



The Tow Hook

A newsletter exclusively for the members of Upstate Cruisers 4x4 Club

The Upstate Cruisers is a fellowship dedicated to the preservation, promotion and enjoyment of the legendary Land Cruiser. We endorse the protection of Nature as well as assist in the welfare of our society through active community involvement. Our core value is based on demonstration of respect and dignity among our members and citizens alike.

A photo speaks a thousand words

- Alex Garcia

When I began to work on this newsletter a couple of weeks ago the project seemed daunting. As a club, we had accomplished a lot of events over the last eight months. For the first time in our history we planned a golf outing, an annual pool tournament, an expedition, and much more. As I sat down to write about these events for those who missed them, I fretted over having to sit and tap out stories on my computer. There had to be a better way.

I went back to my photo archives of the events and decided that it would be better (and less troublesome for me) to simply publish photos of these events. While a few of these may have been shown before, most of them are being offered here for the first time (my advertising background is seeping through here... bear with me). So browse through the following pages and reminisce with me for a few minutes.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

GEORGIA TRAIL RIDE

June 24th

CULLOWHEE EXPEDITION

July 20-21

PIG ROAST

July 1st

TELLICO TRAIL RIDE

August 12-13



Annual Pool Tournament

For the cold months we decided to hold our monthly meeting at Barleys Pool and Tap Room. Many of the Cruiser's wives and girlfriends came , giving the boys a run for their money in the tournament.





MLK at Tellico



Snow covered several inches of the Tellico mountains for our annual MLK ride. No worries. The Land Cruisers were instrumental in pulling several other vehicles out of ditches.

Was it mentioned that we learned a lot about driving in snow and ice?





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Cullowhee Expedition

Thanks to JP and Andy Smith, the Cullowhee Expedition was a huge success. Member's large, stock LC wagons were able to move through the Carolina mountains and camp out for a few days.





Help a Member of the Month



Alex Garcia needed a little help with his fj40 paint job. Members gathered at Alan Hardin's Land Cruiser Haven to lend a helping hand with preparation and disassembly. While the Cruiser is not yet ready, the help from the crew made the going much easier, saving Alex about 28 man-hours in preparation.



David's Barbeque



David Davis graciously invited UC to his home in NC for a BBQ.

Nine Land Cruisers convoyed from South Carolina to meet his wife and family and to settle down for some really good BBQ. With some twenty people present, this event was a huge success and everyone went home happily stuffed.