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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CHRISTMAS PARTY
- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
- CLUB STUFF
- MYSTERY TOUR FLYER
- CTCI-SAN DIEGO
- 2016 BATOC CALENDAR

AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS IT WAS

SO ON THE 12TH OF DECEMBER THE MEMBERS OF BATOC GATHERED AT THE HOME OF ED AND DONNA BENSON TO SHARE A HOLIDAY FEAST, EXCHANGE SOME GOOD CHEER AND ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.

THE EVENING STARTED WITH APETIZERS AND COCKTAILS WHILE CHEF ED MANAGED TO CRANK OUT ANOTHER FABULOUS MEAL FOR US WITH A SOUTHWEST THEME. SOON IT WAS TIME TO SIT DOWN AND ENJOY HIS EFFORTS. DESSERT WAS SERVED AND SOON IT WAS ON TO THE IMPORTANT STUFF. **THE GIFT EXCHANGE AND GENERAL MAYHEM.** DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE EVENING TO GO COMPLETELY OFF THE RAILS(LIKE IT ALWAYS

DOES) AS GIFTS WERE SELECTED AND THEN THE MOST COVETED ONES WERE MERELY STOLEN MULTIPLE TIMES. SOME PEOPLE JUST HAVE NO SHAME! LOL.

ANYWAYS ALL TOO SOON IT WAS TIME TO LEAVE ANOTHER BATOC CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE DUST. AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER FUN-FILLED YEAR WITH THE BEST THUNDERBIRD CLUB IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR IN 2016. I, FOR ONE, AM EXCITED TO SEE WHAT GREAT THINGS ARE IN

STORE FOR ALL OF US.

YOUR RESOLUTION SHOULD BE TO GET YOUR CAR OUT AND ENJOY MORE EVENTS WITH BATOC THAN YOU DID LAST YEAR. JUST SAYIN'. EASY PEASY.

SEE YOU ALL ON THE ROAD AND HERE'S TO KEEPING THE RUBBERS SIDE DOWN. BD.



PICS COURTESY OF JEAN RILEY

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MAY I BE THE FIRST TO WELCOME 2016

I think I can honestly say that 2015 was a less-than-stellar year for many of us. Cars in the shop, bodies in the shop and changes all around. So here's to 2016.

I trust that everyone had a great Holiday and survived all the chaos.

As I sit here trying to be witty and cute with this President's message, I am also trying to be creative in wrapping up our 2016 President's Mystery Tour on January 30 and true to its name it is still a bit of a mystery...but that is the point, right? So, put it on your calendar, polish up the car and yourself and join in the adventure for the day.

My first official duty for the year is, of course, to give a huge round of applause to Ed & Donna Benson for yet another fabulous Christmas party at Casa Benson. As usual, they went above and beyond the normal call of duty to make us all feel welcome and loved. Thank You guys for all your hospitality.

I am also happy to report that our very own Sandy Merritt has stepped up to the plate to assume the Vice Presidential duties from Ron Jacobs. I can't thank either one of them enough for their dedication and hard work. Ron has done a fabulous job over the last 2 years and has been responsible for a very successful membership drive to expand our roles and has been instrumental in so many other details that have been sorely needed for ages. Truly great work, Ron.

And, of course, Sandy has been my other right hand (and BFF) through so many phases of my life and of this club and now she is stepping up again. She has already created a new Facebook page for the club and is making connections with dozens of other clubs and organizations. Sandy is truly a connected person and useful connections are always golden. I think we can all look forward to Sandy's amazing contributions to the club. Of course, Sandy's promotion to VP means we are in need of a new "Sunshine Girl". Anybody who would like to assume that fun role, please let me know.

Moving along, I am happy to say that we are virtually sold out of this year's BATOC calendars. I think there may be 4 or 5 left on my desk. If there is a last minute rush at the January meeting we can certainly have a few more printed. So if you missed out and want to break down and finally order one, let me know ASAP.

Of course, our next meeting is Saturday, January 9 and as usual we'll spend a fair amount of time filling out the remainder of our activity calendar for 2016. We would like everyone's input and ideas and would love even more to see a few new people step up and lead an event. It is fun to do and takes less effort than you think...not to mention all of the accolades that you receive and the treasure trove of BATOC Bucks that come your way.

So on that note, see you at the meeting and if not please join us soon for an event near you.

Happy New Year

Dave

THERE WAS NO DECEMBER MEETING THEREFORE THERE ARE NO MINUTES.

OUR FIRST MEETING OF 2016 WILL BE AT THE BUTTERCUP 1/9. DON'T FORGET YOUR BATOC BUCKS AND A RAFFLE PRIZE. YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY YOUR 2016 DUES DIRECTLY TO MARIA.



Maria Guthrie
637 Yorkshire Ct.
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DUE MARCH 30, 2016

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OUR NEW VP SANDY HAS CREATED A NEW FACE-BOOK PAGE FOR THE BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS. FOR YOU FACE-BOOKERS I THINK YOU JUST HAVE TO APPLY (AND BE ACCEPTED) AND YOU'RE ALL SET. I'LL BET YOU CAN BUY YOUR WAY IN. ASK SANDY ABOUT IT AT THE MEETING.

What Do Burials Practices, The Afterlife & Mummies

All Have In Common?

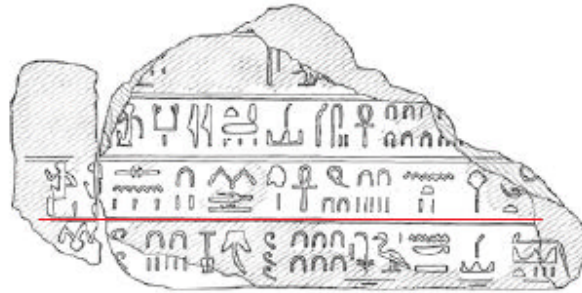
They are all part of BATOC's 2016 President's Mystery Tour.



Mystery
Intrigue
Curses
Sarcophaguses
Kings
Pharaohs



Saturday, January 30th is the date
10:00 AM is the Departure time from Walnut Creek
An approximate 1-hour caravan to some "Mystery Spot" in the San Jose Area
An approximate 2 hour indoor (in case of rain) "Event" with all of the above intrigue
A short caravan to a fabulous lunch spot with plenty of fun and games
Plenty to see. Plenty to learn. Plenty to intrigue you.
Plenty to haunt you



WHAT YOU NEED TO DO!!

Mark your calendar – Saturday, January 30th
RSVP to Dave
Polish up the car, the wife, the husband and your curiosity
Be at the Buttercup for a 10:00 AM departure
\$7.00 - \$9.00 cost, plus lunch

"I am not one who was born in the possession of knowledge; I am one who is fond of antiquity, and earnest in seeking it there."

-Confucius

RSVP & Questions

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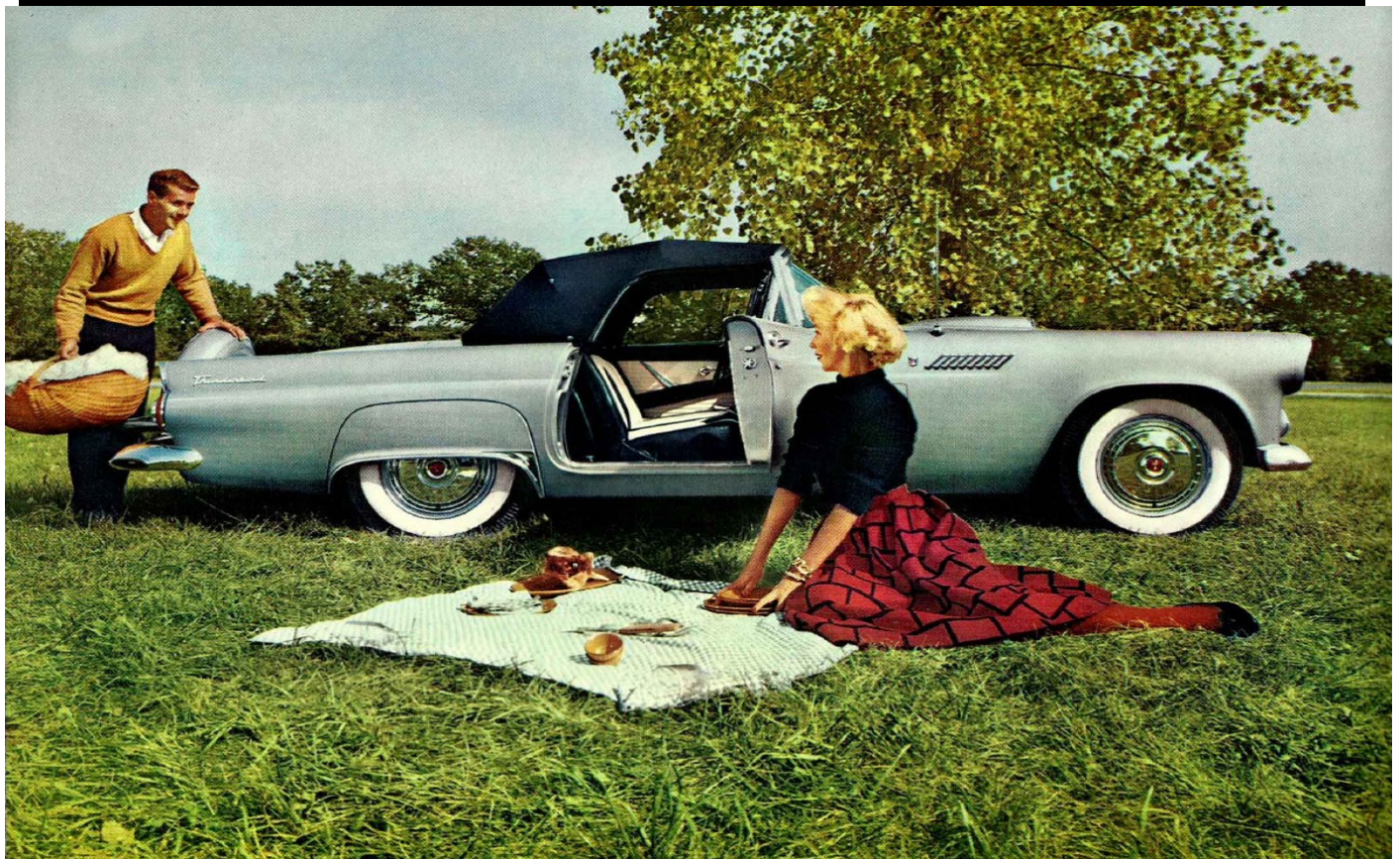
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"The most beautiful and most profound experience is the sensation of the mystical. It is the power of all true science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead.

-Albert Einstein

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2016 Calendar of Events

Winter - Meetings on January 9 / February 13

- Jan Date TBD – President's Mystery Tour (Adams)
- Feb 7 - Super Bowl 50 (Guthrie)

Spring - Meetings on March 12 / April 9 / May 14

- Date TBD - Oakdale Train
- May 30 – BBQ in Tracy

Summer - Meetings on June 11 / July 9 / August 13

- June Date TBD - Anniversary Party
- July, Aug Date TBD - Danville Hot Summer Nights

Autumn - Meetings on Sept 10 / Oct 8 / Nov 12

- Sept Date TBD – Ironstone Overnighter , Murphys CA
- Sept Date TBD – Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz CA
- Date TBD - Rosie the Riveter Museum
- Date TBD - Reno Fun Train (Merritt)

Winter - Meeting on December 10

- Date TBD - BATOC Holiday Spectacular

Events in Planning –

- Butterflies / Santa Cruz (Knapp)
- Cobra Experience / Martinez (Bud / Jean)
- Pinball Museum (Benson)



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

