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Templeton 4th of July Parade

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Written by George W., Editor

Several members of the club gathered for Templeton's annual 4th of July parade at the donut shop on the north end of Main St. and then moved to our assigned staging area to prepare the vehicles for their run through the parade.

(photo by Rick E.)

This year the water gun battle became mostly internal with several shootouts developing leaving several of the shooter soaked. With the heat of the day the water was welcomed by most. Our turn finally came and we proceeded down the parade route past the park and then back up Main Street to our starting point.

After participating in the parade for several years in a row, we have become a regular fixture and its always nice to see kids pointing to the rigs with amazement. It's also nice to hear your names being yelled out by friends along the route as they wave and try to get your attention.

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2014 SLO 4-Wheelers Officers

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 Pine Mountain Trail. John J.
 La Panza CampGround:Kirk R./Dave F.

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by two weeks before the
next issue to George

Trip Report — Jeep Jamboree 2014

by John J.

NOTE: All photos are the authors.

It was another great year in the Sierras. The week before we went they had the Jeepers Jamboree. From what we heard it was quite a event, with 500 off road vehicles. I guess the mechanical bull was the big attraction.

I'm glad we didn't go we went on the Jeep Jamboree which let's kids go for one thing and there were only just under 200 Jeeps and Toyotas.

The Jamboree committee had a really bad start on Friday, the shuttle helicopter clipped a tree with the tail rotor and crashed at Buck Island Lake. There were four people on board and all walked away, reasonably we'll. So we had the Cal Fire spotter plane circling the springs for several hours along with the CHP helicopter. It was



quite a air show. Then a few hours after the copter crash a Jeep rolled on the trail and they air lifted out the two in side. So we watched Cal-Star ship them to South Lake Tahoe hospital. We'll just when you thought everything was going to settle down, another Jeep lost it's breaks on the top of Big Sluice and they air lifted out the passenger who I guess rode it about 300 feet over the side. That must have been an E ticket ride.

We'll we had a lot of choices to camp at the Springs because there wasn't many Jeeps. So wanted some shade and we went way down to the river crossing and had a great camp in the shade.

Now first thing right off the bat I had a rattlesnake right behind out tent. It was a unwelcome surprise. It was getting dark and I almost didn't see it. It took me a few hours to talk my grandson, into getting in the tent. He was sure there was another one just waiting for him in the tent!

We spent the days swimming, a first for me, I'm not a water person. We had a big swimming hole all to our selves. The kids loved it and it helped pass the time.

We went on the nature tour to the Rock House just South East of the springs. The story goes a hay farmer



lived back there and grew hay for the wagon trains crossing the Sierras. The stone house still had the tables and chairs and some dishes in it. I was surprised with the size of the meadows South of the Springs. They were very big and I bet 150 years a go they were bigger.

The only thing the mosquitoes would carry you away in the evening, with all the meadow grass back there.

They had a Bat Talk put on by the State Parks and that was interesting. They had R C. Cars (Jeeps). So that Kept the kids busy. A ice cream eating contest was fun and my grandson came in second place again. That evening the Rotary Club had too much ice cream left so it was Free Ice Cream for everyone!!!

Going out of the springs was a challenge as usual. I would say Cadillac Hill is getting rougher, but then 500 vehicles did go through the weekend before.

We stayed in Tahoe Sunday night and had. A great time. Brayden, my grandson, thought the fixtures in the bath room were real gold, We were at Montbleu Casino, nice place to stay

Going home it started sprinkling on Hwy 50 and it light rained all the way back to Georgetown. it sure was nice to see and hear and smell the rain!

That's all I have, until next year.

Stay safe.

John J



Trip Report — Annual Coyote Lake Run

by Tom Burt,
photos by Robert G.

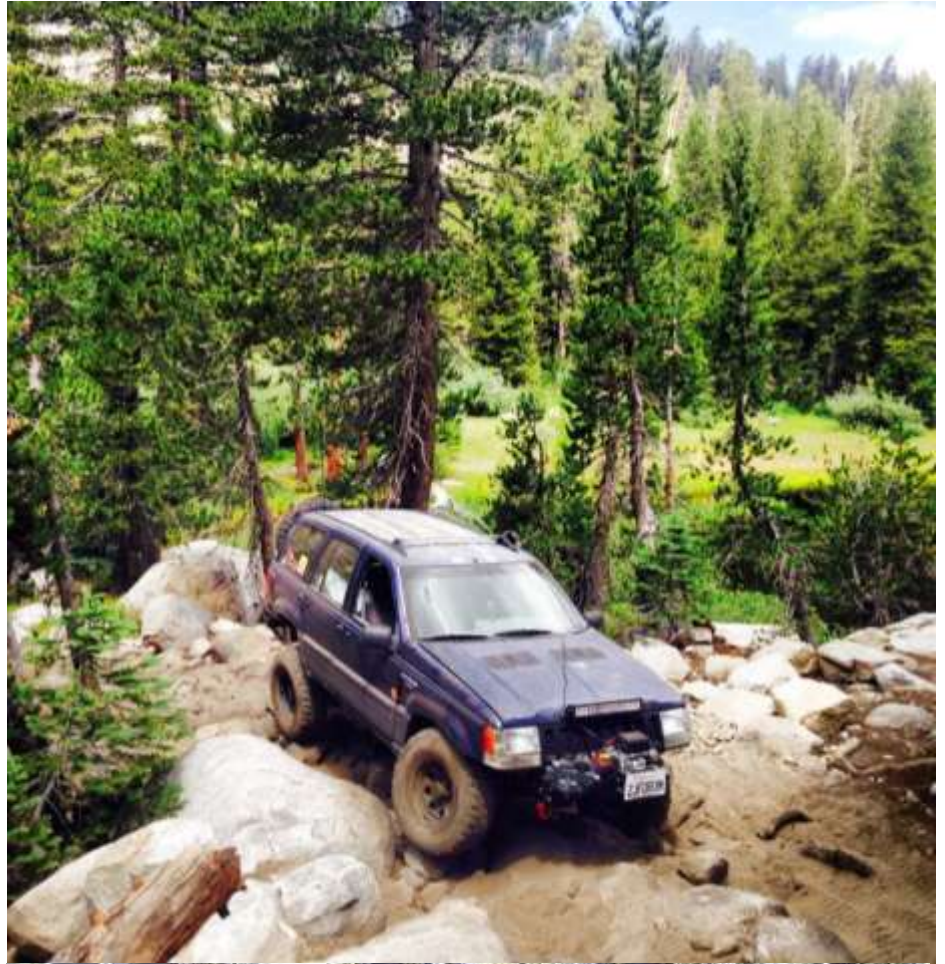
This trip included: Tom B.; Kenn, Kim, Wyatt and Weston B.; Kevin B.; Kevin, and Cameron P. with Brooke; Jon, Denna and Deagon M. w/Dillon; Jeff W.; Kirk and Ingrid R.; Glen and Jan L.; Jim and Cindy B.; James L.; Robert G. and company; Randy P. and G.daughter. If I left anyone out our misspelled names please forgive me.

Our plans for a 6:00 P.M. departure **didn't quite work out and after waiting** for a couple of late comers we got started about 7:15. We had 6 rigs at the start. We stopped for dinner at Kettleman City and picked up another rig. By the time we got to the corrals it was close to 1:00 A.M. We hit the sack and got up around 6:00 unloaded what rigs were still on the trailer, packed up and were ready to go by 8:00. Glenn and Jenna came along and joined in. 3 rigs went on in while the rest of us finished packing and getting in the group.

The wheeling in was great and everyone made it without too much trouble. We spotted and watched at Gate Keeper but everyone made it through. Gate Keeper seemed easier and the rock garden right before you get to Coyote was definitely easier. I guess too many people had stacked rocks and filled in all the holes.

When we got to Coyote Lake Jim and Cindy Bond were there along with the **3 rigs that didn't want to wait. We had** the first spot for camping and had lots of room for everyone. The weather going in was perfect with blue skies. Everyone set up camp and settled in. Because of the lack of sleep time the night before, there was some napping going on. Later Randy and his grand daughter showed up. We are at 10 Rigs by now.

Kenn B. took the kids out in the canoe and fish were caught. Later in the afternoon the breeze blew clouds in and we could hear thunder. We got a few rain drops and had to put some things under the rigs to keep dry. We had a great camp fire that night with good





talk and laughs and everyone had a good time.

The next morning (Saturday) the Jim & Cindy had to leave so Jeff W. ran out a ways so he could do more wheeling. I manned the CB to see how far **out Jeff's CB and mine would work.** I managed to pick up James coming in. He had connected with Jeff and they were coming in together. The rest of the day was spent enjoying the weather, company and camping. Kenn B. and I went fishing and caught 3 really nice pan sized trout. We out them back so we can catch them another day. The weather was excellent again and everyone went hiking or fishing or kicking back.

Sunday Morning we had agreed to be ready to depart by between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. and with a little convincing, we were there. The run out was

great but it always surprises me as to how different the trail seems going out than it did going in. At Red Lake some wanted to break for lunch and a few felt it was too early and needed to get home. The group split up and some of us enjoyed Red Lake and Lunch while a few headed out. We got back to the trailers and loaded up.

My group brought up the rear and stopped for dinner at Kettleman. We arrived home about 7:30. This was the maiden or shake down run for 3 of the rigs with new engines and all in all it was great. Other than minor tweaks it was a great trip. I hope we can get a bigger turn out next year.



Club Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Minutes by DeQue G., stand-in Club Secretary

Light participation tonight.

Membership is 49 paid.

Newsletter is in need of stories. A lot of recent events to talk about.

Tee shirts and stickers are still for sale.

Garcia ridge us in need of cleaning and cutting the brush back.

The dunes is in need of a clean up (trash, car parts, etc).

Might need to put up a new sign on Garcia ridge.

Events:

Hot El camenio Cruise Nights
15Aug14

Ted Miles ok'ed us to use his lot for the parade. Just need to be there early before streets are shut down.

Coyote Lake 7-10July14: if anyone wants to meet up on Friday, say it now. July14 The group going up on Thursday will wait that morning.

High Sierra poker run 30Aug-1Sept14

www.cal4wheel.com

3Sept14- Club meeting 7pm Round table pizza.

If anyone has a run they want to do or is doing, please share with the group.

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When we got back to the starting point, we removed the multitude of decorations from our rigs and headed in various directions to spend the rest of the holiday with those close to us.



(photo by .George W.)

(photo by Rick E.)



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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.

September 3rd — General Club Meeting at 7:00 PM at Round Table in Atascadero.

September 6th or 7th — After meeting run to be determined at the meeting.

October 1st — General Club Meeting at 7:00 PM at Round Table in Atascadero.

October 4th or 5th — After meeting run to be determined at the meeting.

November 5th — General Club Meeting at 7:00 PM at Round Table in Atascadero.

November 8th or 9th — After meeting run to be determined at the meeting.

December 3rd — General Club Meeting and Annual Christmas Party, time and date to be determined. This is an annual event that tends to draw a large number of club members and their families. A quick round of nominations for 2015 officer is done before other Festivities start including the annual gift exchange and stealing.

December 6th or 7th — After meeting run to be determined at the meeting.

December 20th — San Miguel Electric Light Parade and

Christmas Street Festival. The club entered last year and it was a lot of fun.

January 7th — General Club Meeting at 7:00 PM at Round Table in Atascadero. This meeting includes the annual election of club officers

January 10th or 11th — After meeting run to be determined at the meeting.

February 4th — General Club Meeting at 7:00 PM at Round Table in Atascadero.

February 7th or 8th — After meeting 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.