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BATOC CHRISTMAS PARTY

WELL ANOTHER FANTASTIC BATOC CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS HOSTED BY HOST AND HOSTESS, ED AND DONNA AT CASA DE BENSON. I THINK EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE HAD A GREAT TIME, AS USUAL, WITH PLENTY OF FOOD AND DRINK WITH GOOD FRIENDS AND GOOD CONVERSATION. I BELIEVE THERE WAS EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF TBIRD TECH GOING ON, AS USUALLY HAP-

PENS WHEN WE GET TOGETHER.

THE ANNUAL GIFT EXCHANGE WAS AGAIN ONE OF THE EVENINGS HIGHLIGHTS WITH THE PRIZED GIFTS BEING STOLEN BACK AND FORTH UNTIL THE LIMITED NUMBER OF STEALS WAS REACHED AND THE FINAL RECIPIENT WAS ABLE TO RELAX. AGAIN THIS YEAR THERE SEEMED TO BE A DEFINITE TREND IN THE TYPE OF COVETED GIFTS BEING GIVEN AND STOLEN. ALL IN GOOD FUN THOUGH.

I'M SURE EVERYBODY IS ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEARS PARTY WHERE EVER IT WILL BE AND ABOUT WHAT THEY WILL BRING TO SHARE.

PUTTING THIS ON IS A LOT OF



WORK AND I WOULD, AGAIN, LIKE TO THANK ED AND DONNA FOR INVITING US INTO THEIR HOME FOR A NICE EVENING. BD



HAPPY NEW YEAR

WELL ANOTHER YEAR HAS COME TO A CLOSE AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO, HOPEFULLY, A HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2015.

HERE'S HOPING ALL YOUR CRUISES ARE BREAKDOWN FREE AND THE COST OF

PARTS AND GAS DON'T GET ANY HIGHER THAN THEY ALREADY ARE. CHEERS!!!

WE HAVE A FUN YEAR LINED UP FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO GET YOUR TBIRD OUT AND ENJOY YOUR HOBBY STARTING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S MYSTERY TOUR IN

JANUARY. ARE YOU EXCITED YET?

PREZ

MESS



BRING YOUR CAR, YOUR WIFE AND YOUR CHECKBOOK (DUES ARE DUE)

Well, needless to say, I trust that everyone had a fabulous, joyous, prosperous, and rewarding Holiday and that Santa actually deemed you worthy of a visit. LOL. Ours was fabulous, since you asked.

A great big group Thank You goes out to Ed and Donna for yet another fabulous Christmas party at their home. If you missed it, too bad...your loss. It was a full house of frivolity and mischief and the annual gift exchange / steal was great fun, as usual.

I am happy to report that this years BATOC Calendar was a great success and we have many happy, repeat customers from all over the country that just love our calendar. I also believe that by now you have all received your freebie calendar that is part of your annual membership. If you did NOT receive yours for some reason let me know and if you would like to order additional calendars just go to the BATOC web site and order them with your credit card. A big thank you to everyone that was part of the calendar committee, the assembly party and to Don Perry for this years design. If you missed the news, we actually found a printer that was able to print them at a significantly lower price than we can even print them for in house. I believe it was \$3.84 per calendar and with the binding and postage expenses included I think our total cost was little over \$6.00 per calendar. Last year that number was almost \$12.00 so we should be able to lower the retail price for next year's edition.

In other news, by the time you read this I should have the beginnings of the BATOC On-line store up and running on the web site with the first couple of items – T-Shirts, Polo Shirts and hats. I am working on it, but the holiday schedule and time demands are an on-going struggle. Stay tuned and check in often.

The annual President's Mystery Tour is coming up on January 24th and you won't want to miss that. It is always fun and exciting since you have no idea where you are going or what you are in for. All I will tell you at this point is that it will be a day trip, involving a scenic drive, a moving activity and lots of food, friends and surprises. Mark your brand new calendar and join the fun.

Also on this month's agenda is the annual officers board meeting, which is officially an "Officers Board Meeting", but everyone is encouraged to participate with their ideas and suggestions. This is where the big picture ideas and planning occurs and where many of our best ideas have come from, including the BATOC Bucks and our annual calendar. Watch your email for the date to be announced and participate in your club.

Of Course, don't miss this month's meeting on Jan. 10th and be sure to bring your car, your wife, your checkbook (dues are due) and a raffle prize. We are looking forward to a great year with lots of new ideas...some that are already in the works. See you there.

Again, Happy New Year To All. 2015 will be great....resolutions and all.

Dave

THERE ARE NO MINUTES FROM DECEMBER DUE TO THERE NOT BEING A MEETING



OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE THIS SATURDAY JAN 10 , 10AM AT THE BUTTERCUP. COME AND CHECK OUT WHAT'S ON TAP FOR BATOC IN 2015 AND GET SOME MORE DETAILS ON THE MYTERY TOUR(MAYBE)

DON'T FORGET 2015 DUES ARE DUE NOW

I STILL HAVE A BUNCH OF NOS CRESTS AND EMBLEMS STILL IN THE ORIGINAL FORD PACKAGES FOR SALE



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All submissions for the newsletter must be made by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the next issue. Anything submitted after the 25th will be published in the following issue.

ON SUNDAY, JAN 11, THE BLACKHAWK AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM WILL BE HOSTING A SPECIAL COFFEE & CARS EVENT AT THE SILICON VALLEY INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW FROM 8 AM TO 10 AM AT THE SAN JOSE MC ENRY CONVENTION CENTER-SOUTH HALL FACILITY PARKING LOT ON S. ALMADEN AVE. PARTICIPATING CAR OWNERS WILL RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY BLACKHAWK AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM TICKETS AND COMPLIMENTARY AUTO SHOW TICKETS FOR TWO ALONG WITH MORNING COFFEE.



2000 YEARS OF DISCOVERY



2015 PRESIDENT'S MYSTERY TOUR
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH
Pretty Much All Day

2000 YEARS IN THE MAKING

This year's Mystery Tour will be a game-changing adventure into ancient devices, gurus, companies and love-hate relationships. You'll see a 150 year old "Engine" so complex that wasn't even built until 1991. You'll learn about math, one-ton boxes, Space Wars, autonomous cars and about all the "things" that keep us moving all day long.

So bring your own ancient history and explore the ancient history that we all love to hate everyday. Then follow along for a fabulous scenic drive to a late lunch / early dinner in one of those fabulous places that you've always meant to go to but never have.



ABOUT YOUR HOSTS;

Well, what is there to say about Dave, Tamera & Buddy? Dave, of course, was our illustrious (debatable) President and has been a proponent of driving tours for the club since buying his car (in boxes) and restoring it for the first time in 1987. Dave's car has had 2 ½ frame off restorations in the past 25 years and Dave has done all of the work himself – except the actual paint work.

EVENT DETAILS: DATE: January 24, 2015

TIME: 9:00 AM – 5:00 ISH

Our schedule and meeting places are as follows:

EAST BAY: Leaving 9:00 AM – Buttercup Grill – 660 Ygnacio Valley Rd. – Walnut Creek
DUBLIN: 9:30 AM – Starbucks – 7904 Dublin Blvd.
PENINSULA: 10:00 AM – Parking lot at the Foster City Blvd. Exit from HWY 92. W.

Then on to the first of our destinations

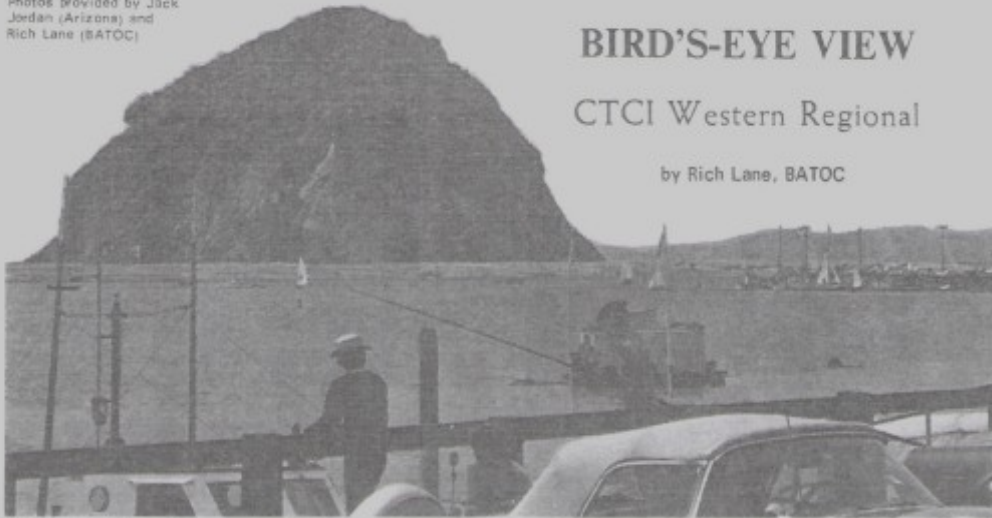
RSVP: Dave Adams – 415-269-0055 or davehome@sbcglobal.net

HERE IS A THROWBACK ARTICLE FROM OUR WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND FROM SOME TIME IN THE PAST. A CHANCE TO LOOK BACK AND SEE WHAT OUR CLUB WAS DOING BACK IN THE DAY.

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Photos provided by Jack Jordan (Arizona) and Rich Lane (BATOC)



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

CTCI Western Regional

by Rich Lane, BATOC

MORRO BAY IS A BIRD SANCTUARY - - -

"Morro Bay - Hearst San Simeon - Next Exit", stated the sign on U.S. 101, midway thru the metropolis of Atascadero, California.

With a flick of the wrist and a quick glance at the temperature gauge - rapidly approaching the right-hand peg - the advanced caravan of the Host Chapter, BATOC, swung on to State Highway 41 and headed for Morro Bay, the Golden Tee Resort Lodge and the CTCI Western Regional.

As we approached the mountains separating the Central Valley from the Coast and started climbing, the temperature, both inside and out, started dropping. It must have been close to 100° in Atascadero and the closer to Morro Bay we came, the foggier and cooler it got.

"Great weather for all those Birds coming to the Regional", I heard a voice say coming from the navigators side. "Hmmm", I uttered in disbelief. Couldn't be this much difference - it's only 17 miles between the two points. More words from the navigator as she dramatically rolled up her window and with the grace and feline casualness of an attacking lion turned on the heater.

Our fears of bad weather were unfounded though, as we started to descend the mountains down to the coast. The fog (low overcast) rose above us and into Morro Bay we charged.

"Hey, look at that sign!", exclaimed the would-be ice cube, now fully recovered from her brief cold spell earlier encountered. "What sign?". I quipped. "There", she said, pointing to a slightly weathered but poetic sign posted at the city limits - "Morro Bay is a Bird Sanctuary".

WOW, a lot of advanced planning was done! But a welcome sign like this was, as the current youth movement's own saying goes, *Right On!*

With a lump in our throats and an expression of excited anticipation in our eyes, we continued on to the Golden Tee Resort Lodge, our temporary home for the next three days.

"Welcome Classic Thunderbird Club", read the sign as we entered the parking lot. "Whew--

whispered my somewhat warmer navigator, "I see five or six Birds in the parking lot already".

We all piled out and into the lobby we charged. "Nice", "Plush", were a few of the comments we heard from our group as we checked in. With keys in hand we started out for our rooms in the pool units to unload and nest our Birds down for the night. No sooner did we get out the door, than we ran into Jack and Betty Jordan from the Classic Thunderbird Club of Phoenix, Arizona. (556 miles away from Morro Bay). (Note - Jack and Betty, along with daughter and son-in-law, Bill and Carol Lovebury, traveled the furthest distance to attend.)

From that point on the Classic Birds started arriving and arriving and arriving.

Only about 25 cars were scheduled to arrive for Friday night, so there were no activities planned. Those who did come early made use of the local restaurants known for their seafood dinners - abalone, stuffed shrimp, lobster tails, not to mention the most delicious clam chowder this writer has ever had the pleasure of tasting.

Back to the Golden Tee and "party time". More Birders had arrived and the revelry that pre-



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vailed was apparent. At this point we had met so many T-Bird enthusiasts that we decided not to try to remember names, faces or Clubs until tomorrow, July 24, Saturday.

Saturday morning dawned at exactly 7:30 a.m. - give or take a few blissful moments of precious sleep. "Up and at 'em", I thought excitedly in anticipation of the day's events, as my wife was threatening to pour water on me if I didn't. Out of bed and down to the Golden Tee's restaurant for nourishment to last us until lunch. It was a beautiful morning, slightly overcast, but like a new day dawning as we looked in admiration at the little Birds lined up in front of the Resort. Beautiful - gorgeous and "Oooh, why can't ours look like that". Silence from this side.

Buffet breakfast finished, it was time to set up the Registration table. In they came, from all directions but the West, and by the way some looked - immaculate - I think some came that way - by ship. They (the cars) were so clean you could have eaten off their exhaust manifolds.

The majority of the Birds arrived on Saturday morning with caravans coming from the Bay Area, Bakersfield and the Los Angeles area. The official count was 80 cars, but unofficially there were 100 Birds present at one time or another during the weekend.

"Seminar - Concours Rules, 1:30 p.m. - Hawaiian Room", read the sign on the registration table as those in attendance picked up their name badges, banquet tickets, Hearst Castle tickets and welcome letter to the CTCI Western Regional.

Jack Mason, Earlybirds of Southern California, and Concours Rules Chairman, presided over the Concours Rules Seminar attended by approximately 60-75 enthusiastic and not so enthusiastic future concours entrants. Concours rules are in good hands with Jack and his Committee.

Immediately following this Seminar, a car clinic was held in the parking lot with CTCI President, Paul Hudgins, from Earlybirds of Southern California and Thunderbird Club of America, and Mel Melendres, from BATOC, leading the informal group discussions. Problems were cussed and discussed and hopefully some of us picked up good tech tips on the care and feeding of our Birds.

"No Host Cocktail Party at 6:00 p.m. in the Sky Room, followed by Banquet", read items 2 and 3 on the welcome letter.

Of the approximately 100-120 people anticipated for the entire weekend, 176 Birders were in attendance for the cocktail party and banquet.

Would you believe that for a banquet this size we had a choice of seven entrees! Our hats off to Mr. Harvey Thomas, his chef and staff for a most enjoyable and delicious banquet.

Our meeting started at approximately 9:00 p.m. (9:15 p.m. if you were a clock-watcher) with opening statements and welcome by BATOC Chairman Rich Lane (me). Note - this was my absolute first time at even attempting to speak to more than five or six people at one time. It was a good thing the table cloth went almost to the floor and I was practically hidden by the podium, as the '06 Quake of San Francisco was being relived in my knees.

"Roll Call time" was next on the agenda with the following Chapters, Presidents and official car count recorded:

Chapter	Representative	Cars on Hand
San Diego	Ed Mece	3
Earlybirds	Jerry Sellers	22
TCOA	Bernell Dennison	9
Bakersfield	Jay Bailey	5
Peninsula	Des Belmont	6
BATOC	F. (Smitty) Smith	27
Sonoma	Frank Furnish	2
Sacramento	Lee Smidt	2
Arizona	Jack Jordan	1
CTCI at large		3
		80

As Chairman of the festivities I had the pleasure of sitting at the head table with the "Who's Who" of CTCI, President Paul Hudgins and charming wife, Marjorie; Vice President Cliff Younger and bride Dorothy; Early Bird Editor Roger Neiss and helpmate (CTCI Secretary) Edna; along with PS/72 Chairman Jerry Sellers and date Karen Jossalyn.

After formal introductions of the head table, Paul Hudgins addressed the group on the results of the Board of Directors meeting held during the July 4th weekend in Los Angeles. (Minutes of that Board meeting appear in this issue.)

Paul, from all indications, promises to be one of those valiant people who not only directs as an executive, but leads as a commander. He has many new ideas, along with the resourcefulness and drive to see that they are carried out.

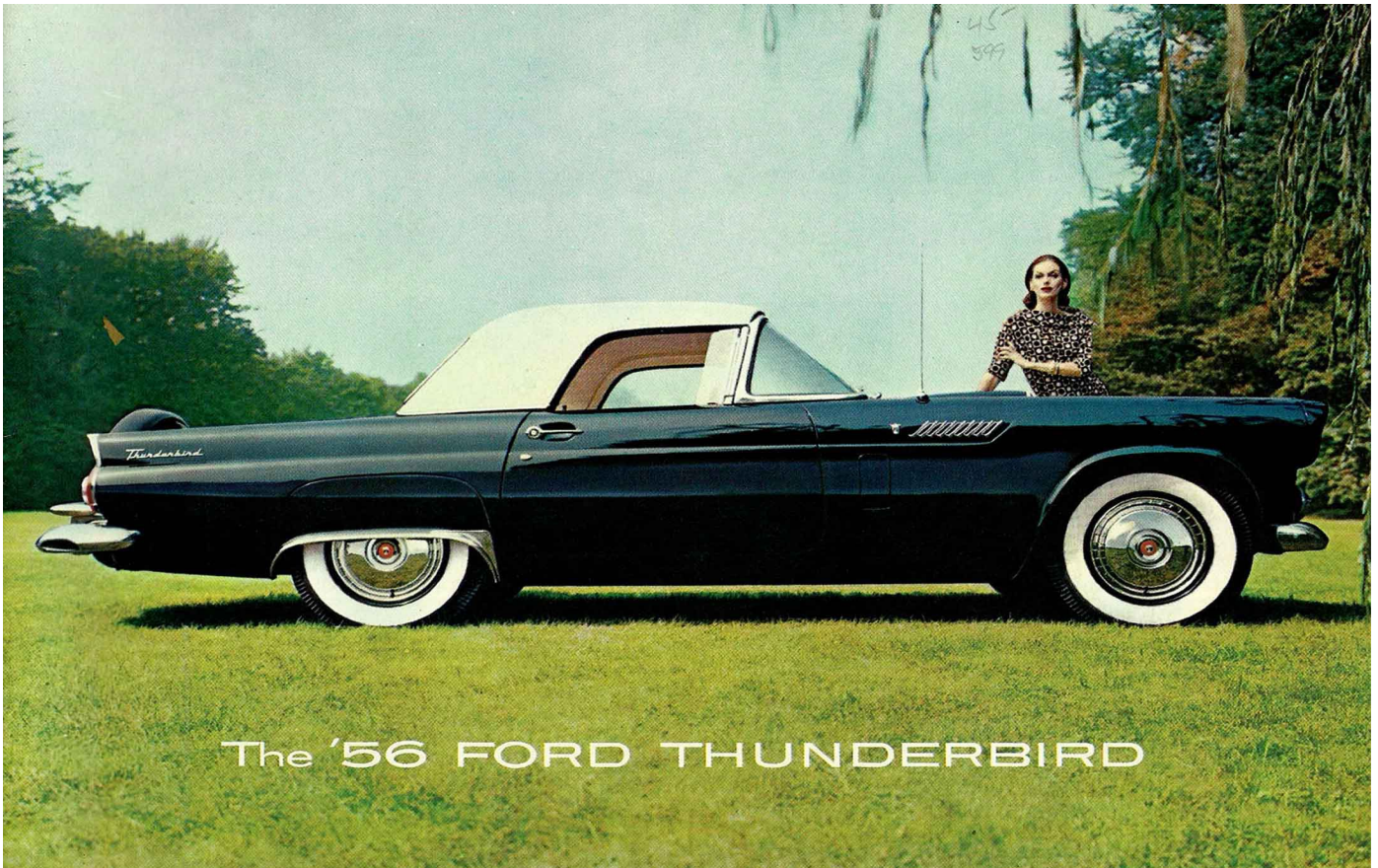
No two people could be better suited for their name than Roger and Edna Neiss. They are the "Neiss-est" couple this writer has had the pleasure of meeting since joining BATOC and CTCI over a year ago. Originally, both Roger and Edna were requested to speak at the banquet, however, Roger indicated that he was a writer, not a speaker, and that Edna always "said enough for both of them anyway". Edna graciously accepted the invitation without a moment's hesitation and welcomed everyone to the Regional, thanking those in attendance for coming.

PS/72 is the convention cry from Southern California and especially from Jerry Sellers, Chairman and coordinator for the Earlybirds, the Host Chapter. Many, many good things are planned for this and a few surprises as well. Jerry and the entire Earlybirds Club are so enthused about PS/72 that rather than tell you about it here and spoil their fun, I'll just give you a few hints:

- Complete Bird restoration free to some lucky winner
- Hotel room free for several lucky conventionnaires
- Cocktail parties - free
- Fun - Fun - Fun

PS/72 promises to be the largest national convention to date. The Earlybirds' enthusiasm is so catching that of the group at our Regional, a show of hands indicated that at least 90% were planning to attend.

Door prizes - you bet - by the dozen. Dick Carpenter of James Auto Specialties donated many of his T-Bird specialties; key chains, lighters, CTCI patches, etc. for door prizes. Bon-a-Rue donated a new set of door panels for any year Bird in any stock color as the Grand Prize. George Rodden, BATOC, donated his binding prowess, to three lucky people to have their EARLY BIRDS bound.



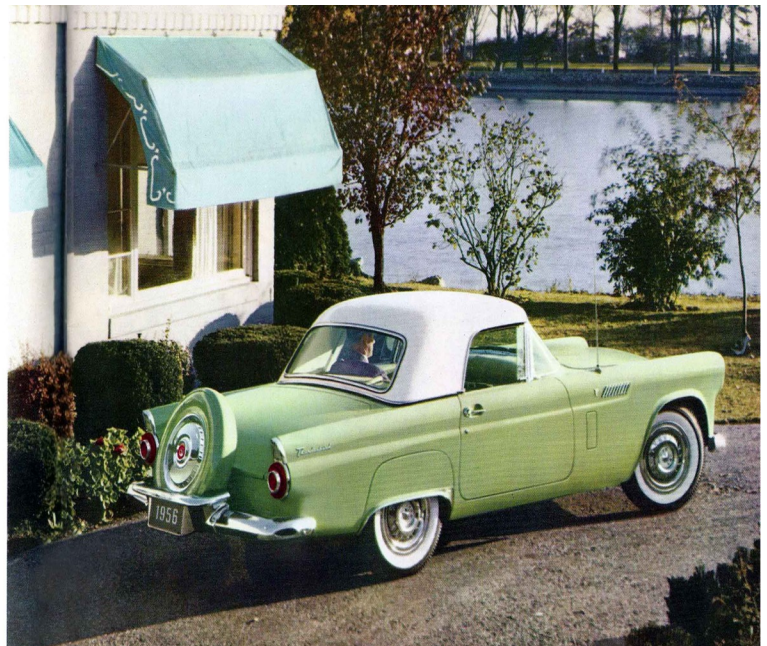
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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club

2015 Calendar of Events

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

Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
January	President's Mystery Tour	??	Adams
February	Super Bowl	Livermore	Guthrie
March	Fioli Gardens	Woodside	Canfield
March	Sturgeon's Lumber Mill	Sonoma	Matheson
May	Niles Train and Picnic	Fremont	Starr
June	Anniversary Party	TBD	
July	Drive-in	Concord	Jacobs
August	Black Diamond Mine	Antioch?	Hickey
September	House Boat Tour	Sausalito	Knapp
September	Ironstone	Murphys	Canfield
September	Birds on the Wharf	Santa Cruz	Petersen
October	Yosemite Overnight Tour	Yosemite	Adams
December	Holiday Party		

Activities in planning

Event	Location	Sponsor
Delta Boat Tour	Discovery Bay	Haffner
Steve Castelli Drag Racing Tour	Santa Rosa	Lloyd
Mystery Train Dinner		TBD
Delta Tour		TBD
Grand Island Mansion		TBD
AT&T Park Tour		TBD
Levi's Stadium Tour		TBD

