

Esprit de Four - 4 Wheel Drive Club of San Jose, CA

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July 2023

ED4 General monthly meeting

Topic: Esprit de Four (ED4) Monthly club meeting

Time: July 18th @ 7pm

Location: Zoom/Giovanni's

Opening Remarks & Welcome – Scott

- Open Meeting at 7:00pm
- 50-50 Opportunity:
- Announcements
 - CJ's electric motor arrived - Hyper9HV - 130hp / 160ft/lbs
- Things for sale
 - Darrell: JK Rubicon rims and street tires, stock JK dana 30 and 44 axles
 - Darrell: 1998 Jeep XJ on 35's with lockers
 - Scott: 20" OEM Lexus wheels

Membership Report – Dishaan

- Introduction and Questions -
 - Members Question: If you could have one rig to wheel anywhere you like for a weekend, other than your own, what would it be?
- Anniversaries: Christine and Kelly Swanson (33 years), Ed and Toni Lorenzen (18 years), Bruce Wilford (4 years), Alex Florea (3 years), Patrick Mueller (1 year)
- Reminder: Prospectives who have gone on a trail run should generate a trip report
- ED4 Merch for sale: sweatshirts, polo shirts, stickers

Old Business - Scott

- Committee has been formed to work on insurance and waivers. Currently waiting on responses to asks.
- Digital Update:
 - The club Domain names are now hosted with Google Domains, Except the Squarespace domain that will stay in SS until next year. It's the same price as Google. We reduced two other hosting/domain providers and removed secondary redirects. We also now have email alias that are easily managed for BOD members.
 - Email Woes: ED4 has 3 email addresses: 2 gmail and a comcast.net off of Ellen's

Comcast Xfinity account. Well, Xfinity did a major F-up, and not only lost 100 hours of my Cloud DVR recordings, they deleted that email address from my account. 35 hours of chat & phone calls with 17 different “people” and I have the email back. BUT I’m missing some email from 6/27-7/10/2023,

- I currently have the gmails forwarding to the comcast, so they were out as well. I’m in the process of recovering the missing stuff from webmail, but it’s taking time. I suppose I have to give in to Google’s revenge and use IMAP in outlook, but I HATE IT. I would really appreciate someone helping me to re-enable the 2 gmail accounts in Outlook so I don’t lose the 1000’s of saved emails. I know it can be done, but my Windows/Outlook is really rusty.

Treasury Report – Ellen -

- Bank total: **\$6812.37**
 - Checking Bal: \$4778.20
 - Special Events: \$1204.60
 - Paypal Bal: \$829.57
 - Stripe Balance: \$0.00
- Member Donations: Rick Montez donated \$100 to the club when he renewed.
 - He wants it announced, and challenges other members to donate anything.
- Outstanding items:
 - Chainsaw safety equipment - Jason Green sent an invoice for \$279.89 or so. They were well used at AAT.  Chainsaw Safety Gear Receipt.pdf
 - CA Secretary of State Statement of Information has been renewed for 2 more years.
- Bank/Digital Payment Upgrade: Treasurer would like to change to a bank that uses Zelle. Then, digital payments would not have fees. Still being researched.
 - Spent some spare time at Chase. Completely possible. But, the catch is that the Treasurer cannot be “in control” of the account. It has to have the name of the CEO as the decision maker for the account. That would have to change when the CEO changed. The good thing is that the new CEO could take a copy of the signed minutes to any Chase bank and make the change.
 - This is some “new” law, and probably applies to the Bank of the West account, but we haven’t updated the signature card in forever.
 - First Republic doesn’t use Zelle, but may soon as they are now owned by Chase.
 - BofA: no Zelle for business
 - Wells Fargo: still have to ask them. I’m not a fan.
 - Any other LARGE banks the members like?
 - US Bank also mentioned by Archie Overton

Safety Clinic

- Another Safety Clinic in the bag
- Clinic Survey:  Survey202305.pdf

- Clinic P&L:  May2023ClinicPL.pdf

Past/Future Club Runs – CJ

- Reminder to subscribe to our ED4 calendar on your own device via this [ICS file](#).
- Reach out to me if you want to host or co-host a run (cj@rustylidoffroad.com)

-Guest tonight - Terry Johnson from the Gettin' Off 4wd club

 Their Adopt-a-Trail is Sourgrass, only trail that is open, getting 4-5 times the number of people.

 Proposing a joint run with ED4 in September or October

Jason Green, Adopt-aTrail

 Divided into 3 groups, made great progress until the very top due to snow

 Cleaned up 66 trees

 Perfect weather, warm but not hot

 Black Springs campground was very nice

 Prospects "Will" and "Bob" described their experience and really enjoyed it

Carson River Resort run this weekend - Neale & Colin

 Deer Valley Trail still not open

 New itinerary to be sent out tomorrow

 19 rigs with 25 people scheduled to attend

 Tritip for dinner, live band in the evening, tip jar for the cost of the meal

Sierra Trek on August 10-13, with several members attending

 Ellen mentioned the lake water is wonderful, as are the showers, food, music and dancing.

SlickRock opening July 31

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JUL 7-9	Adopt-a-Trail Hwy4 (7N09)	Jason Green
FUTURE		
JUL 20-23	Summer Campout - Carson River Resort	Neale & Colin
AUG 10-13	Sierra Trek	TBD
TBD	Rubicon Pre-Run (Slick Rock)	TBD
TBD	Rubicon Run for 1st timers	TBD
TBD	Fall Safety Clinic Pre Run	Magnus & Andrew
SEP 15-17	Fall Safety Clinic	EVERYONE
SEP 23	Joint Run with Gettin' Off 4x4 club (possibly Slick Rock)	TBA
OCT 12-15	Oktoberfest & Bodie	John T
OCT 28	Hollister Hills Clean Wheeling Event	Ellen

Land Use Updates – Sherry and Ole

2nd Tuesday of the month, Rose Winn hosts a Zoom meeting 6:30-8:00pm - look on cal4wheel website for meeting link

No updates this month

Delegate Report - Colin

North district meeting recap:

US Forest Service is proposing land use permits

BLM proposed rule for conservation would take land out of use forever

California Endangered Species list could close off huge parcels of land

New Business - Scott

Questions about P&L, Ellen explained numbers

Motion to donate \$250 to Sierra Trek passed unanimously by membership

Pelikan vault to be auctioned off - hard case, retail is \$160

Proceeds of \$60 donated to the club

Rick challenged club members to donate to the club, hat went around for donations and we collected \$80

OnX Offroad offered 3 elite memberships to ED4

ED4 Trail Team will include CJ and two more members

Darrell got his company to donate money to Cal4Wheel for the time he spent on Adopt-a-Trail and encouraged other members to check with their employer for donations when they do work for a non-profit

ED4 “Hero” Nominations – Scott

Jason, Sherry, ALL of the VOLUNTEERS for Adopt-a-Trail

John nominated Kelly, Ole and Sherry for helping fix 3 studs on his wheel that fell off his Jeep at Adopt-a-Trail

Meeting Adjournment – Scott

Next BOD meeting 8/8/2023 7pm via Zoom

Next General Meeting 8/15/2023 7pm Giovannis & Zoom

Meeting adjourned @8:09pm

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