

## What's New in Birdland

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### MYSTERY GIRL



Really not much mystery to this pretty little girl's identity - she looks much the same today. If you can recognize her, it'll make working the crossword puzzle inside that much easier. (Our apologies for goofing up last month's puzzle. There should be no flub-ups this time.)



### IT'S PARTY TIME AGAIN!

Starting off the social season with a bang, hard-working Richard Volpatti of-

fers a delectable piece of party fare for all to savor! It'll be a Hallowe'en Masquerade at Scioto's Hall, 5117 E. 14th St., Oakland, on the night of October 31st - a Saturday. Ghosts begin wisping about at 8 p.m. in rhythm to a three-piece combination spelled by hi-fi records. Buffet is provided sans charge, with beer and milder potables at nominal prices.

**COSTUMES ARE MANDATORY** for everyone - even the workers! No one will be admitted wearing regulation attire, so get with it and come up with something sharp. There will be prizes awarded for the best costumes, as well as the expected door prize.

Sell tickets to all your friends like mad, please! Orchestras come high. If you were present at the October business meeting you were probably saddled with a bloc of tickets by our dedicated Rich, but if you're hurting for pasteboards you can get them from any member who was there. He (or she) will be most happy to sell them to you at the going rate of \$1 apiece. And for those who may be tired of the old familiar faces within our own group, you may look forward to seeing the fresh new ones of the M-G Club - after masks have been removed, that is.

**IMPORTANT** - All unsold tickets must be turned back to Rich before October 31st!

Larry: "Be sure to see "The Fly" when it opens at your neighborhood theatre."

Ben: "If it's one of them dirty pictures, I ain't goin'!"

### ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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#### OCTOBER

- 24, 25 - MONTEREY/PEBBLE BEACH. Make your own reservations upon arrival. Leaving Jack London Square at 8 am Saturday.
- 27 - Membership/Technical Meeting, 8 pm, 3451 - 35th Avenue, Oakland
- 31 - HALLOWE'EN PARTY, Scioto's Hall, 5117 E. 14th Street, Oakland - 8 pm. Let's Go!

#### NOVEMBER

- 7 - GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING, House of Harvey, 320 Hegenberger Road. Cocktails at 7; Dinner at 8. Be sure to notify Mrs. Brooks (KE 6-3616) if you intend to dine.
- 17 - Activities Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, 3451 - 35th Avenue, Oakland.
- 24 - Membership/Technical Meeting, 8 pm, 3451 - 35th Avenue, Oakland.

(Andy Larsen's Activities Report will be found on page two this month.)

# ACTIVITIES REPORT

by ANDY LARSEN

Once again we were given the honor of driving the Queens in the Berkeley Parade of Lights. Fifteen beautiful girls and I'll give you one guess who drove the eventual reigning Queen for '59! I'd like to thank all the people who helped make our part of the Parade such a success and particularly those who came out of hiding after an absence of too long duration. This will probably be your baby again next year, Art, and thanks.

The Reno Rally was the only Club activity for September and not having made the trip myself, I'll leave that for your Editor to tell.

As next month will be my last as your Activities Chairman (the incoming President appoints his own), I want to give my deepest thanks to the members of my committee who worked so hard for your entertainment, and all others who pitched in and helped. I'd like to see as many as possible make it to the Activity meetings. Let's give the new regime all the encouragement and support possible.

## THE PARADE OF LIGHTS

I opened my big mouth again and got the duty but now that it's all over I'm proud to have pushed the issue.

Sven Larsen backed me all the way, phoning, overseeing, etc. He's worth his weight in this Club, believe me.

We had to sweat some raising enough cars for the airport - we had 13 promised and needed 19. It wasn't until we threatened to call on the Corvette Club that the members really taxed themselves and we made the airport with one car to spare. This I appreciate, as many had to take half a day from work. This proves their integrity.

Friday night's parade was even more fantastic than last year. Two doctors, prospective members both, George Rudy, Mel Talley, Joe Gonzales, and several more rarely seen members came to help, and they were certainly appreciated. We gained thousands of compliments and our Club became better known and appreciated. Our beautiful cars were even more beautiful with the glowing college beauties aboard and we were decidedly envied by other car clubs. If we ever slip up, Corvette, Jag and MG will all try to take over.

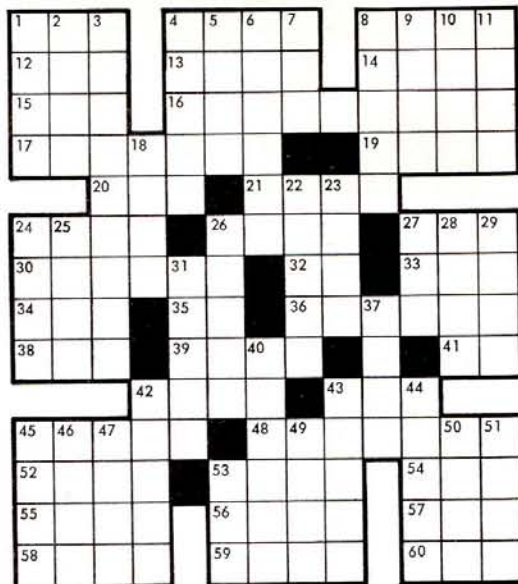
Fifteen lucky drivers got to transport lovely girls and another six or eight were chauffeurs for civic dignitaries. In every block of the parade there was at least one Thunderbird.

Friday evening was topped off by a delicious seafood dinner at Spenger's in Berkeley.

At the Coronation Ball, for which we were given after-dinner tickets (Saturday night), more than a dozen BATOC members saw Miss Joan Griffin of Baylor take the crown. But the winner almost lost and the losers almost won, it was that tough to pick the outstanding beauty.

- by Art Horsfall

## T-BIRD WORD GAME



### HORIZONTAL

1. A Horsfall
4. Mine cart
8. Your Editor's boss
12. Famous charioteer
13. Well-known California wine
14. Chinese noodles
15. Suffix used in forming names of certain hydrocarbons
16. Pleasing entertainment
17. Threatens
19. Periods of time
20. A hint
21. Direction of sunrise
24. Mr. Taylor's given name
26. Norway's capitol
27. Sacred poem (abbr.)
30. Beetle
32. Advertisement
33. Salt
34. Half a sen-sen
35. Limited (abbr.)
36. Girl in mystery picture
38. A toddler
39. Air (combining form)
41. Opposed to AC
42. In reality (legal)
43. To scold
45. Body organ
48. Becomes red
52. To check
53. Modus operandi
54. Horse fodder
55. Ancient (Med. sp.)
56. Of special interest to Rosemary Hallum
57. South-Southeast
58. Famous basin in N.E. France
59. God of War
60. Annual dues in BATOC
71. Pismire (pl.)
18. Female relative
22. "Remember the \_\_\_\_\_"
23. Arm & Hammer's famous product
24. Joke
25. Ersatz butter
26. Opposed to chaos
27. 23rd letter of Greek alphabet
28. Found in bottom of bird cages
29. Fish sauce
31. African antelope
37. Most popular holiday
40. Blur again
42. Inside part
43. Girl in mystery picture
44. Hallowe'en character
45. Stout, thick fabric
46. Former BATOC member now in Africa
47. Opera by Verdi
49. Highway division
50. Facility
51. Leap (Scot.)
53. Parent-Teacher Association

### VERTICAL

1. Interjection
2. A secret
3. Sharp-edged
4. Sleeplike state
5. Ancient world capitol
6. Entertains
7. Mothers
8. Ant
9. Ruminant mammal
10. Girl's name



## BIRDLAND BADINAGE

It's best wishes to our newly-weds, Bob and Doris Growden who middle-aisled September 20th. Likewise to any other members perched on the brink of matrimony who may have gone and done it while our back was turned . . . The ballyhooed Las Vegas trip was cancelled due to a severe case of backdownitis. Two months ago 22 members present at an Activities meeting had voted unanimously to accompany Southern Cal to the gambling metropolis . . . The beautiful brunette beside Don at the October meeting is no longer a brunette. That was no powdered wig Donna was wearing. What some peo-

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## Solution to September Puzzle



# MEMO from MEMBERSHIP

by MaraLee Houston

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR:

Melvin and Barbara Talley, 334 Ohlones Street, Mission San Jose - phone OL 6-4735.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: (November)

- 5 - Rose Volpatti
- 9 - Dail Moffett
- 11 - Joe Gonzales
- 13 - Jack Taylor
- 16 - Edna Neiss
- 18 - Warren Clark
- 19 - Bob White
- 23 - Sue Ranley
- 30 - Lorraine Lewis

There were no new members voted in to our Club during October. As explained last month, every other month we are going to devote our time to open discussion of membership problems, etc. However, in correcting our address list, we find five members whose names should be removed because they are no longer in the Club. They are: B. S. Brown, Jack Enright, Russ Pratt, Skip Riggs and Jay Stewart, which leaves us with 45 cars and 64 people as of September 30th. If you want to bring your list up to date you are welcome to check yours over with mine at any general business meeting. We have six new address changes since the list was received several months ago and if you don't have these additions you should check with mine.

Next Membership & Technical meeting for PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS and any Club members who wish to attend will be October 27th, 8:00 pm, 3451 - 35th Avenue, Apt. 7, Oakland. Following is a list of the members on the Membership Committee:

Richard Staples, M.L. Houston, Rosemary Volpatti, Fay Edwards, Clo Bueno, Pat Nagle, Doris Carroll, Joe White and Don Brooks.

Technical Committee: Bill Houston and Bob Growden.

If you have any questions or complaints regarding Membership or Technical Committees, please feel free to come to one of our meetings, or contact one of the above-named members if unable to attend a meeting.



"NO, ERNIE ... NOT HERE!"

## THE BATS

Composer  
Jack "T. Bird" Taylor

Also known as  
MECHANORITHOLOGISTS  
(LOUANI OF THE BATS)  
on PARADES OF SOME -  
MECHANORITHOLOGY -

## Jack Taylor

Would that we had more members with as much enthusiasm for BATOC as Jack Taylor. He's always coming up with some idea to prove he's been thinking of the Club betimes. Now he has written a piece of music especially for the Bay Area Thunderbird Club and he'd like some clever member to provide words for it. We're printing a facsimile herewith, but if you do not read music, you're welcome to go hear him play it at Nod's, 1971 Shattuck, Berkeley, where he performs from Thursday through Saturday. Nice going, Jack!



## LIKE YOUR BEEF BROCHETTE ????????



It seems we made another of our numerous tactical errors when we announced last month there would be a choice of three entrees for those who wished to dine prior to the October business meeting. In reality, but one dish was available - it was take Beef Brochette or dine on crackers and coffee for the same price while glaring balefully at the peppery beef dish in front of you.

When we were told no substitutions would be tolerated, enough rumbling of a non-digestive nature was heard to make this reporter wonder if Mt. Shasta were becoming active again. Beef Brochette is a south-of-the-border concoction that must have been invented by a drunken Mexican and is suggestive of swallowing a hot coal. One lady member who prefers to remain nameless had a \$4 repast of one swallow of Beef Brochette and as

much coffee as the management would provide. Another member, who doesn't particularly care if he remains anonymous or not, my adopted son, Joe "Webster" White (I call him that because words can't describe him), yelled like a stuck pig when Beef Brochette was proclaimed the piece de resistance. Now Webster is nobody's fool - that's why I adopted him - and normally he can digest a saddle. But he had made the mistake of ordering this spicy dish once before and would not soon forget the sleepless after-hours which followed. Besides, he says he bought so much liquor at the bar afterward in an attempt to cool his smouldering innards he could have submerged a submarine.

Well, the news is better for November. It will be several months before Beef Brochette's turn comes 'round again.

**BAY AREA Thunderbird OWNERS CLUB**

DON BROOKS ..... President  
 DICK STAPLES ..... Vice-President  
 LARRY FARRELL ..... Treasurer  
 MARALEE HOUSTON ..... Corresponding Secretary  
 EDNA NEISS ..... Recording Secretary

ROGER NEISS, Editor  
 45 Ecker Street, San Francisco, YUkon 2-6268

Contributions must be in the Editor's office by the 15th in order to be printed in that month.

## IT'S ELECTION TIME AGAIN

Below are printed names of nominees for the five executive posts of our Club. Other names may be suggested from the floor prior to actual voting time, so don't

hesitate to nominate any persons you believe to be as well or better qualified to serve.

### For President:

LEW EDWARDS  
BILL HOUSTON  
ART HORSFALL\*

### For Vice-President:

BEN BUENO  
ANDY LARSEN  
PAUL TANZILLO  
GENE ANDRADE

### For Treasurer:

MARALEE HOUSTON  
ROSEMARIE VOLPATTI

### For Recording Secty:

EDNA NEISS  
CLARA JOHNSTON

### For Corresponding Secty:

LOUISE KOONCE  
ROGER NEISS

\*Because he is presently holding down two jobs, Art isn't certain he can do full justice to the high office of president. He wants to think about it until next meeting at which time he will

advise us whether or not he will run. In either case, he wishes to thank those who again nominated him for our Club's highest honor.

On the night of November 7th we are faced with selecting a new slate of Officers to govern the Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club during 1960. President Don Brooks, Vice-President Dick Staples, and Treasurer Larry Farrell are not candidates to succeed themselves, so new blood will be directing our destinies in the months ahead.

The Officers for 1960 have a more challenging job ahead of them than might have been expected. They must recreate the interest and enthusiasm which have obviously lagged during the last half of 1959 . . . provide the plasma needed to restore the "togetherness" we had earlier. These qualifications must be kept in mind when we cast our ballot.

Last year at this time we had a pretty fair spread in these pages on the three candidates for President which included photographs. But this year the election slipped up on us and no one thought to bring a camera or write up synopses for inclusion in this, the last issue of Birdland to be printed prior to voting time. So, in lieu of these features, we are indebted to Dwight Johnston, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, for the following admirable summarization of the problems to ponder over as we await the November 7th election.

### FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

We have canvassed our membership for those who are willing and able to serve as Officers of our Club for the coming year, for which services a lamentable number of us find ourselves unavailable.

The recommendation of the Nominating Committee is that we find persons who are imbued with the idea of continuing, and are willing to work toward, our original purpose of a Thunderbird Owners' Club.

It develops that some of our newer members, while feeling they are not eligible, express a willingness to serve, so perhaps we should wink at a point of technicality.

An organization that from past experience has proved itself more a Social than Sports Car Club must ostensibly remain a

Social Club, so it would seem for the next year our Officers should be elected from those members who look in this direction.

Let's have all members of our Club attend the November 7th meeting, vote for the members of their choice and have as good a Board of Officers as we had during the past year. But, remember that the Officers cannot serve efficiently without the wholehearted support of the general membership, and this support will come from regular attendance, and such assistance as they may need.

- Dwight Johnston

## THE RENO RALLY

September 19th and 20th marked the 8th Annual Reno Rally and about 36 people from BATOC made the trip and had a ball. Looking for some change (that's a pun, son) and a rest from the long, hot summer (from the play of the same name), your Editor and his beautiful mistress tagged along. The bellboys of the Mapes have the change and the slot machines the rest. Much of the trip was made in steady rainfall which proved it's a rare Bird that doesn't leak. The Edwards tried to outbluff threatening clouds by leaving their top down but finally, with laps full of water, even they capitulated.

Possibly because of the weather, there was no organized rally this year. Instead, the 250 sports cars which met at State-line, moved on to Reno via Virginia City, once Queen of the Comstock and today one of the best restored scenes of another era to be found anywhere.

Gambling-wise, the only real money-winner we noticed was cuddly Dottie Farrell who used her beautiful bosom as a receptacle for about 100 beautiful silver dollars. Others did not fare so well, but the real feature of these overnight stays is provided in the opportunity to get to know one another better. Some of the quiet ones, like Joe and Louise Koonce, we might never have gotten to meet had it not been for Reno, 1958. This year Joe must have found a live one - machine, that is - because we never saw him once. A couple of our loveliest members we

didn't get to know better were Lucy Sanchez and Dorothy Woodyard but that's only because they didn't go. Do you suppose that's why Joe White, the rascal, didn't go, either?

On the profit side of this year's trip was making the acquaintance of the Johnston's virile son, Allan, and attractive wife, Nan. Along with you, we had met them casually before, but it takes over-nights like this to get a better idea of what people are like. Allan is a grad of West Point who has since resigned his commission. Charming people, these. What a wonderful addition they'd make to our ranks were Daddy Dwight to give them a Thunderbird for Christmas! Alas, he is no Daddy Warbucks.

Reno was almost the high point of a jaded lifetime for your Editor. Wondrous Donna Brooks spent an hour in his hotel room. Along with Don and curly-headed Edna, we hasten to add.

Most of us stayed at the Mapes Hotel while in Reno. We wouldn't know about the rest of you, but the shower in our room was strong enough to stun a horse. Had Ben signed up with the rest of us instead of staying in a motel, he would be bald-chested today.

As is customary, prizes were awarded by Mr. Winterringham, sponsor of this annual event. Guess who won the master prize of four bottles of imported champagne. L'il coffee-drinking Edna, that's who. The same little lady who also won the six-pack at Krug's Winery, remember? Dwight Johnston won a giant-size (gal.) bottle of Harrah's Bonded Whiskey. Art Horsfall won a fifth of whiskey and Ernie Silva a driving light. The BATOC thus won the lion's share of all the prizes awarded.

It was a trip I'll remember as long as I live. Maybe longer.



## BIRDLAND BADINAGE

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ple won't do to get their names in this paper . . . During 1959, according to L. Farrell, the Club spent \$1,400 and has a current balance of \$112.10, hardly enough to consider purchasing our own meeting site, now is it? . . . Our ubiquitous Ernie Silva knows a custom jeweler who will make up T-Bird Tie-Bars, Cuff-Links, Earrings, etc. in sterling silver for between \$12 and \$15. He's Winston Custom Jeweler, 1165 Besito, Berkeley . . . Ben Bueno has suggested a wonderful 3-day air trip to Vegas next summer for \$109.