

THE ROUGHWHEELERS
2023 Vanderbilt Lane
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

FIRST CLASS MAIL



THE FOUR LETTER WORD

The Four Letter Word is a publication of the Roughwheelers Four Wheel Drive Club to entertain and inform our members and friends. We would be glad to hear from you and/or your club.

JULY 2018 – MILLER JEEP TRAIL



THE FOUR LETTER WORD

July 2018

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WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, July 13th, 2018 from 8-10pm

At: Redondo Rod & Gun Club,
2023 Vanderbilt Ln, Redondo Beach, CA. 90278
Free parking is across from Carl's Jr, and near
the corner of Artesia and Blossom.

BBQ – There will be a BBQ before the meeting. The coals should be ready by 6:45-7:00pm.

BOARD MEETING:

The Board Meetings will be held one half hour prior to the General Meeting at our meeting place. The Board Meeting is open to club members only.

July Run: July 27-29 Miller Jeep Trail
(Cruise Run/Base Camp)

Mailing Address:

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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

(Please send any corrections to Katrina)

July 15 / August 14

Birthdays

- Tessa (Serge's daughter) 7/21
- Karen 7/22
- Tuvia 7/24
- Efrat 7/24
- Mynor 7/31
- Kristina (Jerry's daughter) 7/31
- Joanna 8/4
- Frank 8/6
- Steve 8/9

Memberships (July)

- None

Weddings (July)

- None

Members in Memoriam (July)

- None

NOTE: Future Newsletters will feature Birthdays from the 15th to the 14th of each month. Also, as a member, if your Birthday, Membership or Anniversary is not mentioned, please contact me to update our records.

EDITORS NOTE: This newsletter belongs to the club, and any items you may want to include are welcome, space permitting. This includes our friends at CA4WD and El Mirage OHV.

The **DEADLINE** for the **upcoming** newsletter is **Wednesday July 25th, 2018.**

Contact me at katrina.lyter@gmail.com

Club Website: <http://www.roughwheelers.com>

Club Facebook Page: The Roughwheelers – Off Road Club



The Roughwheelers IV Wheel Drive Club

ROUGHWHEELERS GENERAL MEETING (Called to order at 8:00 pm)

ROUGHWHEELERS 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

June 8, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

20 Members Jim Leamon-Karen Lykins-Stanley Lykins-Montego-Mynor Moreno
Katrina Lyter-Dennis Wensauer-Phil Marsh-Mike Lynch-Alan Thomen
Nathan Asdourian-Delia Crochetiere-Noel Park-Frank Roberts
Heidi Roberts-Jerry Bullard-Tuvia Pomeranitz-Efrat Pomeranitz
Bruce Ward-Steve Telenko

3 Guests Mason Klein
Larry Penners/Teresa Pedroza

Called to order at 8:00pm

2 items to be discussed before the meeting.

Item 1: Club Flag

Nathan brought it to the attention of everyone the Roughwheeler Flag that Stanley previously discussed. It represents our 50 year anniversary. Questioned how many people would purchase. Motion was made to purchase 25 flags to lower our cost. Our cost would be \$17.90+. Motion was seconded. Nathan to finalize and get actual cost to Tuvia.

Item 2: The club has a perspective member that has fulfilled his membership requirements.

Andrew Steffy and girlfriend, Amanda Oskierko have attended 3 meetings and 3 runs, Elmo, Jawbone and our 2017 Christmas Party.

No one had anything to say about them and the club voted. The vote was conducted by hand vote. Andrew Steffy and Amanda Oskierko were voted into the club.

- Noel welcomed all members and guests.
- Had guests introduce themselves.
- Had the minutes of the previous meeting approved as printed.
- Announced all Birthdays, Anniversaries, Memberships and Memoriams for June and all upcoming events.

REPORTS

President	Absent	No report. Preparing to leave on vacation to Alaska.
V-President	Present	Filling in for the President. Reported that he talked to Sam and Was informed that Dave and Toni Telenko, as well as Tuvia and Efrat are also going to make the trip to Alaska.
Secretary	Present	No report. Passed out windshield flyers. Gave Monthly run sign In sheet to Wagonmaster.
Treasurer	Present	Reported on all our finances.
Editor	Present	No report.
Wagon Master	Present	Discussed the upcoming trip to Big Bear.
Serg-at-Arms	Present	We have a raffle.
Safety Chairman	Present	No report. Gauze to be replenished. Will purchase and present Invoice to the Treasurer.
CA4WDA Delegate	Present	No report.
El Mirage Liaison	Present	No report.
Historian	Present	Reported on another old trip report from 1970. This one was on Anza Barrego.

Refreshments July – Tuvia Pomeranitz

Trip Reports

- Mynor Moreno reported on the Calico trail at Hi Desert Round-up.
- Bruce Ward reported on the Blue Moon trail at Hi Desert Round-up.
- Montego reported on Looking for the Arrows.

Awards

Ace Driver:	Not awarded.
Master Mechanic:	Not awarded.
Back Seat Driver:	Tuvia for breaking the bank.
Phyllis Diller:	Frank Roberts for leaving a donut bag on a trip. Mike Lynch for leaving a candy wrapper. Nathan Asdourian for leaving a dog leash and child's chair at the Hi Desert Round-up.

BREAK

Old Business Jim

New Business

- Refreshments
August – Jim Leamon September – Mike Lynch
October – Frank Roberts November – Dennis Wensauer
December – Karen Lykins
- Quarterly BBQ
The coals should be ready by 6:30pm next month. Bring your desired Meat to BBQ and a side dish to share with everyone.
- Vehicle Check
Our annual vehicle check will be held on July 14, 2018 at 4 Wheel Parts in Redondo Beach, CA. It will be held from 9am to 3pm. Final arrangements will be advised in the July newsletter.
- T-Shirts
Extra T-shirts. Anyone wanting to purchase for \$5.00 each. Money to go to the Treasurer. (2 sold)
- El Mirage Clean-Up
El Mirage has asked us for some help in cleaning up some of the other trails At the OHV Recreation Area. They said how well we do with our own trail. They explained that they have exceeded the monetary budget for this year and really need the help.

Fines \$2.00.

Attendance Raffle

The winner was Keith Graham. As he was not attendance for the raffle, the amount goes to \$20.00 for next months meeting.

Monthly Raffle

The winners for the June monthly meeting are the following:

	Montego	Mike Lynch
	Delia Crochetiere	Dennis Wensauer
	Jerry Bullard (2)	Mynor Moreno
	Larry Penner (2)	Alan Thomen
	Frank Roberts	Bruce Ward
Grand Prize:	Mason Klein	

Eligibility Requirements for the last 18 months: **January 2017 thru June 2018**

Tim Medina	2 meetings	0 runs
Amy Kleinhenz	4 meetings	2 runs – Dish Pan/Holcomb - Jawbone
Givino Rossini	1 meetings	1 run – Jawbone
Gary Neese	4 meetings	0 runs
Larry and Teresa Penners	9 meetings	2 runs – Jawbone – Miller Jeep
Mario Lopez	2 meetings	1 run – Elmo
Mason Klein	3 meetings	0 runs
Ryan Stephens	3 meetings	2 runs – Elmo – Cougar Buttes
Nick Drinkwalter	1 meeting	3 runs – Salton Sea – John Bull – Miller Jeep
John Cordell	1 meeting	0 runs
Brandi Townsend	1 meeting	0 runs
Christian Norris	1 meeting	0 runs
Matt Taylor	1 meeting	0 runs
Randal Miller	1 meeting	0 runs
Steve Moreno	1 meeting	0 runs
Frank Gilliland	2 meeting	1 run – Miller Jeep
James Stamdardi	1 meeting	0 runs
Jeff Lovell	1 meeting	0 runs
Ses Gonzales	1 meeting	0 runs
Lisa Cox	1 meeting	0 runs
Peter Yaskowitz	1 meeting	0 runs
Russ Ruhe	1 meeting	0 runs
Dennis Kinzebach	0 meeting	1 run – Jawbone
Terri Straub	1 meeting	
Audrey Benavidez	0 meeting	1 run – Elmo
AJ/Heather Stamatelatos	0 meeting	2 run – Elmo – Salton Sea
Steve Marlett	0 mmeeting	2 run – Elmo – Jawbone
Jason Loew	0 meeting	1 run – Elmo

PRE TRIP INFORMATION

RUN: Miller Jeep Trail
WHEN: July 27-29
LEAVE: TBD
RUN TYPE: Cruise Run/Base Camp
TERRAIN: Mountain dirt roads, switchbacks, rocks, steep hill climb.
MAPS: AAA – DeLorme – Google Earth.
DIRECTIONS: Get to the 405 North to the 5 North, towards Frazier Park/Gorman. Exit at Smokey Bear Road. Make a left turn and go under the freeway to the stop sign. Turn left on Pyramid Lake Road and within 100-200 feet, make a hard right turn onto a dirt road, Hungry Valley Road. Continue on the dirt road to Ranger kiosk, pay fee for 1 night stay only. Continue on to the first campground, Lane Ranch Campground. Set up camp for the night. If the site is full, go to the next camp site.
COORDINATES: To be advised.
THE PLAN: TBD
LAST GAS/SUPPLIES: Gas stations in Gorman or Frazier Park.
TRAIL RATING: 2 to a 4+ or higher.
BRING: Firewood, clothing for cool nights/hot days, water, food, sunscreen and
CB: Channel 4 (always).
HAM: 146.440
WAGONMASTER: TBD
REMEMBER: Spare tire, jack, parts, and tools.



CALIFORNIA FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Advocating for recreation since 1959

WHO WE ARE... We're the California Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc. Since 1959, our non-profit organization has actively promoted the advancement of vehicle oriented outdoor recreation. Today, association represents over 8,000 members and 160 member clubs. We are the largest organization of this type in California and represent owners of all makes and models of 4WD vehicles, as well as non-owners who support responsible vehicle-oriented recreation.

Following are the up-coming events hosted by CA4WDA:

Sierra Trek	August 9-12, 2018	Near Truckee, CA
High Sierra Poker Run	September 31-August 2, 2018	Near Shaver Lake, CA
Operation Desert Fun	October 19-21, 2018	Highway 78, Ocotillo Wells, CA

Following are the quarterly meetings for CA4WDA: July 28, 2018 and October 27, 2018

Holcomb Creek - June Club Run

Trip Report for Big Bear/Holcomb Creek Trail
By Katrina Lyter

Mynor and guest began their trip at 0700 Friday morning, departing early and arriving at the Crab Flats Campground by midday. They claimed a campsite, and indulged in some cold libations and had a relaxing afternoon. They camped the night, and were joined by guest Mason Klein around midnight (Mason got a late start leaving home, and then was further delayed when he had to help a Kia Minivan navigate down a jeep trail in the dark just outside of the Crab Flats area). Hubs and his grandson stayed in a motel in Big Bear Friday night, and Katrina and guest drove into Crab Flats in the morning so the drivers meeting was held and we got en route to the trail shortly after 8:30am Saturday morning.

The trail began with a large rock garden at the gate keeper, and soon after we lined up, two JKU's lined up behind us and we watched Mynor navigate effortlessly over the gatekeeper. Katrina's pass over the gatekeeper was less-effortless, getting snagged at a few spots but ultimately getting through without a tug. Mason was next, and took a high right line and at one point looked like he was going to pancake on his side. But with a little skinny pedal he was able to right himself and get through alright. Hubs and grandson make it through the gatekeeper with no issue.

We continued up the trail past a few smaller gardens, and stopped to take some pictures and were passed by the 2 JKU's. We continued on and got to a water crossing where we had to wait for a group that was just passing through (total 5 rigs or so) to finish up and idle by us. Everyone got through this first water crossing okay, and we broke on the otherside under a tree for lunch. We spent most of our lunch eyeing a tow rig that was some dude's trail rig, and it was beefy to say the least.



We finished up lunch and continued on to a second water crossing, where we found the 2 JKU's that had passed us earlier. The first guy tried to take a right line, slid off, and was pretty well caught on his front and rear diff's. He was trying to jack himself out of this hairy situation, but it wasn't working. It was decided he needed a tug from his buddy behind him, and after that, he was able to navigate out of the water crossing with the help of Mynor as spotter.



Our whole group made it through this section with no issue, and with that we finished up the trail and headed down into Fawnskin. We stopped to air up at the fire station, and an older gentlemen stopped in his Toyota pickup and was talking to us up behind Big first come first serve and we should use it sometime! Friendly nice guy. We finished airing up and then went over to the North Shore café for burgers. Hubs and grandson headed home because they had a long drive ahead, and the rest of us followed suit post burgers. Overall, a successful trip led by wagon-dis-aster Mynor and a fun day up in Bear.



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FIRE RESTRICTIONS SHOULDN'T EXTINGUISH CAMPING TRIP

BY TOM SEVERIN | JUNE 13, 2018 | 2018 ARTICLES, CAMPING, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, EQUIPMENT



Summer is almost here. In southern California, that means fire restrictions take effect soon.

While these restrictions seem to put a crimp on your camping, it's really just a minor inconvenience. You still get to enjoy the outdoors. It's just a different style of camping.

During these periods, campfires and charcoal grilling are banned except in designated areas.

I anticipate the restrictions will take effect around June 29. Even though it's an annual occurrence, many campers forget. They get all the way to the camping grounds only to find the area is under a fire restriction.

Consider yourself warned: Fire restrictions for California are coming. By the way, those restrictions aren't limited to California. They are in effect year-round in various national parks and wilderness areas, as well as at higher altitudes. In some places, campfires are restricted to maintain the natural beauty and features of the area. Always check for the latest information on the public lands you will be visiting.

Liquid fuel provides the answer

The solution lies in liquid fuel. Most people use propane, but camp fuel (often called white gas) is also an option.

In lieu of a charcoal grill, you'll use a gas fired camp stove or grill. The Dutch oven is replaced with sauce pans and, for some dishes, a pressure cooker. You can cook just about anything you normally would.

I take a Char-Broil Gas Tabletop Grill (model 465133010) to use for grilling steaks, hamburgers, and hotdogs. These are so cheap at Target that you might be tempted to buy a new one someday instead of cleaning it! I removed the side handles for more compact packing.



Accessories for the stove broaden your cooking possibilities. I have the nifty Coleman Camping Oven. A metal box that sits on the gas stove, it's great for baking a few potatoes, heating up appetizers, and baking Cinnabons. The box folds up when not in use, and therefore takes up almost no space.

Don't forget to get a camp fire permit. It's free and available at most ranger stations. They just want to review safe & permitted fire operations with you. A permit is required for liquid fuel fires too.

Camp Fires

The biggest challenge you'll notice during a fire restriction involves the campfire. Or lack thereof. (Assuming you're not at a designated campsite.) Thankfully, there are propane options available to you. That's right: a campfire fueled by propane.



I have a propane campfire pit made by Camp Chef (model GCIOG), and I really like it. At 16" wide, it sports a sturdy base and comes with a supply of lava rocks. They produce a very natural-looking fire. Once in the carrying case provided, it is about 6" high. The best part is the lack of smoke. No matter which way the wind blows, there are no stinging eyes or noses. At the right setting, you can enjoy a soft fire just perfect for a camping night.

Turn it up for more heat, but realize that you'll burn through your propane quickly. An 11 lb. (2.5 gallon) tank might get you through a weekend, but a 20 pounder (5 gallons) is better. Pack an extra tank for insurance.

My fire pit uses about 1 gallon of fuel each night running a low to medium flame. After one weekend you'll have a pretty good idea of how much fuel you burn. That'll help you decide how much to bring each time.

What if you don't have a propane unit? Place a lantern in the campfire pit and crank up the light. I know that sounds kitschy, but at least you and the gang have somewhere to congregate and chat. Those campfire bull sessions are so valuable.

My feeling is that if you have a group, you have to have a campfire. Even if it isn't a true campfire.

Packing for fire restrictions

When fire restrictions are in place, it is time to switch gear. You won't be taking the Dutch oven, charcoal grill, briquettes, and firewood. Instead you'll pack the gas fire pit, camp stove, propane BBQ grill, other liquid fuel appliances, and the necessary fuel.

Propane tanks can be carried inside or outside the vehicle. I bolt an 11 pounder onto the tire carrier. I found a quality bracket from Power Tank (<https://powertank.com/>) to mount the 11 lb. tank.



Due to the dry conditions, you should have a fire extinguisher, shovel, and water. But you should anyway. Those are basic 4WD supplies and gear.

Fire restrictions are common, in California and elsewhere. The right gear and mindset will allow you to enjoy a fun camping trip regardless.

ROUGHWHEELERS VEHICLE INSPECTION



On Saturday, July 14, 2018, the Roughwheelers 4 Wheel Drive Club will hold their Annual Vehicle Inspection Day. All members and guests are invited to attend.

Vehicle Inspection Day will be held at the 4Wheel Parts Compton at 400 W Artesia Blvd, Compton, CA 90220 at time TBD. Don't forget a chair to sit on. See you there!



CAL4WHEEL

cal4wheel.org

Using Cal4Wheel's Member Portal

All current and recent former members of Cal4Wheel have an account on our new member portal at cal4wheel.org. Here are some of its features:

- Manage your contact information
- Add/remove vehicles
- Add/remove club affiliations
- Renew your dues
- Register for events
- Make donations
- Purchase store items
- Become a volunteer
- View your awards
- View your order history
- View/change your event registration
- Manage your email preferences
- Discussion forum

How to log in:

- Go to <https://cal4wheel.org/MyAccount>
- Your user name is the email address that we had on file for you.
- If this is your first time logging in, use the 'forgot password' link to receive an email with instructions on resetting your password. Otherwise, log in with your current password.

NOTE: All current and recent Cal4Wheel members have accounts in the portal. However, if you did not have an email address on file with us, we did not set up a log in for you. To access your account, please send an email to webmaster@cal4wheel.com with your name, mailing address and the email address that you would like to use so that we can set up a log in for you. We will send further instructions once your log in is set up.

For more info, go to <https://cal4wheel.org/help>

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LOOK WHAT'S IN THE FUTURE

July 2018

- July 4 – Independence Day
- July 13 – **Roughwheelers Membership Meeting & BBQ in Redondo Beach, CA.**
- July 14 – **Roughwheelers Annual Vehicle Check @ 4Wheel Parts/Compton**
- July 22-23 – Long Beach 4 Wheel Parts Truck & Jeep Fest in Long Beach, CA
- July 27-29 – **Roughwheelers Monthly Run** to Miller Jeep Trail (Cruise Run/Base Camp)

August 2018

- August 10 - **Roughwheelers Membership Meeting Redondo Rod & Gun Club**
- August 9-12 – 21st Annual Rubicon Trail Jeep Jamboree (info at jeepjamboreeusa.com)
- August 9-12 – 51st Annual Sierra Trek in Truckee, CA (info at cal4wheel.com)
- Date TBD - **Roughwheelers Vacation Run** Rubicon (TBD)

September 2018

- August 31 - September 3 – High Sierra Poker Run by CA4WD in Shaver Lake, CA.
- September 4 – Labor Day
- September 14 - **Roughwheelers Membership Meeting Redondo Rod & Gun Club**
- September 22 – First Day of Autumn
- September 29 - **Roughwheelers Monthly Run** to Rowher Flats (Day Run)
- September 29-30 – Lucas Oil Off Road Expo in Pomona, CA.

October 2018

- October 8 – Columbus Day
- October 5-7 – Pismo Beach Jeep Fest
- October 12 - **Roughwheelers Membership Meeting & BBQ Redondo Rod & Gun Club**
- October 19-20 – Operation Desert Fun in Borrego Springs, CA by CA4WDA.
- October 26-28 - **Roughwheelers Monthly Run to El Mirage Flats** (Base Camp)
- October 31 – Halloween
- October 30 – November 2 – SEMA Show in Las Vegas, NV

November 2018

- November 2-4- 37th Annual Hump N Bump in Las Vegas, NV.
- November 4- Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 9- **Roughwheelers Membership Meeting in Redondo Beach, CA.**
- November 10 – **Roughwheelers Run Planning Meeting at Leamon/Lykins home**
- November 9-11- Panamint Valley Days in Trona, CA by CA4WDA
- November 11 – Veteran's Day
- November 22 – Thanksgiving
- November 23-25 – **Roughwheelers Monthly Run to Calico (Base Camp)**

If you have any items that you would like to be included in the next issue, send me an email. ---The Newsletter Editor

