

Treasure Chest

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Newsletter for the
Sierra Treasure Hunters 4WD club
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President's Column

by Rich Currie

Well, here we are again.....January of the new year. Hope everyone had their fill with Christmas cheer and New Years resolutions. Happy New Year to all you STH'ers!!!

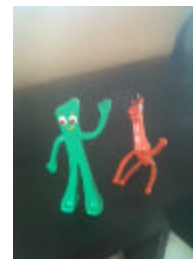
I want to thank again the Hoey's for their hospitality for our annual Christmas Party/White Elephant and the Medley's for inviting us to their place to celebrate the coming of the new year. As well as providing the delectable assortment of water fowl and sea creature for us to indulge to our heart content.

I know I've been busy the past 19 months. And as always the club stays busy by starting out the new year contributing to the Winter Fun Fest January 13-15. Hosting Friday night Dinner and leading again the Historic Run, by Ron Kellogg. If you haven't been, you need to sign up and give'er a go. Not sure how many of us are signed up for the other runs. And with the lack of snow this year, compared to last year (by a long shot), not sure what runs will pan out with the white stuff.. Pray for a massive dumping.

Some of us consider the Winter un-Fun Fest to be a little boring, but show your club colors and support your club by attending and help with Friday dinner and/or some of the other activities. Like the Sierra Trek, this event is a fund raiser so maybe invite others to attend and help promote Cal 4wd association.

See you at the club meeting this time, remember pizza and soda provided by 4-Wheel Parts.

Rich



The Officers Expressions

STATE DELEGATE

by Ron Kellogg

STH Club Delegate Report: New CA4WDC website:

<http://www.cal4wheel.com/>

CA4WDC Convention 2012: February 24 – 26, Hesperia, CA.

There are several Bylaw Change Proposals that will be voted on during Convention, which I will be attending and representing the STH Club. The proposals are described in detail in the December “In Gear” which is available on the CA4WDC website. I will be going over the proposals during the Jan. 5th STH Club meeting to get feedback from the club as to how you would like me to vote.

SierraTrek: Next Trek meeting is January 26th.

Next North District Meeting is January 28, 2012:

On the agenda during the next North District meeting will be elections. There are four positions open for elections, nominations will be opened again before elections. I will be asking for feedback from the club during the Jan. 5th STH Club meeting. Open positions and current nominations include:

North District Secretary Treasurer – Jeff Blewett

North District Membership Chairman – Scott Rasmussen

North District Individual Member Delegate – Sherry Stortroen, Dave Douglas

North District Associate Member Delegate – Dana Holland

Club events: Capital City Mountain Goat 4WDC, Inc. is hosting the 6th annual Chili Cook Off, January 22nd starting at 09:00 AM, judging at noon, at Ice House Resort. Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place, contact Mike Lenno (916) 363-0499, or Dana Holland (916) 812-2578 for more information.

Ron (aka Spiderman).

Remember!!!
The January STH meeting is at the
4-Wheel Parts Performance
Thursday, January 5 2012
Meeting time is 7:00 PM
Drinks: 4WP
Snacks: 4WP

P R E - R U N

Benmore Canyon Road in Lake County

article by: Rich Currie

Got a call from lucky the other day. He said he just read last months newsletter and was wondering if I had gone and checked out those new trails I wrote about. Nope! So we shot gunned a date to go and check it out. 1/1/12

I think New years Day was the best time to hunt down some new terrain. Clear blue sky day and warm in the sun, and no one (land owners) in sight.

We met as planned in Madison just off hwy 505 around 745 and were back on the road by 8am. Last gas and potty spot at the Cache Creek Casino gas station. Arrived at the trail entrance about an hour later to find a beautifully designed iron gate. Dang!! This gate wasn't here last time. I tried to scoot around looking for other possible openings but knew better I'd find

none. So I decided to return to the fancy gate and have a looky at the lock. Just as we returned someone had unlocked and was entering. We caught him at a perfect time, I held my thumb up as though I'd catch the gate and lock it back as we entered as well. The guy had no problem with that and left us to locking the gate. Awesome we are in!! Lucky closed the gate and noticed the combo on the four digit lock. Just in case we had to return this way we had a way to open it again.

Benmore Canyon Road is an old road that criss crosses a wash/creek that heads upstream toward Indian Valley Reservoir (IVR) area. The road appears to have automobile travel but definitely has motorcycle and quading written all over it. It was reaxing driving in and out of the creek crossings and through the narrow bends of the creek. We zig zagged are way further up until I decided to take a steep hill climb out to a ridge. It was a good vantage point looking down back into the creek canyon as well as looking across the mountain ranges. Prior to this trip I printed out some google pictures to help me guide the way. I had a destination to try and reach a river that flows from the IVR. Possible camp spots or scenic stop overs for future quad or 4x runs.



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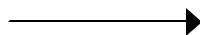
article by: Rich Currie (cont)

Our first obstacle was another gate about half way in. This gate had seen a lot of abuse and rust. Getting around this gate seem to easy. A sharp right turn steep climb along the battered fence line crossing over where the fence is no more. Then back down the other side to the road below. After this gate the road began to be a narrow track. No noticeable automobile travel now. I kept having this feeling that some rancher would be around the next corner wondering how the heck we got here. Then the next head scratcher. A portion of the trail had slipped off the hill side, someone stuck a thin piece of plywood and spikes to try and shore up the dirt. This was all fine and dandy but the track was half the width of my 4Runner. Steep up hill cliff on the right and steep slide down to the creek on the left. I approached the narrows to see if this was possible. We calculated if we dug out the hill a bit maybe I can squeeze by in a hurry to avoid slipping / rolling down into the creek. Lucky said "if feels like your losing the battle steer into the creek to avoid rollin... Its easier to recover when you are on your wheels." Oh boy thanks for the advise.

Yes I made it through...but not without a bit of adrenalin. My hands shook all day after that one. Even when Lucky drove through his back tire slipped off down the steep side. My back tire pulverized the plywood shoring as it slipped of the edge pulling the vehicle down. There was no stopping once you started.

Once I regained my composure we pressed onward. I found the trail that leads to the river on the other side of a couple mountain ridges. Drove down to the rivers edge. Not knowing what to expect we came upon some ones old hide out shacks built on the rocks and trees along the rivers edge. Talk about a room with a view.

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Benmore Canyon Road in Lake County

article by: Rich Currie (cont)

We arrived at the river just before noon. A bite to eat and some snooping around the rocky shore line checking out the professional architect structures. An hour had past and we headed back to the Benmore creek area. We found our way out to the improved gravel road that takes you to IVR. Since the lake was low I couldn't resist driving down to the dam gates. (cover picture) LOL Damn gates!!



WAYS & MEANS

by Leona Kellogg

Happy New Year! Here's hoping everyone had a joyful Christmas. The New Year is Almost upon us, or could already be a thing of the past as you read this in the newsletter. We wish you all peace, good health and happiness in 2012.

Our first meeting of 2012 will be **1/5/2012 at 7:00pm 4 Wheel Parts**. Thank you Sharon for the cookies and Lucky for drinks at the December meeting. We will feast on pizza and soda at the next meeting hosted by 4 Wheel Parts. Please Email Leona if you plan to attend the January meeting so we can have an accurate head count for the pizza.

The Christmas party went off without a hitch. Kudos to Matt and Kimber for being such great hosts. Matt smoked a turkey that was delicious. The party was enjoyed by all. You can always tell when the house is roaring with laughter and chatter! We missed those of you that were not able to join us.

Our club spent \$1009.43 on toys out of 1010 that had been donated over the last year. Kathy and Merci Medley, helped by Kimber and Miss Ford loaded 4 shopping carts with toys! We really appreciate that Kathy spearheads this activity for the club. Thank you Kathy! The remaining 57 cents is seed money for the 2012 toy run. Pat yourselves on the back for all the donations and fines that went to the toy run.

Continue to surprise people with random acts of kindness. It feels good!


Respectfully submitted by your Ways and Means Committee
Leona & Kimber

FYI

General Interests

Jan. 5 th :	STH meeting 4 Wheel Parts 7PM
Jan. 13 th -16 th :	Winter Fun Fest
Jan 19 th -22 nd :	Sportsman's Expo, Cal Expo
Jan 22 nd :	Capitol City Mt Goats Chili Cook off
Jan 26 th :	Sierra Trek planning meeting, CA4WDC 7:30
Jan 28 th :	North District Meeting CA4WDC 9:00 AM
Feb 5 th -10 th :	King of the Hammers, Johnson Valley
Feb 18 th -19 th :	Sand Mountain or Snow Patrol? (Club Run)
Feb 24 th -25 th :	CA4WDC Convention, Hesperia, CA

January 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2	3	4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Desirae	5 CLUB MEETING 4W PARTS 7P	6	7 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kimber
8 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Penny & Geoff	9	10	11	12	13 WINTER FUN FEST	14 WINTER FUN FEST
15 WINTER FUN FEST	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Leona	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Toyota Steve	30	31				