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4th of July Parade — Templeton



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Written and photos (except where noted) by George W, Editor

This year the club again entered the Templeton 4th of July Parade. Nate L. took the lead on organizing, getting the paperwork in and advertising the event to the club. Several of us showed up at the donut shop at 8:00 AM and once the table opened, we got our entry number and headed to our staging area. This year we were number 58 (each year the number seems to go up a little, but we were in the same staging area we had been in for years.

We parked and started adding flags, ribbons and other decorations. As usual, they gave us less space than we needed, but we made do parking two rigs deep. As more rigs showed up we did what we could to keep from spilling over into other entries areas.

One entry showed up that was the entry right before us in order and they had only given him a less than 8 foot wide space from a crew cab truck with a long flat bed. We decided that if he didn't mind us using his spot, we would let him park tight up against the front of our rigs. The down side

to this was it did make it harder to watch the parade that preceded us.

Participating members this year included Nate, Devin and their girls, Dan H., Eric F. and Alison E., Phil B and his wife Angellica, Steve and Faith R, Casey and Loree M, Matt Nichols, his wife and child, Dennis V. and Debbie R., Zack S. and myself..

The parade got going as we made our final adjustments and gabbed with each other. It was a nice cool morning, not normal for the 4th in Templeton, but more than

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2017 SLO 4-Wheelers Officers

Officers:

President:..... George W
Vice President:.....Nathan L-F
Secretary:..... Steve R
Treasurer:..... Devin L

Board of Directors (includes officers):

Ways and Means: Open
Membership Director: George W
Events Director: DeQue G
Land Use Liaison: Phil B
CA4WDCA Liaison:..... Suzy J
Newsletter Editor:..... George W

Committees:

Safety Chairperson:..... Phil B
Promotional Chairperson:..... Dan H
Social Chairperson: Open
Virtual Club Scrapbook:..... George W
..... and Suzy J
Archived Scrapbook..... Randy P
Virtual Committee: George W

Adopted Trails and Campgrounds:

Garcia Ridge Trail:..... Open
Pine Mountain Trail:..... Open
La Panza Camp Ground: Open
Adopt-a-Highway Matt N

Newsletter submittals

by two weeks before the next issue to George at gwestlun@charter.net

Move Club Ramp and TV Tower Road

Written and Photos by George W, Editor

On April 29th several members went to the previous president's home to retrieve the club ramp and move it to another members place. Dan H provided his truck and flatbed trailer as the means to move it. We met down behind Car's Jr. in Atascadero and headed out to where the ramp was.

The group included Dan H, Daniel U and his son and son's friend, Hillery B. and Dennis V. We loaded the ramp up and strapped it down and then headed out to south Atascadero. We unloaded in the back field and low and behold, several of the newer members wanted to try it.

Dennis went first with his big red CJ; he got as far as his rear tire almost touching the end of the ramp, not bad. Daniel went next in his red Chevy and stopped when his fan started tinging against the radiator. Hillery went next, but with his stiffer suspension, a tire got real light and started spinning.

With that done, we decided to drop Dan's trailer at my place and then meet at the Santa Margarita Park and Ride and then head up to the Grade and TV Tower Road.

Once we got to TV Tower Road, we decided to drive non-stop so we had enough time to go to the end. We got to Tasajerra Peak and found the gate closed and locked to the remainder of the road that lead to the grove three miles away.

Plans changed and we went up to the top of Tasajerra Peak, got a great view from up there, and then headed back. Part way back Dennis said he knew where we could get our rigs down to a mine, so we turned off the road and headed down this fairly mild trail that



led to an open pit Chromium Mine. Great view, nice little mine, and a potential optional trail out for another day.

We then made out way back out the way we came in and went a little further down the road when I spotted another foot trail to another mine. Other's had to leave so Daniel and I and our passengers dis-

mounted and headed down the trail. There were actually two pit mines there and both had been turned into a night party area. After a little exploring, we returned to our rigs and drove home.



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welcome. Finally the entry numbers caught up to us and we were away.

The parade has followed the same route for years. This year we didn't get much direction from the usual guy; he was riding in the parade this year, so we kept single file until we got near the park where the road opened up wide enough to be in two columns without worrying about hitting each other or running over some kid who wandered onto the pavement.

The route moved relatively smoothly this year and with the exception of one spot by the field at the school; there were not many water guns either. We finally turned north on Main Street and were on the home stretch.

Where we got to our staging area, we pulled over and started tearing off all the stuff we had put on earlier. While we did, we gabbed with each other and began to bid our farewells to Dennis and Debbie as they would not be at the next meeting and we would probably not see them before they left for their new home back east. He was still promising a few newsletter articles for me as we shook hands and said our good-byes.

At that point, each of us headed in different directions to other 4th activities that we had commitments taking with us fond memories of the day and the fun we had had as a group.



photo by Rick Evans

Over all we had a lot of fun, the weather was great, the companionship was great, the parade has always been fun except for the rules. The rules are not as bad as the San Luis Obispo Christmas parade, but a lot more restrictions than the San Miguel Christmas parade.

Y'all come out and join us next year!

photo by Zack S.



Club Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Minutes by Steve R, Club Secretary

February 7, 2018:

Meeting started: 7:00 pm

Acting President Eric: not present

George started meeting.

Eric has resigned from position, and terminated membership.

Problems with membership. Not enough people volunteering for office position. We are at a crucial turning point. Without members stepping up to fill positions, will lead to dissolving the club.

Round table discussion on current issue. Where do we take the club at this point? Do we keep a "formal club" or become an "informal group of 4x4 friends"? Is the politics causing the problem? We need the input from the members!

If a decision is made to disband the club, what do we do with the dues already collected. Suggestion to refund current dues paid for this year. If there is any excess money, donate to California 4 Wheel Drive Association.

Final decision will be made during the March meeting. Everyone's input is very important.

George:

* Treasurer reported: \$ in checking account.

20 paid members.

Newsletter on hold until decision is made on the status of the club.

Events:

*NO trash pick up this month.

*April 5,6,7 Calico run (outside of Barstow). Watch the websites for details.

*Pine Mountain Feb 17th. Time 9:00 Saturday morning Santa Margarita Park.

Dan:

*Stickers available for new members

*Shirts available. Waiting for a minimum of 12 orders.

Meeting Adjourned 7:38pm.

March 7, 2018:

Meeting started: 7:00 pm

Acting President George:

* Round-table introductions.

* Officer reports:

Secretary, nothing new to report

26 members, 4 renewals

News letter, end of the month. 0 for the news letter. Needs articles. Would like one or 2 events to report.

Motion to dispense reading of the minutes from last month. (by Eric) seconded by Dennis. Passed.

Positions to be filled. :

President...George

Vice President...Nate L-F

Secretary...Steve

Treasurer...Devan L

Ways and means...no one

Events...Dennis with Hillary until Dennis moves

Land use...Phil B

Cal4 wheel...Suzy

News letter...George

Motion to vote for all positions at once (since no one is running against anyone else) seconded, voted yes.

Voted yes: 22

Voted no: 0

Unanimous decision to accept those that have accepted these positions.

Officers to have a sit down and go through by laws. What can we do to make this club fun for everyone again.

Possibly going Corporation???

Eric: High Mountain Road still closed. Agreement has been signed with CCMA and Cal-Fire to go forward with getting it opened. Questions about whether the county is willing to keep the road open in the future.

KC: Will hopefully be open within the next couple of months.

Correspondence: Air medical flight insurance. If you are interested, contact George.

Dennis: run report.

Pine mountain, 13 vehicle...good run. Picnic table could use some repair. Good volunteer project for the club. Materials could be donated. Overgrown around the base of the stairsteps.

New business:

Set up a board meeting. Need to determine a time and place.

"Suggestions for future direction of the club":

Change voting of the board to another time beside around Christmas, maybe March

Change from must have 4x4 to interested in 4x4

Members must attend at least 2 events throughout the year (meeting, runs, volunteer...etc.)

Change safety list to "recommended equipment"

Question: "why is it so important to have the bylaws and other regulations"?

Necessary to remain a club. Otherwise we just become a "group of friends".

We as a club can change some of the rules to make things more fun if we all chose to go that direction.

"do we need to discuss all the bi-laws at every meeting"?

These can be discussed during the board meetings. Then just vote on them during the general meeting.

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Debate still remains: Do we remain a club OR do we just convert to a social group of friends.

Will be discussed during the board meeting. Special note: you do not have to be on the board to be at the board meeting. All members are welcome to show up and give input. Board meeting time, place and dates will be published on our Social Media sites.

New events, Dennis:

Pismo Beach tentatively Saturday 17th.

TV Tower road. Date not set yet.

Pine Mountain maintenance run

Mother's Day Blue Canyon Poker Run. Sign up through Cal4Wheel

Anyone interested in working on Mount Pinos. Need more volunteers.

Camping at La Panza. Work on some trails.

Dan:

*Stickers available for new members.

*Shirts available. Waiting for a minimum of 12 orders.

Matt: Adopt-A-Highway. Need to make contact with CalTrans for training. No trash pick up this month.

George: 50/50 drawing

52 sold

\$26 to Eric Hawley

Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm.

April 4, 2018:

Meeting started: 7:02 pm

President George:

* Round-table introductions.

* Officer reports:

George: 1st board meeting was held. Working on current status, and where we might all want to go. Will work later on budget matters.

Nate: nothing new to report.

Secretary, nothing new to report

Devin: current balance: \$1154.18

28 members, 1 renewals

News letter, end of the month. 0 for the news letter. Needs articles. Would like one or 2 events to report.

Events...Dennis with Hillary until Dennis moves: Nothing new to report

Suzy: Cal4Wheel, trying to help fight for the dunes.

Newsletter. Nothing to add. No articles as of yet has been submitted.

Motion approved for meetings for last month not need to be read.

Dan, proposed,, Hillary seconded, passed.

George: quick synopsis on board meeting. All member are welcome to join next meeting. Date and time will be posted on website.

High Mountain:

KC: County is having a board meeting to approve work. Money has been donated. Hopefully access around mid-summer.

Suggestion to financially support "friends of Oceano Dunes"

Run reports from members.

New Business:

New Events:

Proposed runs: George

** Mission San Antonia Saturday 4/7/18 \$10/car load. Food: \$10/person optional. 11:00am - 3:00pm. Mission is on a military base....OBSERVE the speed limit.

** TV tower run. Want to make it to the eucalyptus grove. Date to be determined.

**Dennis – May: Dutch oven cook off – Jolon Gun Club.

** Maintenance at Pine Mountain will have to wait until after the rains. Will discuss next meeting

** Spring Fling. Looking for ideas.

La Panza Campground?

Lopez Lake?

Cuesta Ridge?

Carrisa Plains?

Dan:

*Stickers available for new members.

*Shirts available. Waiting for a minimum of 12 orders.

Matt: Adopt-A-Highway. Need to make contact with Cal Trans for training. No trash pick up this month. 4/7/18

George: 50/50 drawing \$20.00 collected.

Winner: Randy \$10.00. Donated back to the club.

Meeting Adjourned 7:38pm.

May 2, 2018:

Meeting started: 7:02 pm

President George:

* Round-table introductions.

* Officer reports:

George: Reporting for those not attending

Nate: nothing new to report.

Secretary, nothing new to report

motion to suspend reading of minutes from last meeting. 2Nd, and passed

Events

*Dennis : Miller Jeep Trail. Asked Eric to lead it. Maybe around June.

*Maybe Garcia Ridge. Trail is pretty over grown.

Cal4Wheel: Membership numbers have changed due to new system.

Newsletter. Nothing to add. No articles as of yet has been submitted. Dennis will be submitting a couple of articles

Virtual committee. Meeting reminders have stopped, George is trying to figure out why.

George: quick synopsis on board meeting. All member are welcome to join next meeting.

Last meeting was 4/26

Worked out a budget. Goal is to get 40 members.

Budget surplus of \$155.00 (suggest to give to "Friends of Oceano Dunes)

There are things to vote on, but not enough members present to vote. Issues will be put out on social media for members to review. All members are encourage to attend meeting to vote.

High Mountain: It's OPEN!!! Some grading done.

Run reports from members.

*Calico: 4/5 Friday, 2WD dirt roads. Saturday...Odessa. Bismark mine. Waterfalls coming down Duran. Very Windy.

*4/29 Picked up RTI ramp. Few members played on the ramp. TV Tower Rd. Exploratory run (5 rigs). Road is based all the way to Tassajara. Unfortunately, the gate was locked (not "fake locked"). So Dennis decided to take everyone to a mine.

*Lopez Canyon. Nice drive

Possibility of Garcia Ridge clean up and BBQ. Weekend on 11th-12th, but Cal4Wheel has and event that weekend. Need to find out if we are allowed to have a BBQ out there.

New Business:

Dennis is moving. We will need someone to step up and volunteer for Events Director.

Quick reading of possible bylaws changes. Not enough people to vote on anything. Proposed changed to be posted online for members. Again; members will need to be present to vote as to whether or not we want all of these changes to be made or not. These MUST be voted on by the members of the club.

Written copies will be available for all member to read for the required minimum 21 days. Are requesting a vote at the next meeting (gives members about 30 days)

New Events:

Proposed runs: George

Dan:

*Stickers available for new members.

*Shirts available. Waiting for a minimum of 12 orders.

Matt: No trash pick up this month. 5/5/18

George: 50/50 drawing not this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 7:57pm.

June 6, 2018:

Meeting Started: 7:02 pm

Type of Meeting: General Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: George Westlund

Invitees: Members and Family Members, Prospective Members

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Introductions – Members and Guests
- 3) Officer Reports
 - a) President: George W
 - i) Bank account finally straightened out
 - b) Vice-President: Nate L-F: nothing new
 - c) Secretary: Steve R
 - d) Treasurer: Devin L

Reconciled account

\$944.70 account balance

e) Ways and Means: OPEN

f) Membership: George W

31 members

g) Events Directory: Dennis V

skip: Hold off until later part of the meeting.

h) Land Use: Phil B

Nothing new

i) C4WDA Club Liaison: Suzy Johnson with assistance from George Westlund

Cal 4 Wheel billed users individually and sending new card directly. New system with new member ID numbers.

j) Newsletter: George W

Nothing as of yet to write. 3 possible articles on their way.

k) Virtual Committee: George W

4) Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion to suspend reading of the minutes by Eric. Seconded, passed.

Proposed by-laws changes. Excellent turn out. Plenty of members for a proper vote.

Since all changes have been posted for a couple of months for everyone to review; proposed to vote on all changes unless there is something specific to discuss.

Motion to vote on all by law changes (except which logo we want) Devin made motion, Everyone seconded, passed.

All in favor: unanimous.

Discuss logo. Which one to accept as our logo. (not to be changed unless the club votes on it).

Motion to eliminate option D, seconded, passed

Vote for "A": 10 yes

Vote for "B": 8 yes

Vote for "C": 1 yes

The original logo "A", 2 color, is to be the OFFICIAL logo.

Incorporation:

501C7: Non-profit social group. Cost is \$50.00 for all of the fees. There is a tax exemption available. Cal-4-Wheel is 501C7.

WHY: Legal organization, banks like it, reduces liability a bit. President is responsible for updating the incorporation papers.

Motion to get a committee together to investigate all issues with incorporation so that all issues can be brought to the club.

Seconded and passed. Need volunteers for the committee. 4 volunteered. Randy, Phil, Q, Eric.

Need a volunteer for Events Director since Dennis is leaving :(

Q volunteered for events director.

Oceano Dunes: Cal-4Whell is helping out. Suggestion to donate left-over funds \$155.00 to "Friends of Oceano Dunes".

Randy made motion to donate money, Hilary seconded. Passed unanimous.

Insurance is pretty expensive. Minimum is \$500/year. That is more than 1/2 of what we collect in dues. Too expensive for us at this point.

Any guests that join one of our rides, must sign a waiver.

TV Tower road: Matt went up there, fence is "dummy locked".

Discussion on Off-road maps by National Forest. Would be good to get some updates. Randy volunteered to contact Forest Service to update the open trails.

Trail reports:

Dennis: Blue Canyon. Poker Run. Annual event 22 mile run.

Nate: Annual camp out Alder Camp.

July meeting: 4th of July. Proposed for July 11th. All agreed.

Templeton parade: Nate will be trail boss.

Question becomes, do we want to continue with that?

Matt: Adopt-A-Highway. Are we going to continue this. It is important for our members to show up and help. Agreed to continue.

Spring BBQ: Nate & Devin offered to host a BBQ at their property (HWY 46, close to HWY 1). Keep an eye out for more information. Potluck. Club will supply the meat.

Date: Saturday July 7th

Time: 3:00pm

Flyer to be made.

Question is raised as to whether we should get a Ham radio license. If the club gets a license, the club can have its own dedicated frequency.

After-meeting run Saturday 6/9/18: Dennis, TV Tower rd, and Pismo Beach. Meet at Santa Margarita Park at 3:00pm.

Meet at Pismo Beach at Grand entrance at 5:30pm: Finns Restaurant. Bring something to BBQ.

Does someone want to volunteer to be trail boss for Coyote Lake trip. Randy volunteered.

KC, possible campground at Oso-Flaco Lake at Oceano Dunes. Need people to give input. Need letters sent to Friends of Oceano Dunes.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm



SLO 4-Wheelers contributes to and/or is a member club in these organizations. Visit and support, -they are working for US!

<http://www.sharetrails.org/>



The United Four Wheel Drive Associations also acts as your voice to keep 4x4 roads and trails open so that we can continue enjoying four wheeling in the great outdoors.

<http://www.ufwda.org/>



A varied group of outdoor recreationists who are extremely active in promoting the positive aspects of vehicular access on public lands and protecting that right.

<http://www.corva.org/>



SLO 4-Wheelers is also a member club in the California Association of Four Wheel Drive Association (CA4WDA) If your not a member, check it out,

<http://www.cal4wheel.com> or ask Suzy



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<http://www.slo4wheelers.org/>

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.

August 1 — General Meeting, 7 PM La Mexicana, Atascadero.

August 4 or 4 — After Meeting Run, TBD at August 1 meeting.

August TBD — Annual Coyote Lake Run. Randy P. Trail Boss.

September 5 — General Meeting, 7 PM La Mexicana, Atascadero.

September 8 or 9 — After Meeting Run, TBD at August 1 meeting.

October 3 — General Meeting, 7 PM La Mexicana, Atascadero.

October 6 or 7 — After Meeting

Run, TBD at August 1 meeting.

November 7 — General Meeting, 7 PM La Mexicana, Atascadero.

November 10 or 11 — After Meeting Run, TBD at August 1 meeting.

December 5 — General Meeting, 7 PM La Mexicana, Atascadero.

December 8 or 9 — After Meeting Run, TBD at August 1 meeting.

December 22? — San Miguel Christmas Parade.

January 2 — General Meeting, 7 PM La Mexicana, Atascadero.

January 5 or 6 — After Meeting Run, TBD at August 1 meeting.

February 6 — General Meeting, 7 PM La Mexicana, Atascadero. This meeting includes nominations for club officers for the 2019-2020 year.

February 9 or 10 — After Meeting Run, TBD at August 1 meeting.

March 6 — General Meeting, 7 PM La Mexicana, Atascadero. Election Meeting for the 2019-2020 year.

March 9 or 10 — After Meeting Run, TBD at August 1 meeting.

April 3 — General Meeting, 7 PM La Mexicana, Atascadero.

April 6 or 7 — After Meeting Run, TBD at August 1 meeting.

May 1 — General Meeting, 7 PM La Mexicana, Atascadero.

May 4 or 5 — After Meeting Run, TBD at August 1 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.