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2023 Vanderbilt Lane
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.

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 these are the places that should be shopped.

FEBRUARY 2016



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WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, February 12th, 2016 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.

**February Run: Lucerne Valley/Big Bear
February 26-27, 2016 (Base Camp)**

Mailing Address:

The RoughWheelers
2023 Vanderbilt Lane
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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

(Please send any corrections to Karen)

February 15 / March 14

Birthdays

- Dennis Fevegeon 2/4
- Roy Schnitzer 2/22
- Sam Thomson 2/25
- Tom Severin 3/9

Memberships (February)

- Keith & Sandy Graham 2/1987
- Dave Weston 2/2005
- Tuvia & Efrat Pomeranitz 2/2007

Weddings (February)

- None

Members in Memoriam (January)

- None

NOTE: Future Newsletters will feature Birthdays from the 16th 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 CA4WDA, CORVA and El Mirage OHV.

The **DEADLINE** for the March newsletter is **Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016.**

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 8:03 pm)

January 8, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Members (13) Sam-Alan-Keith-Mynor-Tuvia-Jerry-Frank-Stanley-Jim-Karen-Dave
Woodstock-Nathan
Guests (7) Tim-Allan-Dwain-Jennifer-Nathan-Nick-Drew

REPORTS:

- **PRESIDENT:** Present
 - Welcomed everyone on behalf of the new leadership and thanked all the outgoing officers for their service. Counted the number of members and guest.
 - Commented that the President didn't have to have 4-wheel drive experience to be the President.
 - Minutes adopted with Presidents phone number corrected.
 - Anniversaries, Birthdays, Memberships and Members in Memoriam were read.
 - Deadline for any articles for the February Newsletter is February 3rd, 2016.
 - Run Planning Meeting is tomorrow at Woodstock's house starting at 10am. Bring chairs.
 - There has not been a board meeting in a long time. I propose that we have a Board Meeting before the March members meeting.
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Present
 - Thanked all the visiting guests.
 - Congratulated all the new club officers.
 - Wants to schedule a meeting to discuss the SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) and the Constitution. Any changes can be voted on at the March meeting by the membership.
- **SECRETARY:** Present
 - Currently not receiving any emails due to some internet difficulties. Call me.
- **TREASURER:** Present
 - Not aware at the present time what cash amount is on hand until he gets with the past Treasurer.
 - Not accepting any dues until he receives all the materials from Montego including bank signing capabilities.
- **EDITOR:** Present
 - Newsletter went out on time. Any information not correct, please advise so I can make corrections in the records. Distributed Windshield flyers.
- **SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Present
 - We have a raffle tonight. We have some good items.
- **SAFETY CHAIRMAN:** Present
 - I am informed that the Safety Kit is up-to-date.
- **WAGONMASTER FOR JANUARY:** Present
 - Bring a lot of firewood.
- **EL MIRAGE LIASION:** Present
 - The next El Mirage Clean-Up Day will be in April, the same time when we have our run.
 - The new reflective carbonite sign stickers are in Karen's care.
- **CA4WDC DELEGATE:** Present
 - January 23, 2016 is the quarterly CA4WDA meeting in Ontario, CA.
 - February 19-21, 2016 is the annual CA4WDA Convention.
 - Discussed hosting a meeting. There are 28 clubs in the South District.

NEW MEMBER: None at this time.

REFRESHMENTS: February – Toni
March – Stanley
April – Steve
May – Alan

TRIP REPORT: There was no monthly trip in December.

AWARDS:

- ACE DRIVER: Not awarded.
- MASTER MEC: Not awarded.
- BACK SEAT DRIVER: Not awarded.
- PHYLLIS DILLER: Toni for leaving her flask at the Christmas Party.

OLD BUSINESS: "Hubs"

Nathan asked if everyone received a 2015 "Roughwheelers" Christmas Ornament. If not, see him.

The "Attendance Raffle" will be instituted this year at \$10.00 each month. Since we are not entirely prepared the \$10.00 will be carried over to next months meeting.

The January BBQ was not held because of the recent rain. It will take place at the February meeting. Bring your own meat and a side dish to share. The remainder BBQ's will be held in April, July and October. Any questions, contact the President.

The Christmas Party was a great success. 26 members and guests attended the event held at the Leamon-Lykins Home. It was appropriately decorated and the food was fantastic. Prime Rib was served to all guests and included appetizers, baked potatoes with the trimmings; dinner rolls a mixed vegetable and various desert items. Drinks were included.

NEW BUSINESS: Regarding the Christmas Party. The club funded Karen \$50.00 for the meat for the Christmas Party. Due to the number of attendees, approximately 20 pounds of Prime Rib were purchased and nearly all eaten. The cost of the meat was a little more than \$100.00. Karen requested an additional \$50.00 from the club. The club discussed this item. It was motioned and seconded and carried for Karen to receive an additional \$50.00 for the Christmas Party.

Nathan has requested the personal use of the Club's augur to drill a few holes in his back yard. There was some discussion about the use of the Club's augur. It was suggested that Mynor, who is a trained operator of the augur, operate the augur for Nathan. Nathan will also firmly absolve the club of all liability out of the use of the augur. He will sign a form to be prepared by Karen. Alan made a motion, Karen seconded. It was approved.

This month's trip to Jawbone was discussed by the membership. The directions were given and trails were discussed. Everyone was made aware of what they needed to bring for this trip.

FINES COLLECTED: \$1.50



Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

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 INFORMATION (Retrieved from previous trips)

- RUN FOR FEBRUARY** **Lucerne Valley / Big Bear** (Snow Run)
- WHEN:** February 26 – 28, 2016
- LEAVE:** On your own time or contact other members for convoy information.
- RUN TYPE:** Base Camp. Bring your motorhome, trailers, campers and tents.
- TERRAIN:** Possible snow, mountains, rocks, sandy washes and dirt roads.
- MAPS:** AAA – De Lorme – Google Earth
- DIRECTIONS:** Take whatever direction gets you to the I 15 North. Exit Bear Valley Rd. in Victorville. Go East on Bear Valley Rd. about 12 miles to Hwy. 18. Turn right onto Hwy. 18 and go East about 10 miles to the junction of Hwy 18 and 247 in the town of Lucerne Valley. Continue straight on Why. 247 toward Yucca Valley about 13.4 miles to Bessemer Mine Rd. Turn left onto Bessemer Mine Rd. and go about 2.7 miles, where the road drops into the valley. Camp will be in the shelter of the hills to the left.
- THE PLAN:** Set up camp at Bessemer Mine area on Friday. Set out Saturday for Big Bear to find snow.
- LAST GAS/SUPPLIES:** Lucerne Valley junction of 18 and 247.
- TRAIL RATING:** 3+ or higher.
- BRING:** Everyone **must** bring Firewood for 2 nights of bonfire (Friday and Saturday). Clothes for cool days and cold nights. Snow chains, if you have them. Pack a cold weather kit in case of a breakdown. Everyone bring a joke to tell to the group.
- CB:** Channel 4 always.
- HAM:** 146.440
- WAGONMASTER:** Alan (Dr. Seuss) Contact him at (310) 714-1947 or at manroundhous@verizon.com

January Trip Report to Jawbone

The scheduled monthly run to Jawbone was cancelled due to the Wagonmaster, Woodstock, receiving a one-week Labor job. Due to technical difficulties with his Internet service, his father, Snoopy, reached out to all members to see if anyone else could be Wagonmaster. There were no takers. Unfortunately, not all members checked their email to find out the status of the run and our Club President, Sam, made his way to Jawbone, only to find that no one else was there. It is the responsibility of **all members** to successfully contact the Wagonmaster before each run to confirm that the run is commencing. No one and everyone are to blame for this fault. We must be a communicating club. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule it as a future run.

NEWS FLASH – NEWS FLASH – NEWS FLASH – NEWS FLASH

January marked the beginning of the New Year for The Roughwheelers 4 Wheel Drive Club. 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 2016. Any member not having paid their dues by the end of March will not receive the newsletter until their dues are paid. It is in the By-Laws.



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The quarterly CA4WDA was held on January 23, 2016 in Ontario at the Jeep Dealership, which has graciously offered to host all the quarterly meetings for 2016.

The meeting started at 9am and the club host was the Drifters. The agenda for this meeting included the following: Call to Order and Flag Salute – The Roll Call – Introduction of all Guests – The Treasurer's Report – Approval of the previous Minutes – Additions to the Agenda – Vice President's Report – Membership Chairman's Report – President's Report – State Treasurer's Report – Office Manager's Report – Natural Resource Consultant's Report – Web Page Coordinator's Report – CA4WDA Conservation and Education Foundation Report – State Committee Reports including – Sweepstakes Vehicle '15/16 – Convention '16 – Hi Desert Round-up '16 – Operation Desert Fun '16 – Panamint Valley Days '15 - District Committee Reports including – Bylaws – Nominations/Elections – Area Rep Report – Ferguson – Merchandise – Mojave Road/East Mojave Heritage Trail – Publicity – Old Business – New Business – Any Delegates Reports and the Adjournment.

The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2016 at 9:00am in Ontario at the Jeep Dealership.

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 February 20 & 27, 2016

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 March 5, 2016

At the start of the February 20 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,
\$22.00 for the Technician and \$22.00 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.

LOOK WHAT'S IN THE FUTURE

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TO WIN A JEEP BY GEN-RIGHT OFF ROAD
DRAWING IS FEBRUARY 20TH AT THE CONVENTION

February 2016

- February 10, 2016 – Ash Wednesday
- February 12, 2016 – Roughwheelers Membership Meeting & BBQ in Redondo Beach, CA.
- February 14, 2016 – Valentine's Day
- February 15, 2016 – President's Day
- February 19-21, 2016 – CA4WDA 57th Annual Convention in Rancho Cordova, CA.
- February 26-28, 2016 – Roughwheelers Monthly Run to **Lucerne Valley/Big Bear**.

March 2016

- March 4-6, 2016 – Tierra Del Sol's Desert Safari.
- March 11, 2016 – Roughwheelers Membership Meeting in Redondo Beach, CA.
- March 12, 2016 – St. Patrick's Day Parade in Hermosa Beach, CA.
- March 13, 2016 – Daylight Savings Begins (Advance your clock 1 hour)
- March 17, 2016 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 25-27, 2016 – Roughwheelers Monthly Run to **Calico**.
- March 27, 2016 – Easter.

April 2016

- April 1, 2016 – April Fools Day.
- April 8, 2016 – Roughwheelers Membership Meeting & BBQ in Redondo Beach, CA.
- April 15, 2016 – Taxes are due today.
- April 22, 2016 – Passover
- April 22-24, 2016 – Roughwheelers Monthly Run to **El Mirage OHV Recreational Area**.
- April 23, 2016 – Quarterly CA4WDA South District Meeting 9am-3pm. Meeting to be Held at Jeep Chrysler Dodge of Ontario at 1202 Auto Center Drive in Ontario, CA.

May 2016

- May 5, 2016 – Cinco de Mayo
- May 8, 2016 – Mother's Day
- May 13, 2016 – Roughwheelers Membership Meeting & Run Plan in Redondo Beach, CA.
- May 21, 2016 – Armed Forces Day
- May 27-29, 2016 – Roughwheelers Monthly Run to **High Desert Roundup** by CA4WDA
- May 30, 2016 – Memorial Day

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

The Newsletter Editor.

The RoughWheelers IV Wheel Drive Club

2016 Meeting and Run Schedule

MONTH	DATE	WHERE	RUN TYPE
February	12 26-28	Meeting & BBQ: Redondo Rod & Gun Club Lucerne Valley / Big Bear Wagonmaster: Alan (Dr. Seuss)	Base Camp
March	11 12 25-27	Meeting: Redondo Rod & Gun Club St. Patrick's Day Parade-Hermosa Beach, CA Calico Wagonmaster: TBD	Base Camp
April	8 22-24	Meeting & BBQ: Redondo Rod & Gun Club El Mirage OHV Recreational Area Wagonmaster: Stanley (Pluggger)	Base Camp
May	13 27-29	Meeting & Run Planning: Redondo Rod & Gun Club High Desert Roundup by CA4WDA Wagonmaster: Provided by CA4WDA	Base Camp
June	12 24-26	Meeting: Redondo Rod & Gun Club Silverwood/Dishpan Wagonmaster: TBD	Base Camp
July	8 22-24	Meeting & BBQ: Redondo Rod & Gun Club Run TBD Wagonmaster: TBD	TBD
August	12 26-28	Meeting: Redondo Rod & Gun Club Run TBD Wagonmaster: TBD	TBD
September	9 23-25	Meeting: Redondo Rod & Gun Club Run TBD Wagonmaster: TBD	TBD
October	14 28-30	Meeting & BBQ: Redondo Rod & Gun Club El Mirage Recreation Area Wagonmaster: TBD	Base Camp
November	11 25-27	Meeting: Redondo Rod & Gun Club Run TBD Wagonmaster: TBD	TBD
December	9 10 30-January 1	Meeting: Redondo Rod & Gun Club Christmas Party: Host TBD Run TBD Wagonmaster: TBD	TBD
January 2017	13 14 27-29	Meeting & BBQ: Redondo Rod & Gun Club Run Planning Meeting/BBQ for 2017: Location to be determined. Run TBD Wagonmaster: TBD	TBD

Thank you to the following members, Sam Thomson, Jim Leamon, Karen Lykins, Dave Telenko, Toni Telenko, Alan Thomen, Steve Telenko and guests Drew, Jennifer and Skipper for attending and planning the runs for 2016.

All of your input has been strategic in determining the runs for the first 6 months of 2016. The remainder of this years runs will be determined at the May monthly meeting. Thank you again.