

THE ROUGHWHEELERS
2023 Vanderbilt Lane
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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THE FOUR LETTER WORD

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these are the places that should be shopped.

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WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, September 11th, 2015 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 on the Thursday one week prior to the General Meeting at a place to be announced. The Board Meetings are open to club members only.

September Run: Sherman Pass
September 25-27, 2015 (Cruise run)

Mailing Address:

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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

(Please send any corrections to Karen)

September/October

Birthdays

- Nirit Schnitzer
(Avi & Rachel's daughter)
- Dave Telenko

Memberships (September)

- Joe & Paula Carmean

Weddings (September)

- Nathan & Joanna Asdourian

Members in Memoriam (September)

- None

NOTE: Future Newsletters will feature Birthdays from the 15th to the 15th 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 October newsletter is **Thursday, October 1st, 2015**. Contact me at (310) 938-2257. My email address is kslhome@aol.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)

August 14, 2015

ATTENDANCE: 9 Members (Sam-Steve-Tuvia-Dave-Toni-Keith-Jim-Stanley-Karen)
2 Guests (Dennis Feverageon-Jerry Bullard)

REPORTS:

- **PRESIDENT:** Absent – Vice President (Sam) acting in his place. Minutes from last meeting approved as read. Birthdays and Anniversaries read. A big Happy Birthday to Steve who turned a legal age of 40 and Congratulations to Tom and Mary Pat Severin for celebrating 44 years of marriage.
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Present – Acting as the President. Inventory is complete and will submit to Editor for the Newsletter.
- **SECRETARY:** Absent – No report.
- **TREASURER:** Absent – No report.
- **EDITOR:** Present – Newsletter again in the “In Gear” magazine. Passed out windshield flyers.
- **SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Present – We have a small raffle.
- **SAFETY CHAIRMAN:** Present – The kit is all in order.
- **WAGONMASTER:** None at this time.
- **EL MIRAGE LIASION:** Absent – No report.
- **CA4WDC DELEGATE:** Present – Gave updated report on CA4WD agenda.

NEW MEMBER: None this month.

REFRESHMENTS: For September – Stanley
October – Mynor
November – Tuvia
December – Sam

TRIP REPORT: Trip report by Tuvia. He and Avi were in the Sierra Mountains next to Yosemite.

AWARDS:

- **ACE DRIVER:** Frank for getting married without our blessing.
- **MASTER MEC:** Heidi for getting married to Frank.
- **BACK SEAT DRIVER:** Mynor for going on Frank and Heidi’s honeymoon.
- **PHYLLIS DILLER:** Not awarded.

OLD BUSINESS: Old business items are: Big Bear “Adopt-a-Trail”
The Roughwheelers Newsletter

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Off-Road Expo is October 3-4, 2015 at the Fairplex in Pomona, CA.
- Steve has a new jeep.
- There will be a BBQ next month prior to our meeting at our meeting place at 6:30pm. Bring a side dish for everyone to share and meat to grill on the BBQ. Let’s have a good time. Snoopy will bring the charcoal.
- KOPL-Kids on Public Lands a program for inner city kids on September 19/20, 2015.
- Talked about Ham Radio and Ham Radio classes.
- Talked about number of people required to be classified an official run. It was confirmed
- that 3 people are needed, Wagonmaster – a center wheeler – and Tail-end Charlie.
- Big Bear Run – one day, August 29, 2015.

FINES COLLECTED: \$0.50

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:20PM

The Roughwheelers Trail Ratings

- 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 (INFO TAKEN FROM PREVIOUS TRIP)

RUN FOR SEPTEMBER Sherman Pass (Sherman Jeep Trail-Monache and Kennedy Meadows area)
WHEN: September 25-27, 2015
LEAVE: On your time or contact Wagonmaster for convoy info.
RUN TYPE: Cruise Run – leave the RV's and trailers at home.
TERRAIN: Mountain hill climbs, streams, meadows and forest trails.
MAPS: AAA – DeLorme – Google Earth
DIRECTIONS: To Friday night Campsite: Take the I-405 N to I-5 to Hwy 14 N to Hwy 395 N to Pearsonville. **(TOP OFF HERE)** From Pearsonville, head N on Hwy. 395 for 3 miles then turn left onto Nine Mile Canyon Road and drive up the hill for 3 miles and then turn left onto a dirt road heading towards an open area near the California Aqueduct. Camp will be near the 2 concrete platforms. Campsite (35.84603, - 117.926243)

THE PLAN: Friday night, camp at Chimney Meadow, Saturday run Sherman Pass on the way to Monache Meadows, camp at Monache Meadows.

LAST GAS/SUPPLIES: Shell Gas Station/Subway in Pearsonville, CA.
TRAIL RATING: 0 - 5
BRING: Tents, firewood, water, food and clothing appropriate for hot days and cool nights.
CB: Channel 4 always.
HAM: 146.440
WAGONMASTER: TBD **(Someone PLEASE step-up to be the Wagonmaster)**

Duties of Office

In accordance with The Roughwheelers IV Wheel Drive Club "Standard Operating Procedures", from now until the end of the year, I will be including the descriptions of each officer's duties for the nominations and elections in November and December for 2016.

Secretary:

1. Keep minutes of all general and board meetings.
2. Supply typed board and general meeting minutes to the editor prior to the newsletter publication. Supply action items prior to the meeting.
3. Maintain complete file of all club newsletters, minutes, and correspondences for the year. Turn in file to master file each year.
4. Issue and co-sign CA4WDC delegate credentials.
5. Maintain record of new members eligibility and notifies president two weeks before the meeting.
6. Act as host/hostess for the guests during the meeting.
7. Maintain guest log at meetings, and supplies guest information to editor.
8. Maintain new member's notebook and contents (patch, camping guide, by-laws, roster, telephone tree, and membership questionnaires).
9. Maintain new member's questionnaires.
10. May obtain more notebooks or notebook supplies when needed.
11. Maintain supply of all club forms.
12. Mail a copy of the board meeting minutes to officers and members who attend only.

Treasurer:

1. Maintain all club fiscal records.
2. Collect annual dues for CA4WDC.
3. Pay annual dues to CA4WDC for Roughwheelers' members in good standing.
4. Maintain club bank account.
5. Obtain necessary forms from CA4WDC for any fiscal matters.
6. Maintain signature card from bank.
7. Present a verbal report at each meeting.
8. Announce delinquent dues at each meeting. Collect dues at each meeting break. Maintain all records pertaining to club dues.
9. Can sign all club checks independently.
10. Distribute CA4WDC membership cards and dash plaques.
11. Pay post office box rent when due, before December 31st each year.
12. Allow no expenditures greater than ten dollars (\$10.00) without membership approval.
13. Review club membership list and newsletter mailing list.
14. Receive any fines or pool money collected.
15. Make all bank deposits.
16. Make all disbursements.
17. Disburse postage money to editor (approval not required).
18. Inform Editor and Board when any member is behind in dues more than three months and again at six months. The newsletter is not sent to any member who has not paid dues before the publication of the April newsletter.
19. Prorate dues within the month the member joined.
20. Order all badges and tags for members.
21. Provide the balanced books to the incoming treasurer at the January meeting or at the January general meeting if no board meeting occurred.

MASTER AT ARMS:

1. Set fines during meeting for:
 - A. Being late.
 - B. No club jacket.
 - C. No club patch.
 - D. General harassment.
 - E. Not returning previous month's award.
2. Keep fines in a fun atmosphere.
3. Fines will be \$0.25 maximum for any one offense.
4. Conduct all club raffles or 50/50 pot when items are not available.
5. Police camp before leaving.
6. Actively solicit raffle prizes.
7. Maintain supply of raffle tickets.

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 October 24 and November 7, 2015

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

General 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM both Saturdays

The FCC tests will be 10:00 AM to noon on November 21, 2015

At the start of the October 24 Technician course, the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will give a 30-minute presentation on how to get further Involved with amateur radio.

The location is the Fred Hesse Community Park
29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes

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

There is **no fee** for either course.

Taking the FCC test is \$15.00

Optional Material (sold at cost)

Gordon West books with all the FCC test questions,
\$22.00 for the Technician and \$26.00 for the General

-Paper copy of my Power Point charts,
\$20.00 for the Technician and \$20.00 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 \$50.00 to cover the cost of materials and the examination fee.

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

Trip Report to Big Bear

To my knowledge, no member of the Roughwheelers went to Big Bear on Saturday, August 29, 2015. But we had several members and a potential member go on the Rubicon Trail.

Trip Report to The Rubicon Trail

By Chips Mercier (Photo by Chips Mercier)



There were 4 rigs that met up in Placerville on Wednesday evening and got a room for the night, and then met up with Avi and Roni on Thursday am for the trip to the trailhead.

Attendees were Avi, Roni, Dennis Fevegeon, Wes Hoffmaster, David Master and yours truly, Chips.

We stopped at Ice House Resort to leave Dave's tow ring and continued on. We were eventually stopped as they were repaving the road into Loon Lake, had a 20 min stop until a pilot vehicle guided us into the dam/trail head.

We aired down and took a few pics and started our run. Before even reaching the gatekeeper, Dave's jeep backfired and lost power. We checked all the possible things but still

no luck in getting it running. I towed him back to the staging area and decided to go back to get his tow rig and get him on the trailer as he was done and heading home. I took him back to Ice House Resort. We found out later that the "brain" (ECM) failed. The remaining group started at about 3:30pm and continued until we found a place to camp. The weather was great but no campfires allowed, so we all turned in fairly early.

Friday up early and hit the trail, did not see anyone else until we started descending the granite slabs down towards Buck Island Lake. There were about 20 rigs from a motor home club going east to Little Sluice. After they passed, Avi sheared a valve stem off a front tire, so we got him in a safe spot to make a tire change and proceeded on with the night's camp being in Rubicon Springs. Next we entered Big Sluice spotting the rigs thru the obstacles around the big trees. Wes got into a spot and got a slight scratch on his passenger door before we got him out and onto a different line. Everyone made it thru with little or no problems. We crossed over Rubicon River Bridge and Avi went a little to far to the passenger side on the exit ramp and drove off the side getting himself hung up. Guys behind us tried to winch him back to no avail, so he winched himself forward and pretty soon into Rubicon Springs and then to our camp spot (same as the last time), except this time the water was very deep. We heard heavers had dammed up further down river; crossing high water like that always makes me nervous.

We set up camp after a long day and watched the moon rise up over the Holland. We all turned in after a long day.

Saturday morning we were up early and left camp being the first ones up Cadillac Hill, we strapped a couple of the rigs on one spot as it was pretty torn up as they just had the Jeep Jamborees over the last couple weekends. We met some guys at the top waiting for us to clear and then continued on to the end where we aired up. Shortly afterwards the RV club all starting arriving, so we left at a good time on Saturday am.

After airing up, I left the group and went to visit my sister. Thanks to all for making it a great successful trip.



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- High Sierra Poker Run – was cancelled due to the smoke and road closures that have resulted from the Rough Fire.
- Barret 4WD Lake Trail – reopened July 23, 2015. This is a rugged 6-mile off-highway route from Wright's Lake to Barrett Lake, just west of Desolation Wilderness now that reconstruction has been completed on 3 segments of the trail to protect sensitive meadows. This trail has been used by recreationists since the 1960s and offers one of the most challenging off-highway (OHV) experiences in the Sierra Nevada. The trail has a high rating for difficulty and is only recommended for very experienced OHV users prepared for remote travel over large rocks. Motorized travel on this trail is typically at a rate of approx. 1-2 miles per hour.

The Barrett 4WD Trail was identified as one of 18 routes in the Eldorado National Forest travel system, which needed corrections to comply with the environmental protection guidelines in the Sierra Nevada Plan. These routes were closed in 2012 to complete further analysis and make corrections to ensure the hydrologic connectivity of meadows would not be significantly impacted by motorized vehicle use.

- Cal4Wheel – decals are now available. Everyone should have the new California Four Wheel Drive Association decals on their rigs, so Cal4Wheel is offering the new 3" decals for only 50¢, while the 5" ones are a budget-breaking \$1. Order yours online at ca4wdc-store/California-four-wheel-drive-association-decals.
- Cal4Wheel wants all members to get involved and support the events.
- The "Win-a-Jeep" will be at the Sand Sports and Off-Road Expo.
- Operation Desert Fun is coming up. It will be held at the Blue Inn Resort due to the endangered species act. TDS will need to be changed because of it. Have not heard yet where it will be held.
- Cal4Wheel is reporting that Feinstein has asked Obama to bypass Congress and make three new national monuments in the Southwest. There has been lots of land from the old post offices that is going to Feinstein's husband's company.
- Cal4Wheel asks that everyone look at the proposed "Gas Bill". There is an online petition to stop it. It would force the state to decrease its gas usage. Gas taxes go to the land use, so that would be affected too. May not even be able to go off-roading due to price of gas and the amount of gas allowed to be able to use by any one individual.

From the Editor

We are more than half way through the year but don't get discouraged. There are still trail activities available for the rest of the year. We should start to think about the run-planning meeting planned for January. We need to go to some new and exciting places to keep our club from losing interest in our club. Please start thinking about the places you would like to go and plan on bringing them with you to the planning meeting. Our club will only survive with everyone's participation. Thank you.

LOOK WHAT'S IN THE FUTURE

September 2015

- September 11, 2015 – Roughwheelers Membership Mtg. in Redondo Beach, CA.
- September 19-20, 2015 – KOPL Kids on Public Lands
- September 25-27, 2015 – Roughwheelers Monthly Run to **Sherman Pass**.
Wagonmaster TBD.

October 2015

- October 9, 2015 – Roughwheelers Membership Meeting in Redondo Beach, CA.
Jesse May of CA4WD South District will be attending our meeting.
- October 16-17, 2015 – Operation Desert Fun benefiting Paralyzed Veterans of America.
- October 23-25, 2015 – Roughwheelers Monthly Run to **El Mirage Recreation Area**.
Wagonmaster TBD.
- October 24, 2015 – El Mirage OHV Recreation Area Clean Up Day
Please remember to register at “Friends of El Mirage” for your T-shirt and breakfast and lunch.

November 2015

- November 13, 2015 – Roughwheelers Membership Meeting in Redondo Beach, CA.
- November 12-14, 2015 – Panamint Valley Days by CA4Wheel.
- November 20-22, 2015 – Roughwheelers Monthly Run to **Johnson Valley/Hammers**.
Wagonmaster TBD.

December 2015

- December 11, 2015 – Roughwheelers Membership Meeting in Redondo Beach, CA.
- December 12, 2015 – Roughwheelers Annual Christmas Party
- December 30-January 3, 2015 – Roughwheelers Monthly Run to **Lake Havasu**.
Wagonmaster TBD.

January 2016

- January 8, 2016 – Roughwheelers Membership Meeting in Redondo Beach, CA.
- January 9, 2016 – Annual Run Planning Meeting/BBQ for 2016 location TBD.
- January 22-24, 2016 – Roughwheelers Monthly Run to **Jawbone-Lake Isabelle**.
Wagonmaster – Woodstock.

If you have any items to be added to the next issue of
“**Look What's In The Future**”, send me an email or call me.

