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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.

MARCH 2018 – COUGAR BUTTES

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WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, March 9th, 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.

March Run: Cougar Buttes

March 23-25, 2018 (Base Camp)

Mailing Address:

The RoughWheelers
2023 Vanderbilt Lane
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

(Please send any corrections to Katrina)

March 15 / April 14

Birthdays

- Alicia 3/25
- Shyle (Serge's daughter) 3/20
- Kyra 4/7 (Mike & Alicia's daughter)
- Nicole 4/10 (Toni's daughter)
- Sandy 4/11
- Beth 4/12 (Jerry's daughter)

Memberships (March)

- Alan & Roz Thomen 3/19/2012

Weddings (March)

- Keith & Sandy Graham 3/29

Members in Memoriam (March)

- Kent (Lion) Nelson 10/14/39-3/5/2008

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, March 28th, 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)

20 Members Toni Telenko-Dave Telenko-Mynor Moreno-Jim Leamon-Karen Lykins
Stanley Lykins-Chips Mercier-Sam Thomson-Montego-Alan Thomen
Dennis Wensauer-Jenny Wensauer-Serge Levesque-Michael Lynch
Tuvia Pomeranitz-Efrat Pomeranitz-Nathan Asdourian-Dave Marsh
Karen Marsh

8 Guest Gary Neese
Andrew Steffy
Philip & Celeste Marsh
Bruce Ward
Mario Lopez
Larry Penners & Teresa Pedroza

Called to order at 8:00pm

Brought to the attention of the club, the eligibility of a guest, Dave Marsh. After discussion, a motion and 2nd to proceed with the vote. Montego gave directions on the use of the marbles. The vote was conducted. Dave Marsh and his wife Karen are welcomed to the club as new members.

Sam welcomed all members and guests.

Had guests introduce themselves.

Advised the requirements.

Had the minutes of the previous meeting approved as printed.

Announced all Birthdays, Anniversaries, Memberships and Memoriams for February and all upcoming events.

REPORTS

President Present Sam congratulated Katrina on her first newsletter. Valentine's Day is February 14. Get your wife or sweetheart something. Sam is attending the convention on Friday and Noel will be attending on Saturday and Sunday. The CA4WDA Convention will be held in Riverside, CA. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is next month. Will discuss in new business. March's monthly run is to Cougar Buttes.

V-President Absent No report

Secretary Present No Report

Treasurer Present Bank Balance \$1,099.49

Cash on Hand \$107.00

Total Today \$1,356.49

End of Year Forecast (EOY) \$466.49

Wagon Master Present Our next run is to Jawbone this month. Sam will be the Wagonmaster for this run. Look for more information on the website and emails.

Serg-at-Arms Present We have a raffle.

Safety Chair Present The kit is all in order. We need to start to think about replacing The Ham radio. Jim to get Ham radio to Sam to have the Ham Radio store in Gardena check it out. Check out info on the Spot by Nathan and Ham by Tuvia.

CA4WDA Delegate - Absent No report

El Mirage Liaison - Present No report

Historian Present Gave another fascinating report on an old trip by the Roughwheelers. April 4, 1970 to Frazier Park with the Boys from The California School for Boys.

Refreshments

Mar-Delia Crochetiere

Apr-Dennis Wensauer

May-Mike Solis

Jun-Alan Thomen

Trip Reports Superstition Mountain reported by Sam Thomson.
Rowher Flats reported by Jerry Bullard.

BREAK

Awards

Ace Driver: Noel Park for getting stuck in the sand.
Master Mechanic: Sam Thomson for supervising.
Back Seat Driver: Stanley Lykins for making his mother cry.
Phyllis Diller Not awarded.

NOTE: Frank to pay \$5.00 for not returning the Back Seat Driver Trophy.

Old Business: Snoopy

New Business: El Mirage T Shirts

Karen got the information for having our name and trail printed on the back of the El Mirage Day T-Shirt. The cost will be \$100.00 according to Sarah at the El Mirage OHV Recreation Area office. The club voted on spending the cost and approved. Karen to follow up with El Mirage office.

50 Year Anniversary Patch

Katrina designed the patch and all viewed the design. 4" circle with jeep in the center 50 year Anniversary on the top and 1968-2018 on the bottom. Motion to further explore the patch was approved and seconded.

9" Embroidery Patch

Tabled to the April meeting.

Rubicon Vacation Trip

Further discussion at the March meeting.

El Mirage Day

Our current monthly run to El Mirage OHV Recreation Area is scheduled for April 27-29, 2018. El Mirage Day is being held on May 5, 2018. It was discussed to change our date of our run to coincide with El Mirage Day. After discussion, a vote was conducted and approved to change our date to the same weekend as the El Mirage Day.

Jawbone

It will now be a one day run. Those wanting to camp are more than welcomed. About 7-8 people were interested. More info via Sam on Facebook and emails.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

After discussion, the club motion, seconded and approved to again be in the parade. Efrat will submit the application with \$50.00 for the parade.

Fines: \$5.25

Attendance Raffle Winner: Karen Lykins

Eligibility Requirements for the last 18 months: September 2016 thru February 2018

Amy Kleinhenz	4 meeting	2 runs	
Givino Rossini	2 meeting	1 run	
Philip Marsh	8 meeting	2 run	
Gary Neese	4 meeting	0 run	
Larry and Teresa Penners	7 meeting	1 run	
Bruce Ward	2 meeting	1 run	

REMEMBER: you must be present to win the Attendance Raffle.

The Roughwheelers Trail Ratings for 2018

- 1
 - Passable by stock and 2WD vehicles, improved dirt, gravel etc.
- 2
 - Scenic, touring trail ride; four-wheel drive required occasionally, some mud holes or rocks that would stop most other vehicles are traveled easily in 4WD.
- 3
 - For novice and experienced drivers alike; the most fun four-wheeling you can expect to have in a stock four-wheeler; low range may be required often.
- 4
 - Not advisable for novice drivers; potentially dangerous situations; maximum ground clearance, lowest gears, lockers, limited slips, winches, and jacks advised due to moderate to large rocks and obstacles, vehicle damage possible. Full size vehicles limited to specific trails at this rating.
- 4+
 - Not advisable for novice drivers; potentially dangerous situations; maximum ground clearance, lowest gears, and minimum tire size of 33 inches and one locker or two limited slips required; jacks and winches indispensable due to large boulders, steep inclines; vehicle damage is very likely. Full size vehicles limited to specific trails at this rating.
- 5
 - No novice drivers; dangerous situations; maximum ground clearance, lowest gears, minimum tire size of 35 inches and two lockers or limited slips required; jacks and winches indispensable due to large boulders, steep inclines; vehicle damage assured. Full size vehicles limited to specific trails at this rating.
- 5+
 - For the hard core experienced driver; extremely dangerous situations; maximum ground clearance, lowest gears, minimum tire size of 35 inches, two lockers, and winch are required. Full size vehicles limited to specific trails at this rating.



PRE TRIP INFORMATION (Retrieved from previous reports)

RUN FOR DECEMBER **Cougar Buttes Area of Johnson Valley**
WHEN: March 23-25, 2018
LEAVE: On your own time or contact other members for convoy information.
RUN TYPE: Base Camp
TERRAIN: Rocks and open desert.
GPS: 34 28 723N, 116 49.095W
DIRECTIONS: To confirm with Mynor/Byrd Wagonmaster – Take 15N exit #147 Bear Valley Rd. Turn right follow Bear Valley for 12.3 miles to Highway 18, and turn right. Follow Highway 18 for 10.5 miles to Lucerne Valley. Continue straight to Hwy 247 (Old Woman Springs Rd) for 5.3 miles and turn left on Camp Rock Rd. Go 3 miles and turn right on Astral/Cambria Rd continue straight (Road becomes Solar Rd) for 2miles and turn right towards camp.
THE PLAN: To be determined by the Wagonmasters at the drivers meeting.
LAST GAS/SUPPLIES: Lucerne Valley
TRAIL RATING: 3 to 5
BRING: Firewood, water, spare parts, sunscreen, food and clothes.
CB: Channel 4 always.
HAM: 146.440
WAGONMASTER: Mynor

NEWS FLASH – NEWS FLASH – NEWS FLASH – NEWS FLASH

Now is the time to renew your membership of \$50.00 to the club and your CA4WDA membership for \$45.00. PLEASE PAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Let's have all dues paid by March 2018.



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:

Molina Ghost Run	May 11-12, 2018	Hollister Hills State Vehicle (SVRA), Upper Ranch
Hi Desert Round Up	May 25-27, 2018	Slash X, Hwy. 146 Barstow, CA
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: January 27, 2018 and April 28, 2018

July 28, 2018 and October 27, 2018

CW4WDA Convention Trip report

By Noel Park

I attended the convention on Saturday 2/18, and Sunday, 2/19. It was very interesting to see the representatives from the northern part of the state and to hear about all of the hard work they are doing to help keep the trails in the Sierras open.

The two environmental consultants who have columns in the Cal4Wheel magazine both spoke. I was very impressed with their presentations and learned more about what they are doing. The changing of SB 249 into a favorable result was little short of a miracle IMHO. We can all be proud of the part we played as Cal4Wheel members. I learned that there are a bit less than 3500 paid up Cal4Wheel members state wide. When you think of what Cal4Wheel accomplishes to keep the trails open and the sport healthy, I think that we can take a lot of pride in our role in that as well. The President particularly complimented the clubs who have 100% Cal4Wheel membership as playing a vital role. Good on you Roughwheelers.

The office manager for Cal4Wheel made a heartfelt plea for clubs to consider shortening and simplifying the annual convention to control the cost. I took it upon myself to say that I was sure that the Roughwheelers would support any and all efforts to do so. The convention gave me a much better appreciation of what Cal4Wheel does and why it is so valuable for us to support it. I would certainly go again.

Note: Sam Thomson also attended the C4WDA meeting on Friday, February 17th and will provide his verbal trip report during the course of the March meeting.

February Trip Report to Jawbone/Cal City/Mclver's Cabin

By Katrina Lyter

We started out the morning of February 24th by all meeting at Sam's house in Inglewood. It had been decided that everyone was going to do the run as a day run, so at about 6am we started out a caravan of 12 jeeps onto the 405N. We picked up Steve on the freeway coming through the Sepulveda Pass, and Tuvia much later after our stop/gas up in Mojave. We met Noel and Delia at the turnoff off the highway (SC65 turnoff or Lost Horse Rd) close to 9am, and all circled up for a driver's meeting. I believe we had close to 15 rights plus extra children (I brought my little brothers, Dennis brought his kids, and Steve's friend in the Bronco had his little ones as well...so there were many little ones on this trip!)



It was decided that we would make our way up to McIver's Cabin and stop along the way for sightseeing pictures and recreation. About 4 miles back we stopped an old abandoned well that had since been filled in. About 8 miles into our ~20 mile trek up to the cabin we began seeing snow and Steve declared our run an "official" snow run. After coming up the pass and into the saddle of the mountain (only about 4.2mi left to go to the cabin) we stopped and let the kids out to play in the snow. Snowball fights were had all around.



We finally made it back to the cabin around 1pm and camped out for lunch. The wind was beginning to pick up at this point but it was clear and sunny, and we all sat around the cabin and ate. The cabin is apparently an old miner's cabin (there was a lone sasquatch we met who was wandering around, looking for the mine – to his dismay none of us knew where it was). Now the cabin is used by PCT hikers as it crosses the PCT and provides a welcome break/roof over their heads during their hike. Some club members added to the water bottles, cans, and other creature comforts stashed within the cabin for PCT hikers.

After about an hour break for lunch we made our pleasantly uneventful run back down the mountain, save for a few encounters with some dirtbikes and quads and a few jeeps. The wind had picked up pretty wildly by that point, and though we stopped back towards the trailhead for a final shot, most everyone went their own ways after that because it was so dang cold. Overall, a great trip led by Sam and fun day was had by all.



LOOK WHAT'S IN THE FUTURE

March 2018

- March 9, 2018 – **Roughwheelers Membership Meeting** in Redondo Beach, CA
- March 11, 2018 – Daylight Savings Starts
- March 17, 2018 – St. Patrick's Day and Parade
- March 23-25 – **Roughwheelers Monthly Run** to Cougar Buttes

April 2018

- April 1, 2018 – April Fools Day
- April 13, 2018 – **Roughwheelers Membership Meeting** in Redondo Beach, CA
- April 27-29, 2018 – **Roughwheelers Monthly Run** to El Mirage OHV Recreation Area

May 2018

- May 11, 2018 – Roughwheelers Membership Meeting in Redondo Beach, CA.
- May 13, 2018 – Mother's Day
- May 25-28, 2018 – Hi Desert Round Up near Barstow, CA by CA4WDA.
- May 28, 2018 – Memorial Day

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

Two Free Amateur Radio Courses

FCC "Technician" course (entry level)

FCC "General" course (2nd level)

Each course is 2 sessions

The sessions will be on 28 April and 5 May 2018

Technician 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM both Saturdays (bring your lunch)

General 1:45 PM to 5:00 PM both Saturdays

The FCC tests will be 10:00 AM to noon on 12 May 2018

At the start of the 28 April Technician course, the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will give a 30 minute presentation on how to get further involved with amateur radio.

The class location is at Fred Hesse Community Park,
29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Confirm your attendance to Walt, K1DFO at waltordway@juno.com

There is no fee for either course.

Taking the FCC test is \$15.

Optional Material (sold at cost)

Gordon West books with all the FCC test questions,

\$22 for the Technician and \$26 for the General

Paper copy of Walt's Power Point charts,

\$22 for the Technician and \$22 for the General -

For courses sponsored by the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, students thru grade 12 who pass their examination at a PVARC VE test session will, upon application to the Club, be eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$50 to cover the cost of materials and the examination fee.

Everyone who obtains their first ham radio license through a PVARC VE test session, regardless of age, will receive a free membership in the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club for the remainder of the current calendar year.