



The Gopher Trap

September 2016

MEETING TIME: First Friday of the month @6:30 PM
LOCATION: Wyandotte Grange



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I'm late with my report this month & hopefully Barbara has time to get it into the newsletter. Retirement is way more busy then I thought it was going to be & I am always running out of time.

Love the run that Kevin took us on (other then the branches & bushes that put a zillion scratches on my jeep). Always love camping in Taylorsville & exploring the area. The copper mine was really fascinating & it was great that Kevin had so much information on the town. Hard to believe it was such a thriving community & it is all covered with trees now. At least there were some foundations left.



I had been to the ghost town before, but always enjoy going back to those places. The buildings are holding up quite well & there is a new addition, there is a round-a-bout. Who would have know they were so progressive back in the day.

I almost ran out of gas, so will have to watch my gas gauge more carefully in the future. Good thing it's not like the old days when the members use to get fined for every stupid thing they did. That would have cost a lot.

It was a lot warmer up there then I expected but I guess I don't remember going up in August before. Maybe we could change it to another month next year.

So wanted to know everyone's thoughts on one of our club members that's a little out of character this year. Last spring she tried to pick up on a much younger man & didn't seem to mind that we were all watching her (including her husband & son) & now, she waits till we have all left camp & entices an older member to go running through the sprinklers with her. Do we need to do something about this, or let her husband handle it? As a club we don't want to get a bad reputation just because of one person. Just food for thought!

I will have Christmas Party plan ideas at the meeting on the the 9th at Fort Bragg. See some of you then.

Jackie



C4WDC Event Map



Ophir Gopher Jeep Club Meeting Minutes Friday, August 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Peterson at Wyandotte Grange at 6:50 p.m.

Members present: Jackie Peterson, Bob Duncan, David and Cheryl Casagrande, Kevin Casagrande, Keith VanZandt, John and Glenda Morse, Merrilee Esau, and Judy Bennett. Guests: Sharon Cherry and Bob and Clair Warka.



Correction for July minutes: Add Guests: Jerry and Beverly Robison and Sharon Cherry. Treasurer's Report needed to read "Judy reported that our account "may" be moved for service charge reasons.

Motion made by Keith and seconded by Kevin to approve Minutes as amended. Motion carried.



Treasurer's Report: John made a motion and Keith seconded it to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.

Delegate's Report: Jackie wasn't able to attend the North District meeting in Sacramento on Saturday, 7/16/16 at 9:00 a.m. and David was out of town so we did not have a delegate there.

Trailmaster's Report: Had a great run in Buck's Lake area led by Kevin Casagrande. We were finally able to find the "Big Tree" and we hiked down the hill to see it. It was HUGE! Then ended up at the Bucks Creek Tram and on to 3 Lakes. Great views and lots of interesting things to see.



The August run was a campout on 8/12-14/2016 to Taylorsville. We toured Walker Mine between Taylorsville and Lake Davis and Kevin did lots of research on the history of the Mine. He even printed out pictures of what the area used to look like in its hey-day, complete with photos of the buildings that used to stand. There are cement structures still there but it was really awesome to see what it used to look like.

September run on 9/9-11/2016 will be to Wages Creek (now called Westport Campground in Ft. Bragg) and Kevin has reserved a group camp site for us. We will leave on Friday at 10:00 a.m.



Old Business: Don't forget, we need to attend Grange Functions throughout the month. John, Glenda, David and Cheryl attended the breakfast. Bob Warka was there also with another group of friends. David, Cheryl and Sharon Cherry attended the Tri-tip dinner on 8/20/16. Way to go Gophers!

New Business: Wyandotte Grange Calendar events for September - (please attend as many of the events as possible) and are as follows:

Breakfast - September 4th from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. (John/Glennnda, David and I usually meet there at 8:30)

Bunco - 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner - 17th - BBQ Pulled Pork and Chicken from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. (let's try to get lots of us to meet there if possible)

State that you are with the Ophir Gophers so we get credit as part of our agreement with them for allowing us to use the building for our meetings.

Hopefully we will have guests Bob and Clair Warka at our September 9th or October 1st meeting. Looking forward to getting to know them better.

Cal4Wheel - Motion made by Keith and seconded by Merrilee to donate money to Cal4WD project that Inland Empire will match funds per \$100.00. Motion carried.

Jackie will check with the Patio, Feather Falls Casino in Oroville or possibly Ouijas near Lowe's in Chico for our Christmas Dinner location.

Announcements: Meeting will be on September 9, 2016 on the Ft. Bragg campout. The October meeting will be at the Grange on October 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Mary's braces were taken off but are now back on! She can fill us in at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Casagrande
Secretary