



The Gopher Trap

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Meeting Day: First Friday of the month — **Time:** 6:30 PM

Location: Wyandotte Grange - 4910 Foothill Blvd.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

Ophir Gopher Jeep Club

Apr. 5 Wyandotte Grange (Friday)

Apr. 13 Eagle Mine (Subject to weather change)

Wyandotte Grange

Apr. 7 Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM. \$8.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12. Pancakes, ham, eggs, juice and coffee

Apr. 10 Bunco 6:00 PM, \$5.00

Apr. 20 Ham Dinner, \$10.00, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM



OGJC MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2019 MEETING

Meeting called to order by Jerry Roberson, President, at 6:37 p.m.

Attendees:

Members:

Judy Bennett
Cheryl Casagrande
Kevin & Mary Casagrande
Joie Cherry
Sharon Cherry
Troy & Jody Jobe
John & Glenda Morse
Jackie Peterson
Jerry & Bev Roberson
Keith Van Zandt
Carl & Nadine

Webb Guests:

Miguel Madrigal
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Vanessa Purdy

Secretary's Report – Joie Cherry, Secretary Motion made by Cheryl, seconded by Kevin, to accept the minutes of the February meeting as written. – Called to vote and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Judy Bennett, Treasurer Cal4WDA dues being raised from \$45/year to \$50/year beginning in July. Individual members will be able to login to pay their dues online with Cal4WDA.

OGJC dues will remain \$10/month. Judy will provide info how to login at next meeting.

Motion made by John, seconded by Keith, to

accept the treasurer's report as presented.
-Called to vote and motion carried.

Delegate's Report – Kevin Casagrande, in lieu of David Casagrande, Delegate

Three of the four bylaws proposals passed. OHMVR program is now forever, but still needs to recover funds. 2020 Convention will be in Clovis with a Western theme. All events will be on one day. Pay for main event, separate charge to attend banquet dinner. RV spaces on site and a few hotels in town.

Trail Master's Report – Keith VanZandt, Trail Master

French Creek run has been moved to Sunday, March 10. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Lakeside Market. There may be too much snow for the April run to Eagle Mine and the May run to Stagg Point. Will consider alternatives.

Old Business:

The wording for the OGJC Facebook page was approved. Consider adding some safety requirements and/or having a liability waiver for guests on runs.

Business cards were passed out to members.

Feather Fiesta Days Parade: – Applications online have not been made available. Should be on Exchange Club site by the weekend. OGJC will participate in the parade, but wait on a booth until next year. Consider a couple rigs in the car show. BBQ at Morse Farms in the afternoon.

New Business:

Former OGJC member, Ron Vance, passed away on Sunday, February 3, 2019. His memorial will be Saturday, March 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Foothill Community Church. Reception still needs food, contact Sharon if bringing anything. Estimate 100 people.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.
Dinner at Shakey's

Respectfully submitted,
Joie Cherry, Secretary

TRAILMASTER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2019

Keith Van Zandt, Trailmaster

First off thanks to Carl for taking the lead on this run, fine job.

Six of us headed for the French Creek area and the grave site if possible.

Well one of us only made it to the air down spot, still on the pavement. Do I hear a bell?

We made a left just after the bridge and found a fresh wash-out that stopped the progress on that road.

We tried going up stream just before the bridge and found that washed out too.

We headed for the Peavine Creek area and found enough mud, ruts, water crossings and snow to keep us entertained.

I saw one passenger bail out, I think there would have been another if the door wasn't so close the ground.

I hope everyone had a good time.

We will need to come up with a different destination for April.

Too much snow to get to Eagle Mine.



FRENCH CREEK RUN MARCH 10, 2019

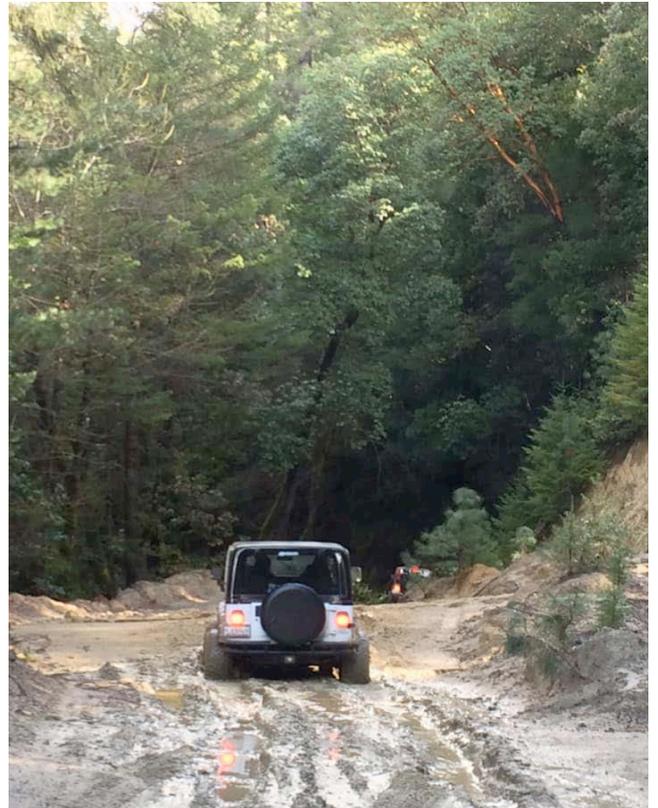


FIRST THERE WAS SIX.

RECENT WASHOUT.



THEN THERE WERE FIVE.



President's Report for March 2019

Greetings fellow Ophir Gophers...I hope ya'll have been staying warm and dry during this wet month of March. It's exciting to see Lake Oroville filling up and the deep snow in the mountains that will continue to supply us with water during the summer.

I'm looking forward to hearing the stories from the March run to French Creek. The photos and videos left me on the edge of my seat. I'm sure there's more to be told either at the next meeting or around the meal table after.

Bev and I had a great time in Nashville. I'm sure you could tell by our Facebook posts. We tried to eat and drink our way through the city, but we're certain we came up a bit short. That means another trip will probably be in our future. It is a wonderful city with wonderful people and great music. If you've never been, it surely needs to go on your bucket list.

As we embark on the journey of increasing the club membership, I plan to share statistics from our Facebook page. From February 24 to March 23, our posts reached 210 people which is a 32% increase over the previous reporting period. The page had 334 engagements which is a 23% increase. Lastly, we have 5 new "likes" to the page. It seems the club exposure is increasing. I believe our future is bright. Keep up the good work of promoting our gem of a club.

That's it for my March report. Looking forward to seein' ya'll at the next meeting.

Bless your hearts.

Jerry Roberson, President