



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New Club Roster Delivered to Membership
- Quarterly Meeting is this coming January 15th.
- Shadowbrook Event
- Correct way to use your soft top.

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What's New in BIRD-LAND?



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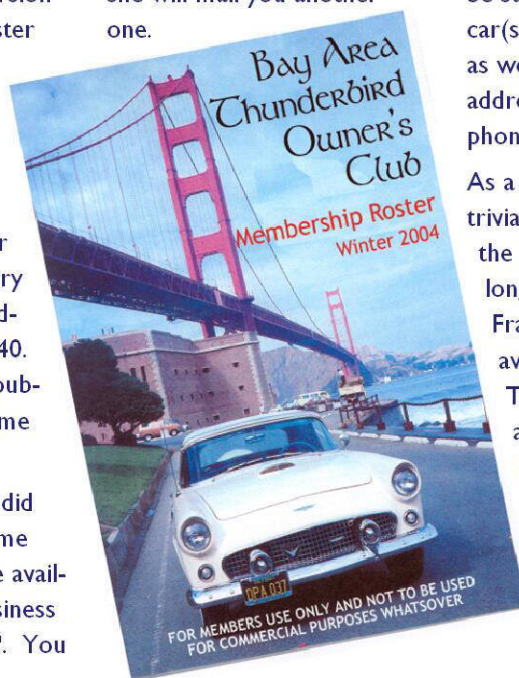
New Club Roster Delivered

By now all members should have received a new version of the BATOC club roster

which was mailed out around the same time as last month's newsletter. Please take a moment and review your entry and notify our Vice President, Lisa Perry of any corrections or additions at (925) 837-4740. The current plan is to publish our 2005 roster some time this summer.

If for some reason you did not get your roster, some additional copies will be available at this month's business meeting on January 15th. You

can also give Lisa a call and she will mail you another one.



Read your entry carefully and be sure we have your correct car(s) and car color(s) listed as well as your correct email address and any additional phone numbers.

As a point of note, for you trivia buffs, the car shown on the cover of the roster belonged to former member Frank Fox who passed away earlier last year.

This was the photo that appeared on the cover of the CTCI Early Bird Magazine in the late 1980's.

Quarterly Meeting is January 15th!

It's time once again for our quarterly business meeting at the Buttercup Grill & Bar located at 660 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Walnut Creek, Phone: (925) 932-2763 on January 15th. We should all try and make it there by 10:00 AM.

We'd like to start the actual meeting no later than 10:30 AM and we should finish up by noon.

There is a lot going on this year so as always ALL members are encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!



President's Message

MOVING RIGHT ALONG...OR GOOD RIDDANCE 2004



DAVE ADAMS,
President

Well, I don't know about you, but I say good riddance to 2004 and WELCOME 2005. I have to believe that most everyone (except possibly the Gregory's who spent the year vacationing) would have to agree that 2004 was less than stellar. But, here's to 2005 and moving on-

ward and upward.

We start the year with an active month ahead of us that includes, of course, our quarterly meeting on the 15th, a casual outing to Capitola and the Shadowbrook Restaurant planned for the 22nd and our annual Super Bowl outing at the Marin Rod & Gun Club

on the 6th of February. Come one, come all to any one or all of these events and show the world that you are out for a good time.

I am also here to report that we had a fabulous time at this year's "Progressive" Christmas

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January Birthdays!

A very happy birthday to our members born in January who are:

Yolanda Bloss Frederick

Ann Gregory

Sandy Johnson

Betty Nauratil

Migs Stallworth



LISA PERRY,
Vice President

Vice President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
After a very Merry Christmas progressive party BATOC is now facing the new year with an experienced President and an enthusiastic new Vice-President, me. I am really looking for-

ward to a year in which BATOC has many new and exciting activities and events.

If the Progressive Christmas Party is any indication, this should be a very active year. There were 30 BATO-

Cers who celebrated the holiday season on December 4th, ranging in age from 9 to well past 21. With the increase in dues BATOC should be in a position to engage in many more activities

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JANUARY 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Quarterly Meeting 10:00 Am
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	18	19	20	21	22 Shadowbrook Restaurant
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

FEBRUARY 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Super Bowl Party!	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19 BATOC Event (to be announced)
20	21 President's Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

MARCH 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Dublin St. Patrick's Parade
13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 BATOC Event (to be announced)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31		

- } January 15th — BATOC Quarterly Meeting.
- } January 22nd — Cruise to Capatola, Shadowbrook Restaurant Event. DAVE ADAMS (925) 855 1491
- } February 6th — Super Bowl Party GREGORYS' (415) 479-7320
- } February 19th — BATOC Monthly Event [TO BE ANNOUNCED]
- } March 12th — St. Patrick's Day Parade, Dublin PERRY'S (925) 837-4740
- } March 19th — BATOC Monthly Event [TO BE ANNOUNCED]

RED Official Event
BLACK Holiday
BLUE Add-on Event

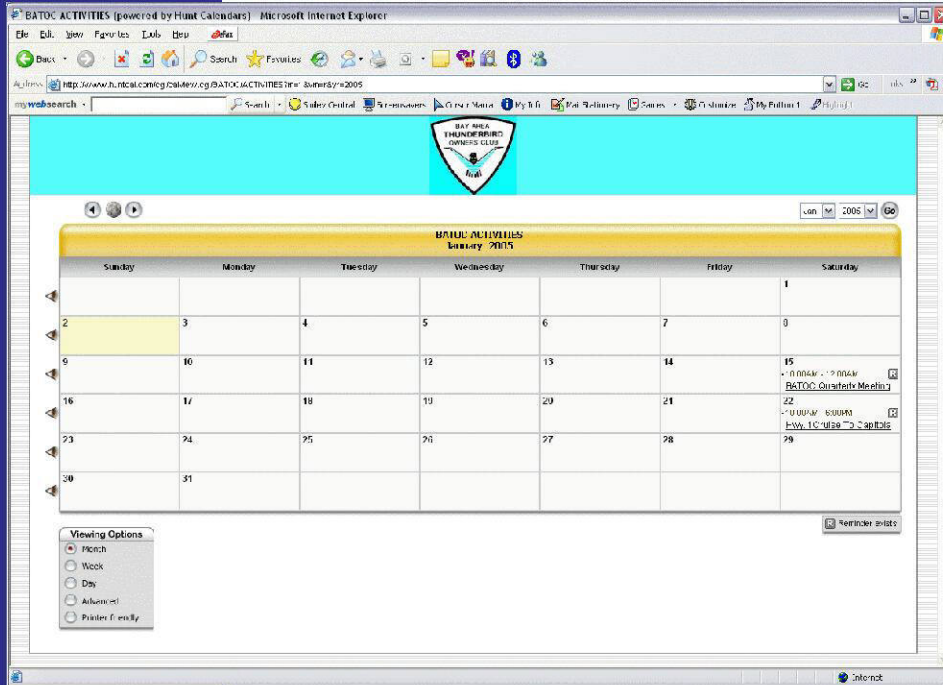
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Happy New Year!



The Return of the 'on-line' Activities Calendar



banished into Cyber Space oblivion some time ago.

Well after much tweaking we have beamed this club feature back up to our web site and it is ready for your perusal and scheduling use. Simply go to www.batoc.org and click on the "Activities" tab. You'll be instantly transported to the current months calendar of events and can click on any upcoming outing for full and complete details. Plus you can fast forward to every BATOC and general automotive event coming up for entire year. Check it out.

And the best part of all this.....? You'll never again have an excuse for not attending these fabulous outings. Show us all how much you care and click on the calendar...and then sign up for any and all of the great trips.

In our continuing effort to keep you well informed and thoroughly enthused about BATOC's activity schedule, we have finally revived the infamous "Lost Calendar."

If you will recall, our fabulous web based, full year calendar of events...that gave you complete details of every upcoming event and automatically sent you reminders before each such activity, was mysteriously

Is This The Dream Car For All The Ladies ?



Plunge Into The New Year...And The Shadowbrook Restaurant

Take the plunge into the New Year and join us for the first BATOC outing of the year as we casually cruise down Hwy 1 to the quaint little hamlet of Capitola By The Sea for a plunge down the gondola At the Shadowbrook Restaurant.

If you have not been there, this is one of the Bay Area's hidden gems and a perfect place for a future Valentines Day.

Date: January 22 **Time:** 10:00 AM

Meeting Place: To Be Announced Based On Attendees

Cost: The Cost Of Your Own Brunch / Lunch



What: We will take a leisurely cruise / caravan down Hwy 1 to Capitola for Brunch / Lunch at the Shadowbrook and then do a little window shopping and beach walking depending on the weather. This is a very casual event that really requires NO reservations. So anyone can decide to go even at the last minute. Just call me...even the morning of and let me know you're coming.

Contact: Dave Adams (925) 855-1491 or davehome@sbcglobal.net

Founded in 1947, Shadowbrook has been known for "Romance in Dining" since the beginning. The heart of Shadowbrook is a log cabin originally built as a summer home in the 1920s, and later enlarged by an English family, who added what is now known as the "Fireside Room," with its hanging balcony and Swiss chalet decor. Eventually they sold the home to another family, who, for unknown reasons, abandoned it a few years later. Finally, in the autumn of 1947, redesigned, redecorated, and with a dining capacity of 50, Shadowbrook opened for dinner. It was immediately popular. In 1958, the cable car was added. In 1972, new owners added the cupola entry and deck by the river, and replaced all furnishings with authentic antiques from the era of the original structure. For the first time in its history, the restaurant remained open year-round.

With over 50 years of history, Shadowbrook is one of the most unique restaurants in the west. Come see for yourself.

**BRING YOUR CAR AND CARAVAN
AND WE ARE
ENCOURAGING ALL NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN US**

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June 24, 1955

1161 CONVERTIBLE TOP OPERATION (1955 Thunderbird)

When not in use the convertible top is stored behind the seat back. Some cases have been encountered where owners have experienced difficulty in raising the convertible top.

A recent change was made on the top side rails, to remove any sharp corners or burrs that may tear the top fabric. On early production units, all convertible tops should be inspected and if necessary the following rework performed.

A. Side rail rework.

The rework required is shown in fig. 3 and can be performed on the car with the top in the folded position.

If the top is provided with an adjusting screw and plates at this area, it must be removed and discarded. Also the adjusting screw at Number 2 side rail and lower rear corner of the Number 3 side rail must be removed and discarded.

The dealer should thoroughly acquaint the owner with the instructions for raising and lowering the top.

Raising Convertible Top. The top can be raised quite easily by following these simple instructions:

Move the seat fully forward, and down, open both doors. Tilt the seat back forward, and unsnap six (6) top cover to floor fasteners (fig. 4).

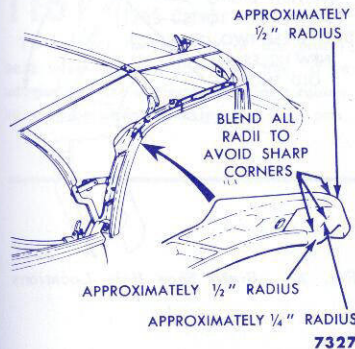


Fig. 3 - Rework #3 Side Rail

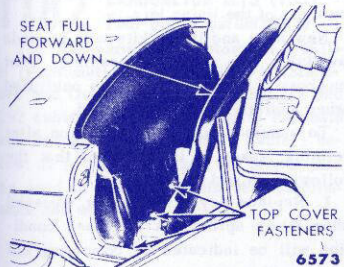


Fig. 4 - Top In Stored Position

Fold the convertible top cover upward and fold the edges in. Place the cover on the upper back panel (fig. 5).

Keeping the top assembly fully folded, lift the assembly forward and up as far as possible, and lay it on the upper back panel (figs. 6 and 7).

Unfold the first and second sections of the top so they are in line and vertical. Make certain the top material is not pinched in the side rail linkage while performing this step. Lift up and forward, then reach inside and lock the over center links. (figs. 8 and 9).

Move the top forward, and place the dowels in the holes in the windshield header. Fasten the rear rotary clamps first, then the toggle clamps. Snap the fasteners on each side above the window opening (fig. 10).

Unfold the convertible top cover, and snap it into position.

To lower the convertible top, reverse the above procedure. The top material should be folded neatly when lowering top.

CAUTION: Be sure to place the rear rotary clamps in the locked position after release, to prevent damage to the rear window when the top is stored. The

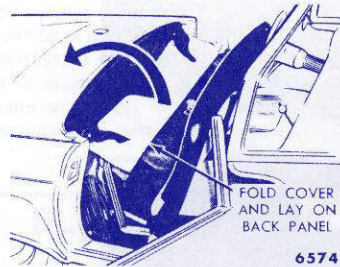


Fig. 5 - Folding Top Cover



Fig. 6 - Lifting Top Out of Storage

side clamps should be in the unlocked position (handle down) to prevent damaging top material.

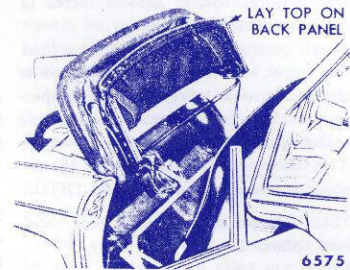


Fig. 7 - Laying Top on Back Panel

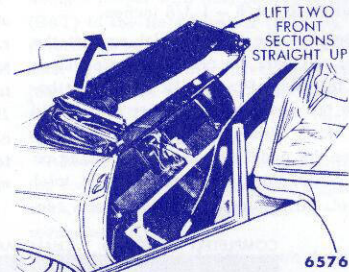


Fig. 8 - Lift Straight Up

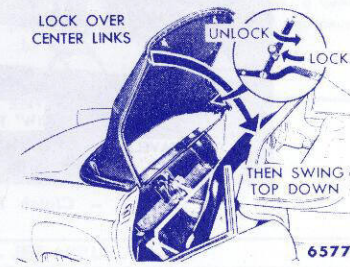


Fig. 9 - Lock over Center Links



Fig. 10 - Snap Fasteners

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party organized by the Perry's. If you were unable to attend you missed a grand time that started with cocktails, appetizers and tree decorating at my home, progressed to the Basil Leaf Restaurant in Danville for a lovely dinner and then finished with dessert and a white elephant gift exchange at the Perry home.

I want to extend a huge Thank You on behalf of the entire club to the Perry's for their work. I also want to congratulate and thank the "New" members who

accepted my open invitation, took a chance and ventured "into" the club for the first time. New friends were made and a good time was had. We all welcome you and look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

On a couple of business notes, here are the results of our two ballot initiatives. The fact that my name is attached to this month's President's Message tells you that the move to extend (or eliminate) our "term limits" passed with flying colors. I am not sure whether that indicates

your approval of my job performance or it is your fear that if you didn't approve it, you might actually get nominated to replace me. Based on how hard it has been to find a new Secretary and Treasurer, one could conclude that it was the latter...But I will opt to believe it is the former.

Our dues increase also passed with almost unanimous support. I know that the thought of a dues increase to \$40.00 is daunting, but it is still peanuts in today's world and necessary if we are to con-

tinue our growth. And speaking of this, keep in mind that dues are now due and you should have received a dues envelope in this newsletter to facilitate your payment. Please feel free to fill that envelope and return it as soon as you can.

I certainly take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of these two issues and, of course, look forward to continuing to serve as your President.

See you on the 15th Dave.

Vice President's Message Continued....

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and also develop some interesting club clothing and stationary items. Mike Russell has graciously agreed to allow BATOC to use some of his incredible photographs in calendars and

cards.

In an effort to encourage participation in events and outings I will attempt to give a friendly call to members prior to the event.

As usual, Don has great

plans for What's New in Bird Land ("WNIBL"). Dave and Marty are looking into submitting WNIBL to CTCL for consideration in the Newsletter Contest.

Please give me a call or e-mail if you meet any prospective new members and I will send them WNIBL and invite them to future events.

Bye for now!

Lisa

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