



# Robin's Nest

Robin George, President

October is that spooky time of the year. The weather changes, trees bring out their great colors and the events start flying... Really spooky. The club just celebrated our **21<sup>st</sup> Birthday** with a nice drive and BBQ at the Windwalker Winery. The proprietors are so nice to our club and allow us to virtually take over the winery. The Taff's (owners) donated to the club program, "Support the Troops" enthusiastically. We had a great lunch, competitive Bocce Ball games, and eager water balloon throwers. See the complete story in following articles.

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fellow club members for their quick action when a member loss consciousness in the middle of an event. Kudos to all the members who jumped in on this serious emergency. See Heroes article.**

This month we are holding the General Meeting at the "Black Bear Diner" on October 13<sup>th</sup>. We have a room all to ourselves which seats 80+. Let's fill it. The food is delicious, varied and plentiful. Please get there early to give the wait staff a chance to serve everyone in a timely manner by the 7 pm meeting time. Park on the west side of the restaurant where I

feedback will be important. We have two events coming up that require early notice of attendance. One is the **Ft Bragg Trip**, which is an annual favorite. It may be too late now to get a room in the same place as the early group but the drive is great and the coast is always spectacular during this time of year. Contact Vince Weis [vlweis@cwoc.com](mailto:vlweis@cwoc.com) quickly if you would like to attend.

The second event you need to make early reservations is our annual **Christmas Party**. We have moved the party to a new venue. But as with many establishments that have the facilities for groups, they require a guarantee of numbers (amount of people) in order to hold the room for the celebration. It promises to

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## Heroes Among Us

by Mike and Jenn Sipe

It started out perfectly. A beautiful day, a well planned run and a great group of Miatafiles. Little were we to know we had heroes among us. The run to the little town of Washington was going very smoothly. When we arrived in Washington we were greeted by the manager and shown to our reserved area. They had just started bringing out our food when one of

the leaders passed out. Without any hesitation two of our members started CPR. We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge Bob Bacon and Ellen Cutler for being this run's Heroes! Their quick response resulted in a happy ending to a great run.

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### OCTOBER MEETING—OCTOBER 13, 2011

Dinner 6:00pm, Meeting 7:00pm

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be a rocking time as we have procured the services of a DJ and the SAMOA Choir will attempt to entertain you.

You need not dress formally either, but there is a Christmas Sweater Contest.



Contact Jennifer Sipe [jsipe@surewest.net](mailto:jsipe@surewest.net) for details and making your reservations.

Please don't forget we have elections coming up in December. Every office is open and we need candidates. We need to keep the success of this

active and great club going and with your help it will continue. It doesn't hurt and it is fun being an officer. Just ask the current Board. If there is an office you would like to run for, contact any officer about your desire to run or if you have any questions about that position and let's get your name on the ballot. The club practically runs itself. If I can do it...



**SAMOA stats: 127 Memberships, 212 Members, 138 MIATAs**

## Treasure Trove

by Jeanne George

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### We welcome our Newest Members

Mike and Sheryl Carlson

### Memberships renewed in September

Hughart, Steve & Gale

Shepherd, John & Debra

Emelio, John

Jurach, Margie

Frosch, Ellen

Rossiter, Craig & Carol

Black, Cat and Ken Johnson (2 years)

Counter, Margaret

Cutler, Mark & Ellen



### Memberships Expiring October 1<sup>st</sup>

Estrada, Rico

Folsom, John

Kelly, Richard & Carolyn Layfield

Parker, Jack & Sally

Somplack, Jon & Alice

Spratt, James

Tyer, Tom & Cameron

# SAMOA Birthday Picnic

by Jeanne George

On Sunday, September 25th, the SAMOA Birthday Picnic was held at The Windwalker Winery in Somerset.

The day began at 5:15 am for Robin and me. We woke up, packed up our truck with bottled water, ice chests, ladders, decorations, brooms, banners, helium tank, SAMOA balloons, signs, water balloons and headed out. We arrived at the winery and started inflating balloons and hanging



them on the lamp posts and signs along the driveway to the tasting room. Fifteen minutes later, Ron Petrich arrived to help us with the early morning preparations. Meanwhile, elsewhere, Pam and Randy Hunt met with Jenn and Mike Sipe for breakfast. Afterwards the men headed to the meeting place for the group drive to the winery while the women headed to the winery to help us. Although they were locked outside the gate, their persistence had them call the winery just as Robin and I were asking the owners to open the gate

for them. Our first task was to unload all the supplies from our truck. Then Robin, Ron and I began rolling 8 circular tables down to the picnic area. Pam and Jenn arrived just in time to help us move 70 chairs from the winery deck down to the picnic area. After setting up the tables, putting on table covers, setting up the chairs, the women headed to decorating, Robin set up the sound system and Ron went to hanging signs. Ellen Frosch, Helen & Mike DeLaurentis arrived and quickly pitched in to help us out.



Ellen started filling the water grenades and balloons as Mike tried to help. Seems he was checking for leaking balloons and was soaked during the process.

We were finalizing the registration area when the first Miata arrived with enthusiastic wine tasters. The group



of 20 Miatas led by Randy and Mike arrived a few minutes later and the activities began. At registration, many members decided to contribute their deposit refund to the Support Our Troops program. A total of \$324 was donated. The monies will be used to purchase items for the boxes sent each month to women and men serving in combat zones.



After lunch, the Bocce Ball games began as spectators lined the field. The grounds were divided by cones and two groups of 2 teams began

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## October Birthdays

by Ron Petrich

Glen Boire October 24<sup>th</sup>  
Emilio Flores October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Ruthie Gilley October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Carolyn Layfield October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Judy Lehman October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Jan Massara October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mary Edna Menezes October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ron Moe October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mary Pat Pauly October 1<sup>st</sup>



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playing. Then additional teams were sent in.

Next it was time for the infamous water balloon toss to Support Our Troops. Alanna Taff, Windwalker Winery owner started off by offering bottles of wine to individuals willing to be in the "honor seat". Alanna paid

\$20 to throw the first balloon at Robin and challenged others to do the same. Spouses took advantage of the opportunity to get their "other half" in the seat; although the men didn't worry much about being hit. DT's daughter, TNT jumped at the chance to throw balloons at Robin, and talked her Dad out of money. Robin caught one of the water balloons and ran after TNT. The battle was on; when Robin quit running after her, she turned and hit him in the back. It was fun to watch as some water balloons went backwards and others landed short of their target. It was all in fun. Throwers paid \$144 for the Troops. The day's total collection for the Troops was \$468. Afterwards, various

winners were given bottles of wine by Alanna and Jiff Taff, Windwalker Winery owners. We want to thank them both for their generous donations and allowing us to use their facilities.

Robin and I would like to thank all of the many people that helped us out by returning their chairs, rolling tables to the staging area, taking down signs, removing the decorations, cleaning up all the balloons and remnants from the balloon toss.



## Washington Fun Run Snapshots



# The Road Ahead

## A look at upcoming events

by Diana Loo

The following is a list of upcoming events. There is room to squeeze in another run or two. If you have any ideas for a run, please contact me or anyone on the board. Also, if you have not done so, please contact the person organizing the event that you will be attending the event.

DATES	EVENT
October 1, 2011	<p><b>Better Late Than Never Kirkwood Pancake Run</b></p> <p>We will leave from Highway 16 in Rancho Murieta at Mar Sha Tes, located at 7238 Murieta Drive. There will be an 8:15 meet time, an 8:30 drivers meeting and a departure time immediately following the drivers meeting. Our route will take us through some of the interesting twisty roads of the Sierra Foothills up through Hams Station and on to Kirkwood Inn. The Inn is one of the most historic locations in mountains dating back to the 1850s. They also enjoy a very good reputation for their food. If you are new to the club, please be advised that this route is typical of my runs and involves a little bit of spirited driving and if you know me you will again enjoy a fun route we have not taken in a while but will be familiar to you. So an RSVP would be appropriate by September 29 so I can print out enough direction sheets for everyone. Thanks and hope to see a large turnout for this pancakeapalooza on October 1st. RSVP to Jack Parker at (916) 718-1545            RSVP to Jack Parker at (916) 718-1545</p>
October 1, 2011	<p><b>Benefit Car Show at El Camino High School</b></p> <p>El Camino High School in Sacramento is hosting a fundraiser car show at the school on Oct. 1, 2011. All proceeds go to funding supplies for the metal shop students. The cost of displaying a vehicle is \$15, and admission for viewers is free. Any other donations are always welcome, of course. Ellen Cutler is hoping we could get a group of Miata's to participate and help support the students. This is a TAX-DEDUCTIBLE event. Cars will need to be there between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. The show runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be soft drinks and popcorn, and possibly hot dogs for sale. Please notify Ellen Cutler at cutler@mac.com if you plan on attending or see her there at the event.</p>
October 2, 2011	<p><b>Brunch at the Air Museum – Sunday, October 2, 2011</b></p> <p>McClellan Aerospace Museum of California, 3200 Freedom Park Drive, McClellan Park, CA 95652 at 10:00 AM. Enter through the west gate and park with the aircraft as directed. After parking everyone will pay the normal admission of \$8.00 per person and enter the Museum Theatre at 10:30 AM to socialize and enjoy a BYO brunch with the adult beverage of your choice. Then we will visit the rest of the museum. We have arranged for a guided tour for those that want it, or you can tour the museum on your own. To park with the aircraft you must provide CURRENT PROOF OF INSURANCE. This will be checked by museum personnel. If you do not provide proof, you must park in the regular museum parking lot.            RSVP to Dennis Strassburger at (916) 402-1079 or at dstrass69@hotmail.com.</p>
October 7 - 10, 2011	<p><b>Fort Bragg</b></p> <p>We will make a run to Fort Bragg on Friday, October 7th, 2011 for a weekend stay. Those of you who cannot leave on Friday may also get together to organize a run starting on Saturday, October 8, 2010 (or just come on your own). We have a bloc of rooms reserved at the Best Western. The Friday run will leave from the McDonalds off of the Mace Blvd exit in Davis. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. and leave promptly at 8:30 a.m.</p>
November 19, 2011	<p><b>Teddy Bear Run</b></p> <p>A fun run to who knows where with a stop at the <a href="#">Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento</a> to drop off teddy bears and holiday presents for the kids. This is the 11th annual run. More to follow...</p>
December 3, 2011	<p><b>Christmas Dinner</b></p> <p>Vince's Ristorante in Elk Grove. Jason Carmel will provide the music and singing and if you wish, you can sing along with Jason or dance. Entrees are baked lasagna, chicken marsala or steak. Entrees include salad, pasta, bread, coffee, ice tea and dessert. Please download the registration form and submit it with your check at the next meeting.</p>
December 10, 2011	<p><b>Wreaths Across America</b></p> <p>Join us for the sixth straight year of decorating our Veteran's graves as part of a nationwide program whose goal it is to lay a wreath at each grave in every Veteran's cemetery throughout the US. Details as to start time/place will follow. If you would like to donate a wreath or learn more about this Nation-wide program you may do so by going to <a href="http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org">www.wreathscrossamerica.org</a>. For questions about this event and to RSVP contact Mike DeLaurentis at (916) 791-9418 or by email to <a href="mailto:luy2sail@surewest.net">luy2sail@surewest.net</a>.</p>
January 1, 2012	<p><b>Hang Over Run – More to follow.</b></p>

# World's Rarest American Car

by Adi Damania

This is the car that in 1954 could have almost overshadowed the Corvette. So, Chevrolet, being GM's big sales and profit division, campaigned to GM top brass to "kill" this car.

When Chevy was coming out with its 6-cyl. Corvette sports car with its 2-speed "powerglide" automatic transmission and side curtains, here was a sports car from Oldsmobile with a big old American V-8 and power win-



dows. The car was designed by Harley Earl who is now a legend as a stylist. Earl was responsible for creating a symphony of artistic *motoramic* masterpieces which went on to literally lure millions of loyal car buyers into GM showrooms.

Three other one-of-a-kind motoramic masterpieces designed by Earl sold at the 2005 and 2006 Barrett-Jackson auctions for a combined total of over \$10 million dollars. One of them was the Olds Rocket 88 convertible in gold paint. In 1954 the F-88 was a Motorama Dream Car and was one of only two, or an unconfirmed possible third, ever created.

Back in 2000, most savvy car collectors had no clue as to the real role Harley Earl played designing all GM concept cars that were shown mostly at car-shows. In fact, a little over a decade ago GM was spinning *Earl's Design Legacy* their way and you could have picked up the same trio of concept cars at auctions for well under \$1 million dollars! This all had to do with a careless job done from the

1960s through the end of the 20th century resulting in downplaying of GM's design history. Let's just say, hopefully all those disloyal and unpassionate execs are all gone now that GM dodged a bullet and is still rolling forward again after the Wall Street and Main Street crash, and the consequent 2008/09 government bailout. In the future I hope GM's leaders need to be held more accountable as far as heritage is concerned. Its just not the Italians who design elegant cars, although much can be learnt from them.

GM said **no** to Oldsmobile on building this car and so only one was ever built and then disassembled and put away. One of the world's rarest automobile: a 1954 Concept Old's Rocket F88 - the only one in existence.

After spending decades as a collection of parts stuffed into wooden crates and tucked away to a corner of a warehouse, the F-88 was reassembled by GM.

The F-88 seen here is literally the only car left of its kind and was sold



to John and Maureen Hendricks at the prestigious Barrett-Jackson Auto Auction in Scottsdale, Arizona, for an unbelievable \$3,240,000. This acquisition made automotive history and is the cornerstone of the Gateway Colorado Automobile Museum in its own special room in a rotating display worthy of the F-88! Even though Harley Earl's original fans are aging, his popularity is still potent. Combined,

the Olds F-88, the Futurliner and Pontiac Bonneville Special sold for over \$10 million dollars in exactly one year's time (what an investment!!). Is this another record? The aftermath and effect of the 2005/06 seasons at Barrett-Jackson are still being felt in the collector car market today. Although you and me are still cash strapped due to the financial downturn that has overtaken us since 2008.

And SAMOAns I have myself witnessed first hand, on an Oldsmobile sedan, the power of an F-88 Oldsmobile Rocket V-8 in action! It is awesome (in a straight line of course)!!



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## Things You Might Not Have Known About Your Cell Phone ??

by Diana Loo

I received an eMail from a really good friend titled "4 Things You Might Not Have Known About Your Cell Phone".

1. Worldwide Emergency Mobile Number -- The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.
2. Hidden Battery Power -- Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys \*3370#. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the in-

strument will show a 50% increase in battery.

This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

3. Disabling a Stolen Cell Phone -- To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone:  
**\*#06#** .  
A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.
4. Free Directory Service for Cell Phones -- Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial:  
**(800) FREE411 or (800) 373-3411**  
without incurring any charge at all. This is sponsored by McDonalds.

I decided to test out these so call amazing things that my cell phone can do. Well, it did not work. After several attempts, I consulted the internet and found a site called <http://www.truthorfiction.com/rumors/c/cell%20phones.htm>. This site confirmed my discovery on all but one, disabling a cell phone. However, there was a disclaimer that it did not work on all phones (it does not work on an iPhone).

So, don't waste your time using any of these features because they do not work.

