



THE GOPHER TRAP

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Meetings: First Friday of the Month 6:30 pm
Wyandotte Grange, 4910 Foothill Blvd., Oroville
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Events

- Mar. 1, 7:30-10:30 am
Grange Breakfast
\$8
- Mar. 6, 6:30 pm
Meeting
Jerry & Bev's house
- Mar. 6-7
Grange Rummage
Sale
- Mar. 8
Daylight Savings
Spring Forward!
- Mar. 11, 6:00 pm
Grange Bunco
\$5
- Mar. 17
St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 21
Prairie City SVRA Run
- Mar. 21, 5:00-6:30 pm
Grange Dinner
\$10, Corned Beef



From the Previous Editor

Dear Gophers,

It has been my pleasure to be the Gopher Trap editor all these years. I could not believe how long I'd been the editor. To tell the truth if it was not for the fact that my computer had been driving me crazy for the last 6 months, I would still be the Trap editor (I do miss it.) But new computers are expensive and low on my priorities right now.

Anyway, I wish to thank everyone for the generous gift and let it be known that it will allow me to feed my passion and buy me a ton of books. Thank you all and when I get a new computer, I will let it be known and that I would gladly take the editor position back if it became available again.

Best of luck with the newsletter Joie. I like your new look and honored you kept some of my formatting.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Barbara Van Zandt

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Straight from the Gopher's Mouth

Joie Cherry, Secretary

Minutes of the February 7, 2020 Meeting

- Meeting called to order by Jerry Roberson, President, at 6:35 p.m. at Wyandotte Grange.
- Attendees:
 - Members: Judy Bennett; David Casagrande; Kevin & Watson Casagrande; Sharon Cherry; Joie Cherry, Vanessa Purdy & Deagan Hartshorn; Troy Jobe; Miguel Madrigal; Jerry & Bev Roberson; Keith Van Zandt
 - Guests: Doug Bell; Gail Coleman; Charlie Miller; Dan Tiedemann; Mark Trainor
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Troy.
- Secretary's Report – Joie Cherry, Secretary
 - Motion made by Judy, seconded by Sharon, to accept the minutes of the December meeting as written.
 - Called to vote and motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Judy Bennett, Treasurer
 - Motion made by Kevin, seconded by Bev, to approve the treasurer's report.
 - Called to vote and motion carried.
- Delegate's Report – David Casagrande, Delegate
 - North District meeting
 - Cal4Wheel would like to promote side-by-sides, but they are not covered by the insurance.
 - Assembly Bill 5: Contract people must now be employees. Most are becoming LLC, for natural resource consultants.
 - Currently 3500 members, still down.
 - 409 members attended Winter Fun Festival.
 - Oceano is slowly being closed down.
 - Cal4Wheel bringing back bricks for the wall as a fundraiser. Date TBD.
 - Scholarships will be given away at Convention. Mary has applied.
 - Reach Air Medical has partnered with Cal4Wheel. Memberships start at apx \$65/yr.
 - Will be voting on proposed bylaws at Convention.
 - Win-A-Jeep will be given away at Convention on Saturday night.
- Trail Master's Report – Keith Van Zandt, Trail Master
 - February 8 run: meet at Lakeside at 9:00 am. Not expecting much snow.
- Old Business
 - None

- New Business
 - Dan reported on Sierra Pacific Industries doing a “swap” with USFS. It is a bad deal as there will be far less access to public lands. David stated Cal4Wheel is aware and involved. To help stop these swaps, write to Doug LaMalfa and attend meetings at LaMalfa’s office.
 - David reported the Grange was once again broken into. This is the third time. Food, sodas, TP, paper towels, and pictures were taken.
 - Congrats to Judy who got a new 4wd: Subaru Crosstrek.
 - Jerry requested more info regarding the monthly bank charge. It is due to the club no longer having Non-Profit status. Joie will research how to get Non-Profit and what banks will waive fees.
 - Jerry recommended a bylaws change for new member requirements

- Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

- Dinner at Francisco’s.

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Off the Beaten Path

Keith Van Zandt, Trail Master

Greetings fellow Gophers.

If you went on our Devil's Gap Snow Run, I think you got your money’s worth. It was a beautiful day for a drive in the woods.

Jerry took the lead on this trip. Our first stop was at the Lost Creek Res. dam. Then on to Sly Creek Res. dam. A quick tour of the facilities and it was on up the hill toward the warming hut that overlooks Little Grass Res. We found a sunny spot for lunch. So far so good.



Shortly after lunch we found snow. We found enough snow that big tires and plenty of ground clearance were required. We found the conditions tough enough that getting to the warming hut was just not possible. The decision was made to take the short cut back to the highway, rather than back track all the way out. This required considerable trail breaking and difficult sections for some.

We got back to the pavement about 4:00, so this was a plenty long day. I had a good time, I hope everyone else did, too.



The March run is to Prairie City SVRA. Go to http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1221 for SVRA info.

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Delegate's Report

David Casagrande

Just a few notes from 2020 in Clovis, CA:

After listening to both candidates for President, I changed my mind and voted for Jack Chapman. He sounded like the better choice and yes, he did win.

Candidates for state treasurer:

Debbie Stephens, Renee Allen, and Russ Chung from the south district.

After 2 votes trying to get a majority, Russ Chung won the vote.

Bylaws:

You can read the actual bylaw proposals in the In-Gear

#1 - no

#2 - no

#3 - yes

#4 - yes

#5 - yes

#6 - no

Lots of discussion on the #1 and #6 proposals.

Announcement:

- Our very own Mary Casagrande won a scholarship. She can give the details.

- The jeep was won by someone in southern California

- Donations to the association from clubs and events totaled about 37,000 which is about normal.

- The association is still working on getting insurance to have side by sides at our association events.

That's it, folks.

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Camp Food

Barbara Van Zandt

Bubble and Squeak



Prep Time: 5-10 min

Cook Time: 15-20 min

Servings: 4-6 large or
8-10 small

Ingredients

- 1 small head of cabbage or 1/2 large head, chopped
- 5 medium potatoes, sliced in bite size wheels
- 1 or 2 Polish or Kielbasa type sausages
- 1 cup water

Directions

In a large pot or frying pan, layer chopped cabbage, potatoes, sausage, then repeat until all ingredients are used. Add water, cover, and simmer until cabbage and potatoes and sausages are cooked, about 15 or 20 minutes.

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Winning

Mary won a scholarship from Cal4Wheel at Convention this year! This will help her continue her current schooling she has been working so hard at.



Congrats, Mary!!! You really deserve it!

The winch Joie won at Winter Fun Festival arrived! Now for the install.



Oroville Community Blood Drive

Thursday, March 5
1 – 5 p.m.
Oroville Sports Club
2600 Oro Dam Blvd.

This lifesaving event is sponsored in part by Oroville Sports Club

Please bring a photo ID
Please eat well and drink plenty of water prior to donating

Donors will receive a limited edition St. Patrick's Day Blood Donor T-shirt.



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