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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALLL?

Could you imagine renting out Levi Stadium for the day? It is available for private events, perhaps we should have our next Christmas party there? They once rented it out for a wedding party of 600 people! Do you even know 600 people? I'm beginning to think I need more friends!

Speaking of new friends, we had Roger and Patty Fuller join us from the Sacramento bird club last Saturday, as we all gathered in Pleasanton for our early morning caravan to the stadium. It was a gorgeous crisp fall day as we headed onto the 680 freeway with full anticipation of a hot sunny day for our mini parking lot car show while we toured the stadium.

Within 15 minutes, we had our lights and windshield wipers working at full speed for the oppressive fog and mist that we encountered. With great hopes that it would burn off soon, we all donned our jackets. In the case of John Haffner, he donned a blanket from his trunk. When freezing cold and dressed in shorts, you wear what you can find, as we all found out.

About 40 other cars from various car clubs greeted us as we set up shop with our chairs, coffee, doughnuts, and yes, even our umbrellas. We were quite a walk from the stadium and went on a pilgrimage led by several security guards for our first tour, the bathrooms!

Later we trekked back for our self-guided tour of the beautiful museum with life size statues of many 'hall of famer' football players. There were many interactive games to play as we enjoyed the museum. It seems as though we have our own star among us, Sue Mathiason came in first place for her cheerleading skills as she was filmed doing her own sis-boom-bah. She also does quite well with her broadcasting skills, as she appeared on her very own sports news show, as well!

Go Sue!

Our tour was lead by a very knowledgeable football aficionado that really new her stuff. Some of the highlights were touring the field; private suites, visiting team locker rooms, and club dining rooms. At a cost of 2.2 Billion dollars to build, I think they got it right! However, maybe not so much for their parking lot. Did you know that they **BUY OUT Great America** Park on game days, just so they can use their parking spots?

After our tour, we headed across the street to David's Restaurant where we sat 21 people down for a delightful lunch that went pretty darn smoothly considering we only had one waitress, and had to put all the meals on one bill! LOL

THANKS TO SANDY FOR SPONSORING ANOTHER FUN OUT-ING AND THANKS FOR THE ARTICLE TOO

PREZ

MESS



HELLO....REMEMBER ME?

Well, since I'm still having to write this President's Message thing I guess I'm still President of this outfit, although it doesn't feel that way. It seems soooo long since I've seen you guys. We didn't have a meeting in October and Ron filled in for me in September, so August was it....WOW. Maybe you should fire me for failure to achieve any of my job requirements.....please...just kidding.

Anyway, I trust everyone is well and I certainly look forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting on the 14th. I will be a year older at that point ,which of course, I will deny at all cost...but feel free to remind me with all your love and presents.

I don't have a lot to tell you this month. But...Lisa Brill-Nadler is working on new BATOC sweat shirts for the season and we will be taking orders at the meeting. These will be nicely embroidered and available in a choice of styles and colors. We would like to order as many at a time as we can, so please think about it before the meeting and be prepared to place your order. We will also have a new supply of hats and T-shirts at the meeting. Come and get 'em.

We should have a report from the calendar committee for this year's BATOC calendar and if we are lucky an actual finished mock-up to show. On the "snarky" front, I understand that the Rocky Mountain T-Bird club is now producing a calendar of their own. I have not seen it but remember....WE are the original. We are looking for someone to act as the point person and contact (phone or email) the other T-Bird clubs to encourage publicizing our calendar at their next meeting. Who can we count on here ????????

A couple of recognitions are also order here. First. Our thanks to Sandy Merritt for organizing the Levi Stadium tour in October. I don't think that the tour turned out to be exactly what Levi Stadium itself expected it to be since only a couple of the clubs they invited showed up on that cold, rainy day, but BATOC was certainly the largest contingent of cars and we all had a great time....Thank you Sandy for a great outing.

Next. If you missed it in last month's newsletter....congratulations to Jim and Maria for their Best of Class win at Ironstone and to Kathy Peterson for her Best of Class win at Birds on the Wharf. Great job, guys. BATOC is the best.

And finally. Again, a big congratulations to Bob Dixon for taking a Gold award for our club newsletter at this year's CTCI Convention. Great job, Bob and again....BATOC is the best.

Coming up, of course, is this year's BATOC Christmas at Casa Benson. I don't have any significant details but information is included here in the newsletter. If it is not already too late...get on the horn and reserve your spot. Space is limited. And we MUST thank Ed and Donna for, once again, opening their home to this rowdy group. I think this is like 5 or 6 years in a row. YEA Ed & Donna.

So, that's it. I'm done. Nothing more to say, etc, etc, etc. Let's have a rousing meeting on the 14th and a fabulous Christmas party in December and if we don't see you at the meeting, have a great Thanksgiving

Love You All,

Dave

NO MINUTES THIS MONTH DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE A MEETING IN OCTOBER:)

BATOC CLUB DUES WILL BE DUE SOON FOR 2016 THEY CAN BE PAID AT A MEETING OR SENT DIRECTLY TO MARIA. IN-**VOICES WILL BE** SENT OUT SOON TO MEMBERS TO MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU TO PAY UP. (DON'T MAKE US SEND JIM AND ROGER AROUND TO COLLECT THEM)

HAPPY

THANKSGIVING

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOV 14TH AT BUTTERCUP

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BATOC BUCKS AND A RAFFLE PRIZE.

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IT'S THE END OF THE YEAR AND TYPICALLY WE WOULD LIKE TO START TO LOOK AT PLACE S/EVENTS FOR THE CLUB TO DO IN 2016. WE NEED EVERYBODY'S IDEAS AND INPUT AT THE MEETING. AFTERALL IF THE SAME PEOPLE DECIDE EVERY YEAR WE END UP DOING THE SAME THING. SO COME TO THE MEETING AND BRING YOUR IDEAS.

WE HAD SOME GREAT NEW OUTINGS IN 2015 FROM THE SUNOL TRAIN RIDE TO THE DELTA CRUISE TO GOKART RACING AND THE BEAUTIFUL FILOLI GARDENS. IF YOU WENT ON THEM YOU KNOW IT WAS A PRETTY SPECTACULAR YEAR. IT'LL BE HARD TO TOP BUT LET'S GIVE IT A TRY.

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN MIND BUT ARE SCARED THAT IF YOU SPEAK UP YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF IT, DON'T LET THAT STOP YOU. IT'S NOT THAT HARD AND THERE IS PLENTY OF HELP. AND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT SOMEBODY ELSE MIGHT. THE POINT IS TO GET OUT AMONG THE BREATHING AND HAVE SOME FUN. OH, AND GET THAT CAR OUT AND DRIVE IT BEFORE SOMEBODY INHERITS FROM YOU(YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING!). OR BEFORE HYBRIDS TAKE OVER THE WORLD.



TIM AND LAURA KNAPP HAVE DECIDED TO FILL THE EMPTY NOV SPOT ON THE BATOC CALENDAR WITH A HIGH FLYING OUTING TO VIEW THE AMAZING MONARCH BUTTER-FLYS AND LUNCH WITH THE CROWS(WELL, AT THE CROW'S NEST ANYWAY).

THE MONARCHS RETURN TO NATURAL BRIDGES STATE PARK TO DO WHATEVER BUTTER-FLYS DO AND IT IS DEFINITELY A SIGHT TO SEE. THE TRIP INCLUDES A CRUISE DOWN CLIFF DRIVE SOUTH OF SANTA CRUZ TO THE PARK. A DOCENT LED WALK AND THEN LUNCH AT THE CROW'S NEST RESTAURANT IN SANTA CRUZ HARBOR. YOU SOMETIMES FORGET HOW LUCKY WE ARE TO BE LIVING THIS CLOSE TO THE BEAUTY OF OUR COAST UNTIL YOU GET OUT AND EXPERIENCE IT.

DATE: NOV 8

MEET IN SC 9:30-9:45AM

IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN US, GET HOLD OF TIM AND LAURA.



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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club 2015 Calendar of Events

Have an idea? Want to plan an event? Email - funfunfun@knapplink.com

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Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
January	President's Mystery Tour	33	Adams
February	Super-Bowl	Livermore	Guthrie
March-21	Go-Kart-flacing	Livermore	Riley
April 11	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
April 25	Fiell Gardens	Woodside	Canfield
May-9	Glub-Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
May 17	Niles Train and Picnic	Fremont	Starr
June 12	Club-Mosting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
Juno	Anniversary Party	Grand Island Mansion	Adams
July 11	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
July 16	Danville Hot Summer Nights	Danville	Merritt
July-25	Oriye in	Gencerd	Jecobs
August 8	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
August 13	Danville Hot Summer Nights	Danville	Merritt
August 22	Discovery Bay Delta Cruise	Discovery Bay	Haffner
September 12	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
September 18-20	Ironstone Overnighter	Murphys	Cantield / Guthrie
September 26	Birds on the Wharf	Santa Cruz	Petersen
October 10	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
October	Vosemite Overnight Tour	Yosemite	Adams
November 14	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
December 12	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
December	Holiday Party		

