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Coming Events

April 2017

- 01 T Breakfast Mtg
- 15 T Dinner Ride TBA
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 17 National IRS Day
(Did you file yet?)

May 2017

- 5-7 Friendship Campout
- 14 Mother's Day
- 20 T Dinner Ride
- 25-29 Spring Fling



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CD NOTES BY SKIP TRAUTMAN,

Hi All

Damn, this year is just flying by! I must be getting old(ER).

Hope this finds you all well and in good spirits.

I have nothing special this month, just the usual ramblings of an old man with nothing to say. APRIL fools... gotcha!

There are things coming up to do this month and next.

Hope you are all signed up for Friendship campout. Hate to see you miss out on the ribs because you didn't preregister.

Spring fling at the end of the month: 4 days in beautiful downtown Plymouth, California! Looking forward to this one.

Don't forget to register for events... early! Check the State and Chapter websites for registration forms.

Gold Rush in July. That is going to be different for us, our first long distance trip w/RV. We will see how that goes as it will be the set up for the rest of our lives (after retirement). But I will have Teri to keep me company and awake.

Notice the IRS date April 17? That's because the 15th is on the weekend, so it moves to the next business day, a 2-day reprieve if you haven't filed yet. That's no April Fool trick.

Today is April Fool's Day. Believe nothing and trust nobody. (Just like any other day!)

Hope to see you all soon

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Celebrate!

April Birthdays

13 Bill Worth

May Birthdays

02 Lonna Appelhoff

07 Skip Trautman

30 Jenny Francis



April Anniversaries

04 Richard & Jan Agesen

May Anniversaries

2017 Events Schedule, Chapter T & State

Events may be added or deleted as changes occur

Coming Events

April 2017

- 01 T Breakfast Meeting
- 15 T Dinner Ride
- 17 National IRS DaY

May 2017

- 5-7 Friendship Campout
Sycamore Ranch
- 08 Chapter T Meeting
- **14 Mother's Day**
- 20 T Dinner Ride
- 25-29 Spring Fling
Plymouth, CA

June 2017

- 03 T Breakfast Meeting
- 17 Set up Fireworks Stand
- 17 T Dinner Ride
- **18 Father's Day**

July 2017

- 01 T Breakfast Meeting
- 1 - 4 Fireworks Sale
- **04 Happy Birthday, America!**
- 09 Tear Down Stand
- 16 T Dinner Ride
- 10 - 13 Gold Rush, Fort Collins, CO

August 2017

- 05 T Breakfast Meeting
- 10 - 12 Tahoe Campout
- 19 T Dinner Ride

September 2017

- 02 T Breakfast Meeting
- 8 - 10 T Appreciation Campout
Sycamore Ranch
- 16 T Dinner ride
- 22 - 24 Fall Fiesta, State Staff
Sycamore Ranch

October 2017

- 01 T Breakfast Meeting
- 21 Sock Hop

November 2017

- 05 T Breakfast Meeting
- 05 Woodland Toy Run
- 11 Veterans Parade
- 18 T Dinner Ride

December 2017

- 02 T Breakfast Meeting
- 16 T Christmas Dinner

A Few Easter Traditions

You won't find them in the Bible, but many cherished Easter traditions—from the Easter bunny to decorating and hunting for eggs—have been around for centuries.

From the Internet

Easter Bunny

The Bible makes no mention of a long-eared, short-tailed creature who delivers decorated eggs to well-behaved children on Easter Sunday; nevertheless, the Easter bunny has become a prominent symbol of Christianity's most important holiday. The exact origins of this mythical mammal are unclear, but rabbits, known to be prolific procreators, are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life. According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. Additionally, children often left out carrots for the bunny in case he got hungry from all his hopping.

Easter Eggs

Easter is a religious holiday, but some of its customs, such as Easter eggs, are likely linked to pagan traditions. The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

Easter egg hunts and egg rolling are two popular egg-related traditions. In the U.S., the White House Easter Egg Roll, a race in which children push decorated, hard-boiled eggs across the White House lawn, is an annual event held the Monday after Easter. The first official White House egg roll occurred in 1878, when Rutherford B. Hayes was president. The event has no religious significance,

although some people have considered egg rolling symbolic of the stone blocking Jesus' tomb being rolled away, leading to his resurrection.

Easter Candy

Easter is the second best-selling candy holiday in America, after Halloween. Among the most popular sweet treats associated with this day are chocolate eggs, which date back to early 19th century Europe. Eggs have long been associated with Easter as a symbol of new life and Jesus' resurrection. Another egg-shaped candy, the jelly bean, became associated with Easter in the 1930s (although the jelly bean's origins reportedly date all the way back to a Biblical-era concoction called a Turkish Delight). According to the National Confectioners Association, over 16 billion jelly beans are made in the U.S. each year for Easter, enough to fill a giant egg measuring 89 feet high and 60 feet wide. For the past decade, the top-selling non-chocolate Easter candy has been the marshmallow Peep, a sugary, pastel-colored confection. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania-based candy manufacturer Just Born (founded by Russian immigrant Sam Born in 1923) began selling Peeps in the 1950s. The original Peeps were handmade, marshmallow-flavored yellow chicks, but other shapes and flavors were later introduced, including chocolate mousse bunnies.

Easter Parade

In New York City, the Easter Parade tradition dates back to the mid-1800s, when the upper crust of society would attend Easter services at various Fifth Avenue churches then stroll outside afterward, showing off their new spring outfits and hats. Average citizens started showing up along Fifth Avenue to check out the action. The tradition reached its peak by the mid-20th century, and in 1948, the popular film *Easter Parade* was released, starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland and featuring the music of Irving Berlin. The title song includes the lyrics: "In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it/You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade."

From the Internet



Living in Chicago

Bob was sitting on the plane at Cleveland waiting to fly to Chicago, when a guy took the seat beside him.

The guy was an emotional wreck...pale, hands shaking in fear.

"What's the matter, afraid of flying?" Bob asked.

"No, it's not that. I've been transferred to Chicago.

The people are crazy there, right? Lots of shootings, gangs, race riots, drugs, poor schools, and the highest crime rate in the USA."

Bob replied, "I've lived in Chicago all my life. It's not as bad as the media says. Find a nice home, go to work, mind your own business, and enroll your kids in a nice private school.

I've worked there for 14 years and never had the slightest trouble."

The guy relaxed and stopped shaking and said, "Oh, thank you.

I've been worried to death, but if you've lived and worked there all those years and say it's OK, I'll take your word for it. What do you do for a living?"

"I'm a tail gunner on a Budweiser truck..."

A Point of View

Barbara Walters, of 20/20, did a story on gender roles in Afghanistan, several years before the Afghan conflict. She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands.

She recently returned to Afghanistan and observed that women still walk behind their husbands. Despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women are happy to maintain the old custom.

Ms. Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, "Why do you now seem happy with an old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?"

The Woman looked Ms. Walters straight in the eyes, and without hesitation said, "LAND MINES"

Moral of the story: (no matter what language you speak or where you go):

The Lemon Challenge

The owner- bartender was so sure that he was the strongest man around, that he offered a standing \$1000 bet: The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and then hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze two more drops of juice out of it would win the money.

Over the years, many people had tried: weightlifters, longshoremen, football players etc. Yet nobody had ever been able to do it.

One day, this scrawny little fellow came into the bar, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit. He sat down, ordered a glass of draft, & started looking around the bar.

After reading the sign on the wall about the lemon challenge, he said in a meek voice: "I was just reading your sign, and I'd like to try the bet."

After the laughter in the pub had died down, the bartender grabbed a lemon and squeezed the heck out of it. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little fellow.

The Crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his little fist around the lemon ... and six drops fell into the glass!

As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the guy his \$1,000, then asked the little man, "Do you Mind if I ask you what you do for a living? Are you a weight-lifter, or a lumberjack, or what?"

The little fellow quietly replied: "No. I work for the "IRS".

IRS Audit

A stockbroker received notice from the IRS that he was being audited. He showed up at the appointed time and place with all his financial records, then sat for what seemed like hours as the accountant poured over them.

Finally the IRS agent looked up and commented, "You must have been a tremendous fan of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle."

"Why would you say that?" wondered the broker.

"Because you've made more brilliant deductions on your last three returns than Sherlock Holmes made in his entire career."

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Next General Meeting

**Next Meeting
Breakfast
Meeting**

**April 1, 2017
8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.**

Next Dinner Ride

April 15, 2017

All meetings at:

**Peach Tree Restaurant
1080 No. Beale Road
Marysville, CA 95901**