



# WHAT'S NEW IN BIRD LAND !!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

May 21, 1958

Greetings to my fellow members of the "Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club"!

Well, Spring is here and the birds are out in force. At least they were last Sunday, May 18th. It was the first social outing of our new group and from all indications, it was a huge success. To those of you who could not make the tour, we extend our regrets. You certainly missed a grand time. I would like to extend the thanks of the club to Bill Houston and Jack Taylor, Co-Chairmen of the event, and also to others of the committee who helped with the arrangements. The event was well planned and executed and a good time was had by all who attended. Congratulations fellows for a job well done.

Picnic lunches were in abundance and the drink of the day was beer, warm at times but always tasty. Movies were taken both, of the tour and the picnic. These will be shown at a later meeting. On the return trip home, several of the members stopped for a general "gab fest" at the Pioneer Village in Lafayette. This stop proved almost as much fun as the picnic, this party was hosted by Mitch Staples, age 4 months.

The Constitution Committee has been burning the midnight oil, under the expert leadership of Art Horsfall. (an 1-3095) and seems to have come up with what we feel will be a working Constitution. Of course this is only part of the job. The real hassle will come when we present the Constitution to the membership at large at our June 4th meeting for ratification. Congratulations are in order to the Constitution committee for their fine job on this project.

I feel that everyone associated with the club thus far, will want to be eligible to vote on our proposed constitution on June 4th, so ---- if you have not already done so; please mail your initiation fee in as soon as possible. Remember you must be a member before you are eligible to vote. Initiation fee is ten dollars (10.00) per car, and is payable by check or money order, payable to "Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club, and mailed to Skip Riggs 6650 Colton Blvd or Dick Nagle 472 Jean Street Oakland, California.

Thru the efforts of various club members, the club has thus far attained what I feel are some exceptional "Bargains" on parts and service from various firms in Oakland. Our thanks go to Art Horsfall for the special from Cirimele Ford Sales; to Frank Ficker for the special from Precision Automotive Parts Company; and we also have another special secured by "Skip" Riggs from Kwik Kovers in Oakland. These specials are listed on Page 3 of this paper. In order to be eligible for these specials, you must present the add of the subject organization from the paper. This will be a temporary situation until we can get club cards out to all members with which to identify themselves to firms offering specials to the club.

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These Specials are the beginning of a series to be offered by various firms throughout the greater Bay area to club members. I feel this was a very nice gesture on the parts of these firms, and I certainly hope Club Members will reciprocate by taking advantage of said specials. As I said before, these are the beginning of a series. Other specials will depend on the success of these first few.

At the present time several committee projects are underway. It is requested, that all members endeavor to participate on some committee. Membership committee, is currently planning a parade as a kickoff on our Membership Drive. Anyone interested in working on this committee, or anyone having suggestions along this line, please contact MARY ELLEN JOHNSON (as 3-8100). XXXX

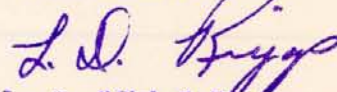
Activities Committee is currently working on our Social Event for June. Anyone interested in working on, or having suggestions for this committee, please contact JACK TAYLOR (Te 2-3815)

Club member ROGER NEISS is presently having membership cards printed, which will be issued at the June 4th meeting.

Enclosing oops, please pardon typographical errors, as the hour grows late.

In closing I would like to extend my whole hearted thanks and appreciation to those members who have given freely of their time & efforts on club projects meetings and etc...

Fraternally yours,



L. D. "Skip" Riggs  
President

MJ Riggs  
Secretary

The following specials have been offered to members of the Bay Area Thunderbird Club. If you are interested in taking advantage of one or all of these specials, please tear out the add and present it at time of purchase. (This is temporary, as soon as club membership cards are issued, the owner will be required to present his or her club card in order to obtain one of these specials.

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SPECIAL TO BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD CLUB MEMBERS ONLY FROM GIRESELE FORD SALES, 3321 BROADWAY, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA - FROM MAY 26TH THRU JUNE 26TH -

REGULAR \$27.50 MAJOR TUNE-UP FOR \$19.95 (Parts excluded). ALL WORK TO BE DONE BY BERT MELLBERG, TECHNICAL ADVISOR FOR THE BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB. 3

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Above special secured by Art Horsfall.

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SPECIAL TO BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD CLUB MEMBERS ONLY FROM PRECISION AUTOMOBIVE PARTS COMPANY, 279 - 26TH STREET, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. - GOOD UNTIL RESCINDED BY W. R. HUSTON, PRECISION AUTOMOTIVE PARTS COMPANY. 25% OFF ON ALL PURCHASED PARTS. 1

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Above special secured by Dr. Frank Ficker

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SPECIAL TO BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD CLUB MEMBERS ONLY FROM KWIK KOVERS, 3530 BROADWAY, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA - GOOD UNTIL RESCINDED BY JOHN BRAGA OR FRANK AUGUSTINE, KWIK KOVERS -

DISCOUNT OF 20% ON TOPS, CARPETS, TORNEAU COVERS. SOME PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TOPS - \$54.50      FRONT CARPETS - \$31.50      TORNEAU COVERS - \$40.00 2

NOTE: ALL WORK IS CUSTOM WORK. NO WORK SUCH AS TOPS, ETC., IS READY FITTED. SATISFACTION IS GUARENTEED.

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Above special secured by L. D. "Skip" Riggs

## JUNE 4TH MEETING

The June 4th Meeting will once again be held at CIRIMELE FORD SALES 3321 BROADWAY in Oakland, Calif. Meeting scheduled from 7:30 thru 9:30 pm. Please be on time as this is the night we vote on the Constitution. Needless to say this will take time. Also bear in mind that the Charter Memberships end, before the voting begins.

On behalf of the Club, I would like to extend our thanks to Frank Cirimele, for hosting us at these meetings. Frank is enthusiastic about our club and we greatly appreciate his help thus far.

## Technical Tips:

It is suggested that Thunderbird Owners whose cars have a 12-volt electrical system, have the bolts that secure the starter case to the bell-housing checked for tightness approx every 5,000 miles. It has been found that the hard thrust on the starter from the 12 volt battery tends to loosen the starter housing bolts. This can result in a cracked bellhousing.

It is also suggested that Thunderbird Owners refrain from using Chrome Fan Blades, such as were used on the early '55 Models. The Chroming of these blades weakened the metal and the blades had a tendency to shear off sometimes going thru the hood or radiator.

If any member has any questions pertaining to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the technical aspects, of his car, please write them to the paper. Address inquiries to "WHAT'S NE IN BIRDLAND" in care of "Skip" Riggs 6650 Colton Blvd Oakland. We will endeavor to answer all inquiries.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

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 5-0841 (member)

Wanted: 1957 Thunderbird. Have 1956 Thunderbird to trade. Contact Dan Nieto  
Te 4-2031

Wanted: Thunderbird Hard Tops and Convertible Tops by various members of the Club  
Contact L. D. "Skip" Riggs (ol 4-3106) if you have one to sell.

LEFTOVERS: The president would like to see a campaign started consisting of hand waving, horn blowing and/or light blinking as a gesture of friendliness to other Thunderbird Owners. (just be careful not to run into the guy in front of you)