



March 1999 Newsletter for The San Luis Obispo County Four Wheel Drive Club
 Editor Debbie K.



EVENTS

- 03/19/99- 03/21/99 Molina Ghost Run TrailBoss James B.
 - 4/10/99 Red Rock TrailBoss Joe R.
 - 4/17/99 CA4WDC Quarterly Meeting- City Hall Room 102
Volunteers Needed TrailBoss Jim Z
 - 05/08/99 California Valley Family Day Run Bring Lunch
TrailBoss: John J.
 - 05/15/99 Hollister Play Day (trailboss?)
 - 05/28,29 & 30/99 2nd Annual Spring Thing- Turkey Flats
TrailBoss Mark B.
 - 06/11/99-06/13/99 Hume Lake TrailBoss: Will H.
 - 06/26/99 Bald Mountain- Strawberry Lake TrailBoss Jim Z
 - 07/04/99 Templeton 4th of July Parade Water Guns a must...
TrailBoss: Volunteer Please
 - 07/24/99 Swamp Lake TrailBoss: Jim Z
 - 08/14/99 Red Lake/ Coyote Lake TrailBoss: Todd P.
 - 09/18/99 Rubicon TrailBoss: Volunteer Please
 - 10/23/99 Fright Nite- Pt. Magu Club TrailBoss: Brian T.
 - 11/13/99 Leapin Lizard (if it happens) TrailBoss: Randy P.
 - 12/04/99 San Luis Obispo Christmas Parade TrailBoss?
 - 12/05/99 SLO 4-Wheelers Christmas Party TrailBoss: Christy M.
- If you wish to Trailboss a run please contact Todd P.

Events for Los Osos Jeep Club

"THE PACK"

- Their Club meetings held 1st Thurs. of each month
- 03/28-29/99 Hollister "Redneck Motor Sports"
 - 04/23-25/99 Johnson's Valley
 - 05/21-23/99 Red, Coyote, Mirror Lakes
 - 06 /18-20/99 Grouse/Swamp Lake
 - 07/23-25/99 Big Bear
 - 08/19-21/99 Dusey Ersham
 - 09/18-19/99 Coalinga
 - 10/15/-17/99 Panamint Valley
 - 11/13/99 Pozo
 - 12/99 Christmas Party

All runs are pending trail openings- Be sure to check which runs need an Adventure Pass

Message from the PREZ:

Welllll.....once again a full house at our last meeting!! I would like to give a warm hearted welcome to our new members; Suzuki Jim, & Andrea sorry forgot your last name...again! And to Robert and Janet. Robert and Janet are also Suzuki owners and all 3 of them went with us to Pine Mountain for a work day. Mark will fill you all in with the details on that run. I hope all that attended the last meeting were able to get a few of your questions answered by the Las Padres Forest boys, Manny and Kevin. Manny was quite surprised at the turn out and as to how large the club has grown. It's good to have them on our side sometimes, even if it is only seems that the feeling is superficial. By working with them we stand a better chance of getting things done our way.

Bear Valley John and I are planning on heading up to the Ghost run the 18th, Thursday, around noon. If anyone wants to follow us up contact either one of use. The trip up will more than likely be slow as we are both dragging stuff, me a 5th wheel and John's towing his Jeep behind his motor home. I understand that we will have a spot for the club to camp and it is a dry camp. Bring extra water and if you have the room, some firewood. If you come up late, look for the club banner!!

I have received thank you letters from the Blue Ribbon Coalition and CA4WDC for our donations. Maybe we can find room in the scrapbook for these and other letters we receive. If you have some photos you would like to go into the scrapbook, contact Joanna C. Also if you have a photo of your jeep/whatever, give Mark B. a shout and he'll explain how you can get it in our web page.

As always, if you questions or comments, feel free to email me at lstokes@callamer.com or call, See ya out there! Lynn S.

RECIPE'S NEEDED

Please turn Your camping creations in to Buzz J.
A unique name like Off Road Stew or Campfire Heaven
will enhance the...

SLO 4-Wheelers Cookbook

Pine Mountain Day Run / Trail Maintenance Report, Sat. March 6, 99

Saturday morning: The SLO 4-Wheelers meet to do a bit of trail maintenance and sight seeing on our adopted trail, Pine Mt. As the weather has been gorgeous, I expected a really nice day up on the hill. However a turn in the weather brought the temperature WAY down, yet under the cover of some very ominous clouds, the threat of rain, and a wind that bit you to the bone, 10 SLO 4-Wheelers met to do the deed. As we had heard there were trees down, we were prepared to remove them off the trail, have lunch at the top and just generally have a good time.

In attendance were SLO 4 Wheelers; myself, Mark B., Brian & Jennell T., James B., Michael H., Jim H., Robbie R., Lynn S., Frank S., Janet N. & the star of the Toco Bell commercials, whose name I didn't catch. All in 8 rigs with (5) chain saws 1 dog and gear.

Safety check was held at La Panza campground. It was a bit brisk, so forms were handed out for everyone to fill out, explaining new rule: If you get caught not having something you checked off there would be a \$5 fine. We all agreed, forms were filed and off we went.

Stopping at the old Condor Condo shack where we'd normally spend time enjoying the views & yaking lasted maybe 3 minuets due to the "briskness". So we sought a warmer area and kicked the heaters in high. The trail was great, as usual, I really enjoy Pine. We weren't treated to the views normally had due the clouds, but still a nice ride. As we traveled I began to wonder where these downed trees were. I also noted some very wide fresh tracks. Also we noticed piles of sawdust and figured the trees had already been removed. Well it wasn't long be fore we came across the answer, Ranger Rivera- well thats what we called him. I don't think I've ever been as warmly greeted by a member of the forest service. He asked "How many are with you?", and looking back up the trail at the approaching 7 more rigs his face actually light up. I told him we come to clear the trail and he asked how many saws we had, I said 5, and man, talk about a happy camper. He said "I've already cut up maybe 20 trees and the worst is up ahead". So with Ranger Rivera cleaning up the rest of the trail to the picnic table we proceed to the last section of the trail be fore the steps.

Ya we moved some wood. with 5 saws slicing and every body pitchin in we cut, and tossed are way from the picnic table to the steps in less than an hour. Cant say enough bout the members of the club. When the task is put down, there's no hesitation when

it comes time to work. And it didn't seem like work, we arrived at the steps all grins.

There we walked down to check out the steps, and Mike H. drove down, a few of us wanted to but we couldn't do what he did, he climbed back up like he was in his driveway, most impressive. We then turned around back the way we came to find a place for lunch. we picked up Ranger Rivera who had walked down to the steps and we gave him a ride back to his truck. He was most appreciative for our help. On our way out we stopped by the table to clear out around it and removed a couple more trees. It was decided to travel all the way back to La Panza camp for lunch, the wind was pickin up. so a beeline was made, and once there we built a great fire, warmed ourselves with lunch, honest heat and good words. Great way to end the day.

Safety check only produced one infraction, a '6 foot antenna, (for which he received all the reasons why you shouldn't have one. The only mechanical mishap was Brian T, broke a body mount. So as trail boss Id say the fubar award will wait for another trail ride. Oh yea the clubs 'new' first aid kit was initiated on its first run and was not even unstrapped.

All in all, though the weather turned & the few trees grew to many, a Great day was had by all!

Submitted Mark B., Trailboss Pine Mt. Adopted trail work party

----SLO County 4WD Club Board of Directors Meeting---
Wednesday March 24, 1999
Todd & Carry P's home ,

6:00 p.m. for dinner, please R.S.V.P. to Todd P..

7:00 p.m. meeting begins

----SLO County 4WD Club General Meeting
Wednesday APRIL 7, 1999 7:00 PM

PLAYERS RESTAURANT
ATASCADERO

FOR SALE

'56 F100 2WD
Call Ray M or email: rmdm@cris.com

FOR SALE

'77 CJ5, mostly original, 3sp
Brian D. 461-5215

SLO 4-Wheelers General Meeting Minutes 3/3/99

OFFICERS Reports.

- **PRESIDENT:** Lynn S. Welcome members & newcomers!! Grab a memo
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Joe D
- **SECRETARY:** Joanna C
- **TREASURER:** Judy J (an in depth report was given)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

- **CA4WDC:** Jim Z Meeting (Central District) April 7, 1999 in city hall #102, (Atascadero) sending each club a mailer
- **EVENTS:** Todd P **Runs** Weekend after: Mark B. from Santa Margarita, Pine Mountain
- **LAND USE CCORE** Report: Jim B Talked to the forestry about closures because of frogs at 4wd convention, suggested taking mentally disabled children on a run
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Brent M
- **NEWSLETTER:**Debbie K sunday deadline for newsletter
- **WAYS AND MEANS:** Christy M.

COMMITTEE Reports

- **PROMOTION:** Todd P there were so many orders need to pay for them before we order
- **SAFETY:** Brad J First aid kit finished- to be stored at Lynn S. house-Trailboss is responsible for picking the first aid kit up before a run and returning it
- **SCRAPBOOK:** Joanna C Need more pictures!! No pictures, and I can't add to the book!!
- **SOCIAL:** Christy M. Got a schedule of events from "The Pack" in Los Osos
- **TELEPHONE:** Brent M
- **VIRTUAL COMMITTEE:** Mark B New intro page-closed the poll-club still accepting vehicle pictures for web page

OLD BUSINESS Need Your Recipes Turned in to Buzz J. for the cookbook

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB Board Meeting: 3/17/99 at Todd P.

FOREST Service came to meeting: Manny Madrigal & Kevin Cooper from Los Padres National Forest for Questions and Answers

Q:Do you keep a record of people & groups who use forests?

A:We do not, but with adventure pass they as what you want money to go for

Closures: 1.Stony Creek(private Property)
2.Tulsa Canyon to Smith Campground from Sotta Springs to Shaw Ridge Try to upgrade by Shaw & new road to Agva Escondido, reroute possible connecting of trail

*BLM: the engineers will be here for next 5 years from Santa Margarita

Q:How does volunteerism help keep trails open?

Condors are back, possible rebuilding of cabin

Jimenez Ranch possible to become public land

Last June LPNF was sued by a group, the Southwest Center of Bio Diversity, now the forest service must have: 1.surveys 2.effects on endangered species before they can open some closed trails, some trails may be closed during certain periods of the year, but should be opened during the summer-on Branch, Cuyama, Alamo Creeks there are red legged frogs Current issues are over the red legged frog and the royal toad, the latter which we don't have here.

**submitted by :SLO County 4WD Club Secretary
Joanna C.**

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(& 10% off accessories like hats)
to club members who present their 1999 Membership Card!*

Ted Miles Jeep/Eagle

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Atascadero 466-2411

SLO 4-Wheelers Safety Tip Of The Month:

SHOCK

Included in this months newsletter was an excellent article on the signs & symptoms of Shock and how to prevent and care-Unfortunately this wasn't an electronic file so is not included.-Worth rereading!

- more from the Markside:

The infamous High Lift Jack!



When You least expect it..... you've been crawlin all day, amazing both yourself and your co-pilot. Yer rig has never performed so well, You've accomplished feats that wheelers dream of, and imagine when you get to camp the stories will be told again and again of your feats. So preoccupied with your glory you don't notice that 'lil rock -no more than the size of a melon and Wham! Your stopped dead in your tracks. In disbelief you go for a lower gear and all you hear is wheel spin and metal grating. You try to back off- to no avail. You realize in all humility, as your dreams of glory settle with the dust you've made-, *your stuck*.

Finally you shut er off and do the unmentionable- you get out to look at what's stolen your moment as the wheeler of wheelers. Before your knees hit the dirt that once you trod as King- there's 6 other wheelers at your back- "Wa's Up"? As every body scopes it out, you hear an ominous voice that seems to reflect years of trail expertise, a voice that you thought would be joining in the choir of your praise... say "Jeesch.. How the Hell'd you do that?".

You mumble some words that fall out of your mouth and kick em around in the dirt. Finally as the decision is made that you can't go forward and you sure ain't going back "Whelp, better pull out your jack, we'll put some rocks under you". You look at the voice, scratch your head and say "*Ummm, I don't have a jack....*"

Seriously- Sometimes, a simple object can be your best friend. Its a tool that should be in every rig, the *Infamous High Lift*. Oh you've still got your bottle jack for changin tires. This is for those RARE times you manage to really screw up. There could be reams written about what you can do with a high lift. It can be used as a jack, a hoist- it can spread things apart or pull them back together. It can lift your 4000lb+ rig 3' straight up. It can be used to walk your rig over sideways. The only thing that equals what it can do, is what it can do used improperly. The high Lift should be one of your most respected tools. Think now for a moment-you've got both back wheels 3' off the ground, she's gently swaying, balanced on a 2" pole, setting on a 6" square base. Ya respect.... Never crawl under your rig sitting on a High Lift, put a stand (Or a tire) if you absolutely have to and be prepared to instantaneously become 3" thick.

The jack comes with a lil piece of paper describing the jack-read it. Use your jack before you need to. Play with it, understand how it works. Pretty cool, watching those lil pins walking in and out. , noting that there's is ALWAYS one of them fully engaged. When you see both pins out, disaster happens. So when you use your jack always watch it, whether goin up or down. Talk to your friends about the Jack.. Almost every one has a story.

The only real maintenance a High Lift requires is periodic cleaning. Some folks oil theirs, High Lifts really like oil, unfortunately oil really likes dirt. So if yours is mounted outside. expect it to be cantankerous. I store mine dry, then if needed give a lil squirt like WD 40 (or ANY other liquid) and she'll work almost like new.

Last I'd recommend a genuine High Lift brand- (and the cast bodied model) .I don't know of any other brand names of a good quality jack but I know there are a lot of junk ones out there. Accessories are available for the High Lift and you can also get replacement parts should you damage it. Hopefully you may never use it-but it should be a priority on your list along with a strap, tow hooks front & rear, a shovel, can of WD, roll of bailing wire and a roll of duct tape, but those are stories in

themselves.

Now just imagine-you've performed trail history, but snag yourself just before you reach camp. You jump out of your rig, unbolt your jack to extract yourself in a command performance. Ahh as your buds look on, your fingers fly and play the jack, they note the single focus of your eyes, and purpose in your movements.

Let the stories be told....

Mark B.

Tip of the Month

Provided by Will H.

If you have air lockers in front of your vehicle and going up a hill and your front wheel starts spinning

IT IS TIME TO PUNCH THE BUTTON!

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