

THE ROUGHWHEELERS
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Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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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.

JUNE 2018 – BIG BEAR/HOLCOMB CREEK



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June 2018

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WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, June 8th, 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.

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.

May Run: May 25-28, 2018 – Hi Desert
Round Up near Barstow, CA by CA4WDA.

Mailing Address:

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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

(Please send any corrections to Katrina)

June 15 / July 14

Birthdays

- Kevin (Sam's son) 6/18
- Jason (Rhonda's son) 6/29
- Keith 7/3
- Vic 7/4

Memberships (June)

- Chips & Christa 6/2006

Weddings (June)

- Andy & Yvette 6/24
- Jim & Karen 6/25

Members in Memoriam (June)

- 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 June 27th, 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)

May 11, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

17 Members Toni Telenko-Dave Telenko-Mike Solis-Mynor Moreno-Stan Lykins
Noel Park-Michael Lynch-Serge Levesque-Alan Thomen
Sam Thomson-Tuvia Pomeranitz-Efrat Pomeranitz-Nathan Asdourian
Dennis Wensauer-Philip Marsh-Steve Telenko-Keith Graham

6 Guest Ryan Stephens
Ses Gonzales
Lisa Cox
Peter Yaskowitz
Russ Ruhe
Terri Straub

Called to order at 8:00pm

Sam welcomed all members and guests.
Had guests introduce themselves.
Advised the requirements for membership.

Had the minutes of the previous meeting approved as printed.
Announced all Birthdays, Anniversaries, Memberships and Memoriams for April and all upcoming events.

REPORTS

President	Present	Advised all the upcoming dates, especially Mother's Day and Hi Desert Round-Up. No board meeting today.
V-President	Present	No report.
Secretary	Absent	No report.
Treasurer	Present	Reported on all our finances.
Editor	Absent	No report.
Wagon Master	Present	Will not be a trail leader at Hi Desert.
Serg-at-Arms	Present	We have a raffle.
Safety Chairman	Absent	No report. Gauze to be replenished.
CA4WDA Delegate	Present	No report.
El Mirage Liaison	Absent	No report.
Historian	Absent	No report.

Refreshments Jun-Alan Thomen

Trip Reports

- El Mirage Trip reported on by Sam Thomson, Mynor Moreno and Stanley Lykins.
Those in attendance were: James Leamon, Karen Lykins, Stanley Lykins, Alan Thomen, Mario Lopez, Dennis Wensauer, Jen Wensauer, Serge Levesque, Noel Park, Delia Crochetiere, Mynor Moreno, Audrey Benavidez, AJ Stamatelatos, Heather Stamatelatos, Drew Stamatelatos, Chips Mercier, Frank Roberts, Steve Telenko, Nathan Asdourian, Jonathan Asdourian, Mike Lynch, David Marsh, Andrew Steffy, Amanda Steffy, Steve Marlett, Jason Loew, Ryan Stevens, Kaitlin, Eric Lemkhul, and Serge's friend Larry.
- Big Bear Trip reported on by Mynor Moreno.

Awards Ace Driver: Mynor for venturing off by himself.
Master Mechanic: Serge for losing his nuts and can opener.
Back Seat Driver: Mynor for riding on the back of a motorcycle. Steve for back seating with Serge.
Phyllis Diller: Mynor for leaving a beer can at the campsite.

BREAK

Old Business Snoopy
No more recorded information.

New Business No recorded information.

Fines No recorded information.

Attendance Raffle Winner: Snoopy As he was in attendance for the raffle, the amount goes back to \$10.00 for next month.

Eligibility Requirements for the last 18 months:		December 2016 thru May 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	8 meetings	2 runs – Jawbone – Miller Jeep
Andrew/Amanda Steffy	3 meetings	3 run – Elmo – Jawbone – Christmas Party
Mario Lopez	2 meetings	1 run – Elmo
Mason Klein	2 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

Guest eligible for membership is Andrew and Amanda Steffy. They have fulfilled 3 meetings and 3 runs within an 18 month period.

PRE TRIP INFORMATION

RUN: Holcomb Creek (3N93) near Big Bear, CA
WHEN: June 23, 2018
LEAVE: Saturday June 23 (Tentative)
RUN TYPE: Day Run
DIRECTIONS: Take 605N to 210 East, exit 81 to CA 330N. Continue onto CA-18E once you get into Running Springs, then take the left onto CA 38W towards Fawnskin. Left at Polique Canyon 2N09, then right on 3N16 Holcomb Valley Road to arrive at Holcomb Valley Campground.
THE PLAN: To be discussed with Wagonmaster
TRAIL RATING: 8
BRING:
CB: Channel 4 always.
HAM: 146.440
WAGONMASTER: Mynor (Byrd)



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

Looking For Arrows in All the Wrong Places

Trip Report for Air Mail Arrows Trip

By Bob 'Fearless' Hughes

The night was peaceful, with only the sounds of laughter to mar the otherwise quiet time. This is the way nighttime in the desert should be spent, enjoying the solitude to be found in Owl Canyon Campground, in the Rainbow Basin National Natural Landmark. Unless, of course, the campers are rowdy members of The Roughwheelers 4 Wheel drive club, who have never really understood the concept of belly-button gazing. In spite of their natural tendencies to disturb the peace, however, there were just too few of them present to really make much noise at all. Just two, Fearless and Pappy, enjoyed the campfire that evening. Truth be told, there wasn't really much of a campfire either. Like none. Oh well, still a good evening.

Later (much later), a third member showed up, but too late (it was Montego, after all, running on Montego Time) to enjoy the tequila, er, campfire. He would have to wait until the next night's campfire. Maybe.

So Saturday morning arrived, as it usually does, and the small group packed up and journeyed on to the next stop, McDuck's in Barstow for breakfast, where the fourth member of the group was to meet up. Sam, or maybe it was Sam-I-Am, (a little hazy on that point) (it was good tequila), was there, as planned, so after some food and coffee, the group left for the expedition's objective. This took a while, though, as some clever highway engineer hid the on-ramp, necessitating a scenic tour of beautiful downtown Barstow. If only they had some sort of a sign, like a signal or a drawing or evenan..... arrow to point the way! But where would they find an arrow in this wilderness?

So on to the next stop, Afton Canyon offramp. Just a short jaunt down a dirt road, then into the raw desert, which was nothing more than soft blow sand, no problem for this intrepid group of adventurers. Well, not at first anyway. Turns out that even with superior driving skills and four wheel drive and big tires, soft blow sand will stop a towed trailer every time. This was no big deal, they were far enough from the road that the trailer was unhooked and parked where it lay, to be recovered later.

After checking the maps half a dozen times, they took off for the most-likely looking hilltop (for where else would you have an arrow?) to check it out. And another one, and another, and another. No luck yet, but after driving around a couple more hills, they saw it! Way up high! And absolutely no way up the steep walls. So around the hill to the back side, where a promising route was found. With the back side of the arrow in sight, up they went. But alas, too steep and too soft and too damn hot to hoof it up. Defeated.

Well, that didn't work so back to retrieve the trailer and set out for the next stop, Halloran Springs offramp. The arrow itself is on the top of the mesa, just behind a huge black dome, on some maps identified as "Negro head."



This time they had an experienced guide (Fearless, reallly experienced), who took them up the back side of the mesa and right to it. Easy peasey. Success at last. Time was spent enjoying the fantastic views, taking pictures of the completely intact arrow and a later-added generator shack, then back down to the wash.

Sam had a prior commitment, so peeled off and headed for home. The other three stayed there and made camp, in a truly lovely flat spot, where they enjoyed an evening of camaraderie, shared ribs and chicken, and bloody marys. Microwave oven in the desert is really nice!

The next day they drove up the highway to Cima Road off-ramp, where Pappy guided them to an old turn-of-century (nineteenth century) copper smelter, and mining camp known as Rosalie or later Valley Wells. Still later it was the headquarters for a cattle ranch, the Yates ranch. A huge cottonwood tree marks the spot, indicating the presence of water and therefore why they put the camp where they did. The smelter existed solely to refine copper ore from the nearby Copper World (some sources say Copper Queen) mine, which died in the early nineteen hundreds.

Other then the one tree, there was not a whole lot of wood available for construction purposes, so the workers lived in dugouts along the walls of the wash, using the desert hard-pan as the ceiling. I've lived in worse.

After a few photos, the group departed for home, tired but happy-for they DID find an arrow to guide them!



High Desert Roundup Trip Report

By Byrd

Stardate 95988.94

My day started on Friday evening battling the rush traffic to Vegas and the one fender bender on HWY 15 by Devore! YaY! I was following my buddy Eric in his green TJ! Once we went over the pass we decided to get dinner at the Corral!

Once feast was over we got back on the 15 where traffic had lightened up and we made great time to Slash X! I did a few introductions and got registration over with and said my good buys to Eric as he and his daughter were spending the night at a hotel! Said we would meet up at 0700! As the trail heading to Calico Ghost town departed at 0830!

Stardate 95999.97

I packed my rig for the day to come with the bare necessities and awaited for Eric! Noticed that Stan had made his way to Slash X sometime in the middle of the night! He made his way to our campsite as he had not unloaded the "pig"! Said our hellos and awaited for Noel to show up as he was also on the very small list of people that were doing the trail! Once Eric and Stan and Noel were ready, we headed to the assigned rendezvous for the trail!

We found our trail boss, got a small drivers meeting and headed with the group to Calico!

We started the Doran side of the trail and except for a few lowered Sukiz, we all made the trail seem easy! Our trail boss had told us that for the "big" obstacles we would get two shots and then we would either be winched or strapped! So we made short time of the trail!

We took a line that I have never taken that has a few S turns and a lot of small loose rocks which made the climb exiting! We finally came to a nice clearing with an awesome view! And then lunch break!

One of the kulest things the people who were in charge of the trail was that at lunch time they had a mini raffle with small kul prices, made the day even that much better!

We then started the trail down Odessa canyon!

The trail was good trail with a few interesting spots but I guess that once you start going "downhill" you just start rolling and hope for the best and not break! The two trails with a few hiccups was finished in 6 hrs! Which was good time and even with the different type of rigs we had minimal damage!

All in All the run was great and we had a lot of fun!



Special Event Report: Make-A-Wish Event-Truck Adventures

By: Nathan Asadourian

While I was somewhat disappointed that I was unable to figure out who else was interested in participating in Truck Adventures, I was quite grateful that Mynor was able and willing to volunteer his vehicle for the event. I had some doubts going in as it was raining a bit hard much of the trip out, however it was only a light sprinkle once I got there. Mynor had already checked in and was waiting for his girl to show up, we attempted to stack the rigs but after a few attempts decided to abandon the idea due to the moisture. The event started off pretty slow, though there was no shortage of trucks on display. I opted to remove my front doors, along with Mynor's driver door, in hopes to make things slightly more inviting, then climbed into the back seat and got to work on a new leash for Mazie.

Didn't get very far before a trickle of people started, first the big kids asking questions about how I liked my jeep, then the little kids started. The rest of the day went by quickly, with a steady stream of kids climbing into both vehicles, and many of the parents having a moment of WTF when they realized several minutes after their kid was in my rig, that there was someone in the back seat....Usually because the kid started trying to let the E-Brake down and I let them know they probably shouldn't play with that control...One kid switched over to the PAPA net on my ham and said a few words and were quite surprised when they got an answer back... They handed over the mic and I gave my CS and explained that I was hanging out at the event, what it was, and that one of the kids had picked up the mic and switched channels on me, the guy came back and said that sounded awesome, and he wanted to come by and check it out, but due to the 2pm closing, he wasn't able to make it.

It's kinda mind boggling just how easy it is to tell which of the kids likely would never own a jeep, and which ones are sure bets. One of the 2-3yo's stood up on the passenger seat and actually hugged my dash....Aside from a 2yo girl that was placed in the back of Mynors Jeep to pose for a picture, who then wrestled his tire iron loose and thought it was a nifty toy(at least until I jumped out and relieved her of it) things went smoothly and wrapped up just after 2pm. Here are a couple of the kids that had to explore our rigs.

I do hope that we can get a much better group together for the next event, which is at the OC Fairgrounds on Sat June 16 from 9am to 2pm(check in for participating is between 7 and 8am). We were put to shame by a group of buggies...they outnumbered us by 5x and not one of them had a roof...so they were anything but dry. I will need to know who wants to participate in the event as early as possible as space is limited. We have an upper limit of 10 vehicles, but that number will drop as the date gets closer!



Please contact Nathan Asdourian <rawliquid@gmail.com> ASAP if you are interested in this event!

LOOK WHAT'S IN THE FUTURE

June 2018

- June 8 – Roughwheelers Membership Meeting in Redondo Beach, CA.
- June 14 – Flag Day
- June 16 - Make-A-Wish Event-Truck Adventures at OC Fairgrounds
- June 17 – Father's Day
- June 23 – **Roughwheelers Monthly Run** to Big Bear (Day Run)

July 2018

- July 13 – Roughwheelers Membership Meeting & BBQ in Redondo Beach, CA.
- July 14 – Vehicle Check @ 4Wheel Parts/Compton
- 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
- Date TBD - **Roughwheelers Vacation Run** Rubicon (TBD)

September 2018

- September 14 - Roughwheelers Membership Meeting Redondo Rod & Gun Club
- September 29 - **Roughwheelers Monthly Run** to Rowher Flats (Day Run)

October 2018

- October 12 - Roughwheelers Membership Meeting & BBQ Redondo Rod & Gun Club
- October 26-28 - Roughwheelers Monthly Run to El Mirage Flats (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