



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

May 7, 1958

Greetings to all proud Thunderbird owners and fellow members of the new "Thunderbird Owners Club".

I am taking this opportunity to express my appreciation to each and every one of you for your enthusiastic turnout, enrollment and cooperation in our newly founded organization. The results thus far have been most gratifying to me and to others throughout the Bay Area who have the interest of our club at heart.

For quite some time now, I have felt the need in this area for a club composed of Thunderbird owners whereby we could meet socially, plan events involving the usage of our prized "Thunderbirds", ironing out our maintenance problems and generally getting to know other people who, like ourselves, enjoy owning and driving the classic "Thunderbird" automobile.

We are a group comprised of a wide range of ages, personalities, vocations, interests, likes and dislikes. The main thing we all seem to have in common thus far is our "Thunderbird" ownership. As you all undoubtedly realize, there is a great deal of work involved in instating an organization of this type. I believe we all feel, through the enthusiasm shown at our first two meetings, that our club possesses a fine growth and development potential. In order to realize the fulfillment of this potential, it is imperative that each and every one of us pitch in and do his or her share. Consequently, in the near future, each of you will be called upon to perform some task, the task to be assigned on the basis of time you will be able to contribute. Some of the duties requiring a chairman or supervisor are: Membership, Social or Activities, Constitution and By-Laws, Corresponding Secretary, Technical Information and possibly Editor of a proposed monthly paper. If any of you would possibly be interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please contact the President, "Skip" Riggs at OL-43106.

In closing, I would once again like to extend my wholehearted thanks to those of you who have thus far joined our organization and shown an active interest in our group and also to extend my greetings to those of you who have been down to "Look us over" so to speak and who intend joining us in the future.

Fraternally yours

L. D. "Skip" Riggs
President

THE TOUR:

As discussed at the last meeting, a tour is being planned early in May. Jack Taylor (TE-28815) and Bill Houston (LO-24447) were elected Co-Chairmen with full power to plan, initiate and execute the proposed event. It is still somewhat premature to disclose where and when our exciting event is to take place, but from our latest conversation with the Co-Chairmen, it is felt by the writer that our event promises to be and exciting and eventful one with fun for all ages.

SEE YOU AT THE TOUR!

MEETINGS:

As voted upon and adopted at our April 30th meeting, all future meetings are to be staged at various Ford Motor Company Dealership's, throughout the Bay Area. It is felt that this will greatly reduce our club overhead and increase our assets. This I believe should please every one of you. As you no doubt know at this writing, Cirimele Ford Sales, Broadway at Piedmont, in Oakland, is to be our first meeting of this type. Our thanks in advance to Frank Cirimele for the donation of his building for this meeting. Also many thanks to Art Horsfall (TW-34567) for his assistance in setting up this meeting. All members will be notified of future meeting places, all of which are to be staged on the First Wednesday Nite of each month at various Ford Dealerships in the Bay Area.

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

At this writing there still has been very little work accomplished along these lines. Those of you who attended our April 30th meeting will recall member George Rudy's (BE-25840) brief talk regarding his correspondence with the National Thunderbird Owners of America Assn. George was fortunate in securing from the national organization a copy of their constitution and by-laws, a copy of their monthly paper, a windshield sticker and a grill badge. A committee is desired to look into all phases of our club's possible affiliation with the national group. Anyone interested in either heading or working on this committee, please contact the president. I would like to express the club's thanks to George Rudy at this time, for his cooperation and assistance in this matter. George has come through with many fine suggestions during the six weeks he has been in existence and will make the club a fine member.

CLASSIFIED SECTION:

FOR SALE: One (1) Thunderbird Convertible top, canvas, black in color, presently in use on 1955 model. Possibility it may fit later models. Price not listed, condition listed as good. Contact Art Horsfall at TW-34567 or AN-18095. (Member)

FOR SALE: One (1) three carb Offenhauser Intake Manifold with 3 Stromberg 97's. Full set-up including progressive linkage. Condition listed as good. Price listed as \$60.00. Contact Roy Shideler at TH-50841. (Member)

WANTED: Adds from members wishing to dispose of or acquire items for their "Thunderbird's". Contact "Skip" Riggs at OL-43106.