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### Dinner Details

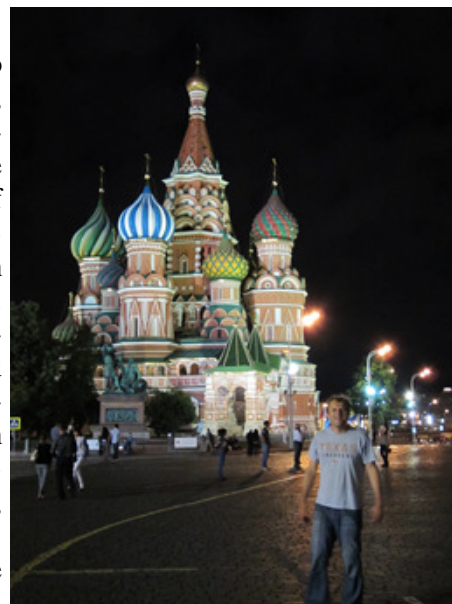
**Date:** Wed., Aug 17th, 2011

**Place:** Los Altos Golf and Country Club

**Time:** 6:15 - 9:00 pm

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I watched the stock market drop 500 points, and US creditworthiness get downgraded, during a visit to Moscow. There, a dollar definitely did not go very far, and traveling at 250 kilometers per hour on a magnificent bullet train to St. Petersburg certainly made me ruminant on the state of America relative to the rest of the world (I think our Caltrain “baby bullet” sometimes achieves 60 mph?). At the same time I met with an executive of the Skolkovo Foundation, an organization charged by the government with building an “entrepreneur city” north of Moscow modeled on lessons learned from Silicon Valley. He will be visiting us at the August Band dinner meeting. As with the KASCT effort in Saudi Arabia, its worth remembering that while the world isn’t copying our trains, and the Australian dollar is worth more than the US dollar, we are still in the center of an envy of the world.



In an effort to keep it that way; one of our angel colleagues, Mr. Sarosh Kumana has been organizing an effort to establish a state tax credit for angel investments in California called the Tech Angel Investment California (TAICA). See the May 2011 Newsletter for more details but in short, 20+ states have such credits and when done correctly they can make a big difference in the number of angel investments, and jobs, made. I’d love some Band members to volunteer to serve as our ambassadors to TAICA, so please let me know if you are interested and willing. There is a website being organized by Sarosh for gathering comments and feedback.

Speaking of volunteers, the Band will be hosting another Mentor Day for startups at Microsoft’s Mountain View campus on August 26th. Ron Weissman will be organizing the event as usual. Please contact him ([weissman@bandangels.com](mailto:weissman@bandangels.com)) if you would like to sign up as a mentor; have your portfolio companies drop Ron a note if they want to receive some mentorship. This event is always very competitive to get into and the companies treasure the

help they receive; so thanks in advance to Ron and everyone willing to give their time and give back to the community.



And speaking of thanks, big thanks to Don and Amanda Lee for hosting a magnificent BBQ for the 3rd year in a row at their wonderful house. It was as charming and enjoyable an event as ever and the 60+ attendees had a great time. Kevin Moynihan won the automotive trivia question and the grand prize of a Ferrari.

- Ian