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THE PREZ SEZ

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Here we are 2017 already. Where has the year gone?

Since we didn't have a newsletter or a meeting of any kind for December I'll try to bring you all up to date.

On December the 3rd we held our annual Toy's For Tot's event.

The day started out a bit on the dismal side but as the sun began to warm things up and the wind died down the parking lot started to fill as club members began to show up. There was a pretty fair turnout and those that attended had opened their hearts and pocketbooks to help make Christmas a little brighter for some of our local children less fortunate. We had not only a fair as-



sortment of toys but several members brought canned and packaged food products which are always appreciated especially during the holidays. A couple of the club members gave cash money in lieu of gifts and the club treasury kicked in a little to add a 200 dollar check to the gifts.

Later in the day I took the gifts over to the Light of the Valley Church in Chualar. As I pulled into the parking lot the Pastor was sitting out in the parking lot with two children and a PA system playing Christmas music to the neighbors. The gifts were well received and much praise and blessings bestowed upon the club.

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SOME OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Unfortunately the club Christmas dinner/party had to be cancelled due to lack of response.

There were a number of event conflicts with some of the regular attending members that kept the guest reservations below a profitable level for the providers. So...we'll try again next year with a little earlier sign-up.

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FROM THE EDITOR

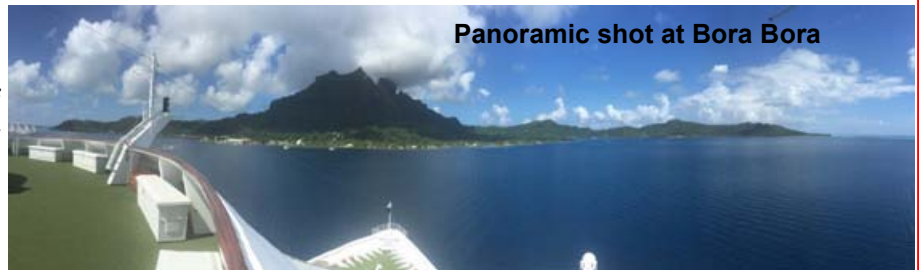
As most of you are aware there was no newsletter in December 2016. There were two reasons for that. Number one is that I am just plain running out of material. This is somewhat my own fault as I am lax at taking photos and writing articles. I rely heavily on others for newsletter fodder, if you will. However contributions for the newsletter come from only two or three people. Items of interest don't have to necessarily be focused just on our club. If you visit other clubs or events, send me a report and/or photos. I would be glad to include items of interest to you in the newsletter. Let me know what you would like to see in the newsletter. Do you like articles or would you prefer primarily photos? My email address is on page 7. Please take the time to let me know what you like.



Lynette was there!!

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The second reason there was not a December newsletter is that Lynette and I were doing a bit of travelling. We left the day after Thanksgiving for a cruise on the Crystal Cruise Line from San Diego to Tahiti. We were six days at sea but Crystal provides all kinds of activities on board including their renown Computer University at Sea. I attended six computer based sessions that were all very informative. Interesting lectures on a various range of subjects



Panoramic shot at Bora Bora



Barb and Gary Sobak were on the cruise

were available as well. One could stay very busy on board or do nothing but eat, drink, party and sleep. I chose a variety. The six days at sea went by very quickly. The entertainment was superb and some won at gambling.



Tahiti

We visited the Marqueses Islands of Nuku Hiva and Rangiroa as well as the Society Islands of Bora Bora, Moorea and Tahiti. We flew home from Tahiti after 14 wonderful days. You have never experienced sloooooow security lines until you have flown out of Tahiti. I have included a few pictures of some of the sights.

We were home for one week and left for Colorado to celebrate Christmas with two sons, one daughter-in-law and three grandchildren. Randy (who you all know) lives in Denver and Darren's family in Fort Collins. Now it's back to reality!!



Work day at the field. At left is Kevin Jones sweeping down the cobwebs in the storage container.

Right is Augie Caresani, Gary Mallett and Wayne Oneil Sweeping the floor of the storage container.



Left, Ed Glynn, Howard Power and Richard Ciampa assembling new shelves to better organize the storage container.



Right—don't know who belongs to those legs, but the roof of the storage container was completely re-coated. Looks like "Unknown" (I think it's Richard Tanaka) is painting himself into a corner.





Left—introducing the roofing crew; Joe Francis, Chuck Bosso and Richard Tanaka. Swab the deck, boys!

The bamboo chopping crew consisted of Tristan Williams, Randy Fansel, Robert Porter and Gretta Williams (below). I understand Tristan swings a mean machete!!



Hey, Robert, why is Gretta doing the hard work?



Right - For some people we know this is a normal landing. Looks like it was reusable and that's what counts!



Left - Bob Tuscani with his Escapade

Right - Tristan Williams having some fun with a Drone



Left - Gretta Williams and Eva Schwartz digging deep into that airplane getting prepare for a flight. Very nice to have you in the club, Eva.





Left - Great shot of a Dennis rocket launch. Robert, you either timed that well or were very lucky!



Right - Skye Schwartz with father Eric looking on. Glad to have the Schwartz family with us!!



Left - Howard Power's Spitfire and Ryan. Good looking airplanes, Howard. As you may have noticed, Howard specializes in war birds.

Right - The Spitfire in the air



Calendar of Events

January 2017

- 23 Board Meeting
25 Club Meeting (place to be announced)

February 2017

- 22 Membership Meeting

March 2017

- 18 Slope Soaring—Seaside
22 Membership Meeting

April 2017

- 7-9 SAM Float Fly (if there is water)
15 Easter
22-23 IMAC I
24 Board Meeting
29 RudderGate and Membership Meeting

May 2017

- 6 Glider Contest I
14 Mothers Day
19-21 SAM Float Fly II (If there is water)
25-28 Castle—West Coast Giant Scale
28 RudderGate & Membership Meeting

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The Prez Sez (Continued from Page 1)

The Christmas dinner also serves as the clubs last meeting of the year. And, the only real business is the tallying of votes and the installment of the club officers for the new year. Being that there is little interest these days of club members willing to participate in the running of the club we elected to forgo a regular election and install our first Aristocracy. All of the existing officers and directors have elected, under the threat of death, or worse, to serve another term.

The exception being that Mike McCauley, one of our new members, will be replacing Jim St. John on the Board.

In retrospect this all seems to fit right in with government these days with our history making election and all.

IT'S A NEW YEAR, IT'S A NEW WORLD. Let's make It a good one.

The Prez

Right—a little tough to read but Dennis and Bob are holding a \$200 check to benefit the children of Chualar.





Left - Feeding the troops after work day. Thanks to all who were present to help maintain our facility.

Right - Joe Francis and his new Extra. Let's keep the engine running on this one, Joe.



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