

The Treasure Chest



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**Newsletter of the Sierra Treasure Hunters 4WD club
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A Word From the President—no. 2

by Andrea Harris

First meeting down, 11 more to go :) I'm confident that our June meeting was a record for the shortest meeting ever but that will not always be the case. It was great to see such a great turn out at 4Wheel Parts and I thank them for hosting our meeting. A few friends from way back attended including Kris Bryant, yes that's right...Bryant. Brent Clements, youngest child of the Clement clan stopped by and said he has been working on his own Jeep. He is MUCH taller now. Both Kris and Brent said they would like to be active in the club when time permits; we would sure enjoy having them along. Cari McCullen also attended our meeting and the DSUSA steak feed. Really enjoyed seeing her again and glad she has been joining us, looking forward to her driving on a trip soon. For our July meeting the club by-laws will be discussed and possibly reviewed for future action.

On another note, I am so glad that Doug and I were able to attend the DSUSA run this year. I am very proud whenever the opportunity arrives to talk about our club. The Sierra Treasure Hunters are a great group of people and the Disabled Sports USA run speaks volumes about who we are and what's important to us, specifically giving back. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful event. I do not know how many years we have been providing this run, but I can remember going in 2004? with Erek and Aksel (our dog) and hitching a ride with John Hargis...





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2016 Disabled Sports USA – China Flat Campground, Kyburz CA

by Doug Baker with photos from Chris Collard and Geoff Ford



What started as a day intended for one thing ended up totally different, but a lot of fun nonetheless. Andrea and I had already proclaimed our intention to participate in the DSUSA run, with one of us driving our CJ with a front seat participant, and the other possibly driving someone else's rig. Somewhere along the line, we got the idea that the other rig was going to be occupied and that someone was staying back at the camp site.

That led to the decision to take the pups along for the day.

We arrived at the meeting point, just outside the entrance to the China Flat campground right about eight o'clock. Shortly thereafter, the entire group trickled in, including the participants. I believe there were twelve total. It was as I was signing the waiver that the first bit of missed information came in. The DSUSA folks already had lunch for us! That made our stop at Subway on the way up kind of superfluous, although I did enjoy the breakfast wrap anyway.

Just as we were getting the attendees situated with the rigs they were going to ride in, we realized that a) the campground entrance was not where the club was staying, it was quite a bit up the road, and b) no one was staying behind. Those realizations prompted our decision to opt out of providing a ride to someone else, since we couldn't leave Andrea and the pups on the side of the road for the better part of the day.

It was a rather abrupt awakening that we should have obtained more information on the specifics of the run before our attendance, especially since it was our first actual participation in the event. I think we've been out of the loop on runs for too long. Anyone with a rig under construction take note!

Although it was a little disheartening that we could not participate in the manner we intended, we still wanted to spend the day with the club peeps. I haven't torn my hair out getting this Jeep together to relegate it to commuter duty! It was a beautiful day, we had the pups,

continued...and the CJ was running great. It was time to go!

We arranged the line with some thought to those rigs that didn't have CBs (yet). It was quite the eclectic group, running the gamut from Sharon's total stocker, to Lucky's rip snorting monster Dodge, to Carl's luxobarge. We followed Trail Boss George up the road which turned into the trail soon enough. We passed by the real camp site, which is where Andrea and I were very glad we made the call that we did. We'll know better for next time.

The ride up was awesome. The trail was fun, the weather was fantastic, the radio chatter was entertaining. We stopped for lunch at a clearing with a stupendous view. The off-roading didn't stop, though, as Rory and

Carl unloaded their portable rigs and proceeded to partake of the topography in RC fashion. They didn't lack for spotters and guides, either, as the younger members of the group ensured that every maneuver and situation was well analyzed.

After everyone had their fill, we loaded up once more and continued the journey. It's such a joy to think now of how



the trail had no forewarning of what we were to find at the turn around point. The weather was sunny and clear, warm with a little bit of a cool breeze. Right before the end, we encountered snow! Quite a bit of it, too, considering the temperate climate. If the intention was to turn around and head back immediately, it was quickly abandoned for the opportunity to play in the cold, white wetness. Snowballs were thrown, tires were spun. We stopped for a while to bask in the

beauty of the area. Chris let his photo creativity off the leash to set up an entertaining tableau.



continued...For the departure, there was an opportunity to discover what each vehicle/driver could do in the snow. A couple of rigs wanted to see what getting strapped was like. I think Jefe led the way, so any one else didn't have to be the first. Sharon got to find out what all the new tech in her rig was like in the snow. Those computer aids don't always help! Sometimes you want the wheels to spin. Times like these are a good reminder why traveling with a group of friends has so many advantages. You get to learn your rigs capabilities and shortcomings with little to no risks. I think she's already planning on mods to her ride for the future.

The trip back was just as enjoyable as the way up. Everyone made it back to the China Flat area in one



piece, as a group. There we bid adieu to the DSUSA folks and some who headed back home. Andrea and I were one of those returning home, sad to end the day, glad to end it on such a positive note. We learned to get more details about the next runs we plan on attending, and not to be behind Carl, who can't stand to not climb over an obstacle every few feet. I think his rig might not run very well when it's level.





Installation Picnic Awards 2016

by Penny Ford, Ways & Means

Here is a recap of our annual awards for those who were unable to join us at Prairie City for the Installation Picnic.

Sharp Shooter Award -

To help ensure a “repeat” next year – Jenn can practice “right at home” Award was a squirt gun.

Rosie the Riveter -

Although I think we all qualified that day – Suzy and Leona quietly worked at cutting the steel rods to the appropriate lengths on a machine I have no idea what it's called – WITHOUT supervision after their first lesson. Award - “Girlie Gloves”

The Prince of Snow – Indy

Indy clearly preferred to be a pampered pet and kept snuggled in his bed of blankets on the tailgate of the Raptor. Award – dog treats.

Snow Patrol -

In direct contrast to Indy this next person repeats the mantra “The roads are full of idiots” all the time. My mild mannered husband turns into a raving lunatic when confronted by them. He feels it's his responsibility to ensure adherence to “advice”. My understanding is Geoff performed this task admirably. Award - Sheriff's badge.

NOW TO WHAT I CALL THE “HANDY TIPS” CATEGORY

Handy Tips #1 Award -

Linda B gave all at Trek's Friday night dinner a demonstration as to the appropriate manner to butter our corn. Unfortunately it's x-rated so we can't demonstrate or provide pictures. Award – box of food service gloves.

Handy Tips #2

Check your pants before you leave the house! These will definitely help Carrol make quick repairs. Award – iron on patches. Ironically – the husband /wife team strikes again – they have a rep you know...

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I was inspired by Andrea's use of the word Milestone in one of the newsletters- here are some Milestones the club experienced these last few months....

Milestone Award #1- Rechristening of the Vehicle

Hoping this becomes an annual award as more of the “non-participating” vehicles get dusted off and hit the dirt.

This year – it goes to **DnA** – At Trek – wasn't so sure but then they went on two runs to prove it. Bottle of Cook's

Milestone #2 – Uncle Willie Sighting

Twice in one year and not even at trek. Once @ Josh/Katie's wedding and at a meeting!

Milestone #3 – New Grandparents

Ron and Leona welcomed their first grandchild and will soon be welcoming their second! Keep these around-you will need them! Award - Pampers

Milestone #4 – Hall of Fame

Although we are all stars – we now have a very famous and distinguished one in our midst – Chris Collard. Inducted into the Off Road Motor Sports Hall of Fame. Award – his own “Star”.

Milestone #5 -

Ed Dunkley Medal of Honor for Lifetime Achievement Award – imagine being so impactful that at the youthful age of 50 (barely) and receiving a lifetime achievement award. Award – big squirt gun to fend of the goons wanting her to “work for them”.

No Milestone Award - Procrastination Award -

Ron edged out Carrol for this award because from what I'm told - “he's got all the parts”.....Carrol has no engine. Award – Cert of PROcrastination.

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Now to our more traditional awards:

Best Photo/Mineral –

I put these together because of a series of photos that Rich took on the Lost Coast trip– he took pictures of the beach but zoomed in with each new shot - ended up with just a few pebbles. All with a cell phone camera.

Best Crab –

closest we could come to a fish this year...
Tessa and Macey – grabbed it on the Lost Coast trip

Best Bottle –

has to be the bug full of tequila that DnA brought to the Club Room @ convention

Doofus Goofus -

Ironically this award will be going to George, our Trailmaster, in honor of his total lack of following OHV guidelines by always riding with a buddy. This should help you remember to never go alone.

Problem Child -

Goes to Lucky this year with by having “issues” on two different runs this year and neither of them from Trek. The first would be Barrett Lake when Don became part of the front bumper to get him back on the ground. The second, was during the Lost Coast Pre run – lost the trannie – my guess is that it's tough to move when that happens.

Family of the Year -

So many of you deserve this award for the unbelievable amount of time you give every year – showers, Trek Kitchen, Friday Night Dinners (Trek & Winter Fun) but George, Taylor & Edward Knowlton are the recipients this year. George worked hard to provide us with great monthly run options including pre running the trail. That alone eats up two weekends a month. They have been very active in all club events and rarely missed a meeting.

July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>George's</i> Birthday	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8 <i>Barbara's</i> Birthday 	9 Club Meeting <i>Hoey's 5pm</i>
10	11	12 <i>Kellogg's</i> Anniversary	13	14	15 <i>Kerley's</i> Anniversary	16
17	18	19 <i>Penny's</i> Birthday	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Hoey's</i> Anniversary	26	27	28	29 <i>Andrea's</i> Birthday	

July 9th Club Meeting at Hoey's and Chalk Bluff Run
 -10am show time for run and 5pm for dinner and meeting