The Sallie & Theo Times Winter Solstice 2015

Four Men in a Boat: (to say nothing of the Whale)



"More like four go mad in Catalina" quipped one server on the island. "I knew they were trouble when I saw them wobbling in on an undersized, and over manned dingy". Rumor has it that the intrepid foursome sailed in one day from Ventura to the other side of Two Harbor. They were then seen rounding the southern tip to end up in the main harbor of Avalon (No, not *that* Avalon). After a few days of excessive eating, and walking around they once again headed off North. Captain "Jack" Hutter seemed pleased with the work of his crew, and also with the sightings of the mandatory whale and other water dwelling mammals. All four are said to have made it home alive, and the dingy awaits its next adventure.



Whadayareckon? Suits Me

Several events this year needed serious attention and how better to attend seriously than in a suit. From educating in Arizona to honoring Hal to Nic's PhD Defence in Atlanta and points between, Theo got a hellova lot out of his new black wool, "Nic graduated not only from GSU but the University of Paris so it called for gravitas" he exerted.



And in Local News

"The end of an Era!" Theo was heard to cry at Beckham's, the olde worlde steak house that these two carnivores found their favourite "...juicy piece of dead cow." As they liked to call it. Beckham's closed this year to make way for.. "What?" Thundered Sallie, "I don't know it's just bloody drywall and scaffolding and has been for ages. They better not go near Lucky's"





Scientists manages 2 trips to Oz

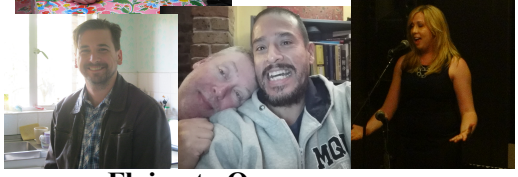
When there is a meeting in your hometown what can you do except go there? With side trips to Hawaii on each of two occasions, the good Herr Doctor Professor Director Guitar Player Drummer Theo managed to get back to Sydney, and even do some work while there. "Well", said Frau Doctor Professor Director Uke Player Singer Sallie, "we seem to have missed out on Paris this year, so were forced to do other things." When asked if fun was had, HDPDGPDG was heard to reply "We particularly enjoyed the side trips to Canberra, Melbourne and Hobart, but could have done without the bum leg the second time around."





Oz is all about the Love

Joan's birthday, Ralf looking good, Jorge Loco, Leah is batty and Dani belts it out.



Flying to Oz means...

Hawaii: when she calls, we come a-flying. We heard the call several times this year. Twice for either side of our trip home to OZ and twice Theo went to top and tail his meetings scientifico and so the Times presents a "A few Good Reasons"













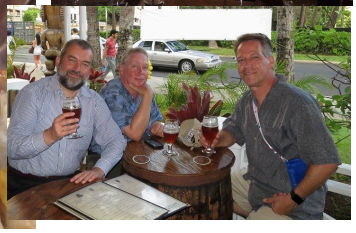
Porch by Nils





The limo, accommodation, kane, wahini, spam, drinks with umbrellas





Random Meeting of Heathcoat High School Graduates Fails to Destroy Pub.



In a sign of the power, and perhaps folly, of Face Book, a bunch of survivors of HHS got together briefly, and fortunately during the time Theo was in town – although some believe that this was no accident. No old injuries came to light, though several new ones may have been inflicted. New theories were developed on who really fancied who at the time, and no one seemed embarrassed by any of it. No plans are in place for a repeat performance, but all agreed there would most likely be one.





Sallie's family do in one of the last of the old un-gentrified pubs in Tasmania.



Cruising Cocktails (Oh Myyy)

One Olive Martini and Cruise Control were in high demand this year and toured the country. From Mariposa St to Cortez-via-Dunton Springs and from the Front yard to the Living room," enthused Sallie. Fellow muso Kaspar has roots in the Four Corners area of Colorado and was to give a science talk at the local Theatre when he decided he wanted to include his original song *Molecule* in the talk and that meant he needed Theo there and so it became an evening with Cruise Control at the same theatre. "Serious science needs a musical element" punned Theo. This led to an impromptu singalong in Dunton Springs where our trio just missed Butch Cassidy and Sundance who nonetheless left their autograph for them (see pic below)





CC's manager, Jessica, seen here taking stills for the Scorsese treatment.







The two outfits played Chez Cruiselaar at two parties on the home ground plus the other fabulous entertainers who mysteriously appear each year. They also bookended Altadena's Art Festival entertainment, which our intrepid entrepreneurs organized. "It was us or LiveNation but they're a bit of a flakey outfit" said Theo. "Could we have done it without Keith Richards masquerading as Alan?" he mused. "Doubt it," he concluded. Alan is also known for his work with artisanal clotheslines. OOM rounded out the year at the town's Santa Event. "Eggnog wayhay" cried Sallie







The Road to Ruin String Band...

...held a Gala event for supreme string man Doug. All his relatives and friends, nearest and dearest, a lot of whom were very musical, celebrated in Georgia's Lake Raeburn at the Hotel there. A cozier place would be hard to find and so hospitable they let us play in the comfy foyer. When all the guests raised a glass to Doug we all agreed that he is a lovely fellow and one heck of a fiddler!







What a Trip Out East Gets You

So many trips were made out East this year, Flagstaff AZ, Atlanta GA, New York NY, Cortez CO and environs.

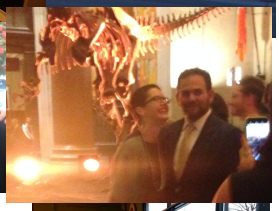








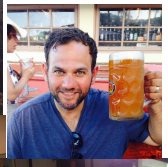




Sometimes People Headed West

"Our visitors are always exciting." Sallie enthused and this year's crop was no exception. "I must cook a traditional bird for the Australians." Theo was just as enthusiastic to share his favourite holiday, Thanksgiving: bounteous food and no gift anxiety as the star attractions.







AB & Mr Dave





















But Oregon is in the North!

Portland Maine or Portland Oregon? Red or white Chowder? "Well Portland OR has the beer, the cider, the food truck parks with micro-distilleries as the new thing and while they are excellent drawcards, mostly what Portland has is Paul and Renee as trumps." Sallie's press Agent Kate explained.



Babies!

Ashley set the trend but watch this space for the next exciting installments!



Here's Cheer

To the New Year!
Please know that to us you are always dear xx

