

I would like to thank each and every PITS member that put so much time and effort into making our NATC National event so successful. I know you have all heard it many times, but I can't stress enough that the help of all of you is the only way for something of this magnitude to even have a chance at success. I cannot believe how much support I got from this club, from those of you who were able to make it out to the Ski Ranch in the weeks leading up to the event, to those who donated a full day to checking a section, and everyone in between. I can't thank you enough for your efforts. In particular I would like to especially thank Mike Weber for spending HOURS with me up on the mountain marking the loop, checking it over and over again, laying out sections, fixing sections, offering ice cold Squirts after a hard-day's work, and just generally putting up with me and Matt. Mike was absolutely invaluable in the time leading up to the event, and we had a lot of fun hanging out with him. He spent about 3 weeks up there before the event and every time I made a trip up to the Ski Ranch and mentioned things I would need to work on during the next visit he would just say "Oh ok I'll get that done," and he would. He was even game to load into a truck with us and drive through the train tunnels probably 6 miles. We had a great time all week with him and couldn't have finished the event setup without his tireless work. I'm pretty sure he single handedly clear cut 95% of Donner Ski Ranch's 500 acres... I grabbed his loppers at one point and he began growling at me. But seriously, those loppers sure got a workout up there. Thanks Mike! The fire department will be contacting you within the next week to thank you personally for single handedly reducing the risk of fire by 75%.

I'd also like to thank Howard, Laura and Jo Ann (and Laura's Mother and Aunt), Ted and Bev, Rick, Jim, my girlfriend Kim, my parents, my cousin Matt and the rest of the Woltersdorf/Codde Corporation, Willis and Lissete, Paul, V-Mar, and EVERYONE else that contributed so much and worked so hard but didn't work directly with me. This is a great club to belong to and it was awesome to see everyone pull through when we needed them the most. Again, I want to personally thank each and every person that came out and contributed their time and energy. I hope you all don't regret it though, because since I got so much support, I'll be considering volunteering PITS for many more big events in the near future... including a Wagner Cup World Round!!! I know EVERYONE would love to have that come back to Northern California (well, everyone that isn't involved in the organization of it).

A big thank you also goes out to those who came up to watch the action. We had a great turn out in the end and it sounded like the obstacles we included for the riders were enough to amaze the newbies to the sport. We were all very glad to see so many people show up to enjoy the hard work we all put in. It was awesome to ride up to section 9 just as the Pros were all walking it, and see 300+ spectators all screaming as the riders went through it. What a cool thing to see!

Thank you Sacramento PITS and everyone else that participated in the 2010 Donner National Trials Championships Rounds 9 & 10! Here's to even more successful events in the future!

Mike Codde