

# THE CLEAR HOOTER!



NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB



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## Dick Whites TR'S



This is my first Triumph, a 1962 TR4, CT6820L, that I bought in 1972, with my first ever attempt at a paint job. The following pictures are the same car, restoration nearly finished in 2000, and totally wrecked a few weeks later. For the next 17 years I was “without Triumph” until I was fortunate enough to purchase Herman van den Akker’s TR6 last March. ( Cont. on page 3)



## GENERAL MEETINGS:

Are held at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month unless it falls on a holiday at Barrelhouse 101 restaurant : 545 E. Thompson Blvd. Ventura

## 2018-19 GENERAL MEETING DATES:

**Dec. 2**, Sunday, Christmas Brunch at Four Points by Sheraton at: 1050 Schooner Dr, Ventura, CA 93001

**Jan. 2**, (This is a Wed due to holiday), **Feb 5**, **March 5**, **April 2**, **May 7**, **June 4**, **July 2**, **Aug. 3**, **Sept. 3**, **Oct. 1**, **Nov. 5**.

Board meetings take place according to the needs of the club, usually before or after the club's General Meeting; but as often as is deemed necessary at the discretion of the Club President.

## NEWSLETTER

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## ***NEW MEETING LOCATION AND DATE FOR JANUARY, TAKE NOTE!!!!***



January's meeting will be held on **Wednesday Jan 2nd at: Barrelhouse 101** at: 545 E. THOMPSON BLVD, VENTURA, CA 93001. The Barrelhouse has free parking and an extensive menu. We have a separate room and the management hopes we will all order something. Please use the California exit of the 101 freeway. If parking is gone, use the free parking structure 74 S California St, Ventura, CA 93001 about 1.5 blocks away.

## ***More pictures of Front Page Story***



# MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB GENERAL MEETING DATE Tuesday, November 6, 2018 At Barrelhouse 101 in Ventura



Meeting brought to order by: Michael Gustafson, CCBCC President at 7:00 pm.  
Number of members present at start of meeting: 30

## Board Members in Attendance:

President:	Michael Gustafson	<u>Yes</u>
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## General Notes:

The Newsletter Editor would like some photos of your car if you would like it to be on one of the covers of the Clear Hooter Newsletter. She would also like any articles or stories that the rest of the membership might be interested in.

## Topic 1: Teddy Bear Run and Brunch Sunday November 11, 2018

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Teddy Bear drive and brunch run will be at the Douglas Penfield School is this coming weekend. We will meet at 9:30 am at the Penfield School parking lot at 640 Jazmin Avenue, Ventura, CA. 93003 and will depart on our drive to Ojai and the Ojai Café Emporium for a no host brunch. At present we have 24 members signed up for this event. The drive will be on two lane secondary roads and is approximately 34 miles and will take about an hour to drive to the restaurant. Route sheets will be handed out at the school parking lot. Don't forget to bring at least one new Teddy Bear (10 to 18 inches in height) which will be given to the school staff and later handed out at the Spegetti dinner the club sponsors for the children.

## Topic 2: Michael Frustere Wine Tour February, 2019

The wine tour is scheduled to take place on February 22, 23 and 24, 2019. You can make your reservations with the hotel now at a discount if you mention you're with the CCBCC. The point of contact with more information is Neal Subic and his phone number is (805) 258-1182 and his email is [neal@nksubic.com](mailto:neal@nksubic.com) so give Neal a call and he can give you all the info you will need for the event.

## Topic 3: Holiday Brunch on December 2, 2018 Sunday

The CCBCC Holiday Brunch is coming up very soon as the year is almost over and the election of club board member takes place at the brunch. The Holiday Brunch will be at the Four Points Sheridan Ventura Harbor Resort 1050 Schooner Dr. Ventura, Ca. at 10:30 am. Tickets are \$20.00 per member and \$40.00 for non-member guest who wish to attend. There will be a gift exchange for those that wish to participate and the value should be between \$25.00 an \$35.00. Terry Schuller ([dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com)) is the POC for this event if you have any questions.

At this Holiday Brunch Meeting the club members present will vote on the board members positions as follows: President, Vice President, Recorder, Membership, Newsletter Editor, Advertizing, Webmaster. Anyone interested in running for any of the positions on the board should let Michael Gustafson know before November 15, 2018 so the membership can be notified so they can vote by casting a vote by mail if they are unable to attend the meeting. Michael Gustafson will be sending out an email with more information so keep an eye out for it.

# Minutes continued



## Topic 4: Gamble House Drive and Tour

The Club is going to go to the Gamble House in Pasadena on April 14, 2019. If your interested in doing this drive and tour you will need to contact Terry Schuller at [dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com) or call her at (805) 484-3334 to get more information. There will be a \$12.00 per person fee to cover the tour which must be paid in advance. Terry will be putting more information out to the membership via email. This should be a good day trip and interesting place to see.

## Topic 5: Barrelhouse Meeting Place

For those members who attended the meeting at the Barrelhouse this month can you please send an email to Michael Gustafson ( [mikegus999@gmail.com](mailto:mikegus999@gmail.com) )with your comments so the board can decide if they need to find a different location for the clubs monthly meeting.

## “JULIE TIME” presented by: Julie Root

Urbane Café Gift Card = Alex Mercurio

Jamba Juice Gift Card = Michael Gustafson

Aloha Gift Card = Ron Root

Trader Joe’s Gift Card = Glen Dewar

Starbucks Gift Card = Michael Gustafson

Panera Bread Gift Card = Walter Hagedohm

Wood Ranch Gift Card = Pam Justin

**Birthday Gift Card Drawing** for members at the meeting with a birthday in the month of **November**. Daisey Tatum, Allen Merriam and Gary Cooper have B-Days this month and were at the meeting making them eligible for this drawing. Daisey Tatum was the winner of the B-Day Gift Card this month. Happy Birthday to any others in the club that were not at the meeting and have birthdays this month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm by Club President Michael Gustafson

## Behind the Wheel *editors corner*



I am attempting to put out a newsletter every month, there may be times I miss a month due to being away. Please note **NO NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY**, ( I will be out of the country, watch your e-mails for announcements).

The newsletter is a vital piece of communication to keep members informed of what is happening within our club and lists events that are happening that may be of interest to club members.

I would like to feature one member’s British car on the cover of each newsletter. If you would like your ride displayed on the cover, please send me a high resolution picture of it in a nice place (not just the parking lot at work!!) to [dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com)

**I have no more pictures or stores for the front page of the newsletter. Let’s start of 2019 with some of your favorite pics of your British car.**

## ARTICLES NEEDED:

The newsletter is in need of articles on anything to do with the club or British cars. Please use Microsoft Word and save as a document. If possible use font Arial, size 12 and do not do any formatting, just paragraphs of words.

# CCBCC & other Car Events coming up



## **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018**

Our annual Christmas Brunch will be at our normal location - the Four Points Sheraton in Ventura. After brunch, we will have our final club meeting of the year and we'll also elect new board members for open positions. Following that, we will do our gift exchange. There will be a real gift exchange (**NOT A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT**) for those who wish to exchange a gift. Gift should be in the price range of \$25 to \$30 and if you bring a gift then you are eligible to exchange to pick a gift. We will also make our annual charitable donation to the Rain Project. The cost of the brunch is \$20 for paid up members and \$40 for non-members. The club is subsidizing the cost of the brunch for our members as in the past. Contact Terry Schuller at [dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com) for more information.

**February 23-25, 2019** CCBCC Wine Tour See page 19-20.

**April 14, 2019** I have secured a tour of the **Gamble House** for April 14, a Sunday. It will be in the morning. We will do breakfast before hand or lunch afterwards. There will be a cost for the Gamble House tour and payment will have to be made at least 3 weeks ahead with no refunds possible. Stay tuned for specifics in future newsletters and the meetings. [dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com)

## **MONTHLY BREAKFAST: CCBCC EVENTS**

Breakfast meets will be at different venues throughout the year. New venues TBD in 2019. To Volunteer to be the point of contact and lead one of the runs, please contact Michael Gustafson at [mikegus999@gmail.com](mailto:mikegus999@gmail.com)

## **A NEW NEWSLETTER FEATURE**



Every month I will be displaying a photo of one of our members as a child or infant. At the next meeting we will ask the members who they think it is.

This is our first photo:



**ANY IDEAS??**  
**It is the driver of**  
**The car**



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# ***“Never say “never”*** ***By David Townsend***



Never say “never”. We’ve all heard the phrase more times than we likely care to. Typically, because not long after uttering “never” to some request, we find ourselves doing whatever it was we said we’d never do. And so it was.

I’ve been known to support a car event or two and it’s been my pleasure over the past few years to be able to help the [Central Coast British Car Club](#) out in California with the donation of gift certificate for a print from among any in the current catalog. Typically, it’s a pretty straightforward kind of thing. The happy winner, goes to the web site or calls me and redeems the certificate for one of my illustrations. Easy peasy...or so I thought.

Not long after last year’s event, I received a call from the certificate winner who said he had been through the catalog and there several illustrations he had an interest in but what he’d really like is a drawing of an MG YA. Now, I’ve been know to draw some pretty eclectic fare (Swallow Doretta, SPL 227 and the like) but never a YA and, admittedly, didn’t even know what it was. While he was continuing to tell me the story of the car—purchased by his father and used as a daily driver then ending up being restored by himself and his son—I looked up the YA and it was clear the MG wasn’t really the kind of thing I usually do. That said, the car’s story and the family’s love for it through three generations was so intriguing I couldn’t say “no”.

And that, friends, is my never say “never” story and real life that proof that a good illustration starts with a story. Maybe it’s the car’s provenance or its engineering, racing accomplishments or about the people behind the design. Whatever it is, if the story is interesting you can bet the art will be too.



(Cont. on next pg.)

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## Classifieds



My 1985 XJ6 Vanden Plas suffered a transmission failure a couple weeks ago. I don't have the time or money to put into repairing it but maybe you do. I've had the car for 3 years and this was my daily driver since January 2017 so it has been maintained as such. Over the last three years it's had all new tires, all new belts and hoses, all new brakes, air conditioning compressor replaced and changed to R134a, new AC programmer, fuel injectors removed and ultrasonically cleaned, Until the transmission went out the car was very good mechanically and it passed California smog in July 2017. Cosmetically the car is good. It has a few 1/4 inch rust spots at the bottom of the rear window and one behind the right front wheel. Otherwise it is rust free, even underneath. It has one small dent by the right rear taillight. The interior has one small seam split on the driver's seat and the headlining is starting to sag at the rear corners, otherwise excellent. It has the correct deep pile floor mats. The car is 100% complete. Aside from the transmission the AC doesn't work right; the compressor works and cools but the heater valve won't turn off the heater, though it's getting good vacuum to it. And the cruise control conked out a few months ago.

So what went wrong? Near as I can figure the output shaft has come loose from the ring gear. The failure is intermittent, and when it works it works fine, no slipping. It does not appear that anything is slipping and when I dropped the pan there was no sign of any metal shavings. It might be as simple as the C clip that retains the shaft to the ring gear coming off, but to get at that the whole transmission must be dismantled. This is beyond me.

Special discount if you promise you'll get her back on the road. They aren't making them like this anymore. Contact me, Mike, at [mgbeda@yahoo.com](mailto:mgbeda@yahoo.com) or call two81-six38-seven30three. We are in Oxnard.



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# *Cento Miglia Outing*

## *by Joel Justin*

Back in the mid-1940's, a group of racers would meet and make "mad dashes" into the mountains in their cars. The story goes that after one of these dashes to the top of San Marcos Pass, the group decided to form the California Sports Car Club (which later merged with the SCCA – Sports Car Club of America – which still exists today). One of the mountain dashes they did they dubbed the Cento Miglia (100 miles in Italian).

This route started in Saugus and followed Bouquet Cyn Road by Bouquet Reservoir to Elizabeth Lake Road, thru the Leona Valley and by Lake Elizabeth, then down Lake Hughes Road by (you guessed it) Hughes Lake and Castaic Lake, to The Old Road and to Castaic Junction. Since most of this route still exists and contains some fabulously twisty roads, I thought it would make a fun lunch run.

It was a beautiful sunny morning when 16 cars and 24 people met at the old Margaret's Cocina restaurant in Fillmore. The restaurant closed several years ago, but the parking lot was a perfect spot for our rendezvous. After the normal meeting and greeting and car ogling, we headed out at about 10:15am with 8 Triumph TRs, 3 Jaguars XKs, 2 MG Beeeees, 1 Austin Healey, 1 Aston Martin, 1 Mini Cooper, and a partridge in a pear tree!



*Gathering at the old Margaret's Cocina in Fillmore*

Our route took us east on Hwy 126 and across Hwy 5 into Santa Clarita. We turned left on Bouquet Canyon Rd. and shortly thereafter, we were heading out of town and into the hills. It was challenging keeping 16 cars together, but we managed pretty well.

We headed up a beautiful twisty canyon, passing Bouquet Reservoir, which showed no signs of a drought as it was full to the brim. Google Maps showed the road closed with a detour, but Jim Harris (who lives in the area) drove the route ahead of time and confirmed it was open. (continued on next page)





*Jim in his TR6 enjoying a beautiful drive*

We continued up the canyon until we hit Lake Elizabeth Rd., where we turned left and cruised thru Leona Valley. I'd never been there before and thought it was quite pretty, with large acreage ranches and rolling hills.

We hit Johnson Rd. and turned left (continuing on Lake Elizabeth Rd.) and past Lake Elizabeth. Now the drought was evident as there wasn't a drop of water in the "dry" lake. As we came into the town of Lake Hughes, we found The Rock Inn on our right and the parking (dirt) lot on the left. Even though we were early for lunch (about 11:30am), there were already a number of cars and a lot of motorcycles there. We managed to squeeze all our cars in the lot and along the street before heading into lunch.



*Tight squeeze in the parking "lot"*

The Rock Inn is quite a place with an interesting history. It was built in 1929 after the store across the street burned down. It was built with stone from local quarries "because stone doesn't burn". It was a store, gas station, post office hotel and restaurant, and continues to be some of those today. You'll have to go there to read the full history on the back of the menu.

We gathered in groups at about 4 tables and were promptly served. Service was fast and the food was good. And the company was great! We had several people who'd never or rarely went on club outings, so it was good to get to know them better. After people had finished eating, several went upstairs to check out the hotel rooms. Ask Julie for a report on them!





We hung out around the cars for a bit before saddling up and heading back down the hill. Since we weren't going to stop again, we all said our goodbyes before departing.





*In front of the Inn*

Our route was a loop, so we continued north for about a mile to Lake Hughes Rd. and turned left to head back down a different canyon. Again, beautiful twisty roads with nary another car in sight. We drive by Lake Castaic before returning to civilization. We crossed Hwy 5 again and followed The Old Road until we finally met up with Hwy 126 again and all headed back home.

Everyone I talked to really enjoyed the route, the weather, the food and the socializing. We thought we might do the route again in the future, but in reverse this time – no, not backing up the whole way, but rather the reverse direction! It would likely be a completely different trip that way. So if you missed this trip, keep an eye out, and maybe in a year or so, we'll do it again.

# 2019 CCBCC Wine Tour



The annual **Wine Tour** is in the planning stages, and it's time to get it on your calendars and make your hotel reservations! In remembrance of **Michael Frustere**, this event has been re-named the "**CCBCC Michael Frustere Wine Tour**". Michael Frustere was a long-time club member and dedicated coordinator of this event for many years. He made it his mission to always find new, interesting, and exciting places for us to visit during this event. Sadly, Michael passed away in July of this year, but he left us with many great memories of himself and of the places he had us visit while driving our LBCs!

The Wine Tour begins and ends in Pismo Beach, CA where our hotel is located, and we do a scenic drive up through the Central Coast wine country of San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles. This is an event that our club has held for decades, it is typically very well attended, and proves to be a good time for all!

The **2019 CCBCC Michael Frustere Wine Tour** will take place Friday night **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** (check-in and socialize), Saturday **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** (organized back-roads drive, winery tours, and evening social/pot-luck), and Sunday **February 24<sup>th</sup>** (check-out and drive home).

On Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, as a group we'll depart the hotel and make a couple of stops in the morning while on our back roads jaunt to our lunch venue the "Sculpterra Winery & Sculpture Garden" in Paso Robles. Sculpterra was one of Michael Frustere's favorite winery stops that he planned for the tour several years ago, so we're going to be re-visiting it as our picnic lunch stop and raise a glass in his honor.

For those of you that are new to the club, or to this event, the way the day works is that you bring a picnic lunch to our organized lunch venue/stop, and in the evening we have a potluck style dinner in the hotel's dining area, so you will bring something to share with the group. Plates, napkins and silverware are provided. It's very low key and casual, and we socialize before, during and after dinner, usually over glasses of the wine that we've picked up though out the day. We will even have our traditional "Julie Time" raffle!

The hotel that this event takes place at is **The Cottage Inn By the Sea** in Pismo Beach. There is a block of (25) discounted hotel rooms set up for us already, so if you're ready willing and able to come along on this trip, and you're going to stay at the Cottage Inn, you need to call the Cottage Inn and book your room. Reference the '**CCBCC block**'. The cut-off date for our discounted block of rooms is Feb. 8, 2019. Sometimes they go fast, so to assure that you've got a place to stay for this great event, call and make your reservation early. The Cottage Inn's number is [\(805\) 773-4617](tel:8057734617). If you have questions or any problems making a reservation, just email, call or text me.

This is a fantastic hotel that sits on the bluffs above the Pacific Ocean in Pismo Beach, CA. A few of the amenities this choice hotel offers that keeps our club coming back year after year are:

- Quaint Old English cottage style architecture
- Free onsite guest parking
- Oceanfront, heated pool and spa (Complementary robes in each room)
- Complementary daily continental breakfast
- Fireplaces in every room
- Oceanfront fire pits and Adirondack chairs with ocean views along the bluffs
- Mini fridge, microwave, and coffee makers in each room
- Beach access
- 10-minute walk to pier and downtown Pismo

A Major plus that this hotel offers is that they let our club use their dining room and its facilities for our Saturday evening potluck dinner and social gathering for free. (cont. on next page)

## ***Wine Tour cont.***



The discounted room rates they are offering us are as follows:

- Standard King room \$220 plus tax = \$246.83 per night
- Partial View Standard King room \$258 plus tax = \$289.46 per night
- 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Ocean View King room \$295 plus tax = \$330.98 per night
- Standard King ADA room is \$220 plus tax = \$246.83 per night

Be sure to call and book your room early soon so you don't miss out!

If you are planning to attend the Wine Tour, and once you have made your hotel room reservations, please let me know so I can keep a head count of who's going, and can get you on the Wine Tour group email distribution list.

Please email, [neal@nksubic.com](mailto:neal@nksubic.com) call or text me with any questions, (805) 258-1182 or to let me know that you're going.



## Classifieds – MATCHING NUMBERS JAGUAR



This 1968 Jaguar XKE is a Series 1.5 coupe that was purchased by the seller out of Oregon 10 years ago. Approximately 4.5k miles have since been added, and the 4.2-liter twin-cam six has been modified with an intake manifold replacement and triple SU carburetors. The seller has renewed the brake system and reports that the sale will include the original carburetors, owner's manuals, service booklet, and service records dating back to 1986. This XKE recently took 3rd place overall at the Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally in Portland

Originally finished in Opalescent Maroon, the car was repainted Opalescent Silver Blue by a previous owner. A receipt from 1987 shows some repairs were made to the bonnet, and a few notable flaws in the finish have been documented in the photo gallery below. The 15" wire wheels are shod in brand new top of the line Yokohama tires.

Though sources vary, most agree that Series 1.5 LHD Fixed Head Coupe production was limited to approximately 1,565 units being built between August 1967 and July 1968. The cars shared many features of the later Series 2 XKE like the uncovered headlights seen here, yet they retained the Series 1 front indicators, taillights, and split rear bumper.

The seller had the seats refurbished with new foam and black leather upholstery, and a Panasonic CD player was also added. Black plastic rocker switches replaced the earlier toggle switches found on Series 1 cars to comply with US safety laws. The Smiths gauges are said to function properly, and approximately 37,950 miles are shown on the odometer.

The 4.2-liter inline-six came equipped the ribbed valve covers of the later Series 2 cars and is paired to a 4-speed manual transmission. The seller removed the stock intake manifold and twin Stromberg carburetors and added triple SUs, new exhaust headers, and a high torque gear reduction starter.

A new heater core, hoses, fan sensor, and alternator have also been installed by the seller. Some minor oil leaks around the engine and transmission are reported.

Within the last 100 miles, the brake system has been renewed at a cost of over \$5k. The work included the installation of new calipers and rotors all around, new hoses, a rebuild of the master cylinder, and new front end bushings.

Serial number 1E35099 shows that this XKE was built in the middle of Series 1.5 production, which spanned from numbers 1E34250 to 1E35815. Service records from the previous owner show work performed from 1986 to 2005, and receipts from current ownership document service from 2005 to the present.

The original service booklet from 1968 is also included along with the owner's manual, jack, knock-off hammer, and repair manuals. A full car cover and other parts also come with the car, including the original exhaust manifolds, carbs, and 8-track radio.

ASKING PRICE \$ 69K OBO Contact: **Alex Mercurio** [apm3kbm@aol.com](mailto:apm3kbm@aol.com)

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## *A Token of Appreciation by Neil Subic*



It always brings a smile to my face when I pull into a filling station to top of my Triumph's fuel tank with petrol, and someone walks up to admire or check out my car and chat about it... Young people will cautiously stand back as their eyes scan all over the car and ask things like "What kind of car is this?", "Where is it made?", "I didn't know Triumph made cars too", "Do they still make these?",... and "What's that stick between the seats do?".... Then there are the older, more mature and confident folks that will come over and start up a chat, their eyes glazing over with a distant look in them as memories begin to surface, and they break out a quick story of how they used to have one of these cars in high school, or college, bought it brand new, had to leave it behind when they shipped out to fight a war, and their brother, cousin, or uncle totaled the car while they were gone... but they always seem to have a smile on their faces as the story goes on to a time before they left, a time when they were dating their future wife, or did a road trip to Baja or someplace far away.

People always seem to be so appreciative of me (of all of us) for keeping these old cars on the road and in their hearts, and for sharing the old cars with the community so folks can still enjoy the past.

That's why on Sunday, Nov. 18, when the staff at The Palms Senior Assisted Living Center in Ventura asked if the CCBCC could bring out some of our classic LBCs (Little British Cars) and show them off for a couple of hours during a Chili Cook-off event, several of us did so. Considering the small parking/driveway area we were to park in, the 12 cars that attended was a perfect number, and it allowed The Palms residents and their families plenty of room to wander around each car and remember their much younger years. The day was one of those stunning, sunny Fall days, perfect for just milling around and catching up with each other about recent trips and holiday plans. The Palms had a DJ playing Oldies, and had set up tables and chairs for a chili cook-off with five different types of chili served, of which we were to vote for which one we liked the best. After the show ended, most of the cars were driven home and parked away as people continued their Thanksgiving prep work, but a handful of us took a leisurely drive up to Boccali's Pizza in Ojai for an afternoon snack, and some twisty turns on Hwy. 150 before heading for home ourselves.

To those that brought their cars to the show, or that just stopped by to say hello, the residents and staff at The Palms thanks you for sharing your time, brightening their day, and bringing back memories of yesteryear!

Cheers and Happy Holidays!



# ReCap of Teddy Bear Run



We had 21 cars at the school and 18 on the brunch drive. There were a number of folks who could not attend due to the fires south of the school. Most cars brought two Teddy Bears and a number of the club members who could not attend due to other commitments dropped their Teddy Bears (11) off at the club meeting and my home which were taken to the school for them.



Lunch at Ojai Emporium

Staff members at Penfield school





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