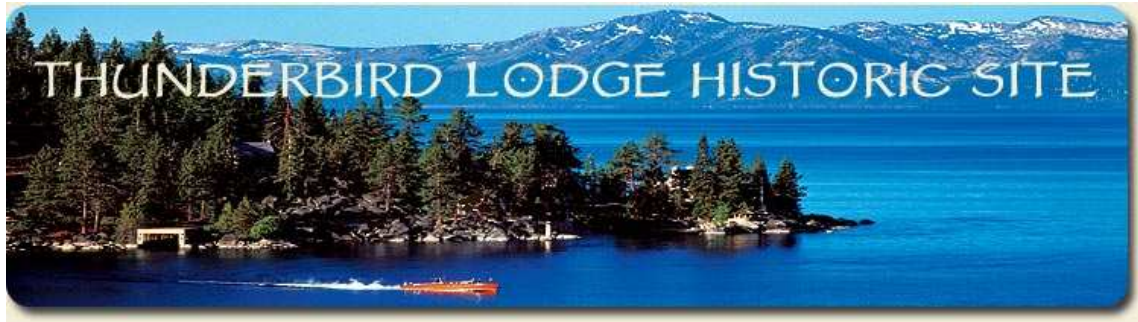


**Sac Valley BMW CCA June 12, 2010
Put your reservations in now!**



Guided tours take visitors on an hour and 15 minute walk throughout the Whittell estate. Guests are provided a peek back to the "Old Tahoe" lifestyle, while learning about George Whittell, his legend and the stories that come to life as you discover the Lighthouse Room, Old Lodge, the maids' quarters and original kitchen, as well as a trip through the 600' underground tunnel leading to the infamous Card House and Boat House.

In the Boat House you may find the fabulous yacht, *Thunderbird*, built for George Whittell in 1939. The yacht is a one-of-a-kind masterpiece built in a bygone era, a 55' long, John Hacker design with a mahogany hull and dual aircraft engines. The tour then follows the Dragon's Tail path into the Card House offering breathtaking views of Lake Tahoe and nearby mountain ranges, while you discover the magic that is Thunderbird Lodge.



<i>Date: June 12, 2010</i>	<i>10:30 private tour*</i>
<i>Cost: \$39/person</i>	<i>With a min. of 15, max of 25 participants</i>
<i>Lunch reservations at Gar Woods in Carnelian Bay after tour</i>	

**** Depending on the number of participants, we may be able to drive our cars up to the lodge. If you are interested, please send me an email so I can get a count and will reserve a spot for you.***

Look here for more information: <http://thunderbirdlodge.org/>

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(More information on the back)

Construction of the Thunderbird Lodge was begun in 1936 by a man named “Captain” George Whittell. At the time, he owned 40,000 acres and 24 miles of Nevada shoreline at Lake Tahoe and had plans to develop the land into high-class summer properties, a ski run and a \$1 million hotel-casino. However, as Whittell grew older, his interest in animals, nature and privacy far outweighed his desire for more money and he held onto the property until his death in 1969. After Whittell's death, the Lodge and adjacent 10,000 acres of property were purchased by Jack Dreyfus of Dreyfus Investments. Dreyfus later sold most of the land to the Forest Service and Nevada State Parks. In 1985, Dreyfus added to the Lodge by building an entertainment room addition connected to the original lighthouse as well as a two-story wing atop the original deck of the garage, both of which are connected by an enclosed, glass bridge. The additions were added to the original design of the property.

The Thunderbird Lodge is one of the last and best examples of a great residential estate on Lake Tahoe from the period in which prominent San Francisco society built homes on the lake. The Lodge is an example of an approach to architectural design that is intended to be in harmony with its setting. The sitting, design and materials of the buildings, landscape features, walls, paths and driveway are a result of this design philosophy.

The land is forested with a heavy stand of mixed conifers that slopes to the shoreline and provides a panoramic view of the entire Lake and the surrounding mountain ranges, including the Desolation Wilderness and the Mount Rose Wilderness. Its shoreline and creek outlets are a mixture of sandy beaches and massive granite boulders.

Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society manages the Whittell Estate structures and 6 acres of land around the buildings. The Thunderbird Lodge was added to the National Register of Historic Places in November, 2000. TLPS is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization.

