

WHAT'S NEW IN BIRD-LAND



BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER
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THERE IS JUST NEVER ENOUGH TIME !

And since that is true, this month's Presidents' message will NOT be the usual snappy, witty prose that you have come to expect. WHY, you ask? Cause I have a Christmas party to organize within the next 2 days. Just a couple of weeks ago it seemed so far away. But having said all that, I've got places to go and people to see and menus to create and activities to invent. I also have decorations to make and would really like someone to jump in and volunteer to help with that effort. Anyone ???????



Last weeks quarterly meeting was fun and enjoyable with it's own unique surprise that will go down in club history. As you will read inside, one of our newest members, Ray DeRenzo really showed his interest and dedication to his car and the club. Check out the story.

Following the meeting, as you will also read inside, we took a very pleasant drive to Tilden Park in the Berkeley hills and acted like little kids riding the scale steam trains before going on to the Botanical gardens and learning a little horticulture. All and all, a very fun couple of hours, a nice way to end a meeting and an enjoyable drive with, I believe, 5 cars and 9 good friends.

Our next official event is the "Elections Meeting" and Pot Luck at the Olson's this coming Saturday. Unfortunately, I will not be attending this event since I finally found someone to throw me a birthday party at some, as yet undisclosed, location out of town. I guess I am being kidnapped ... How fun is that? However, please get involved and attend this very relaxing event. There is a flyer and sign up sheet inside and you'll get the pleasure of meeting the Olson's very cute ducks that live in the yard. This is also your opportunity to "Recall" me if you so choose. The only problem is that I won't be there to Thank You. In my absence though, and on a serious note, please put your heads together and let's get our open positions filled for the coming year. Now that we have all this momentum going, jump in and be a part of the Rebirth of the Grand-daddy of all T-Bird clubs. It really is rewarding ... I can attest to this.

Now. With regard to the Christmas party. You will be receiving a separate signup sheet on Monday or Tuesday of next week with all the details of the event. The important issue here is that you signup and signup in mass. This will be an incredible evening. How do I know that ... because I do my best work when I'm up against the clock. But it is December 6th, 5:00 – 9:00 PM at Alladini's in Lafayette. Great room with a cozy fireplace, great activities, fabulous food & drink, music and fellowship. How can you miss this? Even if you can only stop by for a quick visit and libation, join us and celebrate. And, of course, feel free to volunteer whatever help or suggestions you can.

So, there's my allotted space and now I am off to Alladini's to finish the preparations. Have fun on Saturday and have a birthday drink on me. Details of my kidnapping in next months WNIB.

As Always: Happy T-Birding

Dave

BATOC Meeting of 10/18/03, at Buttercup, Walnut Creek, CA 10:00 a.m.

We were informed by our President not to expect an organized meeting.

Nineteen members were present. Pres. Dave introduced new members Scott and Cheryl Smith, who have a 57 Thunderbird and Ray DeRenzo who is getting married today at 5 P.M.. He has had a 1957 Bird for four and a half months. Spare parts and problems with coils were discussed.

A report on Santa Cruz outing was given by Pres. Dave and the Gregory's. A fabulous day. Unfortunately, we are in competition with the big car clubs. There is a nice picture of Santa Cruz meeting on the Web site.

Profiles are needed for Ann (who does a great job with our newsletter and should be given all the help we can muster - so get those profiles in*). Profiles should include how you got your car, how many years you have had the car, color, year; information about yourself, etc. There were newsletters from other clubs on the table for members to look at. Pres. Dave thanked Ann, and she thanked him for doing the front page each month.

Pres. Dave asked that we please keep our roster address and e-mail addresses current. Ann circulated a copy of the roster for those present to check their own data.

Ann gave the activities report for Carol Glander who was ill. There will be a Potluck at Dolores and David Olson's on Nov. 8. Bring food by last name initial. (See flyer).

Business resumed after our meal. The following was announced: The December Holiday Party is on the 6th. Cost \$30-35, at Lafayette Aladdini's. Sign-up sheet will be in next WNIB.

Dave suggested handling activities a little differently. At the planning meeting a list of activities will be presented ranging from simple brunch parties to overnights. ~~It will include activities done in the past. Will~~ consider more overnights, as these seem to be the activities most remembered. Members will be asked to chose one to host. There will be a guideline for hosting outings with information on how to handle flyers, finance, and other details. This method should make hosting an event much more appealing.

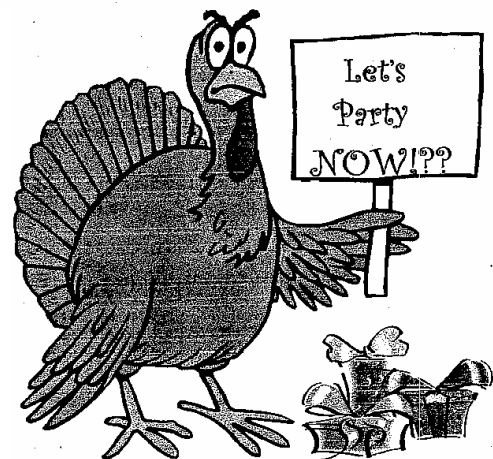
Dave mentioned we need a January outing after the meeting. Dave awarded prizes to those driving their T-Birds today. The prizes were donated by Don Johnson of T-Bird Headquarters who is a BATOC member.

Three positions need to be filled, hopefully by Nov. 8th. these were listed in last month's WNIB. Our web site is www.batoc.org Raffle was held and lots of nice prizes were won.

Respectfully submitted,
June Smikahl, Secretary

*Secretary's comment.

Happy
Thanksgiving
to all BATOC
Members





Your presence is requested at the BATOC Holiday Celebration

Saturday, December 6, 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Aladdini's Restaurant
3524 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Lafayette

*Join BATOC and Friends
for our 45th Annual Holiday
Celebration*

*Food, Drink, Entertainment
And Very Special Friends.*

THE PARTY:

A fabulous celebration of Joy, Happiness & Life Itself.
Carolers, A Cozy Fireplace, Party Favors, Games and Santa Claus

THE MENU:

House Salad w/ Gorgonzola & Walnuts
Choice of:
Rigatoni w/ Chicken, Spinach & Roasted Peppers
Chicken Portobello w/ Cherry Tomatoes, Broccoli & Mushrooms
Grilled Salmon Filet w/ Sautéed Garden Vegetables

Dessert:

Mud Cake or Cheesecake

FULL NO-HOST BAR

Cocktails / Happy Hour 5:00 – 6:00

Dinner Served Approximately 6:30

THE CELEBRATION:

Let us give back to our Community
Bring an unwrapped toy, present, clothing item or stuffed animal.
We will see to it that a local underprivileged charity is helped by your generosity.

THE R.S.V.P.

Please R.S.V.P. by November 29

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Rigatoni w/ Chicken Chicken Portobello Salmon Fillet
\$32.50 ea. X _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____ (Payable to BATOC)

Mail To: Dave Adams – 139 El Centro - Box 942 – Diablo, Ca. 94528 – (925) 855-1491



Terrific Tilden Tour



After the October Quarterly Brunch, Prez Dave Adams led a convoy of T-birds up Fish Ranch Road (behind two cement trucks..just our luck!), but finally got by those two titans. Our first stop was the **tilden railway** which we looked over carefully. Aware of the saying "we do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing", all of us jumped on the little train and took a ride on the railroad. It had the whole works – dark tunnels, trestles, and trackside scenery.

Our next stop was the **Botanical Gardens** where we walked up, down, and around paths through various plantings. It was quite pretty and a nice day to stroll with Mother Nature.

Our last stop was to have been the **Merry go Round**, but our "aging" overcame our "playing" and our feet were tired. So, we saved the last stop for another day and headed our T-Birds home again. It was a nice outing and fun to talk with our fellow Birders. We also got a lot of "thumbs up" and whistles when our cars went by.

Jacket Sales

As announced at several meetings now, BATOC had four jackets (from former members) for sale. Since we currently do not have any NEW jackets or even SHIRTS available, the older ones do fill the bill for now. Two were sold at the Quarterly and two are still available. We've been asking \$20 a piece with the money going to the Club Treasury. Speak up if you are interested in one or more. The two left are both about "mediums" in size.

Rosters – due in January

One good reason to pay your 2004 dues on time is to be sure your information is correct in our BATOC roster. If you have a 2003 roster (old members should), take a look at your own information and be sure it is still correct. If you have an e-mail address not listed, add that to your slip. We plan to print the roster in January 2004 or very shortly thereafter, so get your dues slips in soon.

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T-Birds seen at the Quarterly – Beautiful!

If you have not attended an event this year (shame on you!) you may not know that at each event, Prez Dave Adams has given some kind of prize to any member driving his/her T-Bird. These "awards" have ranged anywhere from the clever and delightful CD clocks at the Anniversary Party to videotapes (of T-birds of course) and other items in between. In October awards donated this time by Don Johnson of T-Bird Headquarters (see ad last page) were handed out.

The happy winners and Bird drivers were:

Peter Normann	Bronze '57
Lisa & Don Perry	Red '57
Ray DeRenzo	Inca Gold '57
Dave Adams	Red '56
Scott & Cheryl Smith	White '57
Bev & Dorothy Ferreira	White '56
Don & Ann Gregory	Gray '57

Election Luncheon

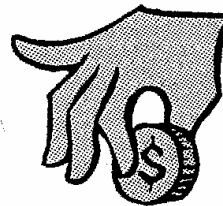
Still looking for a few good folks to keep the club motor running next year. We need a Secretary (only a few meetings), a V.P. (good way to meet folks – some paper work), and an Activities Chairman.

Jump in and wet your feet – it is not so bad. Call Dave Adams if you can serve or have questions.

PROFILES – coming up..

At the Quarterly meeting, Don Perry volunteered to round up some profiles of new and old members. These will be run in the newsletter and will help to acquaint members with each other. If Don calls you, please cooperate and let us "write you up". In past years these profiles were one of our most popular columns.

DUES are DUE – December 1st



Time to renew your annual membership in BATOC for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. **Please use the form below and send it with your \$20.00 BATOC dues today.** Don't forget we changed our bylaws and you should now **pay your CTCI dues directly to CTCI**. Their dues form should be in the Nov/Dec *Early Bird* issue out soon. To be an active member of BATOC **you must also be a member of CTCI**. This rule applies because CTCI covers our BATOC events with their insurance. Associate members do not need to join CTCI, but if they are not CTCI members, they may not drive their T-Bird, if any, to a BATOC event.

Make your check payable to BATOC and complete the form, including your CTCI membership number and the certification of minimum liability insurance. Life members please submit the form only to indicate your desire to remain active. **Associate member dues are also \$20.00 annually.**

Dues paying is a pain perhaps, but it will be much easier on everyone if you **pay your dues on time!** Late dues make much extra work for the Treasurer, and don't cost any less later! Please do it **today**. Thanks for your cooperation! Any questions, call David at (925) 932-5398 or e-mail to axtell@astound.net.

Send your check with the completed form to : **DAVID OLSON, BATOC Treasurer**
475 Green View Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

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BATOC 2004 Membership Renewal Form

Name: _____ Spouse or S.O. : _____

Birth month _____ S/so. Birth month _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____, _____, _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (___) _____ CTCI No. _____ Car(s): '55 '56 '57 None

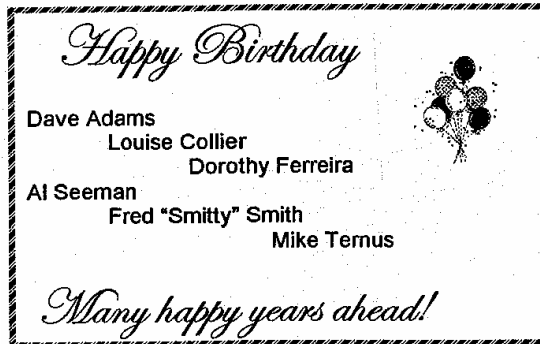
___ Car(s) color(s): 1st: _____ 2nd : _____ More? _____

Year you joined BATOC _____ Associate Member? _____ My check to BATOC is enclosed.

I hereby certify that all automobiles I may use in conjunction with any BATOC function are covered by an insurance policy meeting the minimum requirements mandated by the California Financial Responsibility Law. I understand if I am an Associate Member that I am not covered by CTCI insurance.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Bulletin Board



Get me to the Church on Time!

Here is "the rest of the story" in case you saw Secretary June Smikahl's note re: Ray DeRenzo getting married. Apparently bride Tony Carinci and Ray set their wedding date for Saturday, October 18. Then, Ray noticed it was BATOC's Quarterly Meeting that day and he wanted to go. Tony was busy getting ready for the wedding at 5:00 p.m., so she said, go ahead, but don't miss the wedding! Just to be sure, Ray did not accompany the rest of us on our after-brunch tour to Tilden Park. Suspect that is the first (and probably last) time that even the most devoted T-birder will come to a BATOC meeting on his wedding day!

About CTCI Membership

As you will notice, BATOC dues for next year are due in December. In this way we have our membership ready to go in Jan. when we issue the new roster. Some of you have asked how to join CTCI. If you have a computer, go to www.ctci.org and you can download their membership form. It is also a good source of other T-Bird information. They have tech articles, things for sale, and lots of other data.

If you do not have a computer, ask any of the officers to mail a CTCI membership form to you. Membership in CTCI is required for all active BATOC members as CTCI carries the group policy that covers BATOC for events.

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