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On March 25th BATOC members descended on Livermore for a fun-filled and memorable day. We started out at the Duarte garage located on what was the original Lincoln Highway. Will Bolton, museum curator, welcomed us warmly and lead us on a tour through the history of the garage including lots of historic memorabilia, historic Livermore fire engines beautifully restored to operating condition, the pulley operated machine shop, and much much more. We kindly thank Will, Anna Siig and the Livermore Heritage Guild for their hospitality.

Next came the caravan through downtown Livermore! What a sight it was to see a dozen or so classic T-birds driving through town! I'm told many locals stopped their dining or shopping, got out their

DO YOU BOCCE??

cell phones and cameras out and captured some really great photos!

Lastly, we ended up at Campo di Bocce. After receiving a lesson in how to play Bocce Ball, we divided ourselves into 4 teams and were left to our own accord to battle it out. The competition was fierce but great fun was had by all—especially those who won and couldn't stop doing the happy dance! We ended the day reviving our energy with an Italian feast and...oh such great desserts!!

(write up thanks to Mary Cummins)



APRIL MEETING AT THE BUTTERCUP

Our regular meeting at the Buttercup is 4/8(tomorrow). Better get there early if you want a place to sit. Our meetings of late have been packed houses. We are searching for a new

venue but have not found one as of yet.

Bring your BATOC BUCKS. Especially your \$1 chips as Maria says we are running out..

Don't forget to bring a raffle prize too. The raffle money goes right into the club coffers and does bolster the account a bit.

Oh, and somebody buy that damned table from me!

PREZ

MESS



MOTORVATE, MOTORVATE, MOTORVATE

I could do a whole April Fools rant and yank everybody around with some juvenile prank just for fun, but how prosaic and predictable would that be? So.....I will choose the high road (which for me is a bit of an April Fool's joke by itself) and I will try to "Motor-Vate" everyone into making this our most active and exciting driving year. Between the beautiful weather, our fabulous activities calendar, our upcoming Spring tours and our incredible Route 66 cruise next Spring, it is incumbent on everyone to get out the car, polish up the sunglasses and join us on as many outings as possible. I think we have some amazing momentum going right now with lots of new energy and ideas that will make this an incredible year. So there ya have it....Motor-Vate yourself and your car. Let's have some fun.

On a more basic front, a great big Thank You to Guy & Mary Cummins for a great "Bocce-Toc" outing last weekend. It was a great tour of Durante's Garage in Livermore followed by a rather "show-off" caravan through several Livermore neighborhoods on our way to Campo di Bocce for several competitive games of Bocce followed by an excellent family style dinner. Great job guys. And who knew that Bocce had become soooooo popular? OMG, the place was packed with standing room only. I guess we all missed that investment opportunity.

We also have another touring opportunity this coming weekend (April 9th) when the Villanueava's will lead us through the beautiful Sonoma countryside to a private tour of a private auto collection in Glen Ellen. Of course, this will include lunch and be followed, I'm sure, by plenty of libations and fun.

On A business note, I am pleased to announce that at our last meeting BATOC has agreed to work with the Monterey Club to co-host this years' Birds On The Wharf show and will be coordinating with them for various committees and hosting duties. The other good news about this is that Birds On The Wharf and the Ironstone Concours are on different weekends this year so we will avoid the usual conflict and split activities. So, let's have everyone turn out for Birds On The Wharf this year. We will try to coordinate some hotel rooms as a group for those who choose to make it an overnighiter, which will probably be most of us.

And finally, the Route 66 committee is getting to work and coordinating their first meeting (first of many, I am sure) and has begun collecting the various materials and information needed to plan this once-in-a-lifetime trip. This will, of course, be a topic of conversation at every club meeting for the next year as we discuss what we would like to do and how to make it a fabulous trip. Everyone's input will be crucial to making this a success and we look forward to hearing your ideas and desires. This is YOUR trip. Get involved and make it great.

With all of that said, I am off to install some new appliances and stack some firewood. If you missed that episode, I have lots of oak firewood for sale from a 100 year old oak I had to take down. Call me if you want some.

Have a great April. See you all soon.

Dave

minutes



BATOC meeting minutes March 11, 2017

In attendance: 44 members

The big news for us at BATOC is the web-site is back. Thank you to Guy Cummins for getting us back up and running.

Dave gave Guy the CD's of historical photos through the years of the club, and the 50th anniversary party that was held at the Black Hawk Museum to be added to our web-site.

For apparel there are orders in for EJ, Jack Matheison, and John Jung. Get a hold of Lisa Brill-Nadler to arrange pick up.

Maria asks that if you have BATOC bucks in the \$1 chip, to please trade them for larger dominations. She's short on \$1 buck chips.

We are transitioning our activities chairs Tim and Laura Knapp, to co-position Phoebe Blackwell and Mary Cummins.

We are working on planning a route 66 drive it'll be a week to ten day trip. It's still in the research and planning stage, we think it would be a fun thing to do. We've got some volunteers together to make a committee.

Birds on the Wharf will happen and be September 30th this year

The Cummins' are hosting the Bocce outing. Its on March 25th. Well meet at the Duarte Museum in Livermore, and then go over to Campo D'Bocce. Well play bocce, and then have dinner after words at Campo D'Bocce. The Bocce courts are already reserved. We have two courts, and if needed well add a third court.

The next outing is hosted by the Villaneuva's, its the wine country drive. Set for next month Sunday April 9th. Well meet at Buttercup at 9:00. We'll stop in at the Oxbow public market at 9:40ish in Napa to meet-up with people that want to meet further north. Well travel up Oakville grade to the top of the hill to see a private collection of cars. Well have lunch and have a great time. The cost is \$25 per person Sign up!

Birds in the Valley update. We have Sunday May 28th The Blackwells have already reserved the park and BBQ for the day. Come on out! The time will be from 1-5 pm. The cost will be \$20 per person.

June will be the anniversary party. Maria and Jean will plan the anniversary party. They are looking at a location that offers a Sunday brunch. June 25th will most likely be the date. The Campo D'Bocce has a wonderful brunch at a rate of \$30 a head. Tentatively from 11-2pm.

July, we'd like to try planning a progressive dinner. We'd need four to five hosts to volunteer their home for the different courses. It'll be in the Walnut Creek area.

Suggestions for more outings:

August Niles canyon car show

Old town Sacramento car outing and train ride. (Dave will organize) tentatively set for August 5th.

CarolDean and Kathy Peterson will host Birds of the Wharf on Sept 30th. The Monterey club would like to extend an invitation to BATOC to co-sponsor this event. The club would make a monetary donation to the charity that is the beneficiary of this event and they would need members of our club to help out with marking and staging. A vote was held and we decided to get involved in this event.

Roger and Sadie will host Ironstone and the date will be September 23rd.

October. Open, need idea's Yosemite?

T-bird day May 21st is Thunderbird appreciation day. Drive your T-bird were ever you go that day and show off your car!

Bob has been wanting to do a member feature of you and your car article for the newsletter. Volunteer and send him an article. Bob will not write the story for you. Send your story to Bobman58ya@yahoo.com

Members are encouraged to join CTCI. The retro owners would like to see CTCI include them as accepted members.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Dixon
Secretary

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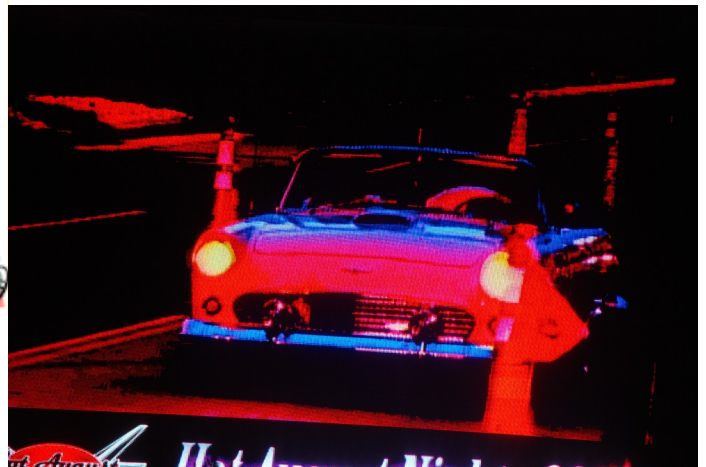
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Happy Easter everyone!



Gorgeous NASCAR table.
Perfect for around the pool
or in your man cave/game
room. Real NASCAR tires
and rims. Very sturdy.\$150

WINE COUNTRY DRIVE

Sunday, April 9
9:00 am

Drive through beautiful Napa and Sonoma wine country to see and experience the beautiful car collection of Pat and Patti Matthews. This is a private collection hidden in the hills above the village of Glen Ellen, with twenty Mercedes Benz and other fine European cars from the 1950's and 1960's. Pat Matthews has built a showroom and restoration shop to display and work on his cars, and he loves sharing his enthusiasm, passion, and knowledge with other automobile enthusiasts.

Lunch (details TBD) and a visit to Muscardini Cellars for wine tasting. For those not wishing to wine taste, you may return home directly from the property.

For additional info or any questions contact:

John Villanueva (925) 395-6140

Alice Villanueva (925) 818-1799



"Birds in the Valley"

Back by popular demand! Join your BATOC friends for an afternoon of BBQ, music, cars and much more. **This time, it's vice-presidential.**



When: Sunday May 28, 2017 @ 1PM to 5PM

Where: Veterans Park

Address: 238 Glenhaven Drive Tracy, CA 95377

Food: A complete BBQ lunch with all the fixings for just \$20.

Entertainment: Good music, Good Fun, Good Friends and Great CARS! Plus vice-presidential shenanigans.

Meetup / caravan will be coordinated with those that RSVP.

No longer our newest members, Phoebe and Marlon Blackwell are contributing in new and exciting ways to BATOC. Phoebe has recently decided to co-chair the activities role (along with Mary Cummins) and Marlon is our Vice President. Where do they find the time to coordinate an event? Who cares?!?! Just get your RSVP ballot submitted, show up to the event and have some fun.



RSVP ASAP - See what all the buzz is about
marlon_blackwell@yahoo.com

59 YEARS OF RAISING HELL



Join us and celebrate BATOC's 59th anniversary!

When: Sunday, June 25, 2017

Time: 11:00-1:00

What: Brunch at Campo Di Bocce

Where: 175 East Vineyard Ave Livermore CA 9455

Meet: Campo di Bocce by 11:00 AM

Cost: \$30/person (club is subsidizing the cost)

Selections: Carving Station (Prime Rib and Turkey), Seafood Center, Omelets Station, Breakfast Breads, Hot Breakfast Entrees, Salad Selections, Assorted Desserts, Beverages, and Cocktails (Champagne, Mimosa, Bloody Mary, Bloody Maria, Draft Beers, House Wine and Well Cocktails)

After party!!! Join your friends for more fun at Bud and Jean Riley's house for continuing snacks, drinks and a cake to wait for it.....

celebrate Bud's 80 Birthday!! 2432 Upland Ct Livermore CA 94550

Please pay Maria Guthrie. Payment due by June 10
Sorry, no refunds after June 14.

RSVP - bjriley12@aol.com



BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB

PROGRESSIVE **DINNER**

SAVE THE DATE

Join BATOC founding couple **Jean and Skip Riggs** for a ***PROGRESSIVE*** dinner. First, a progressive dinner has nothing to do with insurance. It is a social occasion where different courses of a meal are eaten at different people's houses!

If you're wondering "who else's house" then this is the event for you. **Dolores and David Olson** have volunteered to be the first stop with appetizers. **Donna and Ed Benson** are providing yet another opportunity for us to stain their carpet and serve the main course. While **Jean and Skip Riggs** are planning to host desert.

The event will be held the **night of July 15** in the **Walnut Creek** area. Details including driver coordination will be communicated as the date approaches.

RSVP - riggsllloyd@att.net

BATOC

MEMBERS

AT LARGE



Regarding our T-bird history.

I have owned this car for 55 years. It was a worn out 100,000+, hit multiple times, beater when I got it.

Since then, it got hit two more times and I personally drove it another 400,000 miles. This was my daily driver the whole time. The only original moving part is the glove box hinge.

In 1962 I purchased a red 1955 Thunderbird that was in poor condition at best. I only paid \$1300 so knowing the car had slightly over 100K miles on it, I knew I had some work to do. It had so little compression that it wouldn't only start when dead cold. There was no starting it when it was warmed up. I pulled the engine and transmission and ripped it apart on my dad's clean garage floor. He was less than pleased.

Some help from Green's Auto Parts machine shop, new bores, pistons, bearings and heads were done. I put it all together with a new clutch and back in the car it went. I then scrubbed the garage floor for three days until my father was satisfied.

Now I had a decent driving "boulevard cruiser" capable of running back and forth between Walnut Creek and the northwest coast of Washington State where I was serving in the US Coast Guard.

By 1967 I was assigned to US Coast Guard Lifeboat Station Point Reyes. I settled into a relaxing tour of duty in one of the most beautiful areas I could imagine. The station was located on leased property owned by the Nunes family, operators of a large dairy ranch. Both the Coast Guard station and the ranch supported each other in day to day operations.

One day after I returned from liberty one of the guys told me that George Nunes needed my help. I took the Tbird and headed over to his farm to see what I could do. I found George filling his vacuum tank truck at the honey pit. You may say, What the hell is a honey pit? It seems that when you milk cows they get fed grain which causes them to pee and poop. This

material drains out of the barn and down the hill into a dammed up hole in the ground filled with cow crap and water. When the farmer wants to, he fills the vacuum truck with that free fertilizer and then sprays it in the fields for the grass to grow nice and green. It seems that I got a little too close to the Honey Pit as the bank gave way and the Tbird slid below the “liquid”. In horror, I somehow went out of the passenger window as the little car slipped almost completely below the surface. The only thing visible was the right taillight. George thought it was very humorous. I did not. George left to get his Caterpillar tractor and a long chain. He told me to hook it up. “Oh Shit!” I was able to find a bumper bracket without putting my face completely under the surface of the “liquid”. The car was pulled out.

By now the whole crew was there having a wonderful time at my expense. However, I convinced them to help me completely disassemble the car, washing everything down, including me, and drying it out. They towed me in the Tbird to the (closed for the winter) fish dock where I opened the hood, doors, trunk and washed it as best I could with a fire hose and fresh water. All upholstery, headliner, carpet and door panels were ripped out. We removed the hood. The engine and transmission were pulled and the valve covers off, pan removed and interior of the engine was washed with fresh water. The transmission side cover was removed and the interior was washed. I went under the dash with the fire hose and washed the destroyed instruments and radio. Understand that the engine was running when it went under. I spent about a month repairing the car. Insurance did not pay a dime. State Farm accused me of trying to get a free upholstery job. They said I made up the whole story! NO ONE TOOK A PICTURE. I considered that to be everyday life. For years when it rained and the heater was on you could still smell cow poop!

A little aside to this story occurred during the 2005 paint and body restoration. A very talented metalsmith was cutting out the hopelessly rusted rocker panel and was digging around this strange dried up substance within. “What the heck is this” he questioned?

I replied “I have no idea”.

Tony & Kathy Lloyd



Monterey Bay Classic Thunderbird Club

Invites All

Classic ('55-'57) Vintage ('58-'66) Retro ('02-'05)

Thunderbirds

To The 20th Annual

Thunderbirds on the Santa Cruz Wharf

Saturday, September 30, 2017

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Rain or Shine

- Save the Date -

More information will be available soon!



MIGRATION / CONCOURS 2017

ALL T-BIRDS 1955 - 2005 WELCOME

***Peoples Choice Trophies for '55 thru '57, '58 thru'66,
Post '66 and Retro 'Birds***

Saturday, May 20, 2017

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Dave Brubeck Park in Concord, CA

Hosted by the **Northern California Vintage Thunderbird Club**

Come relax and enjoy a day at the park surrounded by cars and the people who love them. Meet new friends, eat good food, kick a few tires, and maybe win a trophy or a great raffle prize! Mark your calendar or to-do list and plan on spending a day enjoying our cars and a great part of our national history.

\$25.00 ENTRY INCLUDES – Grass parking, commemorative dash plaques for the first 50 participants, photo ops, and entrant's choice car show with awards. Optional concours judging for Vintage ('58 – '66) cars will be available upon individual request and for information only. Raffle tickets will be available throughout the day for donated items from our sponsors (we also encourage entrants to donate raffle items). Late entry on day of the show is **\$30.00**

BBQ Lunch Available – Burger/Hot Dog and Beans Barbecue available, includes fruit and green salads and drink. \$6.00/person

PLEASE COMPLETE ENTRY FORM ON OPPOSITE SIDE AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED BEFORE MAY 13th. Attendees will be notified of receipt of their entry and receive driving directions via mail or e-mail

MIGRATION / CONCOURS 2017

ALL '55 THRU '05 T'BIRDS

Please complete the following registration form and send with a check made payable to Norcal VTCA to Miki Smith 2053 Telegraph Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204. Call 209-463-2793 with questions. Entries must be postmarked by May 28. (**\$25.00 Pre-registered - \$30.00 day of show**) Entry fee is non-refundable.

Information? Call (510) 558-4037 or e-mail mjprgp@infionline.net

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MIGRATION / CONCOURS 2016 Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

Check for Concours Evaluation (Vintage Only) ____

Vehicle Entry \$25.00 _____

BBQ Lunch \$6.00 x _____ = _____

TOTAL \$ _____

I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damages which may result in my participation in the Migration 2015. By my signature below, I release the Dave Brubeck Park, the City of Concord and the Northern California Vintage Thunderbird Club of any and all liability of property or loss to myself or said vehicle.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Ford Thunderbird Appreciation Day



May 21st, 2017



Your Thunderbird is "Unique in all the world" and it's time to show it to the world!

On May 21st, 2017 Thunderbirders around the world will take their Thunderbirds into the public for others to enjoy. To work or church, a diner or coffee shop, on a family picnic, to the movies, it doesn't matter. Use your car like it was used when it was brand new! Let others see it, ask questions about it, hey, maybe even let them drive it!

Then post your pictures and stories about the day on the CTCI Facebook page.

It's all about the Thunderbird on May 21st!

*Concours Procedures,
Concours & Touring
Division Rules*

**August 2-6, 2017 - CTCL Region 1
Convention, Whippany, NJ**

If you enjoyed San Diego, you won't want to miss the 2017 Region 1 Convention being hosted by the New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club (NJORTC), August 2 thru 6 at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany, NJ. We've gotten a tremendous early response and the convention is shaping up to be a lot of fun for all, with plans for New York City Tours, a Harbor Cruise, a cook out, and a host of other exciting activities.

So if you are up for coast-to-coast fun, mark your calendars now, and get ready for the first CTCL sanctioned Regional Convention to be held in the Tri-State area in over 10 years.

Registrations are now open! The Registration Form is available on our website www.njortc.org. For registration questions or information contact Wendy Meehan at RegisterNJ2017@njortc.org or 973-267-2958. For general questions contact the Convention Chairman, Pat LeStrange at NJ2017@njortc.org or 201-920-7226.

Hotel Reservations

The block of rooms at the host hotel, the Hanover Marriott, is sold out.

We have negotiated overflow rooms for the convention at the nearby Residence Inn. It is located about 1 mile from the host hotel, and they are matching the Marriott's convention rates. Free breakfast (hot and cold buffet) and WiFi are included in the rates.

Overflow Hotel Reservations - *Callers must mention the hotel name and rate code(s):*

Reservations: **1-800-331-3131**

Hotel: **Residence Inn Parsippany**

For Wed, 8/2 (Rate = \$199) Rate Code = **Region 1 Convention**

For nights of Thurs, 8/3 - Sun, 8/6 (Rate = \$139) Rate Code = **Region 1 Convention Classic Thunderbird Club**

Please contact Wendy Meehan at RegisterNJ2017@njortc.org or 973-267-2958 if you have any questions about your hotel reservations, or to be added to the waiting list for rooms at the host hotel as they may become available from cancellations, etc.



Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club 2017 Calendar of Events

~~Winter—Meetings Jan 14 / Feb 11~~

~~January 21—President's Mystery Tour~~

~~February 5—Super Bowl Party, Livermore (Guthrie)~~

Spring – Meetings Mar 11 / Apr 8 / May 13

~~March 25—Group Outing: "Bocce-toe" (Cummins)~~

April 9 - Wine Country Drive (Villanueva)

May 28 - Birds in the Valley (Blackwell)

Summer – Meetings Jun 10 / Jul 8 / Aug 12

June 25 – Anniversary Party (Riley)

July 15 - Progressive Dinner (Riggs)

August 12 - Old Town Sacramento (Adams)

Autumn – Meetings Sept 9 / Oct 14 / Nov 11

Sept 23 – Ironstone, Murphys, CA (Canfield)

Sept 30 - Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz (Petersen, Shinnick)

Pending - Birds on the Wharf

Winter – Meeting Dec 9

December – BATOC Holiday Party

Events in Planning

Rosie the Riveter (Nadler, Cannella)

Proposed Ideas / Hosts Needed

August Car Show - Niles

Delta Cruise (Haffner)



Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! funfunfun@knapplink.com

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