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## BATOC VISITS THE GIANTS

NO, NOT THE BASEBALL TEAM.

On Oct 27 a few brave souls embarked on a journey up north to Humboldt County to experience the grandeur of the Avenue Of The Giants. The largest, and some of the most beautiful, trees on the planet reside practically in our own backyard. Why would we not? The weather was fabulous and the scenery could not be beat.

Most of our group started the day with a good breakfast at Mel's Diner in Pinole after which we hit the road on our adventure.

We were 7 Tbirds and 2 x brands. 16 travelers in all. The first leg was to Healdsburg to pick up lunch at Big John's Market which were ready for us when we got there. This route took us up through the area of some of the devastation of the recent wildfires that rolled through northern California. We were running topless so the smell from the fires was still pretty strong. Pretty frightening to see in person. They are

already rebuilding so things are on the mend. The next stop was Underwood Park in Leggett for a nice picnic and the drive thru Chandelier Tree for some awesome pics. After lunch we headed north to Piercy for a stop at the Grandfather Tree( estimated 2500 yrs old) and "tour" of the Log House and get some much needed gas. Next stop was Confusion Hill to grab an ice cream and check out some of the ginormous carvings around the parking lot. It was time to make a run for the Miranda Gardens Resort and check in to our accommodations. We had dinner reservations at the historic Benbow Inn. A really neat, very old hotel that many of the early Hollywood types frequented. A step into the lobby and dining room is like a step back in time. Dinner was awesome and the service was first rate.

We decided on the café across the street for breakfast before setting out for the day. Since the Miranda is already 6 miles in on the Avenue of the Giants we thought it best if we made our way to our northern most destination and work our way

back so we set out for Ferndale. Ferndale is a fairly typical small town except for the architecture. Most of the businesses and homes are built with a very ornate Victorian style. Let me tell you, all the beautiful Tbirds parked on Main St, in the middle of Ferndale caused quite a stir. It was like the biggest thing to happen to that town since the big flood in '48 (or whatever). Seemed like everyone in our group was able to find something that interested them.



Some went shopping. Some wandered around town to see the sights. Some found their way to the Palace bar (surprise) for something to warm up the insides. The funny thing was Kim and I wandered in and had an Irish coffee and it was pretty quiet with only a couple of local patrons in the place. We left and





walked down one side of Main St and back up the other side (all of 3 or 4 blocks). By the time we got back up to the Palace it seemed like the rest of our group had discovered the place but when I walked in it seemed like a totally different place. The bar was full and lively. The music was cranked up. It was as if when BATOC walked in the place woke up and said, "alright now it's a party!"

We departed Ferndale and headed back to the big trees. I had read about the Dyerville Tree that the National Forest Service listed as the biggest living tree in the world (17 feet dia., 385 feet high ) until it fell over in 1991. Well, if you're going to see big trees, you have to go see the biggest one, right? So the next stop was Founder's Grave. It involved a nice little walkabout to find it and you know what? DAM IT WAS BIG! By then it was getting late so we headed back to the Miranda for the evening. Pizza was bought and consumed and I have to thank Tom and Lita for allowing all of us to invade their cabin for dinner and breakfast the next morning too. Very gracious.

Sunday it was time to roll out and head home but we still had a couple stops to make on the way. One was a little roadside yard art/trinket store where Bigfoot is apparently a major attraction and you can get any size, shape or color of carved redwood bear that



you could ever imagine. Next stop was Richardson Grove that at first seemed like it wasn't going to be much but turned out to be a hidden gem. From the trails to learn-

lodge/ranger station/gift shop to the gorgeous walking about the history of the place and the many things and events the place had been through the years. Very cool and an awesome place to get some great photos. The last stop on the tour was in Hopland at Jackson Keys Winery. Amanda (a native of Walnut Creek) was very welcoming and poured our tastings out on the porch of the house that was built in 1880 while we tried our best to polish off the rest of the snacks we had brought. Most enjoyable.

I'd like to thank everybody that made the trip and I like to think everyone had as good a time as we did. Now it's up to somebody else to come up with something for next year. BD



# Prez

# Mess



## AN INCREDIBLE FALL SEASON

Wow, this was certainly a busy and very incredible season for the club. Incredible outings with perfect weather, great meetings, a brand new on-line apparel store courtesy of Guy Cummins, our yearly calendar in production ahead of schedule and lots and lots of fun. Great job on everyone's part...including the weatherman who held off the rain until our busy season was complete.

We still have lots left for the rest of the year, including our Rosy the Riveter tour this month courtesy of Greg Cannella and, of course, the annual Christmas party courtesy of Jack Star. Don't miss either one of them or you will be jinxed for the rest of eternity...LOL There are flyers and RSVP's inside for your convenience.

A little-known fact of our club is that November is officer nomination month. This is little known because we have had very little turn over on the board for quite a few years now. This year, however is a little different. I know of several positions that are available for the asking and we would welcome your energy, ideas and contributions. The official open position is Vice President following Marlon's resignation and I am aware that Bob would like to pass on the editors' baton. I am also aware of some other "shuffles" that could be made and I would welcome your interest in any of these positions. Please let me know and feel free to call me with your questions or suggestions. We will, of course, conduct an official nomination at the November meeting and hope you will make some suggestions and raise your hand when called upon. Jump into the deep end – the water is great.

In other news, we are expecting the debut of the Guthrie's fresh "restoration" following the attack of the "car"niverous pine tree. We are all looking forward to that...Jim & Maria more than any of us. On the calendar front, we had a great time at the calendar selection party and put together a very nice, fun group of pictures. Those have been passed on the Don Perry for him to work his magic and we anticipate having the finished calendars by the first week of December...In time to ship as Christmas presents. Get your orders in today. You can do that on-line via the web site and your trusty credit card. On a sad front and with a heavy heart, I learned today of the passing of Caroldean Shinnick and know that everyone in the club will miss Caroldean greatly. Caroldean has been a member of this club for 30+ years and both her and her husband Rich served as President of the club over the years. We will miss you, Caroldean.

And finally...let's see everyone at the meeting on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> for nominations, followed by our Rosie the Riveter tour and on to the Christmas Party on Dec. 22. Until then, have a great week and happy T-Birding.

Dave

# Meeting Minutes



BATOC meeting minutes October 14, 2017

In attendance: 26 members

A few weeks ago we helped out the Monterey club put on the "Thunderbirds on the Wharf" event in Santa Cruz, and it was discussed at the meeting how much fun the club had and enjoyed helping out the Monterey club put on the event. It was decided that if "Thunderbirds on the Wharf" is held next year we would be happy to help them out again.

There was a catamaran that leaves out of Santa Cruz, "The Chardonnay". It was discussed that maybe it would be fun to hold the BATOC anniversary event on it.

Marlon Blackwell is ordering new and replacement name badges if anyone needs them. If you need one get a hold of him. We were using Roberts Awards, but they retired so we've found a new company. We're using a new engraving company called "engrave it".

If you haven't been onto our BATOC.org web-site lately, we will soon be taking orders for apparel online. The change will occur after our inventory is depleted that we bring to the meetings, we currently bring about \$1000 worth of merchandise to the meetings that we need to sell first. If you need anything for Christmas gifts, etc think about it.

Nov. 18 will be the red oak victory ship and "Rosie the Riveter Museum" and lunch at the Assemble. Sign up with Greg Cannella 925-944-4733.

The Christmas party will be on December 22, at the dollar club house at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00.

Jean Riley checked with CTCI and they show about 75% of our members as being part of CTCI. Some of our members are dues paying members but they are not listed on the master Roster.

Guy spoke about the route 66 outing held on October 5 out of Amarillo – San Luis Obispo on the 15th.. There are ten monthly meetings left before the outing. There's a lot to discuss and plan. If you'd like to join in get hold of Guy Cummins.

Kathy Ramos handed out Activity hosts gifts.

Mary Cummins pointed out that we need to start planning out the BATOC calendar for this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Dixon



## **BATOC OFFICERS 2017**

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Our next regular meeting is 11/11. We will be discussing possible club events and outings next year. We will also be asking members to step up and take over some of the positions that need to be filled. If you don't show up you may just be voted in so at least volunteer to do something you want to do. Don't forget your BATOC BUCKS and a raffle prize.

I was saddened to read the news in Dave's President's Message about Caroldean's passing. She will indeed be missed. I'm sure everyone sends good thoughts and condolences to her family.





## **WWII Home Front, Rosie the Riveter Museum, and the SS Red Oak Victory**

**Saturday, November 18th**

# **We Can Do It!**



For our November event we will be touring the SS Red Oak Victory in the Richmond Shipyard. We'll also tour the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park to learn about Richmond, CA and the role of the Richmond Shipyard and its many hard-working residents during the wartime.

The SS Red Oak Victory is the last surviving ship built in the Kaiser Richmond Shipyards during World War II. Today, the Red Oak Victory remains a monument to the men and women who worked in the war-related industries as part of the World War II Home Front. In 1998, the ship was saved from the Naval Reserve Fleet in Suisun Bay by a courageous group of men and women and has been under restoration since that time.

### **Event details to be provided**

**When:**

Saturday, November 18, 9:30am

**Where:**

SS Red Oak Victory Museum  
The Richmond Shipyard, 1337 Canal Blvd. Berth 6A, Richmond

Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Park  
1414 Harbour Way S #3000 Richmond, CA

**Please RSVP to Gregg Cannella at 925-944-4733**



# BATOC Christmas Party



December 22, 2017

The annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 12/22/17 at 6pm at the Dollar Clubhouse in Rossmoor, Walnut Creek.

An open bar will serve hosted libations starting at 6pm and dinner will be served at 7pm (see attached menu)

Following dinner, we will retire to the living room and gather near the tall Christmas tree where our traditional gift exchange/steal will take place.

Rossmoor is a gated community. As you drive to the front gate, please be in either of the 2 left lanes marked "VISITOR".

When stopped at the guard house, tell the attendant you are going to the car club Christmas party at the Dollar Clubhouse.

If you have any problems, call **Jack Starr** at 510-292-3327.  
(See attached map for directions)

Price per person: \$40

Submit your payment & dinner selection by Dec 8th to Jack Starr

P.O. Box 265 Clayton, CA 94517

(john.starr@att.net or 510-292-3327)

Please note: No refunds for cancellations after December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Join your BATOC buddies and enjoy a seven day San Francisco round trip cruise on the Grand Princess**



## **Bask in the lively charm of the California coast leaving April 29, 2018 for seven days**

The cruise stops at Santa Barbara, Long Beach, San Diego and Ensenada before returning to SF. Current cost per person is \$699 for inside, \$999 for ocean view and \$1099 for balcony. In addition there are taxes and fees of \$135 per person in taxes and port charges.

**We are looking for a show of interest now.** Opportunities to save money and reduced deposits will undoubtedly be available around July 4 when cruise lines typically run special sales. Donna and I are already booked, and we got free gratuities and a \$200 cabin credit to use on the ship. Should a lower cost or additional "perks" be offered we will get them as will you!

**Ed Benson (ebensonbwa@aol.com, 925-943-7011) is our sponsor, and he's working with Randi Schultz of cruisentours4u, his long time cruise travel agent.**

**If you're interested, please sign up. I need to see if this is worth pursuing. If you have questions contact Ed at 925-943-7011, ebensonbwa@aol.com**



# 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 24 — Route 66 Planning Meeting (Cummins)  
June 25 — Anniversary Party (Riley)  
July 8 — Route 66 Planning Meeting #2  
July 13 — Hot Summer Nights #1 — Danville (TBA)  
July 15 — Progressive Dinner (Riggs)  
August 5 — Route 66 Planning Meeting #3  
August 10 — Hot Summer Nights #2 — Danville (TBA)  
August 12 — Old Town Sacramento (Adams)

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

Sept 9 — Route 66 Planning Meeting #4  
Sept 23 — Ironstone, Murphys, CA (Canfield)  
Sept 30 — Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz (Petersen, Shinnick)  
Oct 14 — Route 66 Planning Meeting #5  
Oct 27 - 29 — Run to the Redwoods (Dixon)  
Nov 18 — Rosie the Riveter (Cannella)

### **Winter — Meeting Dec 9**

Dec 22 — BATOC Holiday Party (Starr)

### **Events in Planning**

April 2018 — Cruise (Benson)  
Oct 2018 — Route 66

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

August Car Show - Niles  
Delta Cruise (Haffner)  
Travis Airforce Base — (Baumgartner)  
Coppola Winery - (Verhoek)



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**Ready to plan an event?**

Let us know! [marymac1234@gmail.com](mailto:marymac1234@gmail.com) or  
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