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A Word From the President—no. 10

by Andrea Harris

February's meeting was well attended at 4 Wheel Parts with pizza and drinks provided by our gracious hosts. We had some great discussions, one being the irregular attendance to club meetings. We tried to narrow down the reasons for low attendance and determine the best course of action going forward to encourage attendance. A few things stood out, a central location in Sacramento was suggested versus going to the outer edges, south to Elk Grove at my house or north to Grass Valley, as an example. A second suggestion was that the meeting location should be provided two months in advance, especially since it changes, allowing people to plan accordingly. Third suggestion, have a regular location! Going forward, here is what we will TRY and do. Once a quarter we will be at 4 Wheel Parts, which is centrally located in Sacramento, and we will try and find a local business (bank, pizza, library, etc.) that we can meet the other 9 months out of the year. Unfortunately Cal4Wheel was taken out of the equation given it's location in south Sacramento.

A follow up to last months report about our down fence, it's up and doing a great job at keeping Hannah and Callen in our yard and not wandering the neighborhood.



2017 Snow Patrol

Article by Cari McCullen, photos by Cari and Rory Huber

The group including Geoff and Penny who left from the house, gathered at my home in Pollock Pines for a quick drivers meeting, potty break and dog petting. We headed up and after finding the "spot" we wanted to stop at, we proceeded to set up the chili pot and cookie and goody table. Rory did a great job at talking with folks and letting them know of a few rules and conditions. Much of the snow had melted lower in elevation on the road so we had to park up passed the information booth. The rain that week killed the powder, but the snow was really good and very challenging. After an hour or so, Rory, Darold, Sharon and myself took off to go see what kind of trouble we could get into.

My daughter Kaci was with us from Idaho Falls as well as Jennie, Rory's great niece. The snow can be described that day



as slushy on the top and frozen on the bottom making it difficult for anyone who was not set up properly. Especially someone with street tires and full air pressure. That's exactly the situation we ran into with a full sized Ford pickup and a 4runner from the valley. We spent a few hours attempting to unstick them and educate them on proper 4wheeling (snow wheeling) practices. We finally got them out of harms way and we made it back to Kathy and the rest of the group.

During our adventure, you can see by the pictures that Rory had to pull Darold out (wink wink).. well.. I'll never tell.

Kaci drove my jeep back to "camp". She's missed the sport having grown up and learning to drive in Georgetown. Seems my starter decided to quit that day so I

push started her a few times. Attendees: Rory & Cari, Cari's daughter Kaci, Rory's great niece Jennie, Kathy & Merci, Chris & Shelby, Sharon, and our guest Darold (I believe his Jeep is on the newsletter cover).



Our Amazing Cabo Adventure

By Cindy Ray

We started on our amazing adventure about 4 pm on Sat Jan 21st in the old blue caravan packed with stuff for our house. Southbound we kept pushing until Santa Nella where we took a short break; then one at Buttonwillow (58). We pushed straight through LA and San Diego finding ourselves in Tijuana at the border entry about 2 am the 22nd.

Navigating through the first toll road we continued on into the darkness down Highway One. It was cold and the overflow canals were full and flooded. The second toll was just north of San Miguel and then on to the vast vineyards of Ensenada and south all the way to Santa Tomas. It almost resembled Napa with a huge winery in construction high atop the vineyards. In it's opulence it looked somewhat out of place but already beckoning to future wine tasters and tourists.

We pushed on through the vast cultivated farms of San Vicente and down through Colonet. The farms



were lush and in denial of the desert all around. The winter is bringing plenty of fresh water; an unusually wet year. The fertile crops were plentiful San Quentin and south with acres of greenhouses and berry farms; not the scene you would picture amid the desert. The mountain roads had dirt and boulders sliding into the lane a testament to the onslaught of rain. We took a wrong turn at Colonet and went about 100 miles back northward. We didn't realize it until going through the Federali checkpoint; the guard looked confused when we told him we were going to "Los Cabos" for vacation (we were heading north at that point.) We came back



through the same checkpoint (bet they had a good laugh)! Somewhere about Santo Tomas we caught a nap on the side of the road (thank God for reclining seats).

We pushed on south to El Rosario where the road turns inland and on through Rancho El Progreso. Just outside of Catavina we fueled aware of the long dry spell through the desert which is a huge national desert park. The scenery turns to cactus; cirios (boojums-they look like pointy swords with fur on them); barrel cactus; yucca; and a plethora of gangling bushes with thorns.



(cont)..We meandered down the East coast of Baja until our turn off south of Buena Vista. Great pavement until La Rivera where it turns to dirt all of the way to our casa in Castillo de Arena. It was about midnight Mon into Tues and we reclined our seats and slept til morning in our driveway. The weather was still cold; which pursued until after the Baja La Rivera 300 race which ran right down our main road. All the neighbors rode their quads to perch and watch the race. It was fun, the favorite choice for the race were Ford pickups which we found amusing.

The weather turned around and has been excellent; warm with a light breeze (70's). Lucky accomplished setting up our bed; I painted some more to eradicate the brick red; turquoise and dark marine blue from the walls. We managed to break the Bosch washer so we have a pile of laundry to take home. We have met new neighbors some from Oregon, Idaho and LA. The workers are building two new houses to the west of us and our skyline is likened to a small village from the road.

We paid our taxes before the end January. After January the charges go up therefore the line was always out onto the road of people in line at San Jose. Finally we took our patience and stood in line for about an hour. Our taxes for our home and property were about 4400 pesos

(exchange of 20 to one that day) so a little over \$200. Checked out the international insurance policy which will cover us in Mexico and Internationally (US too) for about \$1500 annually per person payable incrementally if desired. Payed our water bill about 20 pesos a day give or take (remember 20 to 1 exchange).



Gotta tell ya sitting around

sunning ourselves, reading, taking the quads our daily has not become old yet. But unfortunately we headed back north on February 5th about 930 am or so. The trip home was not notable; the weather was a little nicer but still a little cold the more north we traveled. Lucky found an area he wants to explore by Mulege.



The area is the Peninsula Concepcion, a long peninsula which parallels the mainland. Quoting the brochure "at some points the road bisects the high tide line" and "requires sturdy high clearance vehicles preferably with 4WD". It appears somewhat deserted and interesting. Should make a good club excursion, anyone game?

STH Family welcomes new members!

Please join me in welcoming our newest Sierra Treasure Hunters!!

The Bryant family was voted into membership during our February meeting.

The family includes Kris, Lili, Grace and Jake! You probably have seen them around as they have been to many meetings, runs and specifically were a tremendous help with our Friday night dinner committee at Sierra Trek.



Kris Bryant grilling at Sierra Trek 2016



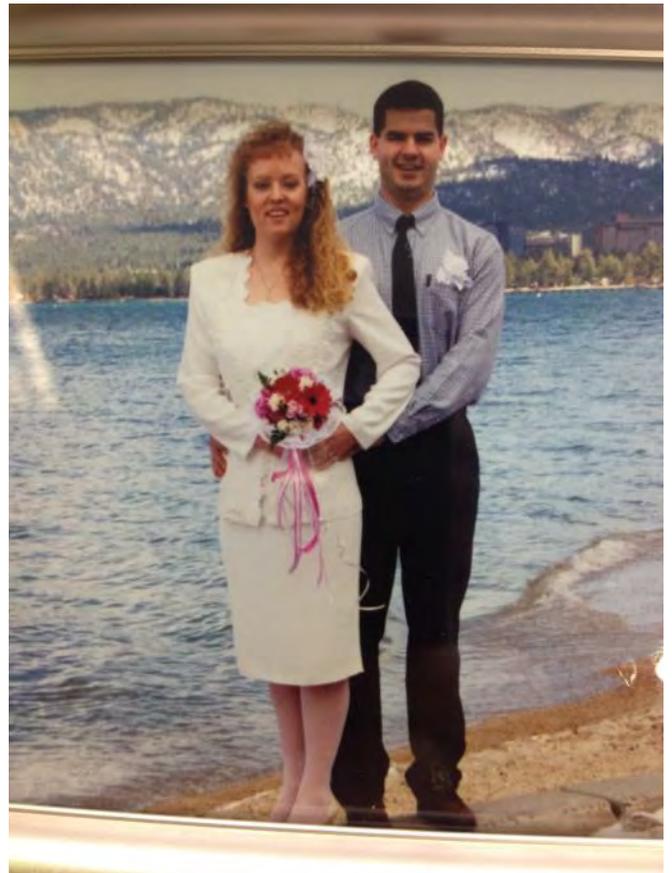
The new Bryant's including the original Bryant's, Linda and Carrol are in this photo from a hike during Trek week. See if you can pick them out.

STH Family



OMG! Doug and I are now grandparents. We are super excited to announce and celebrate Elias Baker, born on February 19th, 7lbs, 7oz. We will be visiting Erek and Breonna this month and are looking forward to meeting Elias!

Another reason to celebrate is our 20th wedding anniversary. We exchanged vows on March 3, 1997 at the Edelweiss Chapel in Lake Tahoe.



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March 2nd: Club Meeting, The Ford's at 7:30pm