



THE GOPHER TRAP

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Meetings: First Friday of the Month 6:30 pm
Wyandotte Grange, 4910 Foothill Blvd., Oroville
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Events

All events canceled until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions

- May 1, 6:30 pm Meeting
- May 3, 7:30-10:30 am Grange Breakfast \$8
- May 9 Feather Fiesta Days Parade
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 13, 6:00 pm Grange Bunco \$5
- May 16, 5:00-6:30 pm Grange Dinner \$8, Tamale Pie
- May 25 Memorial Day



From the Summit

Jerry Roberson, President

COVID-19...that's a term I'm so tired of hearing. Bev and I are fortunate to still be working, but our thoughts and prayers are with our fellow citizens who aren't as fortunate. Just my opinion, but I think we're nearing the end. Doesn't mean we won't see a bit of a rebound in the fall, but at least now, we're better prepared. In the meantime, we'll still follow the safety guidelines.

So, what's new? The last rains knocked me off work for a bit, but with the change in weather, it looks like work is approaching full swing. Other than work, it's been spraying Round Up and weed eating for me.

I was asked if we could possibly hold our May meeting in someone's backyard as long as we maintain social distancing. I think May 1 might be a little too soon, but I'm open to hosting club meeting on May 8 or 9. May 9 is advantageous because we could hold the meeting in late afternoon. An email chain is going to plan.

The weather man says it's gonna get pretty warm this week. Remember your sunscreen and stay hydrated. Gotta protect the skin you're in. Take care, be safe and enjoy!

Jerry

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Straight from the Gopher's Mouth

Joie Cherry, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2020 MEETING

- Meeting called to order by Jerry Roberson, President, at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom.
- Attendees:
 - Members: Judy Bennett; David & Cheryl Casagrande; Kevin, Mary, & Watson Casagrande; Sharon Cherry; Joie Cherry & Vanessa Purdy; Troy & Jody Jobe Miguel Madrigal; John & Glendda Morse; Jackie Peterson; Jerry & Bev Roberson; Keith Van Zandt
 - Guests: Charlie Miller; Dan Tiedemann
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Sharon.
- Secretary's Report – Joie Cherry, Secretary
 - Motion made by Sharon, seconded by Kevin, to accept the minutes of the March meeting as written.
 - Called to vote and motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Judy Bennett, Treasurer
 - Motion made by Sharon, seconded by Glendda, to approve the treasurer's report.
 - Called to vote and motion carried.
- Delegate's Report – David Casagrande, Delegate
 - Tahoe and Eldorado National Forests will not be opening OHV roads until May 1. Usually open April 1.
- Trail Master's Report – Keith Van Zandt, Trail Master
 - No runs until further notice.
 - Stay safe and healthy so we can go have fun!
- Feather Fiesta Days Parade cancelled.
- Old Business
 - None.
- New Business
 - Zoom is working well.
 - Possibly do virtual dinner or happy hours/bar crawl.
 - Hunter (former guest) would like to return.
- News
 - Miguel: Jeep not done yet.
 - Dan: New headlights on his Samurai
 - Charlie: Samurai is dusty
 - David: Removed long arm on his Cruiser.
 - Mary: No clinicals for class for now, just extra bookwork. Hoping for approval of virtual sims to complete needed clinical.
 - John: Injured rotator cuff and bicep playing basketball (H-O-R-S-E) with grandsons and may need shoulder replacement.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.
- Dinner at home/work.

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Off the Beaten Path

Keith Van Zandt, Trail Master

Greetings, fellow Gophers.

I hope everyone is doing OK in these crazy times.

Well, the Corona virus is still messing with any plans we had. The Feather Fiesta has been canceled. At this time, the shelter in place has not been lifted, so there is no official run scheduled for May.

Unofficially, I plan to try and get to the Stag Point trail on May 9th and do some badly needed trail maintenance. A few of us took a look at conditions to guesstimate when the road would be passable. I'm hoping a couple weeks of warm weather should do the trick. There is not a ton of snow. It is very soft and melting fast.

The June run is to the Bucks Lake area. I have my fingers crossed things will improve by then.

Everyone, take care,

Keith



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Updates from Cal4Wheel

David Casagrande

From Jeff Blewett, North District Natural Resources Consultant:

“In California six Northern California counties: Sutter, Yuba, Butte, Tehama, Glen, and Colusa, have united together signing a letter from District 3 Assemblyman James Gallagher and District 3 Senator Jim Nielson to Governor Newsom demanding special consideration to allow these counties to “open up.” Other signatories on this letter include the mayors of Marysville, Live Oak, Yuba City, Wheatland, Paradise, Oroville, Gridley, Biggs, Williams, Corning, Tehama and Willows. They are citing the low Coronavirus infection rates as justification to allow local authorities to implement reopening local economies and get people back to work.

The California State Fair organizers have decided to cancel the 2020 State Fair. The event typically employs about 800 seasonal workers and last year drew more than 600,000 visitors. The fair staff had hoped that the State Fair would have been able to continue its 166-year tradition this summer, but the effects of the Coronavirus will continue to be felt for the foreseeable future. This is the first time the fair has not been held since World War II.

Update on Popular OHV Areas:

Mendocino NF – Closure of all OHV trails until April 30.

Tahoe NF – Most motorized routes and trails closed through April 30. Opening of most motorized roads and trails that have a seasonal closure date, due to a considerable amount of rain and snow that occurred during the month of March. Updates before they OPEN on May 1.

Eldorado NF – Will lift the seasonal closure of dirt roads and motorized trails beginning May 1. Be aware: no trash removal is currently offered, all toilet facilities are currently closed, law enforcement and search and rescue operations may be limited.

California State Parks is currently working on plans on how they would reopen the SVRAs, while ensuring for appropriate public safety for visitors and staff.

If you choose to recreate outdoors, please make sure the facilities are open before you head out and check for any travel restrictions. Please follow all local, state and federal guidelines.”

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Win-A-Jeep
is getting lots of
new toys installed!
Don't forget
to buy your tickets
at cal4wheel.com/win



Camp Food

Vanessa Purdy

Chicken & Black Bean Nachos



Cook Time: 25 min.

Servings: 6

Ingredients

3½ c. shredded rotisserie chicken
1 c. red enchilada sauce
½ small onion, chopped
1 c. fresh corn kernels

1 15 oz can black beans, rinsed
3 c. pepper Jack cheese, grated
Salt and pepper to taste
8 oz tortilla chips
Fresh cilantro and lime wedges, for serving

Instructions

1. Set up grill for indirect cooking, heat to medium. Toss together chicken, enchilada sauce, onion, corn, beans, and 1 c. cheese in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper.
2. Tear six 12-inch squares of aluminum foil. Place one-sixth of chips, chicken mixture, and remaining cheese on one end of a piece of foil. Fold foil over filling to create a packet and crimp edges to seal. Repeat with remaining foil, chips, chicken mixture, and cheese.
3. Grill packets over indirect heat until cheese is melted and chicken is warmed through, 6 to 10 minutes. Transfer packets to plates and carefully open. Top with cilantro and serve with lime wedges alongside.

Spicy Jalapeño Margarita

Ingredients

Chili Salt

2 tbsp salt
1 tsp chili powder

Margarita

2 oz Cabo Wabo® Blanco
1 oz Grand Marnier™
½ oz fresh lime juice
4 oz pineapple juice
Jalapeño slices
Pineapple wedge

Instructions

1. Combine salt and chili powder. Rim glass.
2. Muddle 1 jalapeño slice with lime juice in a shaker.
3. Add ice to shaker, add Cabo Wabo®, pineapple juice, and Grand Marnier™. Shake vigorously and pour into rimmed glass. Garnish with pineapple wedge and jalapeño slice.



Can You Guess Where?

David Casagrande



Hint: 22n11y
Answer in next month's Trap.



Playtime



New bumper and winch on
Joie & Vanessa's Jeep



David found soft wet snow
on Oro Quincy at
Palmetto 4/25



Pretty sure this is Jerry