



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



Slow to start but this tune might help get you in the spirit of the Fright Night Run-

Point Mago 4WD Club's 5th Annual

Halloween FRIGHT NIGHT Nite Run

October 24th & 25th (Registration deadline October 16)

SLO 4-Wheelers trailboss leading us to this Great event - Brian T.

EVENTS

- *OCTOBER THING* (wkend after local run)- 10/10/98 Trailboss: Ray M.
- *FRITE NITE* 10/24/98 Trailboss: Brian T. Leaving Margies Diner, Madonna Road 9AM Sharp- Call Brian for more information and/or if you are traveling with him.
MUST PRE-REGISTER BY MAIL DEADLINE OCT. 16, 1998
- *COLONY DAYS* Call Jennell T. As of the General Meeting Jennell had not heard back from the Colony Days Rep. telling us if we have a booth or not. If you would like to help out...Give Jennell a call.
- *CPR CERTIFICATION* 10/28/98 & 11/18/98
Trailboss: Brad J.
Place: Mike & Sharon G
Time: 6PM-8PM
- *SLO4WD WORK DAYS* Trailboss: Frank & Donna A.
Please Call Frank & Donna to find out the work days on their acreage. A campsite and roads are being planned. Future club runs and fun to be planned. Come Out and pitch in (or in Joe R's case drag it) Jeepin and fun!
- *PANAMINT VALLEY DAYS* 11/6/98-11/8/98 Call Randy P. for details
- *CHRISTMAS PARTY PARTY PARTY* Date to Be Announced Trailboss: Cindy M. and Judy J. The Survey Results from the October 1998 General Club Meeting : **RESTAURANT**
The December Club Meeting Will Be Held At The Christmas Party
- *CHRISTMAS PARADE* Plan To Be There With Lights On

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

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SLO 4 Wheelers General Meeting Summary October 7, 1998

- *President*, Ray M opened the meeting with an overview of the fall outing and vehicle show.
- *Secretary*, Kathy P circulated the roll sheet and agenda, and took notes.
- *Treasurer*, Judy J, gave a great treasurer's report and provided a copy to each of the officers.
- *CA4WDC liason*, Mark B had no report.
- *Events Director*, Randy .P indicated that the Vehicle show and fall outing at turkey flat would be the **Local Run. The Vehicle Show and Fall Campout** will be October 10 at Turkey Flat, and will include the RTI ramp & BBQ with meat provided by the club. Also, a night run with Ray. Ray will there about 9:00 AM Saturday morning. Brian will have the ramp there about noon. The event starts at 11:00 AM and the BBQ will be about 1:30-2:00 PM. The club will provide the meat, and each participant should bring a side dish to share. Bring firewood. Have your Adventure Pass. There will be Advance Adapters stuff to raffle.

Frite Nite will be on **October 24th** this year. Several members are planning to attend. **Brian T** handed out flyers and applications with the details. You must pre-register this year, and there is a new location. You will receive maps and details with your confirmation. There is a great raffle. Bill, of the Point Mugu club, which puts this event on, attended our meeting and indicated that they like costumes and Halloween decorated vehicles. The obstacle course at hungry valley will be available until noon. Brian also stresses that there will be no drinking of alcohol on the trail and there will be law enforcement.

Kevin H is visiting the area and is looking for someone to attend the **Panamint Valley Days, November 6, 7th & 8th** with him

Frank and Donna A gave a report on the workdays that they have had on their land in Atascadero. Frank asked members to call him if they are interested in helping develop a campsite and roads.

- *Land Use Liaison*, Will H, gave a great report on the CCORE meeting this month. He indicated that Mike Burnam's position has been extended again, which is good for us, but that he is frustrated with his temporary status. Will asked that we call or write to encourage the USFS (1616 Carlotti Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93454 805-925-9538) to extend Mike's position past January and make it a permanent position.
Will announced that there will be a brush cleanup on October 24th in the Rock Front area. He also announced that Branch Creek Road will not be restored to trail status. Randy P moved and Lynn S seconded that we write a letter about to USFS requesting an alternate route, pursuant to Article II, Purposes and Aims of our bylaws. The motion was carried. The next meeting on November 12 will be attended by Lynn S.
- *Adopted trails/* Garcia Ridge chair, Jessie H was not present, but Will brought his report that Garcia looks fine.
- *Membership Director*, Dave H was present to sign up three new members. Welcome back Sheri and Gary P, and welcome to Tim S and Chris J.
- *Newsletter Editor*, Debbie K would like articles, cartoons, camping recipes, camping tips, etc.
- *Ways & Means Director*, Jennell T has not heard if they are having the booth at colony Days this year.
- *Promotional Chairperson*, Lynn S, has a table filled with shirts and vehicle emblems available for new members.
- *Safety Chairperson*, Jessie H, was not present, but Brad J suggested that we have our first CPR class on Wednesday, October 28th, and Wednesday, November 18. The first session will start at 6:00 PM and is approximately 4 hours, and the second session will be about 2 hours. He has located a place to meet in Morro Bay, but is willing to take suggestions. He will put details in the newsletter.(SEE EVENTS)
- *Scrapbook Chairperson*, Avanette Z brought in the scrapbook. Check it out if you haven't seen it!

- *Social Committee*, Christy M circulated a survey to help plan the Christmas party. Judy J is helping
- *Telephone*, Kathy P. called almost everybody this month.
- *Virtual Committee Chairperson*, Mark B. said there is some cheatin goin' on in the website. Check the music.
- *New Business*, Mid State Cruisers invite us to Cruise on the 2nd Saturday at Cool Cats, RJ
- *Board of Directors Meeting* will either be held at the home or either Will H or Lynn S.
- *For the Good of the Club*, The December meeting will be the Christmas Party. That is when we have nominations for new officers and committee chairpeople.
Ray asked anyone who wants to bring interesting videos to run at the meetings.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathleen P.

THE COFFEE BAG

If you know Mark, you know that when he's camping, he doesn't go ANYWHERE without his COFFEE! He doesn't do ANYTHING before he gets his COFFEE! I bet he even drinks coffee in his SLEEP!

So if you are like Mark, you might want to add this little bundle to all the stuff you throw in your 4 wheeler:

The illustrious coffee bag.

The coffee bag is meant to be a compact, ready to use unit, that is kept on the top of the load, handy when you need it. That means it is the last thing to go on the load, not buried somewhere that you have to dig for a half an hour to get to.

In it is, of course a coffee pot. We have a cute little one from mirro that has a drip basket on top, holds 4-8 cups and has a nice plastic handle that smells great when you put it on the fire. So that's why you have item #2...some kind of primus stove. A little backpacking one is great, you don't want it to take up much room.

Our stove comes with one tin cup, but I hate to drink out of plastic or tin, so into the bag goes 2 glass mugs. Stainless steel ones are better, they don't get plinked when your coffee bag falls off the back of the jeep and gets run over by your trailer. (That happens because you've packed it on top where you can get to it easy and you forgot to bungee it back on) Stainless steel cups will crush, granted, but they usually survive with some type of cavity that holds coffee. Rather like a squashed fuel tank, granted, it holds less, but when you have to be on the trail by 7 AM, 3 smashed cups is roughly equivalent to one intact one.

Next you need some type of ignition device. We have three. First we have matches. They don't light up in the rain, even if you put them in a plastic bag...Try water proof ones, though I really don't believe they work, so I keep my matches...the "strikes anywhere" type in a cute little container. I don't advise the safety type...I once witnessed a near death experience when a guy tried to light a match on his leg after he had spilled gas on his levis. Second, we have a really fancy steel flint setup that uses magnesium which throws out great fireworks when you strike it. The Guy at Gearheads in Moab that sold this thing to us actually uses it as a flashlight. Walks along throwing sparks...he lives in the desert...nothing to burn. Small brain. Our last resort ignition device we got at a mountain man rendezvous...an actual piece of flint rock and some dryer lint. You gotta be desperate. I suppose failing all that you could always find a stick and a shoelace.

Since our pot is a drip, we need a second pot in which to boil water, so it can be poured into the drip basket. We used an old mess kit pot with a ail, that fits right over the bottom of our coffee pot, nesting, so that it doesn't take up extra space.

To keep coffee grounds under control, we use filter packs. If you're like Mark, after you use them you can wring them out into your last cold cup of coffee, and when they are that dry, they'll even burn on what's left of your fire. Also, a hot pad and dish rag which, when wrapped around your glass mugs helps keep my glass mugs in tact. Further, the hot pad prevents flying coffee pots. Come on, I know you've grabbed the pot handle when it's been over the fire.

Since this coffee bag we have is a survival kit of sorts, I deep my air mattress patch kit in it, a couple of pieces of parachute cord and some biodegradable soap that I've never used because if you don't get all the soap out of your coffee pot, your coffee has this wondrous laxative effect. In the cavities provided by the coffee pot I put the packs of coffee, a baggie of cocoa and tea, sweeteners, creamers etc. Sometimes I even shove in a couple of granola bars. I also shove in a baggie of cold cereal, and a couple of paper bowls which fit nicely around the mugs wrapped in the dish towel and hot pad. Two spoons and a dog knife compliment those nicely.

All this stuff actually fits in a small military heavy canvas bag with a zipper and handles to bungee it to your rollbar by.

So, just add water, and you have a camping survival kit!

Next month: Find out what a dog knife is. And I will tell you all about what's in the little red pack that is always hanging from my headrest. What's it for? I'll give you a hint...you'll use it after you drink the coffee from the pot with the biodegradable soap left in it.

Shamelessly Submitted, Kathleen P.

FOR SALE

82 CJ7 mod 30 front end complete with brakes SOLD
model 20 rear end complete with brakes \$100.00
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Contact Dave H. _____

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Please Call Jenny B

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SLO County 4WD Club

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Director, Treasurer, or Secretary

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