

# 2016 & 2018 CA4WDA InGear Editor Award



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## August 2019 Drifter's Newsletter

### Meeting Minutes:

The **690th Meeting** of the Drifters Jeep Club was called to order at 7:30pm by Patrick Fay.

**Flag Salute** was led by Connie Bur

**Roll Call** taken by David Meyer with 17 members, 2 qualifying and 0 guest. Our 2 qualifying members are Val & Annette Rosario, and Brian & Angie Shively. Brian's dad used to be a member of the Drifters and Brian was a little boy when he first jeeped with the Drifters!

**Minutes** of previous meeting were read by Judi Nelson and approved by the club.

**Treasurers Report** was given by Tris Autry with one correction. The report in the newsletter was wrong. Corrections are as follows: Beginning Balance: \$3594.09. Income from 50/50 \$161.00. Dues \$65.00. Ending Balance \$3820.09.

**Bills to be Paid:** None

**Delegates report:** Gary Parkin went to the meeting. Oceana Dunes are now closed. Senate Bill 767. Greg Hoffman has retired. HDR was windy and hot! Less attendance this year. S. District Vice President quit and they are looking for a new VP. Anyone interested contact Cal 4 Wheel. Panamint Valley is Nov. 8-10. Convention will be in Clovis. Operation Desert Fun will be Oct. 18-19. This event is for taking Vets for rides in your jeep. Sweepstakes vehicle: Go on Cal 4 Wheels website for tickets. Convention for 2021 will be in Hesperia if our club wants to participate. Next Cal 4 Wheel meeting will be Oct. 26.

### Old Business:

**July Run:** Reggie Bale, Mark Bargman, Steve Sturdevant, Huntley Graham trail bosses. Was July 19-21 at Big Bear North Shore. See Trip report in July Newsletter. Boner Flag to Keith Clark!

### New Business:

**August Run:** Arnold Taffoya and John Bur trail bosses. Dates will be August 23-25 and it is a weekend run to Coyote Flats Trail above Bishop. Base camp will be Glazier Lodge Campground. This campground will only accommodate 32' motorhomes. Basically for tents. No hookups, \$25 per night. If you have a larger motorhome you can try to get into Sage Flat Campground, however, this campground is first come. Contact John Bur for more info on the campgrounds, (909) 240-5393. Trail is rated 4-6 last year and may be affected by the recent rains and earthquakes. **No Stock jeeps. Gas up in Independence.**

## Pictures without Story



Drifter's Blog: <http://driftersddd.blogspot.com/>

Drifter's Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/driftersjeepclub/>

<b>President</b>
Patrick Fay
<b>Vice President</b>
David Meyer
<b>Secretary</b>
Linda Torrey
<b>Treasurer</b>
Tristam Autrey
<b>State Delegate</b>
Don Rybarczyk
<b>Editor &amp; BlogMaster</b>
David Meyer



**New Business:**

The Boner Flag is not meant to be mean to anyone, just a fun Drifters tradition!

**Past President's Picnic:** September 20-23 at Newport Dunes. Reservations are closed as of tonight. Norm Gerwein is in charge of the raffle prizes, let him know if you have any donations. Cottages are sold out. Pot Luck. Trail bosses for the next year will be picked on Saturday. Remember this is hosted by **ALL** past presidents!

**Oct. Run:** Will be Rattlesnake Canyon, no dates yet.

**Christmas Party:** Hosted by Cheryl and Danny Hankla. Dec. 7 at 6:00 pm. There is room for motorhomes. Discussion on Potluck or Cater will be at a later date. Budget to be discussed at future meetings.

We were down to 45 members. We voted in Val & Annette Rosario, they will be our 46th member! Please welcome them on their next run!

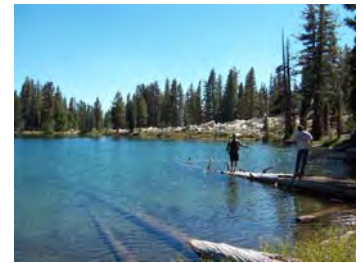
The 50/50 of \$60 was won by Frank Wagner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

***Next Meeting: Sept 5th at 7:30***

***Sergio Mexican 1105 E. Route 66, Glendora 626-914-5000***

**Dusy-Ershim Trail - 2004**



# President's Corner

Hello Drifters;

Our August meeting was lightly attended. I think the date caught everyone off guard. The first Thursday was August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you weren't there please see the minutes in the multiple award winning newsletter.

We will be having a Board of Directors meeting at Jerry and Linda Torreys house on Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>. 7:00pm. All members are welcome to attend. Please rsvp to me or Linda. Usually we order pizza or Linda comes up with something great. Cost will be divided among attendees. The address is 1476 Juniper st in Ontario.

At the last meeting we voted in Val and Annette Rosario. They are a great couple and if you don't know them please introduce yourself at the next DDD event.

I hope everyone is looking forward to the Past Presidents Picnic as much as I am. If you're planning on coming for the day please let me know. Parking for the day is \$5.00. Just tell them you are with the Drifters. Norm Gerwien is purchasing raffle prizes and we are hoping for a few donations as well. Bring an appetite, a good attitude, your favorite beverages, a dish to share and cash for the raffle. A good time will be had by all. If not that's on you

Keep an eye out for the upcoming runs. Lately we have been going to some new and interesting places. Make plans to be with your friends.

I will not be able to attend the September meeting but you are in good hands with Dave Meyer running the show.

Next meeting at Sergios restaurant 1105 E. Rt 66 Glendora, 91740 September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Best regards

Patrick

Standing on a hill in my mountain of dreams, telling myself it's not as hard as seems |





## Treasurer's Report August



### Drifter Jeep Club Financial Report as of August 13, 2019

Beginning Balance.	\$3,820.09
Income	
50/50	\$60.00
Past Presidents Picnic.	\$135.00
Total	\$4,015.00

There were no expenses as of this time.

*Tristram*



## Trail Ratings

### 1-4 Easy

**1)** Graded dirt road. Dry, or less than 3" water crossing depth. Gentle grades. 2WD under all conditions except snow. No width problems, two vehicles wide. **2)** Dirt road. Dry, or less than 3" water crossing depth. Some ruts. Slight grades, up to 10 degrees. 2WD under most conditions. Rain or snow may make 4WD necessary. Usually one and a half to two vehicles wide. **3)** Dirt road. Rutted, washes, or gulches. Water crossings up to 6" depth. Passable mud. Grades up to 10 degrees. Small rocks or holes. 4WD recommended but 2WD possible under good conditions and with adequate ground clearance and skill. No width problems for any normal vehicle. Vehicle passing spots frequently available if less than two vehicles wide. **4)** Rutted and/or rocky road. No shelves but rocks to 9". Water crossings usually less than hub deep. Passable mud. Grades moderate, up to 15 degrees. Side hill moderate up to 15 degrees. 4WD under most conditions. No width problems, vehicle passing spots frequently available if less than two vehicles wide.

### 5-7 Moderate

**5)** Rutted and/or rocky road. No shelves. Rocks up to 12" and water crossings up to 12" with possible currents. Passable mud. Moderate grades to 15 degrees. 6" holes. Side hill to 20 degrees. 4WD required. No width problems. **6)** Quite rocky or deep ruts. Rocks to 12" and frequent. Water crossings may exceed hub depth with strong currents. Shelves to 6". Mud may require checking before proceeding. Moderate grades to 20 degrees. Sidehill may approach 30 degrees. 4WD necessary and second attempts may be required with stock vehicles. Caution may be required with wider vehicles. **7)** Rocks frequent and large, 12" and may exceed hub height. Holes frequent or deep (12"). Shelves to 9". Mud 8" deep and may be present on uphill sections. Grades to 25 degrees and sidehill to 30 degrees. Water crossings to 18" and may have strong currents. 1-1/2 vehicles wide. 4WD required. Driver experience helpful.

### 8-9 Difficult

**8)** Heavy rock and/or severe ruts. Rocks exceeding hub height frequent. Shelves to 12". Deep mud or uphill mud sections. Steep grades to 25 degrees and can be loose or rocky. Water crossings may exceed 30" in depth. Side hill to 30 degrees. One vehicle wide. Body damage possible. Experience needed. Vehicle Modifications helpful. **9)** Severe rock over 15". Frequent deep holes over 15". Shelves over 15". Mud bog conditions (long, deep, no form bottom). Over 30" water crossings with strong currents. Steep grades over 30 degrees. Sidehill over 30 degrees. May not be passable by stock vehicles. Experience essential. Body damage, mechanical breakdown, rollover probable. Extreme caution required.

### 10 Extreme

**10)** Severe conditions. Extreme caution recommended. Impassable by stock vehicles. Winching required. Trail building necessary. May be impassable. Impassable under anything but ideal conditions. Vehicle damage probable. Personal injury possible. Extreme caution necessary.

**Drifter Gear**  
**Drifter Club Jacket**

**Order Form**

*Updated April 2019*

**Place orders by  
25th of the month**

*These are red polyester with a thin lining, a flat laydown collar, two front pockets and stretch sleeves.*

*Price includes sewing on the club patch on the back (you supply patch) and embroidered name on left front of jacket. Prices are:*

*\*You can also add an embroidered club logo to the right front for an extra \$10.00. Everything is plus 9.5% tax.*

<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Logo(Y/N)</u>	<u>Patch (Y/N)</u>	<u>Ext. Cost</u>
Small	\$32.00					
Medium	\$32.00					
Large	\$32.00					
X-L	\$32.00					
2-XL	\$34.00					
3-XL	\$36.00					
4-XL	\$38.00					

**Jacket Patch-\$22.00**

**9.5% Sales Tax:**

**Total Cost:**

**Please mail your order & check to:**

**Dave Peifer: 1129 Gladstone St. La Verne, CA 91750**



**Drifter Gear**

***Drifters Baseball Caps***



***Order Form***

***Updated April 2019***



***These are quality caps with rear Velcro adjustment straps. The Drifters Jeep Club logo will be embroidered on the front!***

***Caps are \$12.00 each.***

***Options are:***

***Place orders by  
25th of the month***

***Colors-***

***Quantity-***

***Solid Red cloth material***

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***Red with half mesh***

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***Solid White cloth material***

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***White with half mesh***

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***9.5% Sales Tax***

\_\_\_\_\_

***Total Cost***

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## New Member Story Val/Annette Rosario

### How I became interested in Jeeping

Hello, my name is Val Rosario and my wife, Annette, and I are the newest members of the club. I became interested in jeeping as a young boy while watching television shows like Dakari and Rat Patrol where Jeeps or Jeep type vehicles were the preferred method of transportation. It became my dream to one day own a Jeep and that dream was realized in April of 2018 when my wife gave me the okay to purchase a Jeep. Soon after I purchased the Jeep, I thought it would be helpful to find a Jeep club to join. I joined the California Four Wheel Drive Association and looked at the club directory. I searched for a club that would be local for me and found the Drifters Jeep Club listed in Pomona. As luck would have it, I was walking around my neighborhood the following day and noticed that a neighbor had a Drifters plaque on his Jeep. Fortunately, he was out washing it and I approached him to get more information on the club. I introduced myself to Don Rybarczyk and he told me about the club. He was gracious enough to invite me to a monthly meeting and I soon began my journey to becoming a member.

My Jeep is a 2017 Wrangler Unlimited Rubicon and she is red with black interior. The Jeep has a 4" Mopar lift, came equipped with a winch, Mopar 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary bumpers and rolled on 35" tires and 17" Method wheels. I have since added Poison Spyder fenders and bumpers, KMC wheels, larger 37" tires, an Alpine stereo with GPS, and some performance upgrades. In the future, I would like to upgrade the front brakes to a larger caliper and rotor and maybe add a tent to the roof. I now fully understand why "JEEP" is the acronym for "Just Empty Every Pocket."

To give you some history on me, I have been off-roading since I was 10 years old. I rode and raced dirt bikes for several years, built and lifted Toyota 4x4 pick-ups, and love the freedom of riding or driving on or off-road. Besides the Jeep, I own a Can Am X3 xRS side by side, a Husqvarna FE-450 enduro bike and a Harley Davidson Ultra Limited touring motorcycle. I am also in the process of building a 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback which was the first car I ever drove as a licensed driver.

I consider myself a "car guy" and share my love of off-roading with my wife, Annette, and our children, Val #4 (21) and Erin (27). We are a close-knit family who enjoys camping, playing games, and the great outdoors. We split our time between camping in the desert and the dunes and riding our Harley on the open road. As our children pursue their education and careers, Annette and I are planning to retire in the near future and looking forward many great adventures with the Drifters Jeep Club.

In closing, I would like to thank Don for sponsoring us and the membership of the Drifters Jeep Club for allowing Annette and me to join the club!



**2019-2020  
Trail Bosses**

<p><b><u>January 2019</u></b></p> <p>Dave Peifer Arnold Taffoya (these were picked in Aug of 2017)</p>	<p><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p>Dan Hankla Ray Kimpton Robert Smith Frank Wagner</p>	<p><b><u>September</u></b></p> <p>Patrick Fay PPP</p>
<p><b><u>February</u></b></p> <p>Mike Bricker Dave Gothard Joey Morrison Keith Clark</p>	<p><b><u>June</u></b></p> <p>Joe Kiser Dan Calva Doug Marshall Gary Parkin</p>	<p><b><u>October</u></b></p> <p>Jim Morrison Greg Cunningham Bob Bissell David Meyer</p>
<p><b><u>March</u></b></p> <p>Dave Peifer Matt Vanscovy Rob Piche Pete Dewhurst</p>	<p><b><u>July</u></b></p> <p>Reg Bale Mark Bargman Steve Sturdevant Huntley Graham Eldon Dekkenga</p>	<p><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p>Rick Buckley Fred Valdepena Jerry Torrey John Williams</p>
<p><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p>Don Rybarczyk Mark Phelps Mike Rydell Chris Blalock Larry Patton</p>	<p><b><u>August</u></b></p> <p>Arnold Taffoya Karlann Bennett Gaither Vaughn John Bur</p>	<p><b><u>December</u></b></p> <p>Frank Cattern Shawn Gilpin Vince Ruesch Tom Freeman</p> <p><b><u>January 2020</u></b></p> <p>Daryl Romano Davin Gothard Ricky Buckley Norman Miller</p>

# August 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  <i>Club Meeting</i>	2	3
4  <i>Gaither Vaughn</i>	5  <i>Norm Gerwien</i>	6	7	8	9	10  <i>Jerry Torrey</i>
11	12  <i>Eileen Cunningham</i>	13  <i>Rick Buckley Jr</i>	14  <i>Patrick Fay</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23  <i>Club Run</i>	24  <i>Club Run</i>
25  <i>Club Run</i> <i>Robert Smith</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31  <i>Norm Miller</i>

John Bur (909) 240-5393  
Arnold Taffoya (909) 247-4227  
Karlann Bennett (909) 997-8336  
Gaither Vaughn (949) 680-5177

## August Run Coyote Flat Trail

### August 23, 24 & 25. Coyote Flat trail, Eastern Sierras out of Big Pine.

We will be camping at Glacier Lodge Campground, which is up the road past Sage Flat campground.

Directions: Take US-395 North toward Adelanto/Bishop. Big Pine is about 16 miles south of Bishop. The best place for fuel is still the Fort Independence Travel Plaza in Independence. You will continue north on US-395 until you reach Big Pine. Turn left at W Crocker Ave. There is a Shell station and a Hi Country Market & Hardware and a Chevron station. You will lose cell phone reception after passing the houses on this street.

It is still recommended to disconnect tow vehicles from motorhomes before driving up this hill. There is one major change from last year and that is the campground. We will be camping at Glacier Lodge campground, because both Sage Flat campgrounds were full during the pre-run time. They do not take reservations. Large motorhomes (over 35 feet) are NOT recommended at Glacier Lodge campground. There are a few possibilities:

Those with motorhomes can try to find a space at Sage Flat, but you better get there early on Friday. You can drive up the hill in your Jeep and hang out with the rest of us.

Leave the motorhome at home and bring a tent.

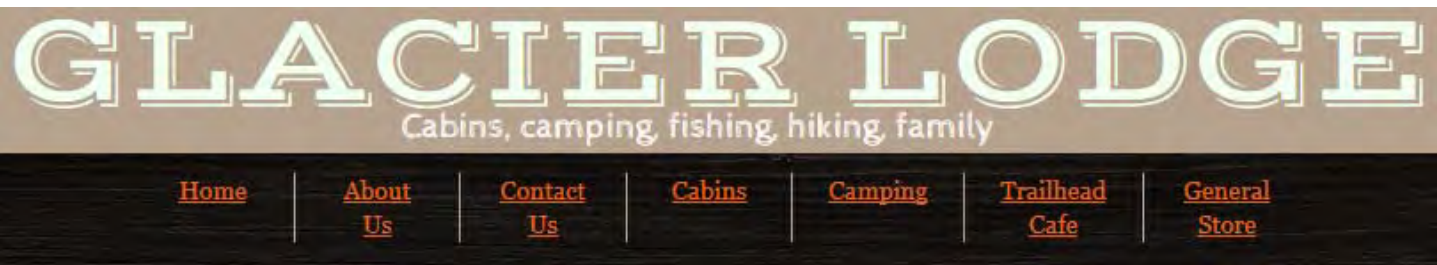
Glacier Lodge has a limited number of cabins for rent at \$159 per night for a one bedroom that can accommodate four people. There are a couple of two bedroom cabins for \$269 per night. I think two nights are required. The cabins have showers and toilets.

There were some fifth wheel trailers in some spots, but you can contact the campground for size limitations.

The campground has a Saturday night BBQ, which was pretty good and saves a trip down the hill. There is also a great BBQ place in Big Pine called Copper Top BBQ, which I would recommend for Friday night dinner.

This trail is rated at 4 with a couple of 6 sections. Stock vehicles are not recommended. You might be able to do part of the trail and turn around at the 6 section and head back to camp or Big Pine.

I have reserved a primitive group site at Glacier Lodge that will hold six people. There are two sites with primitive electric hook ups (110 plugs). I would need confirmation on attendance before reserving those sites. (these also hold six apiece I believe). You can contact the camp at 760-938-2837; [GlacierLodge395@AOL.com](mailto:GlacierLodge395@AOL.com); and the web site [GlacierLodge395.com](http://GlacierLodge395.com)



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# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		3  <i>Linda Torrey</i>	4	5  <i>Club Meeting</i>	6	7  <i>Connie Bur</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20  <i>PPP Club Run</i>	21  <i>PPP Club Run</i>
22  <i>PPP Club Run</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28  <i>Pomona Fairground</i>
29  <i>Pomona Fairground</i> <i>Frank Cattern</i> 	30					

## September Run



# Past Presidents Picnic, 2019!!

### **NEWPORT DUNES WATERFRONT RESORT**

**September 20, 21, 22     \$135.00**

*Arrive anytime on Friday after 12 noon & depart Monday by  
11:00 am*

*If you can't stay until Monday, you can stay **all day** on Sunday  
and enjoy a full weekend!!*

***Payment of \$135 should be made to:***

***DRIFTERS JEEP CLUB***

*Book up to 4 additional days, before or after PPP for just \$45 per  
night. Additional days can be booked by calling Newport Dunes  
directly at 949-729-3863. Tell them you are part of the  
'**DRIFTERS 2019**' group to get the discounted rate.  
Payment in full is required at the time that you book it.*

***Reservations for additional days can be made starting  
Monday, 4/8/19***

*There are also a few bayfront sites available at  
\$99/night if you want to upgrade.*

*Cottages are also available at \$99/night.*

*Any questions, call Karyn Gerwien @ 909-553-1166*

# Business Listings Members only

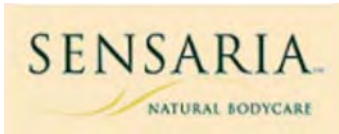


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