun gift exchange was held. A big thank you to Florence and all of the other volunteers who put on a great party.

Nominations were taken for 2012 Officers, more nominations to be taken at January meeting.

The nominations are as follows:

- President - Tom B.
- Vice President – Dave F.
- Secretary – Ken Burt, Kirk R.
- Treasurer – Devin (last name unknown)
- Ways and Means – none
- Membership – George W.
- Events – Matthew J.
- Newsletter – George W.
- Land Use – John J.
- Cal 4Wheel Liaison – Suzy J.
- Social Chair – Mike G.
- Safety Chair – Randy P.
- Promotional Chair – Randy P.
- Virtual Club Scrapbook – none
- Archive Scrapbook – none
- Virtual Website Committee – none
- Adopted Trails
  - Garcia Ridge-Dave F.
  - Pine Mountain Trail – Mark B.
  - La Panza Campground – Kirk R.
  - Carizzo Plains Land Use-none

This is a list of nominations that have been made. Additional nominations and acceptances will be made at the January meeting. A vote will be taken and you must be a paid member to vote on the slate of officers.

SLO 4 Wheelers –Club Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2012

7:00 PM: Eric F., President, called meeting to order and introductions followed.

Officer Reports:

- President – Eric welcomed everyone and talked about club diversity and anyone is welcome and encouraged to join.
- Vice President – Dave gave reminder of prizes from Christmas party to be raffled tonight.
- Secretary – No Report
- Treasurer – Balance . Expenses paid for Christmas party, t-shirts, and newsletter. Left over balance will be donated or used for future club purchases which will be determined by incoming board at a future meeting.

Ways and Means – No report

Membership – George reported 25 paid members. Total membership for 2011 was 62 members.

Newsletter – George is looking for articles for the newsletter. Please submit your article to him. He can also interview you about your rig. Submit photos as well. Get your story in now!

Events – Matt is back on board for this year and open for ideas.

Land Use – Vacant

Cal 4 Wheel – No report

Social Committee – Everyone thanked Florence and the volunteers for the nice Christmas extravaganza!

Promotional Committee – Randy, more t-shirts in stock. Considering ordering sweatshirts if club members are interested. Will check on metal and plastic license plate frame prices.

7:15 PM: Christmas parade report – 3 Trucks participated and everyone had a good time.

Club Banner – Matt will look into purchasing a new one. Old banner has not been located. If you have it, please bring it to the next meeting.

Club Runs – Ken had story of a **“phantom” free jeep, that was true! It was a 1972 Jeep located in a local barn for some years. The Jeep really was free and in great shape!**

Randy gave Panimint Valley New Years trip report.

Nominations were taken from the floor as follows:

- President - Tom B., declined and then accepted. Vote approved.
- Vice President – Dave F., accepted, Vote approved.
- Secretary – Ken Burt accepted. Vote approved. Kirk R. will sub as needed.
- Treasurer – Devin L., accepted. Vote approved.
- Ways and Means – Ken B., accepted. Vote approved.
- Membership – George W., accepted. Vote approved.
- Events – Matthew J., accepted. Vote approved.
- Newsletter – George W., accepted. Vote approved.
- Land Use – Dave ., accepted. Vote approved.
- Cal 4Wheel Liaison – Matt J., accepted. Vote approved.

Social Chair – Mike G., accepted. Vote approved.

Safety Chair – Dave F., accepted. Vote approved. Dave has kit.

Promotional Chair – Randy P., accepted. Vote approved.

Archive Scrapbook – Randy P. has book and will bring one to each meeting.

Virtual Website and Virtual Club Scrapbook – Mark B., accepted. Vote approved.

Adopted Trails – Officers updated for 2012 Garcia Ridge-Dave F.

Pine Mountain Trail – Mark B.

La Panza Campground – Kirk R.

Carizzo Plains Land Use – Randy .

7:50 PM: Meeting turned over to new Club President, Tom B.

Board meeting to be held on Tuesday 1/10/12 at A-Town Deli.

After Meeting Run – Garcia Ridge Saturday, meet at 10:00am at trailhead.

Event Ideas for 2012 – Matt suggests a Desert trip in March or April. Tom suggested Coyote Lake Run tentative date July 4th. Matt suggested Miller Jeep Trail. Kirk suggested that Club hold a Spring Fling around May 9th. Discussion held, club previously had annual event with potluck lunch at La Panza Campground. Club bought meat, etc. New board will decide.

Randy suggested that club purchase spare tire covers with club emblem to be sold by Promotional Committee.

8:18 PM: Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 Raffle held. Winner. to club member, Lyndsee R.

Prize Raffle held. Each paid member received a ticket. Winners were as follows: Wine-Devin, and Advanced Adaptors Gift Certificate-Mike G.

*Reminder*---Next meeting Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at A-Town Dinner at 7600 El Camino Real #5, Atascadero.

# It's Membership Renewal Time!

Please complete this coupon and mail it with your check for \$20.  
Remember, you can only vote in the January elections if your membership is paid up into the new year!

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SLO 4-Wheelers is also a member club in the California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDC) 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.

Feb 4th or 5th — After meeting Run: To Be Determined at the meeting

Feb 24th-26th — Cal 4 Wheel Convention. California Association of 4WD Clubs' annual convention. The theme for the convention will be a "Tribute to Johnson Valley." For more info: CA4WDC Convention 2012 Registration: online CA4WDC convention 2011 registration Contact/trailboss: Suzy J.

March 7th — SLO 4-Wheelers General Club Meeting: A-Town Deli, Atascadero Wednesday 7pm

March 10th-11th — After meeting Run: To Be Determined at the meeting

April 4th — SLO 4-Wheelers General Club Meeting: A-Town Deli, Atascadero Wednesday 7pm

April 7th or 8th — After meeting Run: To

Be Determined at the meeting

May TBD — SLO 4-Wheelers Spring Fling BBQ and trail runs. Tentative-Annual BBQ generally held late April early May Contact/trailboss: OPEN

May 2nd — SLO 4-Wheelers General Club Meeting: A-Town Deli, Atascadero Wednesday 7pm

May 5th-or 6th — After meeting Run: To Be Determined at the meeting

May 11-13th — Molina Ghost Run: Annual CA4WDC event to be held at Hollister Hills SVRA Upper Ranch near Hollister. For more info CAW4DC Molina 2012 Contact /trailboss: OPEN

May 25th-28th — Hi Desert Round-Up - Memorial Day Weekend: Annual CA4WDC "Hi Desert Round-up" is a fund raising event for California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs Inc. For more info CAW4DC High Desert Roundup 2012 Contact/trailboss: OPEN

June 6th — SLO 4-Wheelers General Club Meeting: A-Town Deli, Atascadero Wednesday 7pm

June 9th or 10th — After meeting Day Run: To Be Determined at the meeting

July 4th — 4th of July Parade: The local event in Templeton, celebrates our Independence Day with a parade. Details; meeting place & time to be added Contact/trailboss: OPEN

July 4th — SLO 4-Wheelers General Club Meeting: A-Town Deli, Atascadero Wednesday 7pm. As this is the 4th of July meeting will probably move to different night.

July — After meeting Day Run: To Be Determined at the meeting

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.