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## BIRDS INVADE THE VALLEY!

On a beautiful afternoon in May a number of gorgeous Tbirds descended upon Veteran's Park in Tracy to celebrate the beginning of summer. Sponsored by our Vice President Marlon and his lovely wife Phoebe. Kim and I were not able to attend. We were on a mission to scope out an October run for the club but it seems that everyone had a good time.

secured the BBQ/party area and parking for the birds. From the looks of the pics that Guy, our esteemed webmaster and possible future newsletter editor :D, posted to the BATOC website, it seems like it was a wonderful affair. Looks like Paul and Irene took home the iron this year( I suppose Jim and Maria must be running out of award room) for their 55 with a continental kit.

Looks like everything went well and no breakdowns this year on the trip home. YAY!

A big thank you goes out to Marlon and Phoebe for killing it again this year.

(More to come on the fritggin awesome overnighiter that we are working up for October)



There was the morning gathering at Jim and Maria's party headquarters in Livermore and the subsequent cruise through the beautiful countryside to Tracy where Marlon had



## M I G R A T I O N

Apparently there was the annual migration show on May 20th( I'm losin it, I totally spaced on this one), at Dave Brubeck Park in Concord. AND apparently, according to our website, BATOC walked away with best 55 and 56. WOW! I don't have anymore information on it. Come to the meeting this weekend to find out all the skinny.

I didn't make it to the May meeting( possibly why I'm so out of the loop). I made the trip down to Canepa for their CnC. Don Prudome< legendary drag race champion, did indeed show up to fire his 3000horse power dragster. It was loud. No kidding. They said make sure you get there early if you want to park in the lot. They were not kidding!

They had a steady line of cars trying to get in from 7-10 am. It was about a 200 mile round trip for me but it was nice to get out on good long early morning rip. I tell you what though...California free-ways need a lot of work after last winter. WOW! Can you say awful? I almost turned around several times.

# PREZ MESS



## NO REST FOR THE WEARY

Good morning BATOC'rs. Unfortunately I am completely buried with "LIFE" right now., which includes moving my office and reorganizing it's workflow. So...you will not have my usual banter to entertain you this month, but...there are just a couple of necessary items.

A great big Thank You to Marlon and Phoebe Blackwell for a fabulous Memorial Day "Bird'ss In The Valley" event last weekend. Good food, Great company.

If you haven't already... get yourself on the RSVP list for this years' 59th anniversary party at Campo Di Bocce in Livermore on June 25th. It's a great, fun place and we will be partying...So call Jean or Maria and sign up...It's not too late already.

If I've forgotten anything else Important. My apologies... See you Saturday at the meeting. Have a great week.

Dave

# Meeting Minutes



BATOC meeting minutes May 13, 2017

In attendance: 40 members

Welcome visitor and prospective member Calvin Black who owns a 1955 red Tbird! He's owned his car for 30 years, it's been in storage, and over the past 5 years he's been doing complete frame off restoration of his car. Calvin lives in Oakland, is from San Francisco and works for AT&T. We hope you join us Calvin!

Lisa is having a sale on T-shirts \$13 instead of \$18. Also she will be bringing the clothing line in on a bi-monthly basis, from this point forward so that she may drive her T-bird to the meeting. ( the inventory and display is bulky and does not fit in the T-bird). If there's anything you'd like to purchase you can always email her and she'll bring whatever you'd like to the meeting.

Visit the web-site, BATOC.org, Guy Cummins has been doing a lot of hard work keeping it up.

Roger is meeting with another car guy who has done the route 66 tour soon to brain storm things we could incorporate into our Route 66 tour.

Sunday of Memorial weekend is the "Birds in the Valley" BBQ. Hosted by the Blackwells.

Jean Riley's spoke about the Anniversary brunch. It'll be at Campo D'Bocce for the brunch. The cost is \$30 unlimited cocktails, mimosa's ,bloodymary's. The date will be June 25, and the time will be from 11-1 ,club will subsidize half of the fee. Bud's having his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and well celebrate at the Riley's house after. Next year will be our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we need to start the planning for this big milestone soon.

July 15<sup>th</sup> Ed Benson will spearhead the Progressive dinner. Phoebe Blackwell and Mary Cummins will help him out on the planning of this event.

August 12<sup>th</sup> Old town Sacramento event hosted by Dave.

September...If your going to Ironstone Concourse or Birds on the Wharf you need to get your room ASAP.

October...Kim and Bob Dixon are checking into a weekend outing to The Benbow Inn in Garberville. More information to come...

Tentatively November outing is the Rosie the Riveter with lunch following.

Respectively submitted,

Kim Dixon  
Secretary.



# 59 YEARS OF RAISING HELL



**Join us and celebrate BATOC's 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

**When:** Sunday, June 25, 2017

**Time:** 11:00-1:00

**What:** Brunch at Campo Di Bocce

**Where:** 175 East Vineyard Ave Livermore CA 9455

**Meet:** Campo di Bocce by 11:00 AM

**Cost:** \$30/person (club is subsidizing the cost)

**Selections:** Carving Station (Prime Rib and Turkey), Seafood Center, Omelets Station, Breakfast Breads, Hot Breakfast Entrees, Salad Selections, Assorted Desserts, Beverages, and Cocktails (Champagne, Mimosa, Bloody Mary, Bloody Maria, Draft Beers, House Wine and Well Cocktails)

Please pay Maria Guthrie. Payment due by June 10  
Sorry, no refunds after June 14.

**After party!!!** Join your friends for more fun at Bud and Jean Riley's house for continuing snacks, drinks and a cake to ..... wait for it.....

**celebrate Bud's 80 Birthday!!** 2432 Upland Ct Livermore CA 94550

**RSVP - [bjriley12@aol.com](mailto:bjriley12@aol.com)**



BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB

## ***PROGRESSIVE*** **DINNER**

### ***SAVE THE DATE***

Join BATOC founding couple **Jean and Skip Riggs** for a ***PROGRESSIVE*** dinner. First, a progressive dinner has nothing to do with insurance. It is a social occasion where different courses of a meal are eaten at different people's houses!

If you're wondering "who else's house" then this is the event for you. **Dolores and David Olson** have volunteered to be the first stop with appetizers. **Donna and Ed Benson** are providing yet another opportunity for us to stain their carpet and serve the main course. While **Jean and Skip Riggs** are planning to host desert.

The event will be held the **night of July 15** in the **Walnut Creek** area. Details including driver coordination will be communicated as the date approaches.

**RSVP - [riggsllloyd@att.net](mailto:riggsllloyd@att.net)**

## UPCOMING...

We have an outing in the works to Old Sacramento for August hosted by Dave.

We have Ironstone in September hosted by Roger and Sadie. Book your rooms now if you plan to go.

We have Tbird's on the Wharf in Santa Cruz, also in September.

We have an overnighiter outing in the planning stages for the "Giant Redwoods" in Humbolt County for October.

We have an outing to the Rosie the Riveter Museum in November. And of course the annual BATOC Christmas Bash in December at Rossmore.

WHEW! Put on your traveling shoes, It's going to be a busy season!

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Our next meeting is 6/10 at the Buttercup. Don't forget your BATOC Bucks and a raffle prize. Bud Ri-



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# MEMBERS AT LARGE...BUD AND JEAN RILEY

## Bud Riley's 1957 White Bird

The first T-bird I had was a 1956 White bird with automatic transmission, in 1958. I sold that one, but ended up with a Red 1955 bird in 1962. The Red bird was a 3-speed stick with overdrive. I put a 390 high performance engine with 401 horsepower in it so I could win my street drag races. A year or two later I put a highly modified 427 in it to keep my winning streaks alive at the local drag strip, Sacramento Raceway. I had that Red 1955 until 2010. I finally sold it because putting it back on the street was more money and work than I cared to deal with. Around that time my buddy in Elko, Nevada told me he found a nice Ford dealer-owned White 1957 bird there that was essentially stock. Jean and I bought it sight unseen, based on his recommendation. When we went to pick it up in Elko, NV, it was in much rougher shape than I had anticipated. My friend hauled it to Sacramento and dropped Jean and I off to go home. It was 5:00, commute hour, pouring rain and we had the scariest ride home ever. The windshield wipers didn't work, it leaked, and when we slowed down or stopped, the engine quit. After a lot of work and new parts, we have turned it into a very reliable, nice car. We enjoy it a lot now, and especially going on outings with the BATOC. Lesson learned - don't buy a car sight unseen or without driving it, no matter how highly it is recommended!







## **Monterey Bay Classic Thunderbird Club**

**Invites All**

**Classic ('55-'57) Vintage ('58-'66) Retro ('02-'05)**

**Thunderbirds**

**To The 20th Annual**

**Thunderbirds on the Santa Cruz Wharf**

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Rain or Shine**

**- Save the Date -**

**More information will be available soon!**





## Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club 2017 Calendar of Events

### ~~Winter — Meetings Jan 14 / Feb 11~~

~~January 21 — President's Mystery Tour~~

~~February 5 — Super Bowl Party, Livermore (Guthrie)~~

### **Spring — Meetings Mar 11 / Apr 8 / May 13**

~~March 25 — Group Outing: "Bocce-toe" (Cummins)~~

~~April 9 — Wine Country Drive (Villanueva)~~

~~May 28 — Birds in the Valley (Blackwell)~~

### **Summer — Meetings Jun 10 / Jul 8 / Aug 12**

June 25 — Anniversary Party (Riley)

July 15 — Progressive Dinner (Riggs)

August 12 — Old Town Sacramento (Adams)

### **Autumn — Meetings Sept 9 / Oct 14 / Nov 11**

Sept 23 — Ironstone, Murphys, CA (Canfield)

Sept 30 — Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz (Petersen, Shinnick)

### **Winter — Meeting Dec 9**

December — BATOC Holiday Party

### **Events in Planning**

Rosie the Riveter (Nadler, Cannella)

### **Proposed Ideas / Hosts Needed**

August Car Show - Niles

Delta Cruise (Haffner)



**Ready to plan an event?**

Let us know! [funfunfun@knapplink.com](mailto:funfunfun@knapplink.com)

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