The Brady Bunch Scavenger Hunt

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I decided to visit my cousin Nick, and his fiancée Andrea (which was kind of a sudden decision), and I was able to combine the time with my annual grandparents trip to Arizona. I've always wanted to see in the LA area of California, with as many times I've been here. The whole thing that started this idea was the news that came about in July of The Brady Bunch house on the market after 30 some years.

The Brady Bunch has always been my favorite classic show, and that started me in the interests of pop culture. Back in July, there was a big thing going on the news that The Brady House was on the market for the first time in 30 some years, and there was a possibility that it may be demolished. So I thought to myself, I have to get out by Nick to see this before it's too late, (if that was the case). I knew exactly where the house was to begin with from things I've seen on news, shows, and online, so I looked up the address, to Nick's address, and he was only about 20 minutes from it. I also pulled up a few sheets I had saved of a list of "then and now" places that were all in the show throughout the 5 seasons from this website, <u>www.itsfilmedthere.com</u> The first one we found was the house where Carol's parents (in the show) lived, and the wedding was held, in the first episode of the series. Unfortunately the house was all bushed up hiding.



Next was the school that took place in an episode or 2. As we got there, classes were dismissed so everyone was out around the building. We waited patiently for everyone to be gone before we got out of the car so we wouldn't stir up any trouble for the 10:00 news! I had my picture taken by the announcement sign as well because someone's name on there was FENTON, (which is the name of the high school I went to).



Next, the moment I've been waiting for, the iconic house of the show located at 11222 Dilling Street in North Hollywood! During the show, the address was 4222 Clinton Way. Nick played the theme song on his phone as background music, while I videoed the house as he slowly drove by it. We had to keep backing up and redo it a few times to make it right. When the house got on the market, it was going for \$1.8 Million, and many other celebrities wanted to buy and save the iconic home. The one that got lucky (for 24 hours) was Lance Bass from the 90's singing group N'SYNC. Right after he bought it, he was excited to be the owner, and was going to gut it out to make the inside look like the actual show. He then found out the news later that he was outbid by the HGTV channel that bought it for \$3.5, and felt that he was used. So now that HGTV has it, they are doing the makeover, and Lance might be the host of the show or short series they make. FYI, the window in the top left bungalow of the house in the show was not real.



The part that was interesting was how much a stir-up this became. They were saying this was the first time it was up for grabs in 30 years, but that is actually not true because it was listed last year on Zillow for \$2.3. So the price was actually dropped when this came about and hit the news. As we were leaving the area of the Brady house, there was a guy out for a jog in the area, and it turned out to be Mike, a good friend of Nick & Andrea's that worked with them as they were part of the production crew of a comedic series called "Life Hack" that he was the host of back in 2013.

Next, the house that the show originally started with, in the opening of the first episode where Mike, the boys, and Alice were all in getting ready for the wedding. It was only a couple blocks away.



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We then tracked down the playground field where the boys played football, and the NFL LA Rams, San Diego Chargers, and Washington Redskins player Deacon Jones appeared.



We were then on to Paramount Studios where the show was filmed, and was actually shown in the episode near the end of the series where Carol's nephew Oliver came in the picture.



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Then last was the grocery store parking lot that was in the episode about them being followed to make a commercial for BEST laundry soap.



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After The Brady Bunch search, the last stop of the day was The Griffith Observatory, which was very cool, you walked up a flight of stairs, and could see ALL OVER the major cites at once.

