

The Treasure Chest

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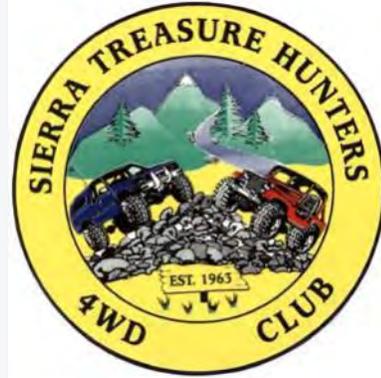
**Newsletter of the Sierra Treasure Hunters 4WD club
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CA4WDC Convention

19-21 February 2016

by Suzy Collard

The 2016 convention was held at the Rancho Cordova Marriott Hotel, in Cal4Wheel's North District. STH members arrived Friday after to transform a simple hotel suite into a Baja-inspired tequila tasting bar. Colorful table covers and decorations, including Mexican som-breros, adorned the room. Chips, salsa, taquitos, carnitas – lots of good food to soak up the liquid refreshment. The suite was located at the end of the hall, so a large brightly colored cut-out of una Paloma bonita stood outside the door to mark our entrance. Plenty of old and new amigos visited throughout the night, enjoying the variety of tequila that was offered. Pomegranate flavored tequila? Deliciosa! It was our most popular flavor. Granted, later in the evening, folks were not all that particular about which bottle their shot came from! Thank you to everyone who provided decorations, food and drink and helped with set up and clean up on Saturday morning.



We met a few folks on Friday (Cal4Wheel members, as independents) who later said our club was the friendliest group of all the hospitality suites. These folks were invited to the next club meeting. We are always open to the possibility of guests and potential new members and it was nice to hear the compliment.



Yes, this was a full three liters of tequila, now only one and a soon to be empty worm

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At this year's Cal4Wheel convention, STH's Kathy Medley was awarded the Ed Dunkley Medal of Honor for her outstanding contributions to the association. Ms. Medley has been a member of the association for more than 15 years, served as the Kitchen Chairperson for Sierra Trek for a number of years, and has been instrumental in making things happen for the association. She is known as a "go to" person; mention a problem or need to her and somehow the issue is quietly resolved.

Kathy, we appreciate your service not only to STH, but also to Cal4Wheel as a whole.

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Ron Kellogg accepts award for Sierra Treasure Hunters 50 Years of Cal4Wheel Membership Presented by Del Albright

Friday night also brought a first annual event for convention: an opportunity to “roast” someone in the off-road world. The inaugural “honoree” was Del Albright. Kurt Schneider emceed the event and got the ball rolling with jabs thrown at all the “roasters” as well as the “guest of honor”. STH’s Chris Collard shared a few stories from his and Del’s 2009 Border to Border trip. Something about Del sleeping with Radar. Road trips are a lot like Vegas....what happens on road trips, should stay on road trips.

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Saturday at Convention brought the vehicle and vendor show. Rory "Rockalot" Huber provided a great mix of tunes for the crowd that walked through the numerous vehicles on display. Attendees were given ballots and an opportunity to vote for their favorite vehicle in various categories: Best of Show, Best "road ready", Best pre and post 1970, etc. MetalCloak made some very cool metal "trophies", with the state of California cut out.



Carl Myers' "Mog" was on display as he, Reed and Dakota lobbied for votes. They were sure to be a crowd favorite. Who doesn't love a cute kid, friendly dog and a one-of-a-kind vehicle?



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About 270 folks attended the SuperHero themed dinner on Saturday night. Decorations were great and Ron "Spiderman" Kellogg got into the spirit with his awesome Spidey tie. The trick to Saturday night was making sure Kathy didn't try to slip out.

A few STHers were clued in that she needed to stay throughout the awards ceremony. It was a bit challenging as Jim Bramham and Steve Egbert read the names of 101 Cal4Wheel members who had achieved 25 years. (Congrats to Rich and Tina Currie!) This was followed by several club awards and

recognition. Finally, the first of the top 2 awards, the Dunkley Medal of Honor was deservedly given to our very own Kathy Medley for her tireless efforts in supporting the association. She was overwhelmed and we were all very proud of her recognition.

The second top award, the drawing of the Win-a-Jeep ticket capped off the night. The winner was not in attendance, but was called by Steve Egbert. The happy ticket holder was from Maxwell and is an enthusiast of our sport.



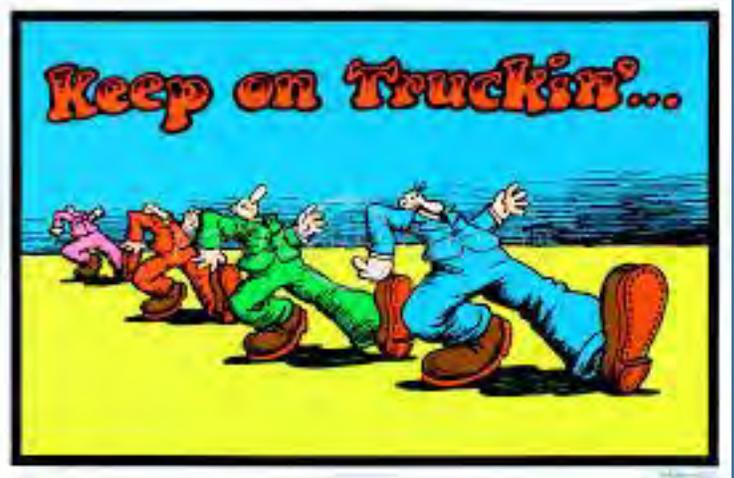
A Word From The President

by Doug Baker

And now, a few words from our ~~sponsor~~ prez.

It's a good thing I don't get paid for this. I'd be pretty hungry right about now. It seems lately that the deadline goes from weeks away right to yesterday in no time flat. There's a word that popped up on my FB feed describing the condition of thinking you have plenty of time to complete something only to find that time has evaporated before you could even start. I think it might be the theme to my life story. It's pretty closely related to procrastination, I'm sure. I even read a great article on a site called wait, but, why that accurately described the process. Unfortunately, even with that background, I've not discovered a cure. Maybe, tomorrow...

In the good news department, I've finally found a cure for my internal beadlock issue. You know, the ones I got installed by a shop recommended by 4WheelParts because they didn't install this particular item that they sold? Yeah, well, it turns out that shop couldn't do it correctly even with instructions. I took the CJ to the Chop Shop in Dixon, and even though they'd never worked on them, they figured out the Staun beadlocks were improperly installed. The valve stem that was added to the wheel to allow air to go in and out of the tire were not in the right spot, so all the air had to squeeze out from under the beadlock bladder. It explains why it would take twenty minutes to go from 30 psi to 10 psi. I don't have it back yet, but hopefully that will no longer be an issue. On the interesting side, I'll probably have the only rims around that have three valve stems (hey! I'm not buying five brand new rims to try this over!).



Now my to-do list is down one item. Although it is up a couple of items, since I still have to replace the e-brake assembly that lunched on our last trip, and I haven't installed the rear armor I bought from MetalCloak with the Sierra Trek gift coupons we won. And the steering still needs to be corrected. And the formerly working CB needs to work again. Crap.

I had to promise not to work on the Toyota pickup I bought until I finish the Jeep. Hopefully, it doesn't rust away until then. The previous owner even contacted me and offered to buy it back, but considering how long it took me to find a relatively unmolested 1985 SR5 extended cab with the 22RE, I didn't bite. Well, it's not like I'm not used to having really long term goals by now.

Like the old 70's t-shirts used to say, "Keep on Truckin'!"

A Word From me, the Editor

by Andrea Harris

The STH Hospitality Suite was a great success! Thank you to Kathy for bringing decorations and supplies, thank you to Kimber for arriving early and helping with set up. Suzy & Kimber both provided bartender assistance while Doug, Linda, Carrol, Kathy, Chris and I chatted with each other and visitors. I was having such a good time, I forgot to get some photos until almost midnight. Yes, a little blurry, could be the tequila? Duh. If you were not there, you missed a great time :)



The STH Family

There are no STH Family notes for March, this area is available each month for sharing your family moments, trips or fun stuff with each other :)

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Baker/Harris Anniversary</i> →	3 <i>Club Meeting 4 Wheel Parts 6:30/7:00</i>	4	5
6 <i>Steve M. B-Day</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

*Next Club Meeting is March 3rd at 4 Wheel Parts on El Camino
6:30 dinner & 7:00 meeting.*