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*Malcolm McDowell's Jaguar C-Type*  
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# President's Letter



The Clear Hooter

Letter from the President

Hello everyone: This has been a great “ride” for me so far.

I’m having a great time getting together with you all on these Breakfast runs and hopefully you’re having a great time also.

My British car is finally on the road again and that only adds to

The excitement for me because, well that the point isn’t it.

The 2013 CCBCC show is fast approaching and things are coming together nicely. A special thanks to Mark for all his hard work. We still need volunteers for this event so anyone who can lend a hand please contact Mark.

The next meeting is on July 2nd at yes; Carrows so hope to see you all there.

Joe





## Central Coast British Car Club Meeting - July 2013

General Club Meeting came to order at 7:00pm.

Number of members in attendance: 32

There will be a dry run for the people who will be helping at the car show on Saturday July 21st at 8:30 a.m. and everyone will meet at the Harbor Park Pump House. This time will be used to make sure the grounds are ok and to place the tables and chairs into the pump house for storage for the car show.

The new web site is up and running and the password for access to the different sections will be sent out with the next upcoming News Letter.

Guest Speaker Ray of Westland British Cars provide our group with an informative conversation about "Evans Coolant" and explained just how it works and what is necessary to convert your car over to it.

The Highland Games are coming up and if you as a club member wish to display your British Car at the venue you will be given two passes to enter the site for free as long as you display a British Car for the two days. Contact Joe and he can put you in touch with the folks who are doing the Highland Games for more information.

The Club will have a breakfast run to Ojai for all those interested in attending. The group will meet at the usual place (Golden China Parking Lot) and depart for the drive at 9:30am so be the parking lot by 9:00am or meet the group in Ojai.

Byron McCracken won the clubs gift card for dinner at the club meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

by: Martin Keller

Editor's note:

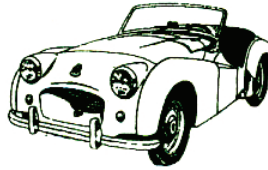
At long last I've completed another edition of the Hooter. I apologize for falling behind on getting these completed in a timely manner. I've had a lot of things happening as of late. Hopefully I'll be able to get back on a more regular schedule. For those with online access, the club website always has the latest club happenings long before it makes it to these pages.

Cheers~

Patrick Redd, CCBCC Editor

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And we're live! The new (and much improved) website for the Central Coast British Car Club went live online today. The new site retains many of the features of the old site but has some great improvements.

New to the site is a password protected area for the latest issues of the newsletter, an online classifieds section, online registration and membership renewal forms, a videos page, and a reorganized and more user-friendly archives page.

The site has also been formatted to work on all the latest smart phones and tablets.

In the lower right corner of the home page there's a letter "f" which will take you to the club's new Facebook page. When you visit it, be sure to click on the "Like" button on our Facebook page. This will enable you to receive the latest news on club happenings without having to clutter up your email inboxes. It also is kind of like a TV channel that features videos of vintage races, British cars, and other cool car-related topics all in one place. I encourage you to check it out! Remember to click the "Like" button!

Cheers!  
Patrick  
CCBCC Editor/web guy



## Enthusiast 3D prints an Aston Martin DB4

By: Max Gilles on 8/01/2013  
Autoweek online

New Zealand enthusiast Ivan Sentsch is in the process of 3D printing a 1961 Aston Martin DB4. Engadget reports that he bought a \$499 Solidoodle 3D printer and has been working on this project since December 2012.

Using a Nissan Skyline as a donor car, he'll make a fiberglass mold of the print and hopefully transform this thing into a drivable, street-legal car for a fraction of the cost of an authentic DB4.

Sentsch has been keeping a blog of the build since February, documenting the intricate, time-consuming process. To view the blog, visit:  
<http://www.replicadb4.com/post/2013/06/26/60-printed-52-assembled>



Photos by Ivan Sentsch





# A Lasting Relationship

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MICHAEL FRUSTERE

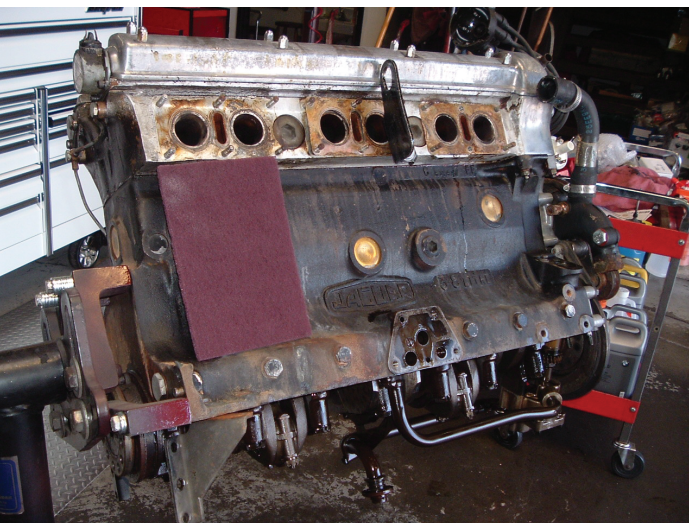


I've know her longer than I've known my wife. We first met in June 1970 in Las Cruces, NM not far from Holloman AFB, NM where I had just finished my tour of USAF duty and was honorably discharged. By then I was ready for a racy car and began scouting in Las Cruces for a British beauty to take home.

After a few days looking there she was -- a '64 Jaguar XKE CPE, Series 1 redhead (not the original color) showing off her fine lines on a vendor's lot. She was just begging to be taken for a ride. I obliged. And, after paying the price, we left together and have been together ever since. Let me explain.

We took our first journey in 1970, moving from Holloman AFB, NM to Rhode Island (RI) where my parents lived. While there, I noted the red paint was fading fast. So, I asked a friend of mine to paint -- what body metal he could see -- a metallic blue color I saw on Lincoln. It wasn't a "pro" job, but it was OK, since I didn't have much stashed away after my USAF service years.

We continued traveling together. Moving to NYC from RI where I took a job with an international oil company. After a few months living in the city, I learned the hard way that you don't drive an XKE in NYC. Apart from minor dents and scratches while parked, the car overheated with stop/go traffic. So, I returned it to storage in RI -- driving it weekends. The good news is that I met my future wife in NYC.



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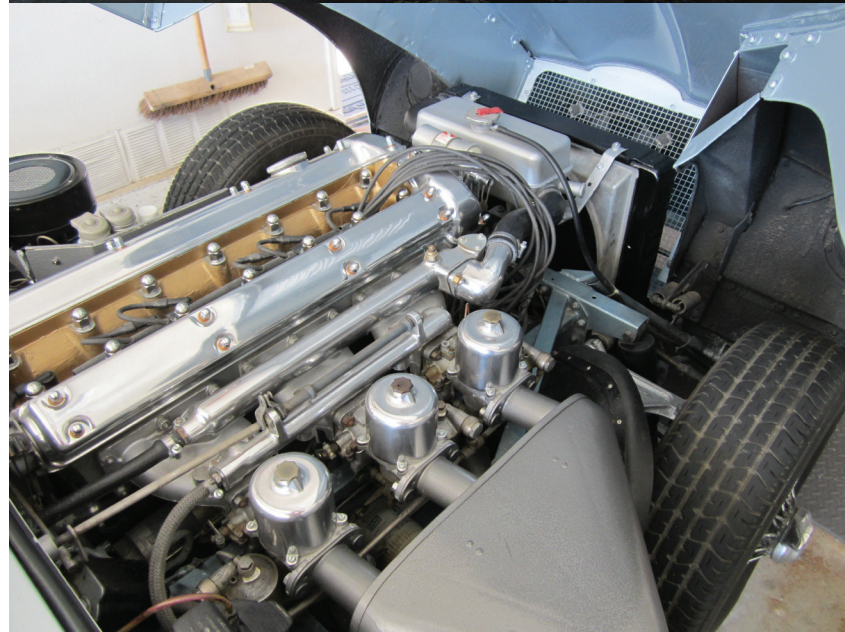
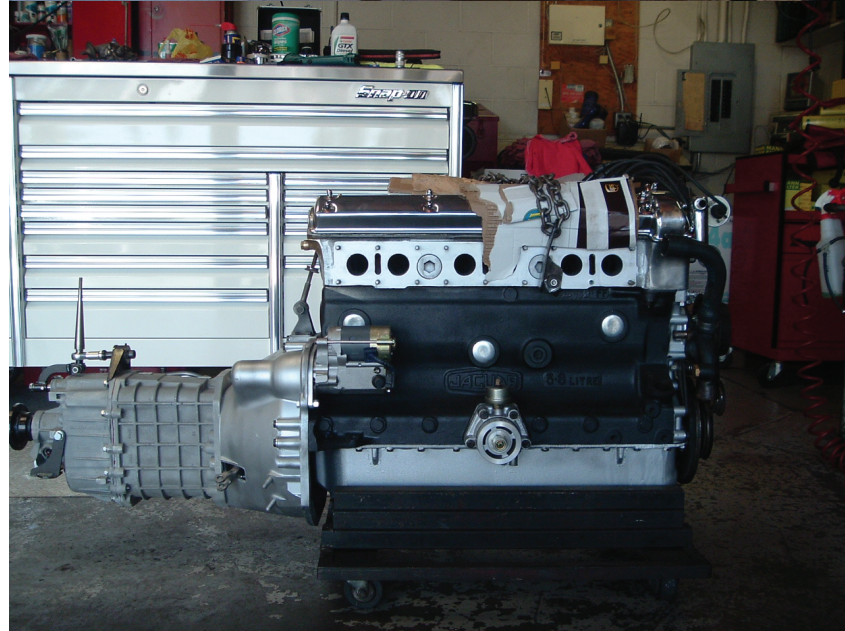
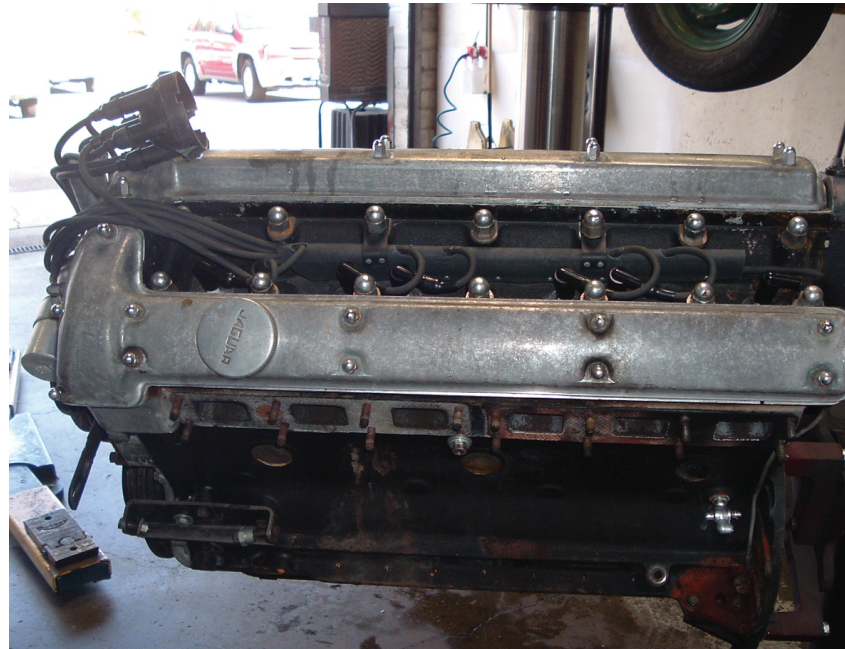
Our first overseas assignment came in 1975, followed by several more. Meanwhile, my XKE remained stored in RI. On returned to the States in mid '80s, we all moved from to Dallas with my company. While in Dallas another overseas assignment surfaced and my XKE went into non-climate controlled storage. I later learned on return to the states that this storage caused havoc with my XKE. Not only was the car used as a lunch/smoking room by employees there, but the heat was unforgiving.

From Dallas we relocated to Bakersfield, CA. And, although my XKE looked “reasonably” good on the outside, it needed serious engine work (the engine ceased-up while stored in Dallas). So, the engine was pulled and bored 0.0030” over standard with new pistons. When back together the car ran well, but it now needed running gear attention. And, Bakersfield’s hot climate continued to destroy seals, felts, and the interior along with the paint. I held off taking care of those items until moving to Oxnard in 2000

In Oxnard after joining CCBCC (Central Coast British Car Club) and observing fine British motors owned / driven by fellow members, I became jealous and decided I needed to get my XKE in better shape. Not only did my running gear need attention along with the other items noted, but now I had serious oil/fluids leaks to address too. My garage floor can attest to that. After giving this much thought and talking with club members, I decided to piece meal the work, not opting for a complete restoration.

I began work on the running gear. The suspension (front/rear) was addressed; new shocks and new rear trailing arms were installed by a shop in Ventura, CA. Next, oil leaks needed to be stopped so I could drive to CCBCC events without leaving footprints. I brought the car to my friend’s s shop in Thousand Oaks, CA to do that project - and, as it turned out, what a project it was.

The engine & gearbox were pulled with intention to fix the oil leaks. While out the clutch throw-out bearing and slave cylinder were replaced. Further inspection of the gearbox revealed a worn non-synchromesh 1st gear. Do I replace that gear only OR do I move-up to a new gearbox? I opted for a 5 speed Cogsworth gearbox. I knew the gear ratios would make for better gas mileage and smoother driving allowing me to cruise 70 mph at 2500 rpm. But, what I didn’t know at the time was that the driveshaft had to be 4.5” shorter, along with tunnel modifications. I decided on a new driveline to fit.





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While the engine was still out the timing chain tensioner was replaced, and a screw-on oil filter unit and a gear reduction starter were installed. After the engine work and mating with the new gearbox, I thought things were looking good. And, that's when I went "2 more yards" -- polishing all engine aluminum and replacing the valve cover fasteners with chrome nuts and copper washers.

But, now I really felt bad. I had a nice looking engine/gearbox; good running gear, and new brake pads all around, but the body still had terrible paint and a deteriorated interior. The seat cushions were held together with duct tape underneath cheap seat covers. All along I had been saving for fresh paint and an interior makeover, never anticipating the oil leaks, gearbox problems, etc. that diverted my funds.

As it turned out, during 2 years that my XKE was an "in-shop resident", I managed to put enough "pin money" away for the body work/paint. I chose the original "Opalescent Silver Blue" color, but with less blue. While that work was in process, new rubber seals / felt sets were ordered along with chrome pieces that were missing on the body. Another 8 months passed to January 2013 before the car was mechanically sound and the paint job was done. Only new rubber/felts/chrome pieces needed to be installed along with new door latches / catches. In March 2013 it went into my garage for interior work.

Interior work entailed installation of Dynamat insulation, carpeting, headliner, hardura pieces, and coverings for the gearbox tunnel and rear hatch along with fabricating panels. I left seat rebuilding to an expert. I bought the leather, vinyl, beading, fasteners, and other supplies from local Oxnard shops. The carpeting, door panel coverings, hardura pieces, and seat rebuilds were supplied/done by a shop in Santa Paula. Also, I installed a 15" Moto Lita steering wheel which I got from the UK manufacturer.

Four months later, July 2013, I had a complete 1964 XKE CPE in the best condition ever during my 43+ years of ownership. It is not a "Concours d Elegance" car. I never wanted that, only a comfortable, fine British motorcar to have fun with.

You may have seen her at the CCBCC Channel Islands Car Show on July 21, 2013.







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# CAMARILLO AUTOCROSS

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

Requirements: Safe and mechanically sound car. Please review PCA Zone 8 website autocross rules for helmet and seatbelt requirements <http://zone8.pca.org/rules.php>. This event will be run in compliance with Zone 8 rules. Complete results will be posted on the SBR website (pcasb.org) within two weeks of the event.

**Where:**

Camarillo Airport. Las Posas exit off the 101 in Camarillo. Take Las Posas south, turn right on Pleasant Valley Road, turn right on Airport Way to T-intersection. Turn right and follow the signs.

**Schedule:** (times approximate)

6:30 a.m. Registration Check In at Airport Gate  
 6:45 a.m. Tech Inspection begins  
 8:00 a.m. Mandatory Drivers Meeting  
 8:30 a.m. Practice Runs begin  
 2:00 p.m. 3 Official Timed Runs (to 4:30 p.m.)

**Entry Fee: \$85.00 per driver, includes lunch.**

- Extra lunches can be purchased with registration for \$17 each.
- Event day registration (if not sold out) \$100 per driver cash only. Extra lunches \$20 cash only.
- Enrollment limited to 65. Pre-registration is encouraged to reserve your space.
- Course work is mandatory in order to run this Autocross.
- Porsche drivers: This IS a Zone 8 sanctioned event for points.
- More than one person may drive a car, but each driver may drive only one car.
- Each driver must submit a separate Entry/Registration form.
- One check may be written for multiple drivers, but the check must identify all those covered by the check.
- Questions? Contact TED LIGHTHIZER at 805-527-8280 or [tlighthizer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlighthizer@sbcglobal.net)

**CAMARILLO AUTOCROSS ENTRY/REGISTRATION FORM**

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Porsche Class: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please review class info in Zone 8 Rules - <http://zone8.pca.org/rules.php> - Non-Porsche is Class X.)

Are you a PCA member? YES or NO (Circle one) If yes, which region? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available to help set up on Friday afternoon, September 20th? YES or NO (Circle one)

**Make checks payable to PCA/SBR for \$85, which includes lunch for one.**

Extra lunches can be purchased with registration for \$17 each.

Mailed entries must be received no later than September 14, 2013.

Send Check & Entry/ Registration to:

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Cancellations within 48 hours of this event will not receive a refund.



# Jaguar F-Type

RELEASE PARTY

By Patrick Redd

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, Jaguar of Ventura had a release party for the new Jaguar F-Type. People in attendance were able to sign up for rides in the sport version of the F-Type. There were no test drives at this event as free wine was being served to the guests. There was also several choices of gourmet hors d'ouvers.

Also on display around the dealership were several Jaguars from different eras. Fellow CCBC member Daisy Tatum had her E-Type on display at the event. One of my favorites was a Jaguar C-Type that was formerly owned by Malcolm McDowell. It was interesting to note that the car only has a driver's door. The car is pictured on the cover of this issue.

A few weeks earlier I had an opportunity to drive the F-Type in both the 6 and 8 cylinder versions. The power and handling of the sport model was pretty amazing! The 6 cylinder made for a nice tourer.



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# San Marino *Car Classic*

Photos and  
Story by Patrick Redd

The third annual San Marino Motor Classic made a return on June 9 with 250 cars ranging from grand tourers to a Wells Fargo stage coach giving rides to guests around the show. This was my first time at this show.

The Classic is centered around the huge lawn of Lacy Park in San Marino, CA, just south of Pasadena. The park is more than 30 acres big and with half of that being the huge central lawn.

The bread and butter of the show is the Classic Car Club of America Southern California Region's Grand Classic, an event that brought 60 beautiful, stately old tourers to show this year. The first car show in Lacy Park took place the year before the first San Marino Motor Classic. Three years ago the CCCA show was opened up to all manner of great cars and the San Marino Motor Classic was born.

The beauty of the San Marino gathering is the diversity and depth of cars you get to see. Jay Leno made an appearance in a White steam-powered car. It's definitely worth a visit if you have never been to the show.

For lots more pictures from the show, visit the current photos page at [www.centralcoastcarclub.com](http://www.centralcoastcarclub.com)







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## **Monthly Breakfast - CCBC event**

Breakfast meets will be at Four Points by Sheraton for the remainder of the year (see info above). New venue TBD in 2013. Address: 1050 Schooner Drive, Ventura, CA 93001. For more information and dates, contact Richard & Diane Armstrong - 805-659-1557

## **AUTOCROSS AT THE CAMARILLO AIRPORT SATURDAY SEPT. 21, 2013 OPEN TO ALL DRIVERS**

The Santa Barbara Porsche Club will be hosting a timed autocross open to all licensed drivers 18 and older in street legal vehicles on Saturday September 21, 2013 at the Camarillo Airport. Maximum of 65 cars allowed so all drivers will get 3 to 4 practice runs in the morning and a minimum of 3 timed runs in the afternoon. The course is on a closed section of the runway with plenty of runoff room with nothing to hit. The course will have chalked lanes with cones, length half mile with one or more slaloms, a decreasing radius lollypop turnaround and other turns and braking challenges. Central Coast British Car Club members please come and join us in this fun and controlled environment where you can safely push the limits of your favorite British Sports car or any other vehicle. We plan to put the same make and model vehicles in the same run group whenever possible to make for a better driver experience. NEW at this event small trophies will be awarded to the top 3 fastest times for X Class cars (any car that is not a Porsche) Cost \$85.00 includes a delicious lunch of BBQ Tri-Tip and Chicken with tossed green salad, potato salad, garlic bread and a drink, cooked and served on site, Yummy. Questions contact Ted Lighthizer [tlighthizer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlighthizer@sbcglobal.net) or (805) 527-8280

## **Clovis British Car Roundup, Saturday-Sunday, September 28th & 29th, 9:00AM to 4:00PM**

The 10th annual "Clovis British Car Roundup" benefitting the Fresno Wildlife Valley Nature Rehabilitation and Education Center will be held along side of the Clovis Antique and Collectable Show on Sept. 29, 2013 on Pollaski in "Old Town Clovis" from 9:00 am to 4:00pm hosted by the Valley British Auto Club as well as a car run into the Sierras on Sept. 29, 2013. All British cars welcome. For more information, visit [www.valleybritish.org](http://www.valleybritish.org).

## **Combined Triumphest / VTR National, October 2-6, 2013**

Combined Triumphest / VTR National, October 2-6, 2013. The combined Triumphest and The Vintage Triumph Register will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael, CA., week-end of October 2-6, 2013. Go to [www.triumphtravelers.org](http://www.triumphtravelers.org) for more info.

## **XK's Unlited 40th Anniversary Open House, October 3-6, 2013, San Luis Obispo**

Open House at our facility at 850 Fiero Lane, SLO. This is a chance to see the behind-the-scenes activities of XKs Unlimited. Tour the workshop, visit with technicians and sales staff. Enjoy a Casino Royale Night with dinner and dancing. Cocktails at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. Have fun with professional dealers for a James Bond themed Casino Night. (Tuxedos are optional but give us your best 'Bond' look.) There will be dancing to music from '40s to the '70s. Sunday, 8:30 am: Fun-Run Car Rallye – Brief participant meeting at 8:30, first car out 9:00. Rallye to leave from Embassy Suites; this will be a low-key run through SLO and surrounding areas and will end near the site of the Car Show in time to enter the show if you choose.

Sunday, October 6th 8:30 am: Car Show – This event is open to all makes and models. Awards and fun prizes will go to the favorites. Grounds open at 8:30 and 'judging' begins at 11:00. Lunch around noon, awards after that. Clean-up and done by 4:00. Sunday Lunch tickets must be ordered in advance, \$20 each. For more info, visit <http://www.xks.com/2013-open-house>

## **Seaside Highland Games, Ventura Fair Grounds, Oct. 11 - 13, 2013**

Along with the pipers, dancers, and games, there is also a British car show that takes place. Free admission is offered to club members who bring and display their cars. If you would like to show your car at the Highland Games, either day or both days - free tickets are available to those who show their cars. For more information, visit <http://seaside-games.com/> or contact Paul Keener at e-mail address: [pcktools@jetlink.net](mailto:pcktools@jetlink.net)

## **Teddy Bear Run - Douglas Penfield School, Santa Paula - November 3, 2013 - 10am**

The 23rd Annual Douglas Penfield School Teddy Bear Run will be on Sunday, November 3rd. The "entry fee" of a new Teddy Bear provides a real treat for the handicapped children when they are given out by Santa Claus at the annual Christmas Party and Luncheon hosted for them at the school by the Footprinters. Possible new lunch venue in the works for this year.



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