



July 1998 Newsletter for The San Luis Obispo County Four Wheel Drive Club  
 Editor Debbie K.



## HUME LAKE RUN

Well, if you were there you had a great time, and if you weren't...well, you really missed it! "it" being The 3rd Annual Hume Lake Run. All totaled we had 40 wheeler folk, 2 dogs, 23 vehicles and enough food to feed an army! 10 of us in 2 Cherokees, a Toyota truck, a CJ 7, a CJ5 and a Willy's (towed behind a Chevy) made the trek from Atascadero Friday morning leaving the Kmart shopping center at 8:30 a.m. and arriving safely at the Sequoia Lake turnoff at 2:00p.m. (more on the "safely part later). Once at the Millwood Flat area we ran into 2 juvenile delinquents posing as vacationing car dealers. They had a distinctive white CJ-8 which is often seen parked at Ted Miles Jeep/Eagle here in Atascadero but their gun collection seemed more like something the LAPD might own! Ted and his lifelong buddy Rick K. joined us on the 2 mile downhill from the site of the first logging mill in the Sequoias at Millwood Flat to our weekend campsite at Abbott Creek. This campsite was the location of the first length of railroad in the Sequoia Forest and was also the site of the Lower Mill or, #2 Mill in the Sequoias and was also the second "station" of the 54 mile long Sanger Flume which sent roughly milled wood down the mountains to the Sanger Mill and Lumber Company.

We all set up camp to the sounds of the 80's and decided a pre-dinner run was in order so... we ran the rest of the Millwood trail (3 more miles) to a deep water crossing at the junction of a 2wd dirt road which doubles back to the trailhead. No one wanted to risk water in the differentials for the 4 day weekend so we turned and ran another 2 miles downstream on a new trail to a dead end at a beautiful clearing. Frank S. also became the hero of the forest as he vanquished (barehanded and barelegged) the nemesis of the camper, the California rattlesnake. He had a little help from Rick but wore the new handle "Rattlin' Simons" proudly the rest of the weekend!

Between Friday evening and Saturday morning, 17 new wheeler folk joined the ranks at Abbott Creek so, after a leisurely breakfast, 29 wheeler folk, in 11 Jeeps of various colors, shapes and sizes, a Toyota truck, a Toyota Landcruiser, a white Blazer and a red Bronco headed up the dirt road to the Chicago Stump. The Chicago Stump is the site of what was once a living tree some 35 feet in diameter and perhaps 250 feet tall. It was cut down in 1893 and a 14 foot length of it was sliced up and shipped by railcar to Chicago to be re-assembled and displayed to the disbelieving public at World's Colombian Exposition in Chicago. 105 years later the SLO4wheelers formed a human ring around the stump and pondered man's inhumanity to trees! Our friend and local 4x4 guide, Ryan W. then took us to the elusive "John Muir Snag", the remaining 100 feet of a once huge Sequoia Redwood.

About this time the wheeler folk had just about had their fill of history (probably like some of you readers) and since it was 11:45 and we had a 12:00 appointment with Julie L. at the trailhead of the Sunshine Route, we made tracks on the pavement to keep our rendezvous. Julie is a delight to be around, she exudes enthusiasm for the forest and the "multiple use" of it that we must all start embracing. Julie hikes, rides motorcycles, snowmobiles and this day rode along with Rattlin' Simons in his jeep. The club negotiated the hardest part of "Sunshine" and we stopped for lunch with a northward view of the King's Canyon and an easterly view of Hume Lake and further out, Buck Rock and the precariously perched fire lookout station atop the Rock. After lunch Julie gave a short lecture on the proper use of trail maintenance tools which when adhered to, will prevent injuries and if any of us are injured, (heaven forbid!) will provide state medical coverage for us! We needed this information because an informal club called the Hume SLO Wheelers was formed which "adopted" the "Sunshine, Park Ridge and East of Eden" routes. This "club" which is cooperatively headed up by Ryan W. of Hume Lake and myself from Atascadero will give us the opportunity to make improvements on the trail such as we did on Sunday and gives us an "inside line" on future decisions regarding these trails. After the safety lesson we finished up "Sunshine" and turned off the trail down the "East of Eden" route. This is a cool route with a little bit of everything a good trail should have in a trail about 2 miles long.

After turning around and reaching the top at the beginning of the "Park Ridge" route we said adios to Julie and the "hardcore" crowd continued up "Park Ridge". The rest of us headed back down "Sunshine" to Hume Lake for ice cream, gas and whatever else we needed. Back at camp that night we were joined by 6 more wheeler folk, 1 dog and their 3 vehicles. This group hadn't driven 3 and 1/2 hours to visit so they headed off on the "Millwood" route in search of the legendary deepwater crossing. They returned to camp disappointed saying they found water but nothing "deep". Later that night several wheeler folk went on a night run on "Millwood" while the rest of us played the "stick" game and enjoyed hot peach/cherry cobbler fresh out of the Debbie's Dutch oven, Thank you Richard and Debbie!!!

Sunday morning some of the troops packed and were leaving but the rest of us headed to run "Park Ridge" in reverse. This was a wise choice as 2 vehicles had to use their winches the day before and we had several "open" vehicles with our group. We had plenty of thrills negotiating the 2 "winch" hills from top to bottom and at the completion of the "Sunshine" route we again headed down to Hume Lake for ice cream and the other non-essentials.

That night around the campfire we learned when and how we each got "into" 4 wheeling and recounted the weekends highlights. Monday morning we said good-bye to several more wheeler folk and the remaining contingent of 2 Cherokees (yay), a CJ5 and a Willy's driven by "Giggles" took an easy trail to a meadow which I can't remember the name of. Then homeward bound.

The club added 4 new members to its roster on this run, Rick K. from Mojave, Glynn and Bryan D. from Carmel, and Craig V. of Atascadero!

The "FUBAR" goes to Ray M. for Vehicular Fuel Deprivation of the most heinous kind and will be flown proudly at his next run (the Rubicon)!

I have inadvertently set a club record for the longest trail report but I need to add one item on safety. On the way to the Sierras our little group was heading north on J19 road at about 60 mph when I noticed an older full-size sedan coming towards us slipping over into my lane. I reacted at the last instant and moved 1/2 way off the road to escape a head-on collision, as the vehicle passed me I turned and could see that he was busy looking on the floor of his car for something unaware of his position on the highway. Then instinctively, I looked in my rearview mirror to see the car obliterate my view of my son Jesse and his friend Amber as it hurtled at Jesse's truck. All I could do was scream out loud "Jesse lookout! Jesse lookout!". As I watched in horror Jesse had the presence of mind to pull entirely off the road and as his truck came close to going up on two wheels at 60 mph, just calmly keep straight on the flat shoulder. This vehicle finally started correcting and both Pat G. and Ray M. also had to move near the edge of the road to miss a head-on with it. The point of my sharing this with you is not to alarm you or somehow "hog" newsletter space but to honestly reveal my feelings as that near-miss occurred. All I could think about was my son and how nothing else in the world mattered except that God would let he and Amber live. I wasn't thinking about lockers, gears or trails. At that moment for me, life was distilled down to what I believe really matters, Those You Love.

Respectfully submitted Trailboss Will H

## FOR SALE

- **CJ7 HARD TOPS (2) AND HARD DOORS, MODEL 20 REAR END, DANA 30 FRONT END**  
(front and rear end complete with brakes)
- **STOCK TIRES AND CHROME SPOKE RIMS,**  
**31x11.50 Safari AWR's (4) on chrome and black modular wheels. David H.**

## WEDDING BELLS

**Joanna C. has accepted Joseph D's proposal of Marriage**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## Ted Miles Jeep

offers a 15% discount on all part (& 10% off accessories like hats)  
to club members who present their 1998 Membership Card!

**TED MILES JEEP/EAGLE**

**7380 El Camino Real**

**Atascadero 466-2411**

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### JULY

**07/04/98 Templeton 4th of July Parade and Pool Party**  
**TrialBoss: Will H. 9:00 Hoovers Templeton (north end of Templeton)**  
**Bring your Super Soakers to keep the crowds wet and Jeep Decorations**  
**Theme of the Parade: Heros of the 20th Century**

**07/04/98 4th of July Sand Drags- Oceano Beach, CA Sponsored by CA4WDC, Inc.**  
**For Info: George W. Gold Coast Club**

**07/98 Swamp or Strawberry Run (to be announced at next meeting)**  
**TrialBoss: Jim Z**

**07/23/98 to 07/26/98 Jeep Jamboree Rubicon**  
**TrailBoss: Ray M**

### AUGUST

**08/98 Atascadero Crus Night**  
**Park at Ted Miles Jeep Eagle 08/15/98 to 08/16/98 Coyote Lake**  
**TrailBoss: Randy P.**

### SEPTEMBER

**09/05/98 to 09/07/98 Labor Day Weekend- Dusey-Ershim (if trail is open)**  
**TrailBoss: Randy P.**

**09/98 Hollister SVRA Safety Clinic**

### OCTOBER

**10/17/98 Colony Days SLO4WD Booth**  
**TrailBoss: Jennell T.**

**10/98 SLO4WD Fall BBQ& Vehicle Show - Friss Camp**  
**TrailBoss: Ray M.**

**10/31/98 Fright Nightopen**

### NOVEMBER

**11/98 Panamint Valley Days**  
**CA4WDC Event TrailBoss: Mark B.**

**11/98 Red Rock Run**  
**TrailBoss: Joe R.**

### DECEMBER

**12/98 Christmas Party**  
**Social Chair : Need Volunteers to TrailBoss this Event**

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*The SLO County 4WD Club,*  
a member club of the California Association of 4WD Clubs Inc.,

**1998 CA4WDC RENEWAL DUES ARE DUE HEY! ITS NOT TO LATE! JOIN!**  
**SLO 4-Wheeler club members, Mail checks in the amount of \$40.00, payable to CA4WDC >to: Mark B.**

**and if your not a member SLO 4-Wheelers Encourages you to JOIN CA4WDC**

The CA4WDC is an association of clubs, *just like ours, made of folks just like you and me.*

- As new members you'll receive a membership card, way cool decal, and a dash plaque.
- You'll also receive monthly publication of the *In Gear*. This contains information about club activities, legislation, upcoming events, trails, 4WD products, classifieds and lots of other great 4WD related topics.
- Eligibility to participate in all Association events

The CA4WDC is one of the largest of its type in the nation and YOU can be a part. Through it we are recognized on a national level. The Association gives us the voice to speak up and be heard. If you wish to do anything to protect your sport, enhance the 4-wheelin activities to be enjoyed by all then **JOIN now**. If your a 4-wheeler then this is the single most important 40.00 bucks you'll spend this year! I belong and so should YOU!

**Contact Mark B. or simply print out the [On-Line form](#), fill it out & mail it to Mark B. (mail directly to CA4WDC if your NOT a SLO 4-Wheeler) or use the form in your SLO 4-Wheeler newsletter. But DO IT SOON!**

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### SLO 4 Wheelers General Meeting Summary July 1, 1998

- **President**, Ray M opened the meeting about 7:10 PM and asked for self-introductions. Ray opted for **an abbreviated meeting so we could spend more time talking about events.**
- **Vice-President** Mike A Jr. mentioned that he & Ray would be doing Lopez on Friday since it is a holiday for them. They're leaving Ray's at 9:00 AM. Secretary, Kathy P circulated the roll sheet and took notes.
- **Treasurer**, Judy J, moved our account to a new bank which has a better service charge arrangement, and reported the balances in both banks. She's working on contacting Tom C to transfer the money from the old account to our new account. Wow, and she did it all in one month!
- **Events:** Randy P circulated an events calendar for July and the coming months.

Hume Lake with Will H on June 26th to the 29th was the main topic of the evening. Will said that there were about 20 vehicles participating, and he signed up 4 new members.

Nobody knows if the CCORE Fun Day and Poker Run at Turkey Flat happened.

July 4th we'll be participating in the Templeton Parade and swimming party Will H's. Meet a Hoovers at the stockyard at 8:00 if you want breakfast or 9:00 in the parade lineup if you want to sleep in. Parade starts at 10:00. Will and Kathy are providing tube steak, and a swimming pool, bring something to share for lunch and a bathing suit.

July's Run will be to the Shaver Lake area with Jim and Ava Z on the weekend of July 25th & 26th. They usually camp at their place and do day runs from there. Last year Ava had dinner wait for everybody on Friday night, so let her know if you're coming.

Cruise Night is some time in August, and Ted M is making room for us at Ted Miles Jeep Eagle to exhibit our vehicles and enjoy the downtown scene without having to worry about where you're going to park, so get your vehicle shined up or muddied up, whichever is appropriate for you and show up! Get the exact date at August's meeting.

Sierra Trek, a CA4WD run has been moved up to August 27-30 probably because of snow.

Coyote Lake will be the weekend of August 15, with Randy P as trailboss. Randy will be doing the Dusy Trail over the Labor Day weekend if it opens this year. It's a long trail with some pretty tough rock climbs, so contact Randy if you are thinking of going, so you can be sure your are properly equipped.

The Esprit de Four club in San Jose is having their Safety Clinic in September. It sounds like work or school, but it is actually a lot of fun. They have a great dinner on Saturday night, and if you sign up to get a Safety Instructor's Certification, you get the course and Dinner for free. It's highly recommended, even for old timers, because you're never too old to learn something.

The Fall Thing will be sometime in October, for just our members, and may include the RTI ramp, BBQ & vehicle games. Contact Ray M.

Land Use Liaison, Will H asked Dave H to attend the CCORE meeting this month. Dave has a written report if you are interested in what trails are open or closed and what the other clubs are doing to keep trails open. Will also adopted trails in the Hume area under the auspices of himself and a friend who lives in Hume Lake. This is an opportunity for us to jump in and help Will promote our interests in keeping trails open, friends and neighbors. Perhaps we should commit ourselves to this as a club? Remember the 24 hour line will tell you which trails in our area are open. (805) 438-4048.

- **Membership Director**, Dave H 's official report was not given in the interest of covering the events, but he signed up three new members as a result of Will's efforts.

- **Newsletter Editor**, Debbie K asks that contributions to the newsletter be in to by Sunday night.
- **Promotional chair**, Lynn S, not only had a table filled with shirts, he has arranged for a new club banner, and Flags. Watch Ray's vehicle, flying a nice FUBAR flag for "fuel deficiency" up at Hume.
- **Scrapbook** Avanette Z brought in the Scrapbook. Ava has kept the scrapbook up with current pictures every meeting, and it is filled with pictures and newspaper articles. Check it out if you haven't seen it!
- **Telephone** Kathy P the club members to remind them of tonight's meeting.
- **Virtual Committee** Web page manager, Jeff S, attended the meeting. THANK YOU JEFF
- **Board of Directors Meeting** will not be held next month in the interest of attending events!

Respectfully Submitted, Kathleen P.

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## **NEXT SLO County 4WD MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 1998**

**PLAYERS RESTAURANT ATASCADERO 7:00**

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## **SLO County 4WD Club BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**TUESDAY August 23, 1998 6:00**

**Dave & Donna H's House**

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**End of July 1998 edition of the SLO 4-Wheeler**

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