

# Sierra Recreation Association

September 1999

## Does It Take a Brick?

About ten years ago, a young and very successful executive named Josh was traveling down a Chicago neighborhood street. He was going a bit too fast in his sleek, black, 12 cylinder Jaguar XKE, which was only two months old.

He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no child darted out, but a brick sailed out and-WHUMP! -- it smashed into the Jag's shiny black side door!

SCREECH...!!!! Brakes slammed! Gears ground into reverse, and tires madly spun the Jaguar back to the spot from where the brick had been thrown.

Josh jumped out of the car, grabbed the kid and pushed him up against a parked car. He shouted at the kid, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing?!"

Building up a head of steam, he went on. "That's my new Jag, that brick you threw is gonna cost you a lot of money. Why did you throw it?"

"Please, mister, please...I'm sorry! I didn't know what else to do!" Pleaded the youngster. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop!"

Tears were dripping down the boy's chin as he pointed around the parked car. "It's my brother, mister," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Sobbing, the boy asked the executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."



Moved beyond words, the young executive tried desperately to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. Straining, he lifted the young man back into the wheelchair and took out his handkerchief and wiped the scrapes and cuts, checking to see that everything was going to be OK. He then watched the younger brother push him down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long walk back to the sleek, black, shining, 12 cylinder Jaguar XKE - a long and slow walk. Josh never did fix the side door of his Jaguar. He kept the dent to remind him not to go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at him to get his attention...



Some bricks are softer than others. Feel for the bricks of life coming at you.

## Calendar of Events

Thanksgiving &  
Christmas Dinner.....Saturday, December 11, 1999  
St Patricks Day Dinner.....Saturday, March 11, 2000  
Annual Meeting.....Sunday, May 28, 2000  
Fish Derby.....Saturday June 17, 2000

## Sierra Park Lodge #376

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Hall. There is a potluck held the fourth Saturday before the Lodge meeting, to which all are welcome.





## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 15, 1999

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice President Jim Morrison. Those present were Vice President Jim Morrison, Secretary Norrine Coyle, Treasurer Richard Bonner, Members Deena Hague, Ron Hawke, and Bob Snell. Absent were Del Wallis, excused, Greg Brown, unexcused, and Fred Coleman, excused.

The invocation was given by Richard Bonner.

**MINUTES** - By motion (Hawke/Bonner, unan.), minutes of the August 15, 1999 minutes were approved as mailed.

**MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD** -Mike Nelson asked for permission to put some rock and timber on a dirt driveway to his cabin which is actually on park property. His request will be referred to the Park's attorney to prepare a letter of agreement.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Letter from Chuck and Joyce Aston stating they were not the ones who put a mattress in the dumpster with a confirmation from Levitz saying they had returned their old mattress to them (The Board was already aware that the Astons were not the culprits.);certificates of insurance from Poston Logging and Mark Alderson Fencing; grant deed showing Michael and Marjorie Randall sold their property to Jeffrey Ranta; letter from the Department of Health Services concerning drinking water and California Rural Water Association concerning Y2K readiness; Forest Landowners of California inviting Odd Fellows to become members; and a notice from the IRS concerning a refund of 1996.00.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**WATER - Morrison** - Water usage was 1.3 million gallons last month. There was a break on a line on Abraham which was fixed, and one line on Rebekah on private property. Water tanks are fixed.

**ROADS - Snell** - George Reed will start road work on Monday. Wheeler Road will be closed for three

hours on Tuesday and all day on Thursday.

**BUILDINGS - Hawke** - Windows in the Board Room will be replaced with double-pane windows.

**TIMBER -Coleman (absent)** - No report.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY - Hague** - A sign is going to be placed near the gate that says "Stop here if gate is closing." The porta-potty at the lake will be removed in one week. It will be brought in next year prior to the annual meeting in May. A sign, given to the Park by Cal-Sierra garbage company, has been placed on the fence around the dumpster concerning hazardous materials. Everyone is encouraged to read the sign.

**EQUIPMENT - Brown (absent)** - Minor repairs have been done on the equipment. The pickup being considered for purchase is still in the process of getting smog approval.

**RECREATION - Coyle/Snell** - No Report.

**FINANCE - Bonner** - Bills for the month totaled 14,754.23. By motion (Hawke/Hague, unan.) Payment of bills was approved.

**CARETAKER'S REPORT** - Reported on various work done. Copy of detailed report attached to original minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS** - There was a discussion about purchasing a generator as a back-up in case of power outages.

**NEW BUSINESS** - There was a discussion about putting together a notice containing park rules to give to new property owners. Board members were asked to bring ideas for the notice to the next meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next meeting will be October 10, 1999, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norrine Coyle, Secretary

**Checks Disbursed for July 1999**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
9/3	9241	Acordia of California	Worker's Comp. Insurance	306.00
9/3	9242	Twain Harte Lumber	Buildings, Shop, & Water	669.95
9/3	9243	Tuolumne Municipal Court	Permits & Fees-Small Claims	26.00
9/12	9244	Secretary of State	Permits & Fees - Homeowners Assn.	10.00
9/12	9245	US Bank	Payroll Taxes	902.08
9/12	9246	Employment Development Dept.	Payroll Taxes	59.67
9/12	9247	Duane St. Clair Trucking	Road Maintenance	144.00
9/12	9248	A& A Portable Toilets	Health & Safety	127.45
9/12	9249	Village Mail & Print Stop	Member Communications	53.09
9/12	9250	George Reed, Inc.	Road Maintenance	129.93
9/12	9251	AT&T	Telephone	14.05
9/12	9252	Pacific Bell	Telephone	55.33
9/12	9253	PG&E	Utilities	965.73
9/12	9254	JS West & Symons	Propane	46.12
9/12	9255	Modesto Welding Supplies	Shop Supplies	74.60
9/12	9256	AquaLab	Water Testing	100.00
9/12	9257	Eric A. Carlson, Accountancy	Professional Fees	325.00
9/12	9258	Void		
9/12	9259	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	800.70
9/12	9260	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	497.66
9/12	9261	Randall J. Tolbert	Payroll	800.70
9/12	9262	Michael W. Caropresso	Payroll	497.67
9/12	9263	US Bank	Payroll Deduction	175.00
9/12	9264	Richard L. Bonner	Office Supplies	7.50
9/12	9265*	Franchise Tax Board	Timber Taxes	505.00
9/12	9266*	Franchise Tax Board	Timber Taxes	1905.00
9/12	9267*	US Bank	Timber Taxes	5400.00
9/12	9268	Jasper Morrison	Mileage	45.00
9/12	9269	Norrine Coyle	Mileage	36.00
9/12	9270	Deena Hague	Mileage	37.50
9/12	9271	Robert Snell	Mileage	37.50

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\*Timber Taxes - money comes from Timber Fund.

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