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Beginner's Course

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Written by DeQue G.
The grocery getter (Nissan Xterra, Q) started its morning drive out to pick up the two newest members of the group rocking there full length trucks. One is the Ram 2500 powered by Handy Home (Eric) and the other is a Silverado 1500 powered by Monsters Inc (Aleeda). We all stopped for a bite to

eat, gas and drinks before hitting the road. We made our way from Atascadero to SLO, then out to Big Falls.

All the vehicles got nice and wet driving through the many creek crossings. All of this was done in 2 wheel drive so the new combers would know how their rigs feel on dirt and in water.

We arrived to the end where we parked and hiked up to the first fall to watch a few college kids cliff diving. We all turned around and made are way back to the rigs.

This time we put all vehicles in 4X4 so we can see the difference going back out towards the road.

Around the end of the road

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2013 SLO 4-Wheelers Officers

Officers:

President:..... Tom B.
Vice President: Dave F.
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Ways and Means: Ken B.
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Events Director: Casey R.
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Social Chairperson:
Newsletter Editor:..... George W

Committees:

Safety Chairperson: Dave F.
Promotional Chairperson:..... Loree R.
Virtual Club Scrapbook: Mark B.
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Virtual Committee: Mark B.
Adopted Trails and Campgrounds:
Garcia Ridge Trail:..... David F.
Pine Mountain Trail:..... Jim B.
La Panza Camp Ground: Kirk R.
Carrizo Plains Land Use.....

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Christmas Party



couldn't see where any additional trees could have been in previous years.

After a bit of socializing and appetizers we set about eating what everyone had brought in addition to the ham the club had provided and John had cooked. The volume of chatter dimmed as people sat and ate their fill of the variety of great grub.

After dinner, Tom started a very brief meeting, where nominations were briefly discussed for club officers and we moved on to one of the other traditional parts of a Club Christmas Party, the Gift Exchange!

by George W., Editor

NOTE: All photos by George W.

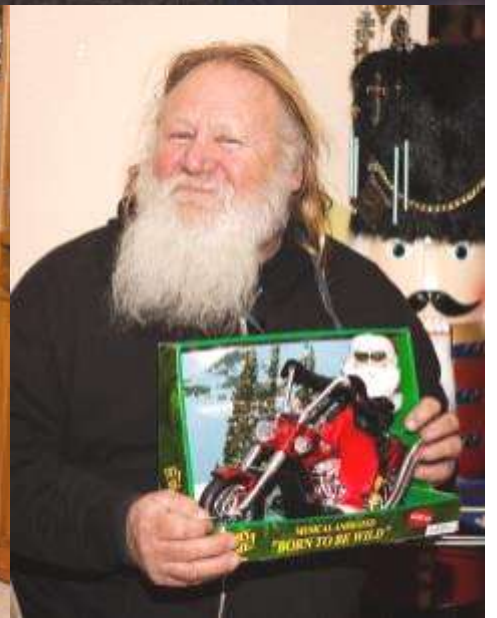
For the second year, the annual Club Christmas Party was held at the Garnett residence in Templeton. Their home is well suited to an event like this as members spread over several rooms enjoying each others company and the Christmas decorations the Garnett's provide each year.

Rumor has it that Sharon has cut back on the number of decorated trees again this year. Those who wandered around counting Christmas trees



The rules are fairly simple. Each participant brings a wrapped gift at around \$10 in value. When your number is called, you can either pick an unopened gift or steal one of the gifts that has already been opened, providing it hasn't been stolen more than three times or during the current number. If you steal a gift, the person you stole it from now has the same option, except they can't steal it back or any other gift stolen in that round. It generally requires someone keeping track of whose had what and how many times gifts have been swiped.

The gift exchange lasted for quite a while, then the crowd broke into socializing and after a while people started leaving.



Christmas Parade



By George W., Editor

NOTE: All photos by George W., except where noted. Kenn's rig above was provided by Kenn.

For the second year in a row, the club participated in the annual San Miguel

Christmas Parade. The parade starts just north of the old Park Garage, heads south down Mission St. in the south bound lane to Mission Park, make a lap around the park and then back the way you came in the North bound lane to where you started. Simple and relatively short, 30 minutes.

We gathered in an empty lot near Her-

itage Oaks Bank until we were given our parade number, then we moved up a block to the other side of the street. Other club members arrived over time until we had nine or ten rigs ready to role.

Rigs included John's Scrambler with lots of lights and a small tree mounted on top the roof rack, the Langley's less Devon and the new born, Tom and Kenn in Kenn's rig, Eric and Allison in Eric's YJ, Casey and family in his Jeep, Dan and Wanda in their truck, Phil brown's wife in their Jeep (Phil was at the Fire Station) and a few others (sorry, I wasn't taking notes).

When we finally got moving we were behind an interesting contraption, a Japanese import towing a trailer dragging an aluminum row boat. A guy in the row boat was firing an air canon (tee-shirt style) in the air launching empty plastic soda bottles.

No one seemed too eager to follow the row boat, so after a slight pause, I pulled out behind the dry water craft and everyone fell in behind me.

An interesting this about the San Miguel parade is that there are two announcing stands and they each get to announce you twice, coming and going. The first announcer was a friend of



mine, Lynn, who played us up very good. The second announcer was a man who proclaimed us his new favorite entry.

As soon as we finished the lap, we found areas to remove our decorations, wish each other a Merry Christmas, say our goodbyes and head for home.

Editor's note: AM I the only one that thinks Dan would make a great Santa?





are a few outlets where someone can do a few harder sections to test out the rigs a bit. The 1500 took a nice scratch from a well placed dead tree but all in all did what momma wanted it to do. The 2500 has a higher ride and better tires so it performed as expected in the harder sections. The Xterra did well too even though it saw 1 wheel action and almost rolled. All in all it was good times.

Once done there we all hit Hi Mountain Road to Pozo Saloon. We arrived at the Saloon and decided to eat lunch. After lunch and good conversations, we all hit the road and headed home knowing a little more about our rigs!!!

DeQue G.



It's Membership Renewal Time!

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Remember, you can only vote in the January elections if your membership is paid up into the new year!

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<http://www.ufwda.org/>



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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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We're on the web:

<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.

January 8th — General Club Meeting and election of 2014 Club officers at **Denny's in Atascadero at 7 PM.** NOTE: Future meeting locations to be discussed at this meeting as well.

January 11th or 12th — Monthly Club run TBD at meeting.

February 5th — Club Meeting at **Denny's in Atascadero at 7 PM.**

February 8th or 9th — Monthly Club run TBD at meeting.

March 5th — Club Meeting at **Denny's in Atascadero at 7 PM.**

March 8th or 9th — Monthly Club run TBD at meeting.

April 2nd — Club Meeting at **Denny's in Atascadero at 7 PM.**

April 5th or 6th — Monthly Club run TBD at meeting.

May 7th — Club Meeting at **Denny's in Atascadero at 7 PM.**

May 10th or 11th — Monthly Club run TBD at meeting.

June 4th — Club Meeting at **Denny's in Atascadero at 7 PM.**

June 7th or 8th — Monthly Club run TBD at meeting.

July 2nd — Club Meeting at **Denny's in Atascadero at 7 PM.**

July 4th — Templeton 4th of July Parade, usually done as the monthly club run.

August 6th — Club Meeting at **Denny's in Atascadero at 7 PM.**

August TBD — Annual Coyote Lake Run.

September 3rd — Club Meeting at **Denny's in Atascadero at 7 PM.**

September 6th or 7th — Monthly Club run TBD at meeting.

October 1st — Club Meeting at **Denny's in Atascadero at 7 PM.**

October 4th or 5th — Monthly Club run TBD at meeting.

December 3rd — Annual Club Christmas Party and 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.