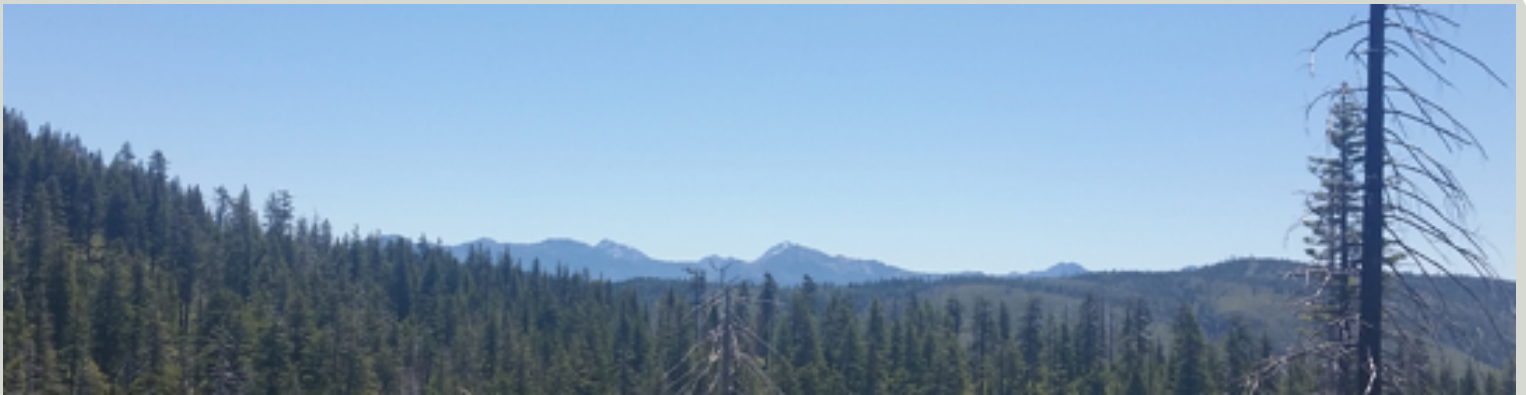


# THE COASTER



## President's Message July 2016



Memberships are now due, so to continue receiving the Coaster, please pay your dues, and support the club. Our funds pay for our dash plaques, windshield logos, annual Christmas dinner and miscellaneous items such as an occasional barbecue.

Your input, along with your dues is what keeps our club going. Don't forget, every member is a very important part of our club, and all of your ideas are needed. We need to promote membership, along with fun functions for all.

Functions do not have to be hard core 4x4 runs, they can be anything from picnics, campouts, barbecues to rafting trips, so all suggestions are gratefully accepted.

There are a couple of parades coming up, so invite all your friends with 4x4's to join us and participate in the parade. They are the Fortuna Rodeo parade, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Rio Dell Wildwood Days Parade on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Carl*

### 2016 Officers:

President - Carl Brandt

Vice President - Bruce Fillman

Secretary - Patty Wheeler

Treasurer - Louise Oliver

**July 5, 2016  
Minutes**

**Open Meeting:**

**Roll Call of Officers/Appointees/Delegates:**

**President:** Carl Brandt

**Vice President:** Bruce Fillman

**Secretary:** Patty Wheeler

**Treasurer:** Louise Oliver

**Special order of Business, Correspondence, Videos, Guests / Presentations:**

**Treasurer's report:** \$ 233.16

**Reports of Officers, Delegates and Committees:**

- 1) Smith River campout

**Old Business:**

**Proposed runs for 2016**

**July 16** - Fortuna Parade & River Bar run

**August 13** - Wildwood days parade      **August 21** - Lost Coast trail - Ferndale to Usal Beach/  
Fort Bragg

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>** - Labor Day weekend campout      **October** - Open

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** - Orlean's Lookout, Xmas tree run

**December** - OHV run & Xmas dinner

*All run's are finalized at that month's meeting so runs may be changed or rescheduled.*

**Runs/Events:**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>** - Fortuna Parade and river bar run

Meet at the  
Fortuna Calvary Chapel  
914 9th Street  
10:30 a.m.

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**Closing comments**

**Adjourn Meeting**

**July Birthdays**

No listed birthdays for July

## *McGrew Trail*



JR and I decided to take one rig this time, so we took my truck, as it was the one that was in the best condition at the time.

We made the trip to Cave Junction as we had planned and had a great breakfast there at the sausage factory. They have the best food there, and at a real reasonable price.

After a leisurely breakfast, we topped off with fuel, and headed to O'Brien. We waited there for a while, and no one else showed up, so we hit the trail.

It was plenty hot, and the gate was open, contrary to all the facebook posts. There is still a lot of discussion about this being open, but there were no signs other than the standard one that states that the trail is under a seasonal closure. So far, so good.

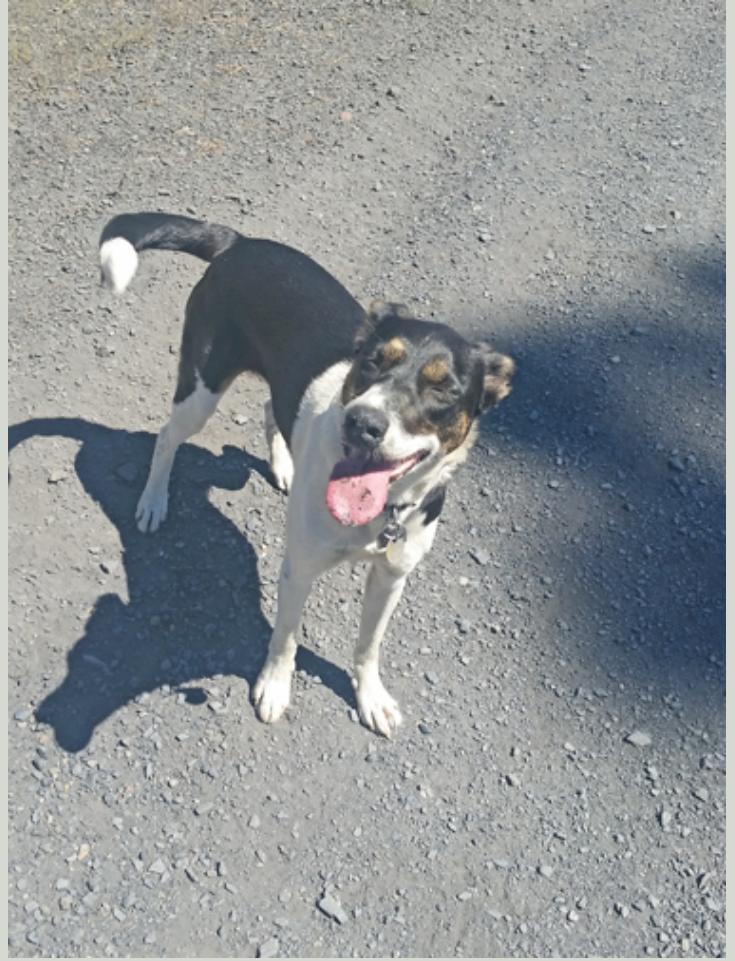
Well, we hit the trail, and there are many changes on the roads because of the fire, so it's hard to tell whether you are on the correct road or not. A lot of grading has been done on the main forest service road so it looks a lot different.

As expected, the road is still quite narrow with some spooky spots, especially in the truck. JR really doesn't like to be next to some of the edges on this trail anyway, and the truck just makes it seem worse.

No real problems negotiating the trail though, but we did have a rear u-joint start to squeal, and one of the tie rod ends was starting to flex a little more than it should, causing the steering to feel pretty sloppy.

Well, since we were by ourselves, and a fair distance to go, we decided to play it safe, and head back over the trail, and head home.

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When we hit the highway, it was obvious that repair was needed, as you could feel the drag from the bad u-joint, and the steering was really sloppy. Both are easy fixes. The u-joint was replaced the next day, and I'm still waiting for the new tie rods. The tie rods were supposed to be here a week ago, but still haven't arrived. So much for buying on e-bay, but the price is right.

All in all, it was still a fun run. Lightning was not too happy about the heat though.

*Carl*

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### *A Mild 4<sup>th</sup> of July*

JR, Mari, the dogs and I decided to go to Grizzly Bluff for the 4<sup>th</sup>. We played around for quite a while checking out the trails and hill climbs. There were only a couple of bikers there, and no shooters. It didn't appear that many people are even going down there, as there were very few new tracks, and no new tracks on any of the hill climbs.

Still waiting for parts for the truck, Sami has a flat tire, and the WJ needs a motor mount, so I took the CJ. Nice to have spare rigs.

We set up a little area with a good camp fire right at the base of the hill climbs nearest the river. Roasted some hot dogs and lit off some fireworks. It was sort of strange with no other vehicles around, no gun fire, and no other fire works going off.

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When we left, we saw one pickup coming in, and just before leaving the river bar, we seen one canopy set up with a couple of rigs and some people barbequing. Quietest night I have ever seen out there. I'm guessing that everyone thinks that the whole river bar is closed because of the barrier at Fernbridge????

*Carl*



I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

## Do you know and understand the 7 Cardinal Rules of Jeeping?

If not, you need to! Here they are:

### **Rule #1:**

Don't ever call it a car

### **Rule #2:**

Don't be afraid to get stuck when going off-road - It's all a part of the adventure - If in doubt just make sure go with someone else to help get unstuck.

### **Rule #3:**

Get into the culture of Jeep vehicles. Those of us who drive Jeep vehicles are a unique bunch. We crave adventure and the outdoors. We love a good road trip but prefer to go off-roading. We're equally interested in showing off a shiny new ride or a muddy one. And we drive through life with curiosity and courage.

### **Rule #4:**

Meet other Jeep brand enthusiasts. Attend events like Jeep Jamboree USA. It's the quickest way to understand your vehicle and what it's capable of. Plus, you're bound to make friends with other likeminded off-roaders.

### **Rule #5:**

Know your vehicle. To get to know the ins and outs of your new Jeep brand vehicle, read through the owner's manual and visit [Jeep.com](http://Jeep.com) for information on everything from taking the top down to maintenance schedules to staying connected with Jeep mobile apps.

### **Rule #6:**

Know your elements. Off-roading brings you face-to-face with a variety of terrains and challenges. Fortunately, we have a few tips for tackling the trails, whether you're rock crawling or driving in sand. And be sure you Get to Know Your Mud — we know you're anxious to get dirty.

### **Rule #7:**

ALWAYS Wave to other Jeepers! Rule of thumb for the Jeep Wave is:- If it's a Jeep and the top comes off, you WAVE!

-Jeep Fanatic



## LOST COAST 4X4'S Membership Application

New Member  Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Licence #: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliated with other 4x4 clubs? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Name of club: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Club Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues for Lost Coast 4x4's are \$ **40** per year, payable on or before June 1st.

I/We hereby apply for membership in the Lost Coast 4x4's Club.

I/We will obey all rules, regulations and bylaws set forth by the Club.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail application and check to:

Lost Coast 4x4's  
2125 Forbes Ave  
Eureka, CA 95503

If you have any questions, call: Carl: (707)442-7395

*Brandt Enterprises 02/06*

Miscellaneous Debris

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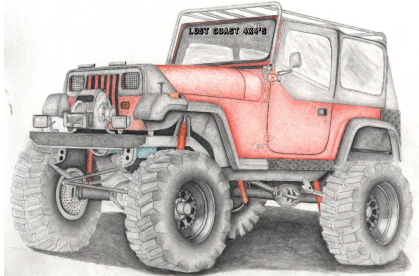
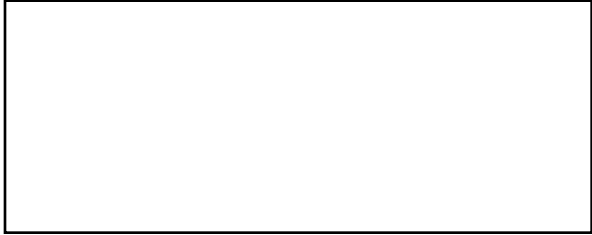
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<http://www.lostcoast4x4.org>  
**Next Meeting: August 2nd, 7:00 p.m.**  
**At: The Pantry in Eureka**