

WHATS NEW IN BIRDLAND!

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK:

May 10th 1958

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

This is the second of a series of scheduled monthly papers planned for club members. The first of these papers was passed out to members attending our May 7th meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend the May 7th meeting, this will be your first experience with this paper. We sincerely hope you will like it.

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", discussing our various maintenance problems and generally getting to know and associate with other people who, like ourselves, enjoy owning and driving the classic "Thunderbird" automobile.

As I mentioned in our first issue, 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. This however, seems to be a very strong common bond, judging from various conversations overheard during meetings such as; "You should have seen me leave this Corvette in the dust"; "You know, no matter where I go in mine, someone is always giving me the eye"; etc. So this would indicate, to me at least, that we seem to have good common ground to build our club on.

I believe we all feel, through the enthusiasm shown at our first three meetings, that our club possesses a fine growth 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 share. At our May 7th meeting, various people were appointed Chairmen of various committees. In order to realize the full benefit from each of these committees, we must have committee members. In the rear section of this paper you will find the committees and committee Chairmen listed. Please check off at least one committee you would be interested in working on and mail the slip to L. D. Riggs, 6650 Colton Blvd., Oakland, California so that you may be contacted by the respective committee chairman and informed of committee meeting dates.

It is felt that we are devoting too much general meeting time to hear personal opinions. Lets get these personal opinions into committee meetings where I feel they belong so we get more accomplished at general meeting time. We have a lot of ground to cover and the best way to get any job done well and in the shortest possible time is, COOPERATION!

In closing, I would once again like to extend my wholehearted thanks to those of you who have thus far joined our organization and to extend my greetings to you prospective new members.

Fraternally yours

L. D. Riggs
PRESIDENT

THE TOUR:

Well from all indications, the tour is all set. Co-Chairman Jack Taylor (TE-2-8815) announced at our May 7th meeting that the tour is scheduled to take place May 18th with the destination listed as Marsh Creek. All participants in the tour are to group at the Chevrolet Plant Parking Lot at the rear of the Fire House located between MacArthur Blvd. and Foothill Blvd. in Oakland. Departure time is listed as a definite 9:00 A. M. (Last car to leave) So you had better be there by 8:45 at the latest for placement in the caravan.

So far some twenty-eight (28) cars have signed up for the tour. However, parking reservations are being made for thirty-five (35) cars in order to handle members desiring to participate but who were unable to attend our May 7th meeting. Members who desire to go but who did not sign up please note: You are invited to attend, but we must put the extra seven (7) parking reservations on a first come-first served basis. Therefore the first seven (7) persons to call L. D. "Skip" Riggs and confirm parking reservations will be able to park in the roped off area with the main group. All others are invited to attend, but will be on a "Park where you can" basis. Parking reservations are \$.35 (thirty-five cents) each. There is to be a \$.15 (fifteen cent) admission fee per person to the recreation area when we arrive, to be paid by each individual personally.

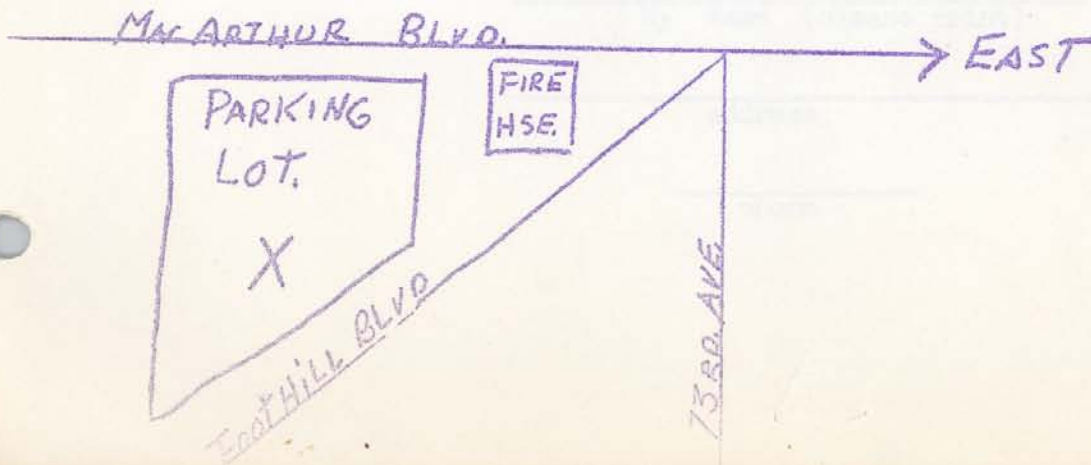
The luncheon plan is for a picnic type lunch, so have the Missus, girl friend, boy friend or what have you, pack your lunch. (Needless to say, drivers should be excused from this menial task). From all indications, the event promises to be exciting and full of fun. There are facilities for swimming, soft-ball, beer drinking, romance, (Which somehow always seems to rear it's head during events of this type) and just general ambling through the woods if you should so desire.

IN ORDER TO HAVE AN ENJOYABLE TOUR, WE REQUEST THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES.

1. MAINTAIN A FIFTY-FOOT MINIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN YOUR CAR AND THE CAR AHEAD OF YOU.
2. NO PASSING OR SPEEDING PLEASE. MAINTAIN YOUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS.
3. OBSERVE CAREFULLY, THE CAR AHEAD OF YOU AND FOLLOW HIM. DO NOT LEAD CARS FOLLOWING YOU DOWN THE WRONG ROAD.
4. ABOVE ALL, DRIVE COURTEOUSLY. REMEMBER A GROUP OF THIS TYPE ATTRACTS WIDESPREAD ATTENTION.

GROUPING LOCATION:

CHEVY
PLANT



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND (Contd)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

At the May 7th meeting Art Horsfall (AN 1-8095) was appointed chairman to head up our Constitution and By-Laws Committee. This committee was assigned the task of drawing up a Constitution and By-Laws to be presented at our next meeting, June 4th 1958 for radification or rejection by the organization.

It was also moved, seconded, and duly approved that Charter Members only will vote on the approval or disapproval of the Constitution as submitted. A Charter Member is any member who pays the duly approved \$10.00 initiation fee on or before June 4th 1958 and prior to voting time. Initiation Fees can be paid between now and June 4th by check or Money Order made out to Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club and Mailed to either Dick Nagle 472 Jean Street Oakland 10, Calif., or Skip Riggs 6650 Colton Blvd Oakland, California. Remember all (not bum) checks are to be made out to "BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB.

Anyone interested in working on the Constitution and By-Laws can contact Art Horsfall (An 1-8095) and I am sure he would welcome your suggestions and assistance.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Following is a list of Officers and Chairman as elected or appointed.

President	Lloyd Riggs	OL 4 3106	
Vice Pres	George Rudy	Be 2 5840	
Sec.	M. Jane Riggs	OL 4 3106	ex 2
Treas.	Dick Nagle	Te 2 3866	

Following is a list of committee chairman. Please check committee you would be interested in serving on, and mail this slip to L. D. Riggs 6650 Colton Blvd Oakland.

CONSTITUTION BY BY - LAWS	Art Horsfall	_____
Activities	Jack Taylor	_____
CORRESPONDENCE	Fay Edwards	_____
MEMBERSHIP	Mary Ellen Johnson	_____
TECHNICAL ADVISOR	Bert Mellberg	_____

My Name (please print)

address

phone

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH DEPARTMENT:

If you want a Four Speed Gear Box in your Thunderbird, like the ones in the Corvette's, take it away from them! I mean it can be made to fit without too much trouble. The McBar Machine shop of Peru Indiana will furnish an adaptor housing to fit the Corvette gear box to a FORD engine. The outside size and shape of the new gear box is the same as the Ford Unit. So there is no need for any sheet metal work, outside of a small bracket to support the new gear shift.

The biggest job is the Drive-Shaft. The Spline is different. You must get a Chevy shaft, cut the Spline off and weld in place of the Spline on your Ford shaft. It then must be checked for alignment, then rebalanced. The clutch end is O.K.; no work.

REMEMBER WHEN DEPARTMENT:

- Remember ??? when you could count the number of Thunderbird's on both hands, and the guy that drove one was considered as an embezzler at your bank, or starving his kids.

??? When most people stopped and stared at you and your little gem as you drove by & your neighbors were sure you'd lost your mind when you bought one?? (now they've got one too)

??? when everybody who drove one waved at everybody else who drove one. (now when somebody waves, we think our headlights are on).

??? when the Thunderbird carried two passengers and had a low clean cut sporty look!!!

Classified Section:

For Sale: One ~~REM~~ (1) Thunderbird Convertible top, Canvas, black. Presently in use on 1955 Model. Possibility it may fit later models. Price not listed condition 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. Good Condition. Price \$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 OL 43106

LEFTOVERS:

We hope you like the paper.