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RED BULL FLUGTAG

Team Peepin' it Real of Newport Beach catches air at Red Bull Flugtag in Long Beach's Rainbow Harbor. The all-female team nabbed first place with a 98-foot flight.

Team New Year No Limits' craft was modeled after the Subaru Travis Pastrana that jumped 269 feet on New Year's Eve from the exact same location.

GIRL POWER REIGNS BEFORE 105,000 SPECTATORS

Red Bull Flugtag brought many things to Long Beach this summer: the Spruce Goose, the Jetsons, the Flintstones and more than 105,000 spectators. The crowd was so enormous that the 710 freeway's exit ramp to the area was closed, all parking garages were at capacity and traffic was gridlocked throughout the downtown area. The hundreds of thousands who secured a spot were rewarded with the spectacle of human flight, as 34 teams launched their crafts off a 30-foot flight deck in an attempt to defy gravity.

Girl power ruled the day as team Peepin' it Real floated into first place with a flight distance of 98 feet. The all-female team from Newport Beach, who are students at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and UCLA, beat out teams comprising mechanical and aerospace engineers, US Navy rescue divers and the Coast Guard. Team pilot Corinne Schnieder admitted that "This was probably the most fun I've ever had. My flight was much smoother than I'd imagined. I just floated down and landed like a marshmallow."

"It was peepstastic!" added teammate Suzy Strutner. For claiming first place, team Peepin' it Real will be headed to Arizona for a flight with Red Bull Air Race World Champion Kirby Chambliss, at his Flying Crown Ranch. In second place was eco-friendly team Green Machine from Las Vegas, and in third was team Airforce One, who sailed into the harbor on an 8-foot tall paper mache head modeled after President Obama. The coveted People's Choice Award went to Green Army Men, who, despite the heat, stayed in their eye-catching head-to-toe green army men costumes the entire day.

Red Bull Flugtag dares both the brave and the brainy to design, build and pilot home-made flying machines off a 30-foot high ramp in hopes of achieving human-powered flight. While distance was definitely important, the crafts were also judged on two other criteria—creativity and showmanship—by a panel of celebrity judges including actor Cheech Marin, Dave "The King of Mexico" Sanchez from KROQ's The Kevin and Bean Show, actress Nicole Sullivan, professional skateboarder Ryan Sheckler and "The Bachelor Pad" reality star Tenley Molzahn. Sheckler, who opened the event by launching himself off the flight deck on his skateboard, said, "This was amazing! We got a ton of people to show up and there were some really great crashes." ■



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NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LA COUNTY STORAGE FACILITY OPENS TO PUBLIC FOR FIRST TIME

The Natural History Museum has been collecting and preserving California's automotive culture since 1929, amassing the largest collection on the West Coast at a public institution. The collection consists of 63 historic cars and motorcycles dating from 1900 to 1984, made or designed in Southern California.

Until now, these vehicles were on display at the Petersen Automotive Museum on a rotating basis. But on October 1, the Natural History Museum launched a monthly, behind-the-scenes tour series at the Gardena, California storage facility. Participants will learn about the history of automotive design, and Los Angeles' rich—and sometimes surprising—automotive past.

One of the standouts in the collection is the 1908 Pierce Great Arrow, which in August won first prize in the Prewar Preservation Class and the Chairman's Trophy at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. The Pierce remains in original, unrestored condition. It was donated by the widow of T.C. Wohlbruck in 1937; her husband owned a private car museum in the San Jose area. Before entering Mr. Wohlbruck's collection, the car has been owned by Mrs. Edward de Nivernois, the wife of the editor of the *San Francisco Examiner*, and her initials can still be seen in gold leaf on the door of the car.

Other highlights include a 1909 Case steam traction engine used in a San Fernando Valley orange grove, and the "newest" car in the collection, a 1984 Buick convertible which served as the Olympic Torch Relay Car in the LA summer games.

Though the focus of the collection is on automobiles made or designed in Southern California, it includes a wide variety of vehicles:

- 1902 Tourist (produced by the first car manufacturing company in Los Angeles)
- 1932 Duesenberg (body designed and manufactured in Pasadena)
- 1953 Cadillac El Dorado (defining post-WWII American design exuberance)
- Industrial designer Raymond Loewy's personally-designed 1957 BMW 507 Coupe

Guided tours are held on the first Friday of the month. Reservations are required; group tours are available by special arrangement. Tours last approximately one hour and cost just \$10 for the general public, \$8 for NHM members, and are free for NHM Fellows and employees. There is a 20-person cap on each tour, and visitors must be 16 years of age or older. Call or email for information and reservations: .

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