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EXPLORING YOUR CHILDHOOD

The childhood memories of a small but fun BATOC group were ignited earlier this month when we visited San Francisco's all new Exploratorium on Pier 15 in the city. Every 6th grade science experiment you ever learned about is on display for you to

touch, feel, twist, turn and smell. Even a few that let you know just how stupid you really are as you are presented with the obvious. Everything from the mundane and ob-

vious to some pretty unique and amazing sights for your enjoyment.

Following our several hour exploration, the 6 of us (Adams, Can-



fields and Schaffers) jumped on Muni and made our way to Fisherman's Wharf for a fabulous lunch on the deck at The Franciscan Restaurant. It was an exqui-

site day weather-wise and the Wharf was packed with tourists and families enjoying the day. We then journeyed to the Buena Vista Café for the obligatory Irish Coffees and Tamera and I took home lots of fresh crab since it was opening day of crab season – how could you not?

All and all it was a fabulous day and it is always fun playing tourist in your own city.

Dave

REMEMBER THERE IS NO DECEMBER MEETING

DUES ARE DUE. YOU CAN MAIL THEM TO MARIA OR PAY THEM IN PERSON AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY OR AT THE JAN MEETING



ANOTHER GREAT YEAR – HERE AND GONE

Even as I stare at the calendar I cannot believe that 2014 (let alone my Birthday Festival Month) has passed us by. But I must say, though, that in hindsight (and we all know that is far superior to foresight) 2014 was a pretty damned good year. We grew our club, had some great trips, accomplished some long awaited goals and finished the year with great friends and memories. And that's a pretty good definition of a good year.

So as we move into 2015, I take this opportunity to thank the entire BATOC membership for creating such a great club and to thank the current, dedicated board members for their continued dedication and contributions to this club. I know that everyone's lives (including my own) are demanding and hectic, and that finding time to devote to this club is challenging. I thank you for every moment that to give.

With that said, November included some great movement – both in club business and club outings. We “demoed” some of the new club apparel at this month's meeting, took additional orders and made some minor modifications that we all agreed on. We will have some additional items at the January meeting (remember there is no meeting in December) and I hope to have our on-line ordering system in place by January, as well.

November also took a small group of us to the Exploratorium in San Francisco for a very pleasant day. It was fun to revisit all of those 6th grade science experiments and to watch the kids – and even the adults like Tamera and me - marveling at the results. If you didn't join us you missed a fun day. (More details later in this newsletter)

December, of course, brings us to our annual Christmas party at Casa Benson on December 6th. This is always great fun, with great food, great games, a great Elephant gift exchange and our usual Toys for Tots drive. This year may even include some surprise entertainment.

Then, January brings us to the annual President's Mystery tour on January 24th. If you are new to the club, this means that we embark on an outing for the day but you have no idea where we are going – you just follow along in blind faith. It might be a meal, it might be a museum, it might be a nudist beach (just kidding) or it might be an exotic location – but it will always be fun and it will always involve a beautiful, scenic and fun-filled drive to points unknown. And if you have been on these before, you know of where I speak. Look for an email announcement and flyer soon and mark your calendar. Don't miss this year's adventure.

If we don't see you in December, though, I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a fabulous Holiday Season and I look forward to seeing you VERY early next year.

Happy T-Birding,
Dave

MINUTES



BATOC meeting minutes 11/09/2013

In attendance: 27 members.

Ed: Welcome to the 625th meeting of the Bay Area Thunderbirds.

We have a guest today, Aaron Beldan who has a 57 red T-bird.

Aaron: My bird has been totally built from ground up. My dad meticulously restored it. He wanted me to enjoy it while he was still alive, we live in Castro Valley, married 27 years, no kids.

Maria: treasurers report, we are solvent.

Kathy: The window clings arrived, they look beautiful, we will give one window cling per member couple, and any additional window clings will cost \$5.00

It's time for nomination of officers,

President: Dave Adams

Editor: Robert Dixon

Activities director: Tim and Laura Knapp

Historian: Jean Riley

Treasurer: Maria Guthrie

Secretary : Kim Dixon

And up for nomination is Vice-President:

Vice President is in charge of membership, and possible calendar.

Ron Jacobs, has stepped forward to express interest in committing to 6 months and Ed Benson will cover the remaining 6 months if needed.

Evergreen Lodge review,

Sandy Merrit had a lot of car troubles. Her tire was having problems. Bob and Kim almost lost their car while the brake wasn't set and it began to roll down the hill, but fortunately Bob was able to hop in and save the day. Dave had a starter problem and had to park the car for the weekend, but was able to start the car to get himself home. Todd Schofield had vapor lock issues with his car. We had a few tranny leakers. A good time was had by all, regardless.

Upcoming event will be Dec 1st. at the San Francisco auto show, we'll meet in San Francisco at Chevy's and then walk across the street to the show. We can meet up at Walnut Creek BART at the 10:56 train and go over there on Bart.

Dec 8th 4pm will be the Christmas Party at Casa Benson. We're approaching the limit of people for the party, so if you haven't signed up, do so soon. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

Kathy Peterson: Because I don't have a Thunder bird anymore, and I'm getting ready to move this weekend, I've brought my extra parts with me they are in my car and I'd like to get rid of them.

I want to introduce our speaker Gil Baumgartner,

I want to thank Bob for getting out a beautiful newsletter every month. You should enter the newsletter in the CTCI competition that they have for the editors.

We had cars come from all over the United States come for the regional convention. We had some cars from the east coast. Some of those cars drove over 7000 miles touring the states en-route to the convention.

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Gill gave a nice talk about many things including weather stripping. Gill mentioned that on the web-site CTCL.org under Tech, there are a number of articles that he has written addressing certain problem topics. Gil mentioned that Norosion.com is a company that sells additives, and if you are planning on storing for more than 3 months without driving it you should put a product like norosin (an additive) in the tank. There's another product called stabil marine in the green label too that you can buy at O'Reilly's. It takes the moisture out of the fuel. If your not going to use the gas in the tank before winter sets in think about it. Another thing Gil talked about is tires. The life of a tire. He's known of at least two cars that had blow-outs and it completely destroyed the car from the old tires blowing out. There's a D O T number on every tire. For example if there's a date code 0812 that means it was made in august of 2012. Dealers are recommending after seven years the tire is no good. Cocker had a bad run 6-8 years ago, that gave them a bad name. But now they are really good tires. Thanks Gil for being our speaker this month!

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Dixon Secretary

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HAVE YOU BEEN GOOD?
SERIOUSLY?**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE**

WOW! IT'S THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR. WTH? JUST A YEAR END THOUGHT(AND SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND ALL THE TIME)...NONE OF US ARE GETTING ANY YOUNGER AND IT SEEMS LIKE TIME IS SPEEDING UP AS WE SEEM TO BE SLOWING DOWN. AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE THAT MY TIME IS MORE LIMITED EVERYDAY. IT ALSO OCCURS TO ME THAT IT'S NO TIME TO PUT OFF THINGS THAT I MIGHT HAVE BEFORE. KIM KEEPS TELLING ME THAT I WEAR HER OUT WITH ALL THAT I WANT TO DO. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO TELL SOMEONE HOW MUCH THEY MEAN TO ME OR TO EXPERIENCE SOMETHING NEW. WHEN ASKED WHAT I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS, ALL I REALLY WANT IS TO BE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. I TRY NOT TO TAKE THINGS FOR GRANTED ANYMORE. I'VE HEARD IT SAID,"IF YOU NEVER SLOW DOWN, YOU'LL NEVER GROW OLD". ALL OF US OWN THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUT AND BE WITH FRIENDS. DON'T WAIT, IT'S NOT A GOOD PLAN. LIVE IT LIKE YOU STOLE IT! MERRY CHRISTMAS

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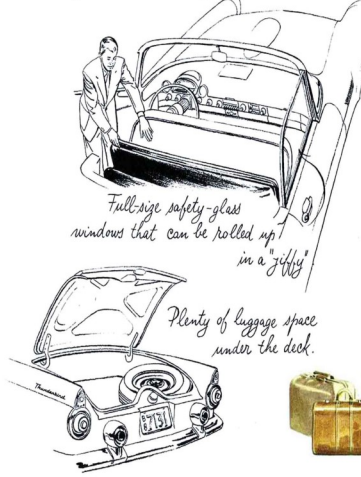
BATOC 2015 Calendar



13 beautiful 4-color process photos of classic 1955-1957 Thunderbirds taken on the backroads and highways of California.

Published by the Bay Area Thunderbird Owner's Club (BATOC). Calendars are \$20 each (Europe €17). Shipping included. Log on to site shown above, or call the above number, or mail payment to T-Bird Calendar, c/o Dave Adams, 139 El Centro, Diablo, CA 94528 USA.

The convertible top folds away behind the front seat - completely out of sight.



Full-size safety-glass windows that can be rolled up in a jiffy!

Plenty of luggage space under the deck.

Designed for the ultimate in comfort and practicality

In the Thunderbird, you'll find comfort and convenience features not available in the ordinary sports car. Body is all-steel with dependable time-tested construction. Safety-glass windows are full-size, convenient roll-up type. Rich, color-harmonizing vinyl upholstery sets new standards in beauty. The foam-rubber cushioned one-piece seat is extra-wide and goes forward-or-back . . . up-or-down at the touch of a button. The luggage space is simple and the deck-lid pops open on counterbalancing hinges when you turn the key. The steering wheel telescopes a full three inches, adjusting to just-right position for you. There is also a special Thunderbird Astra-Dial Control Panel

with controls grouped for your convenience and signal lights for oil and generator. Included, too, is an engine tachometer and a clock with a sweep second hand. The controls and instruments are illuminated with variable-intensity lighting. Here's another unique feature of the Thunderbird. Two tops are available. There's a glass-fibre hard top which can be put on easily and latched securely to give you winter-long comfort. Then, there's a smart convertible fabric top which can be folded down completely out of sight behind the seat. Also available are Ford's advanced power assists - power steering, power brakes, and power windows.



... And the one-piece front seat is extra-wide.



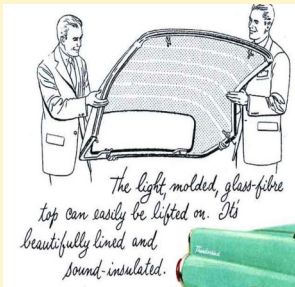
The steering wheel telescopes a full 3 inches! And there's a 4-Way power-operated seat, too!

Luxurious vinyl upholstery harmonizes with the color scheme of the car.

Recessed, push-button door handles are a great convenience.



There has never been a more beautiful ... a more practical control panel!



The light molded, glass-fibre top can easily be lifted on. It's beautifully lined and sound-insulated.

You can drive your Thunderbird with assurance, wherever you may go.

And if you want other custom conveniences like power steering, power brakes, power windows, Fordomatic or Overdrive ... they're all available for your Thunderbird.



THUNDERBIRD SPECIFICATIONS:

V-8 with 148 Engines: Overhead-valve, 90° V-type, 4-barrel carburetor; automatic choke; dual exhaust system; 3-speed synchromesh aluminum alloy gearbox; top-bearing clutch and exhaust valves; Fraxum-type cooling system; full pressure lubrication. Six-wire electronic head system - weather-resistant ignition; variable timing; 40 hp; 112 cubic in. displacement; 11.5:1 compression ratio; 11.5:1 compression ratio.

Standard-Conversion Type Chassis (over front end): Dry weight 2,875 lb.; 114 in. wheelbase; 114 in. front overhang; 38 in. rear overhang; 114 in. wheelbase; 114 in. front overhang; 38 in. rear overhang.

Conventional Drive: 3-speed type; all planetary gear; floor-mounted lower. Ratio: low 2.23:1; 1st. 1.48:1; reverse, 2.32:1 to 1. Overdrive: 3-speed transmission with planetary gear; floor-mounted automatic. 4th gear. Manual lock-out. 4th gear ratio, 0.70 to 1.

Powertrain: Single Stage, 3-bearing torque converter, air cooled, automatic transmission; gear, automatic. "Power" steering with variable throttle, rack-and-pinion, non-assisted. Early Suspension system.

Healthful Drive: Traction transfer; steel, multi-bearing in constant mesh; premium-type ball joints; 1000 lb.

Ball-Joint Front Suspension: Torsion-bar; weight coil spring; coil stabilizer; double-acting shock absorbers.

Rear Suspension: Composite type coil housing; 3 leaf springs with inserts of top of all leaves; double-acting shock absorbers; non-impact; torsion-type rear axle; 11.5:1 compression ratio; 11.5:1 compression ratio; 11.5:1 compression ratio; 11.5:1 compression ratio.

Frame: Two low-line, 2 1/2-type frame; box-section side rails.

Brakes: 11" dia., double-acting, disc-type; 17 1/2 in. in. lining area; staggered pedal.

Steering System: Synchromesh type; 17" dia. wheel, 2" in. adjustment; over-all ratio, 20 to 1; turning diameter, approx. 35 1/2 inches of outside front tire.

Wheels and Tires: 6.75 x 15, 4 ply, whitewall tires on 5" discs.

Exterior Dimensions: 114" wheelbase, 114" front and rear fenders, 115.7" length, 72" width. Height with design load: 52" top of glass-lens top to ground; 52" top of door to ground.

Interior Dimensions: 61" hip room; 58" shoulder room; 33" head room (glass-lens top). Trunk dimensions (max.): 38 1/2" width, 38 1/2" length, 18 1/2" height.

Color and Upholstery: Raven Black, Torch Red or Thunderbird Blue exterior body colors, with harmonizing Black and plaided White. Red and plaided White or Thunderbird Blue and plaided White vinyl interiors.

Other Features: Astra-Dial Control Panel with illuminated control knobs for main light switch, air ducts, windshield wipers; power convertible with locking top and backrest; 4-way, illuminated Astra-Dial control knob; courtesy light in panel of center console; power windows with automatic door lockers. Rear view mirror on windshield; speedometer, dual lights, 140 mph hour ring.

Available Equipment: Full line of floor, all built at choice. 4 Way Power Seat, Split Seat Power Brakes, Weather-Striped Power Steering, Power 4-Wheel Drive, 140 MPH Windshield Wipers, Fordomatic, Overdrive, white wheel covers, tachometer, electric shock absorbers, glass lens top, convertible fabric top, special fuel and vacuum pump unit, heater, radio, rear fender shields, full wheel covers, standard wire wheels, engine air cleaner kit.

FIGURE: Some of the lines illustrated or referred to in this catalog are not shown. For the price of the Thunderbird will be required for details on any part of the car.

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Though the Thunderbird is distinctively different, it is so engineered and built that it can be serviced by Ford Dealers - everywhere.

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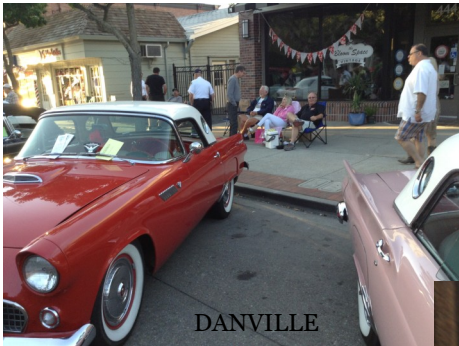
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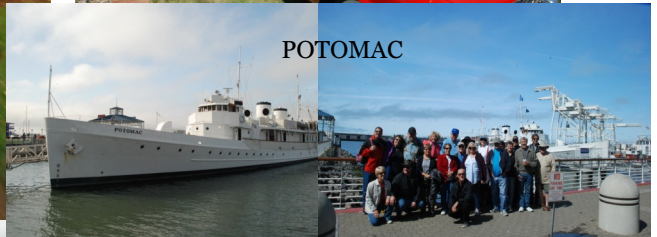
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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club 2015 Calendar of Events

Have an idea? Want to plan an event? Email – funfunfun@knapplink.com

Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
January	President's Mystery Tour	??	Adams
February	Super Bowl	Livermore	Guthrie
March	Fioli Gardens	Woodside	Canfield
March	Sturgeon's Lumber Mill	Sonoma	Matheson
May	Niles Train and Picnic	Fremont	Starr
June	Anniversary Party	TBD	
July	Drive-in	Concord	Jacobs
August	Black Diamond Mine	Antioch?	Hickey
September	House Boat Tour	Sausalito	Knapp
September	Ironstone	Murphys	Canfield
September	Birds on the Wharf	Santa Cruz	Petersen
October	Yosemite Overnight Tour	Yosemite	Adams
December	Holiday Party		

Activities in planning

Event	Location	Sponsor
Delta Boat Tour	Discovery Bay	Haffner
Steve Castelli Drag Racing Tour	Santa Rosa	Lloyd
Mystery Train Dinner		TBD
Delta Tour		TBD
Grand Island Mansion		TBD
AT&T Park Tour		TBD
Levi's Stadium Tour		TBD

