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Holy smokes Batman!!

I have to apologize for the lateness of the newsletter this month. Seems like life has kicked into hyperdrive since the beginning of August.

Probably started before that but has really been kicking my ass since August started. We missed the August meeting and the Sacramento event because we were in Reno for Hot August Nights. We took the other car this year. I had a great time (as usual). I think Kim did as well. We did the Summit Poker Run out to Virginia City on Thursday. Showed at Sparks and

checked out the car auction on Friday. Showed downtown Virginia St on Saturday and met up with a bunch of friends, new and old. Man, there is

T O O B U S Y ? ? ?

so much to see and do even 5 days is not near enough. Had a couple little issues but everything got resolved and the trip home went smooth(except for the traffic). We got out of town a bit later than I wanted to and sat in traffic all the way to Auburn before things loosened up. I was having some small carb issues so before we left town I went to Summit and pulled the trigger on a Electronic Fuel Injection kit (more on that later). Anyways what with working long hours in SF, and dealing with that commute, trying to get my deck project completed before winter decides to rage back in, the arrival of new grandchildren and various other unforeseen time takers I just haven't had time to change my mind let alone sit down and put together a newsletter. Its not over yet either so I'm going to try to at least get this one out

before the next one is due. So here it is...better late than never. You know you can always check out the website too. Guy is doing and awesome job keeping it packed with info and up to the minute news.

If you've been wondering what BATOC has been up to, hopefully the next few pages will get you back in the loop. We've got a packed calendar so grab hold of something, or someone, and ride the wave.

Speaking of...Is everybody excited about Birds On The Wharf this year? You know our club is co-sponsoring this year. It would be great to get a big club turnout in Santa Cruz. If you plan to spend the night I know they could use a little help in the morning setting up some tables and arranging things. Get hold of Dave or Tim or Laura Knapp.



U P C O M I N G

Like I said...so much coming. Birds in Santa Cruz, Ironstone, the Run to the Redwoods in October. Lots of planning going on for the Route 66 drive. We got Halloween coming. Thanksgiving. The Holidays will be here be-

fore you know it. And another year will come to a close. Get out there and enjoy what's left of this one before it's too late.

Our next regular meeting is 10/14 at the Buttercup. Bring your appetite and a raffle prize. And don't forget your BATOC BUCKS.

Prez

Mess



FINALLY....REAL CALIFORNIA HEAT

For years now our local weathermen have insisted that the weather for the past decade has been normal. Well, all that tells me is that they are not native Californians. The reality is that THIS is normal summer weather. Growing up here meant 90-100 degree weather everyday...all summer long...like it has been this year and I love it – even if I did sell my boat one year too soon. But I have digressed.

The point is – It is time to take the top off and enjoy our fabulous summer. Even if it is too hot during the day, evening cruises with the top down with your sweetie by your side are magical and guaranteed to put the “kid” back in your soul. Cruise to a local drive-in for burgers and shakes...who’s with me?

Moving on – At this writing our 3rd Route 66 planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday 8/4 at the Guthrie’s and all are welcome. We hope to pin down our route and our primary stops and overnight stays. We will also have plans in place for shipping our cars to Amarillo as our starting point. This is also a group that is planning to drive both ways and you are, of course, welcome to join either group and hook up with the main group for the drive west.

In other news – Remember, there is no regular meeting at the Buttercup on Saturday, 8/12 since that is our Old Town Sacramento tour. Albeit a fairly small group at this point, we will have a great time and a fabulous cruise through the delta back roads which is a perfect place to drive that car. See the flyer inside and join us...even at the last minute.

More news – Our best “Get Well” wishes go out to John Villanueva who is recovering from unexpected heart by-pass surgery 2 weeks ago. All is well and we look forward to seeing John and Alice very soon.

Also – Our best “Good Luck” wishes to Tony & Kathy Lloyd as they have embarked on yet another “Lap Around America” in their amazing 1955. Tony knows how to build ‘em and they know how to enjoy it. Way to go guys.

And finally – Get signed up for any one (or all) of our amazing upcoming activities. The next 3 months are FULL of fun and adventure. In that regard, I need your immediate RSVP’s for Thursday’s (8/10) Hot Summer Nights in Danville. You all know the routine and we need all the cars we can get. I’d like to see 10 – 14 cars...classics and retro’s are welcome. Join the afternoon cocktails at Elliot’s and sidewalk picnic. It is always fun. Call me to RSVP or to ask questions. With all that said – Have a great week and I look forward to see everyone soon.

Happy T-Birding

Dave

minutes



Sept 9 BATOC Meeting Notes

Our Secretary was not in attendance so the notes were taken by Bob D.

Skip was at the meeting. Nice to see him and we all offer our condolences on his recent loss.

Welcome back to John V. He's says he's doing well and continuing with his rehab.

Tony and Kathy Lloyd were back from the convention in New Jersey. Tony talked about their tire experience and getting around a wreck in Sacramento shortly after they left on their trip. Kathy says they had great excursions around New York arranged by the Jersey club.

Pete L. says don't buy any kind of modern car that may have went through the recent floods in Texas and some of the other southern states.

Dave talked about the progress being made on the Route 66 trip. Guy had been contacted by someone who had made the trip last year in his 57 Tbird and had info about it. More discussion of details of the trip. Route 66 meeting to convene directly after the regular meeting today.

Guy will have updates about apparel on the website in a month or so. We will be able to order off the website with your credit card.

Roger talked about Ironstone. Meet up at the Black Bear dinner in Tracy. Leave about 11am Friday. He said he thought all the rooms might be booked at the Angels Camp motel but there might be cancellations soon so you can check with them if you want to stay there. Suzanne M says it will be \$10pp for food at the after party. She will do the shopping. Bring your own something to drink.

More Meeting Notes...

Dave– Birds On The Wharf. Friday night attendees be there by 7am on Saturday to help set up. Also the club will donate \$250 to the children's charity fund. Everybody is encouraged to donate a raffle prize or basket to be raffled off.

Jack M has applications for the Park St car show in Alameda. He was also contacted by someone promoting a dog show in Sacramento that would like some Tbirds for the show. Admission is included if you bring your car.

Bob D-Tlaked about the Redwood Run in late October. Some highlights of the trip. Will email out some additional information about lunch menus for the drive up on Friday. All rooms that were blocked out at the resort have been taken but there are some other motels and such nearby if anyone still wanted to join us.

Gil-Car show in Fairfield on October 8 at Gordon Valley.

Dave-Thanks to everyone that showed up at Danville. We had the whole block covered with Tbirds. Also Dave gave a review of the Sacramento outing. They had a nice time.

Raffle Time.

Notes by Bob D.

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It is past the deadline to register for Ironstone Concours but Dave believes that if you called them that they might be able to squeeze one more car in. So if you were on the fence now's the time to jump. It is a fabulous show and all your Tbird friends will be there.

As mentioned before, I purchased a fuel injection unit for my other car. These are fairly simple units. They come with a limited number of set parameters that they will tune your fuel system to. They call it a "self learning system". Which means that it will tailor your fuel delivery to the way the user drives within the pre-programmed criteria already installed in the system. I have not installed it yet so I cannot give a complete review but I will update as things move along. These entry level systems seem well suited to our cars. Imagine getting in your Tbird and having it start right up and know that your fuel delivery is exactly what it should be. Its basically a computer controlled carburetion system. No more worries about vapor lock or if its going to run crappy in the mountains. I'll keep youall updated on the progress.

A QUICK STOP AT THE HOOD SUPPLY COMPANY

So you might think that this is the latest auto parts supply company, but in reality it is a great little bar and restaurant on the shores of the Sacramento River on the way home from our Olde Town Sacramento outing.

A great time was had by a group of 18 who spent more time enjoying the drive and scenery along the Sacramento Delta. As a result, we arrived in Olde Town a bit later than we wanted and ultimately skipped the California Railroad Museum. Tour. We did take the 45 minute, rather uneventful, historic train ride along the river levy and had a little time to wonder around the wooden sidewalks and shops of Olde Town. Just a fun, silly morning.

We then adjourned to the Delta King river boat for a very nice lunch in a private area set aside just for us. The river boat took care of us very nicely (unlike our previous trip several years ago) and we were all very full and happy.

Our return trip through the delta was highlighted by our stop at the Hood Supply Company for antiques, libations and some risqué humor courtesy of Mary Cummins that put us all on the floor. Ultimately, Guy went home with Mary, Roger and Sadie came home with an antique radio and Kathy Ramos spent the afternoon hugging a post....LOL.

Anyway, a great time in some beautiful surroundings with great people and our fabulous cars. What more can you ask for? Unfortunately, I have no proof in the form of pictures, but hopefully someone else will share their evidence for all to see.

T-BIRDS FOR ALL TO SEE

The final Hot Summer Nights in Danville was a great success for BATOC as 14 T-Birds descended on the Thursday night show and literally took up the entire block of Hartz Ave. in front of the Revel Restaurant and our unofficial sponsor, Elliot's Saloon. We had a very nice dinner at the Tower Grille and our hats were off to the entire staff who managed to serve us all (18 people, I believe) at the same time with perfect food and perfect timing.

And to top it all off, one of our T-Birds (belonging to Alan Biagi) took the shows "People's Choice Award" and, of course in general, the Birds were great crowd pleasers for all.

There is not a lot to say about the Danville shows that hasn't been said a hundred times, but just know that it is a great time with great cars and people. Again, I have no proof in the form of pictures so you will just have to accept my word. I can also report that next years' shows will be moved to Saturday and will take place from 10 – 4:00 PM, which should make the show easier to attend for many of us. Stay tuned for details.



VEHICLE REGISTRATION
THE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE WEEKEND

Friday, September 22, 2017

Dinner under the Stars

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Saturday, September 23, 2017

Concours d'Elegance





**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

Goody Bags, Dash Plaques, Raffle, Scavenger Hunt & Awards,
Spectacular Ocean & Mountain Views
Restaurants, Shopping on the Wharf & Santa Cruz Boardwalk

Please complete and return to:
MBCTC, PO Box 2721, Aptos, CA 95001-2721
by September 22, 2017

Entry fee: \$40.00 Rain or Shine
Proceeds benefit Partnership for Children.

Name: _____

Address: _____ **Email:** _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Club Affiliation _____ **Car Info: Year** _____ **Color** _____

*** SIGNED:** _____ **Date:** _____

* Participants accept and assume full responsibility for any injury or loss to themselves or family or property and agree to release from any and all liability the Monterey Bay Classic Thunderbird Club and/or the City of Santa Cruz, California.

Your cancelled check serves as registration confirmation.

Run to the Avenue of the Giants In Humboldt County

Friday, Oct 27th thru Sunday, Oct 29th



Activities include:

Drive the Avenue of the Giants
Stroll through the Redwood forest
Drive Thru Giant Redwood Trees (3!)
Picnic, Shop, Wine-Taste
Dinner at the Historic Benbow Inn
Breathe Fresh Air for a change!

We will be staying at the

Miranda Gardens

www.mirandagardens.com

Call **707-943-3011** to book
your room now.

AAA, AARP and military
discounts. Pets allowed.



We will leave on Friday, 10/27
Meet Up at Starbucks @ 9am
(1540 Fitzgerald Ave, Pinole)
Caravan to Ave of the Giants

The trip is approx 500 miles round trip

Event Hosts: Bob and Kim Dixon

Questions? Contact the Dixons at bobman58ya@yahoo.com or call 510-223-3944

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 24 — Route 66 Planning Meeting (Cummins)~~

~~June 25 — Anniversary Party (Riley)~~

~~July 8 — Route 66 Planning Meeting #2~~

~~July 13 — Hot Summer Nights #1 — Danville (TBA)~~

~~July 15 — Progressive Dinner (Riggs)~~

~~August 10 — Hot Summer Nights #2 — Danville (TBA)~~

~~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)~~

~~Oct 27 - 29 — Run to the Redwoods (Dixon)~~

~~Nov 18 — Rosie the Riveter (Cannella)~~

~~Winter — Meeting Dec 9~~

~~Dec 22 — BATOC Holiday Party (Starr)~~

Events in Planning

April 2018 — Cruise (Benson)

2018 — Route 66

Proposed Ideas / Hosts Needed

August Car Show - Niles

Delta Cruise (Haffner)

Travis Airforce Base — (Baumgartner)

Coppola Winery - (Verhoek)



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Ready to plan an event?

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