



October 1999 Newsletter for The San Luis Obispo County Four Wheel Drive Club
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Point Mago 4WD Club's 6th Annual
Halloween FRIGHT NIGHT Nite Run

October 23rd & 24th (Registration deadline Passed)

SLO 4-Wheelers trailboss leading us to this Greaaat event - Brian T.
 See Flyer below

EVENTS

i HWY 4 RUN

Thurs 9/9 -
 Sunday 9/12

Trailboss: Al J.

i FRIGHT NITE

10/23, 24/99-

Trailboss: Brian
 T.

No on sight
 registration..Must
 Pre-register to
 go on Night Run,

Vehicle Costume
Contest....

Hotel Reserv:
Flying J

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**i San Luis
Obispo
CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

12/03/99
Trailboss Judy J.

Decorate your
vehicle, Party at
Al & Judy's
afterwards

**i SLO
4-Wheelers
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

12/0/99
Trailboss:
Christy M.

William Cody's
Steakhouse &
Saloon Grover
Beach

Gift Exchange,
Raffle Drawing,
Toys for Tots
donations, Can
donations,

EVENTS



Highway 4 Trip of 1999

We almost left at 9:00 on 9/9/99 for this enjoyable trip to camp by creekside and run some beautiful trails: Slick Rock and Deer Valley off highway 4 in the Sierras. Five vehicles each with a couple made the long trip; four of us left from Atascadero with the fifth one joining the caravan on 101 and 156. We started setting up camp by 5:pm.

The fun began on Friday with the Slick Rock trail towards Lake Alpine (took us 2 1/2 hours). This trail has its first obstacle very near the campsite, followed by a water crossing, a steep climb on the granite and a stretch very near running waterfalls over smooth rocks. The group had no troubles because we all mounted the friendly rocks to get through obstacles. We then climbed an easy trail to the top of Mount Reba for lunch with expansive views of the area. After lunch, Richard & Debbie drove to Angels Camp, with Lynn & Jane, to get a replacement for their air mattress which lost all air the night before: Ouch!. The rest of us drove Slick Rock in reverse back to camp.

On Saturday, we left camp early via Slick Rock again (done in an hour this time) to get to Deer Valley east of Lake Alpine. Deer Valley is a challenging trail which begins with a nasty obstacle and a very rocky crawling climb of about a quarter mile, only to get nasty fairly often after that. Al began the trail by showing everyone how NOT to take the first obstacle. The trail is long but with beautiful meadows and water falls. We ended up at Highway 88 at around 3:30pm and drove by near Lake Tahoe via Ebbets pass back to Slick Rock again. This last time was quite bad because it had rained while we were gone. The steps near our campsite were slick, sandy and very nasty. Eventually we all made it up and into camp by 6:00pm.

We were lucky that none of us suffered any crippling damage. We had a few yellow jackets bothering us, but most of what I remember is having a really wonderful time. The coldest it got a night was low 40's, We were home by 5:30pm on Sunday.

Trail boss Al J.

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THE 6th ANNUAL SLO 4-WHEELER RUN TO THE FRIGHT NIGHT RUN

What the run is: The run is nothing more than a caravan to the 6th annual Fright Night run put on by the Point Mugu four wheel drive club.

When and Where: The run will commence from Margie's Dinner(SLO) at 8:30 AM Sharp on October 23th. Be there early if you plan on eating breakfast before we leave. Be sure to have a full tank of fuel.

Itinerary: From Margie's Dinner we will head south to Highway 166 east. We will drive till we get to New Cuyama for a short break which is about 90 miles. There is gas station, a store for snacks and a restroom at the park. From Cuyama we will continue east on 166 till we get to Highway 33. If you are towing or do not care for windy roads you can continue down 166 to Interstate 5 and head south to Hungry Valley. We will head south on 33 to Lockwood Valley Road. We will turn east onto Lockwood Valley Road and continue to the trail head for Lockwood Creek. This is the trail that the Fright Night run will take. From here there are some decisions to make. You can either continue on the pavement into Hungry Valley or you can take the short cut up the trail. In the past we have always made it to the other end of the trail just in the nick of time to register, get gas and go around and do the trail with the Fright Night Run..

If there is a large group of people it may be better to split into smaller groups in order to maximize efficiency and get off the trail in time. Each group would be responsible to get itself off the trail in time. This way speed demons can group together and those that like to take their time can stick together. In the case of a dead soldier along the trail that person would have to be prepared to be stranded until a rescue effort the following day.

On Sunday after the breakfast and raffle there is usually a contingent of small brainers that insist on doing the trail backwards in order to get home. Normally my brain shrinks during the night, however this year I have an important flight to catch on Monday so I will try to be conservative and take well established county roads home. My route home is the quickest for me and anyone is welcome to try and follow me. I will head out of Frazer Park and over Mt Pinos to 166. I will only travel at 60 MPH so if you think you can go that fast keep up. At 166 I will make a 200 yard jog onto Soda Lake Road. It soon turns to dirt if you are not aware of this. After 30 miles of dirt road I will turn onto Highway 58, west into Santa Margarita. For those that don't care to be dusty they can head back down 166 the way we came in.

Suggestions:

1.) If you are planning on doing the Fright night run you must register with Point Mugu by October 9 (yep last Saturday). Space is limited to 100 vehicles so don't wait any longer.

1. If you are afraid of dents dings and steep hills, stay home.
2. A CB is a useful tool and we will monitor channel 7. If you don't have one we will all talk about you and you won't be able to defend yourself.
3. Use the buddy system. Find a partner to travel with so if you or your partner has a problem you have a team.
4. It is always a good idea to carry spare parts. I know that you will find this hard to believe but even I have broke on this trail.
5. If you are afraid of the dark stay home.
6. Bring some warm clothes and a sleeping bag with you on the trail. You never know if you will be stranded and it has been know to get awfully cold on this run. Some of you may remember sitting in line up there in the snow at 2 AM, burrrrr.
7. You might want a tent to sleep in or you can make reservations at the Flying J truck stop hotel if you need some luxury. The phone number to the hotel is (661)248-2600.
8. Carry extra gas if you get as good of mileage as me. I usually make it on a tank but you never know.
9. If you are afraid of UFO's stay home.
10. Be at Margie's at 8:30 AM ready to go or be left behind playing catch up.

Requirements:

1. There is no drinking on the trail either during the day run or on the Fright night run.
2. As always you need to meet the safety requirements of the SLO 4-Wheelers.
3. A limited slip differential is required.
4. You need a tow strap or a working winch! Not a chain and not a strap with metal hooks.

About the night run: See the hand out!

See you at Margie's,

Brian T

#Insert SLO 4-Wheelers Safety article -"Acute Mountain Sickness" here

----SLO County 4WD Club Board of Directors Meeting---

Wednesday Nov.3, 1999 6:00 P.M.

(thats an hour earlier than the general meeting :-)

PLAYERS RESTAURANT

----SLO County 4WD Club General Meeting

Wednesday Nov. 3, 1999 7:00 PM

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SLO County 4WD Club

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