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BUTTERFLIES AND BATOC

BAG IT FOR ANOTHER TIME.

NOT, IT WASN'T FROM LACK OF EFFORT THOUGH. THERE WASN'T AN EVENT PLANNED FOR LAST MONTH SO THE KNAPPS TRIED TO GET ONE TOGETHER FOR US. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A CRUISE DOWN THE COAST TO A STATE PARK WHERE THE MONARCH **BUTTERFLIES GATHER AND** FROLIC IN THE WARM COASTAL CLIMATE. THEN THERE WAS TO BE, WHAT I'M SURE WOULD HAVE BEEN, A SCRUMPTIOUS LUNCH AND A POSSIBLE AFTER PARTY AT THE KNAPP ESTATE IN APTOS. **BUT IT WAS NOT TO BE THIS** YEAR. THE WEATHER JUST WOULD NOT COOPERATE FOR US. RAIN MOVED IN ON CON-SECUTIVE ATTEMPTS AND IT WAS FINALLY DECIDED TO

KIM AND I MADE THE DRIVE
DOWN TO VENTURA FOR
THANKSGIVING WITH OUR
SON AND HIS WIFE AND THE
GRANDBABY BOY AND ON THE
WAY STOPPED OFF IN PISMO
WHERE THEY ALSO HAVE A
GROVE THE MONARCHS
GATHER AT. WHILE IT WAS A
BIT CHILLLY FOR TOO MUCH
ACTIVITY THERE'S STILL
SOMETHING ABOUT SEEING
THAT MANY BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLYS ALL IN ONE PLACE.

WE'LL KEEP THAT ONE IN THE BACK POCKET FOR THE FALL SEASON OF 2016.

VERY COOL.

SPEAKING OF THE UPCOMING YEAR'S EVENTS...IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN EVENT THAT THE CLUB MIGHT BE INTER-ESTED IN DOING, BY ALL MEANS SPEAK UP! WE NEED AS MANY GOOD IDEAS AS WE CAN GET. DON'T BE SHY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK OF EVERYTHING. THERE IS PLENTY OF HELP TO TURN YOUR IDEAS INTO SOMETHING FUN FOR EVERYONE.

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THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER MEETING. WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR







PREZ

MESS



IS IT JUST ME?????

It's probably just me but November flew by and now it's December and I don't even know what happened to Thanksgiving. I have gotten a lot of work done on my house for various reasons that I will share soon, but for now suffice it to say that it has been a crazy month.

Of course, we are all looking forward to another perfect BATOC Christmas party at Casa Benson on the 12th. I understand it is a sell out again this year with a list of "stand-bys" waiting in the wings. If you are coming, don't forget your Toys for Tots gift and your Elephant Gift Exchange. (\$25.00 limit) You might also want to Google "White Elephant Gift Exchange" just to remind yourself of some of the more fun rules of the game. The funnier and more spontaneous your gift, the better.

Our 2016 BATOC calendars are off at the printers and by the time you read this should be back and on their way to our many happy buyers. I must say, however, that we have received very few orders from our own BATOC members. What's up with that? So, if you have not ordered your calendars for all your family members and friends, do so right away. Please go to the BATOC web site to order with your credit card or you can send your checks for \$15.00 ea. made out to BATOC to me at PO Box 942, Diablo, Ca. 94528. Everybody in this club should be ordering at least one calendar.

On a club business front, all of our club officers have agreed to stay on for another year with the exception of our VP, Ron Jacobs. Ron has done a fabulous job in his VP roll and we will miss him greatly. His drive and determination as our Membership Chair resulted in many new, enthusiastic members joining our ranks. Our outings have grown to the point that we now have to split our caravans into two groups and the overall participation level in the club has blossomed. Thank You, Ron, for your great work.

BUT...that means that we have a Vice President position open on the board and I am looking for volunteers to jump in. The job description entails, of course, being my back up at meetings and events when necessary and primarily acting as our Membership Chair. This means distributing our membership pamphlets where ever possible, mailing out club information to prospective members, welcoming and coordinating with new members and guests at our meetings and generally making new members feel welcome and enthusiastic about our fun little group. So...if you would like to get involved, bring in your new ideas and help us advance BATOC in some exciting new ways in 2016, give me a call and let's talk about it. I'd love to hear from you.

And finally, our prayers and energy go out to Tony Lloyd for a speedy and full recovery from his cancer surgery and treatment. We love you Tony and please, Kathy, let us know if there is anything we can do to assist. Our prayers and energy also go out to Jim and Maria for Jim's speedy recovery from skin surgery and his heart valve treatment. We all love Jim and Maria.

So having said all of that...Happy Thanksgiving and if we don't see each other in December, have a great Christmas and mark your new BATOC calendars for the President's Mystery Tour on January 30th. Details to follow. Happy T-Birding

Dave

MEETING MINUTES



BATOC meeting minutes November 14,2015

32 members in attendance

We have new members Marlon and Phoebe they own 2003 50th anniversary gold Thunderbird. Welcome to the club!

Mary-Alice Colin, has also joined recently, and is a busy mom she '56 peacock blue three speed. It was her dad's car, and we welcome her.

We have an apparel boutique here today. Thank you Lisa Nadler for bringing all of the samples! IF you order anything this month it will be available at the Christmas party for pick.

We have the calendar prototype here for viewing. It looks great! This year the club will not be providing a free copy to members. The cost of the calendars will be \$15.00 each. If you'd like to place an order, email Dave or Don. Thank You calendar committee.

The Santa Cruz butterfly outing that the Knapps are hosting has been postponed until January or February. It will be a drive over to Santa Cruz to the Natural Bridges State Park, then lunch following at the Santa Cruz pier and after party at the Knapps. More info to come on the date.

Congratulations to our editor Bob Dixon on receiving the GOLD award for "What's new in Birdland?" at the CTCI convention. Dave presented Bob with his framed award. Congratulations! The CTCI convention next year is planned to be in San Diego.

December 12 will be the Christmas Party at the Benson's home. If your interested in going email Ed.

Ron would like to take a year off, so the vice president officer position is open. John Haffner has been nominated, although he is not present to express his opinion on this.

Sandy Merrit received a full set of thank coasters for hosting the Levi Stadium outing.

The Guthrie's received a thank you coaster set for hosting Ironstone this year. Thank you both for hosting an outing! FYI, in addition to receiving a nice coaster gift you also receive 100 BATOC bucks for hosting an event. Soo, get onboard! Host an event you to too can get some gifts!

Outings in the near future are: December: the Christmas party

January: a mystery tour

February: the SuperBowl party

March: a Santa Cruz butterfly outing. (probably the first week)

The Nadler's suggested maybe the Rosie the Riveter museum, maybe for the fall.

The Guthrie's suggested a train event in Oakdale.

Reno fun-train was also suggested as an over-nighter.

Think about what outings you would like to do with the club for 2016.

There was a casual "tech session" to discuss the difference between a blower and a supercharger.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Respectfully Submitted, Kim Dixon Secretary

WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

BATOC 2015





PRESIDENT'S MYSTERY TOUR



SUPER BOWL



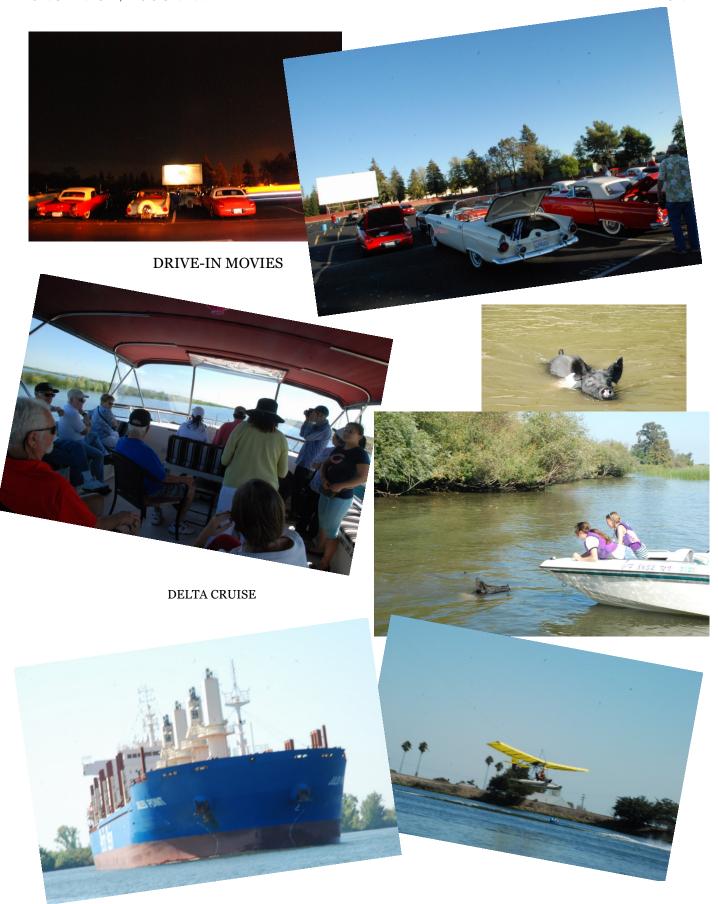
















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DON'T FORGET NO MEETING THIS MONTH.

BE SAFE OUT THERE!

HAPPY

HOLIDAYS

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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club 2016 Calendar of Events

Winter - Meetings on January 9 / February 13

- Jan Date TBD President's Mystery Tour (Adams)
- Feb 7 Super Bowl 50 (Guthrie)

Spring - Meetings on March 12 / April 9 / May 14

- Date TBD Oakdale Train
- May 30 BBQ in Tracy

Summer - Meetings on June 11 / July 9 / August 13

- June Date TBD Anniversary Party
- July, Aug Date TBD Danville Hot Summer Nights

Autumn - Meetings on Sept 10 / Oct 8 / Nov 12

- Sept Date TBD Ironstone Overnighter, Murphys CA
- Sept Date TBD Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz CA
- · Date TBD Rosie the Riveter Museum
- Date TBD Reno Fun Train (Merritt)

Winter - Meeting on December 10

Date TBD - BATOC Holiday Spectacular

Events in Planning -

- Butterflies / Santa Cruz (Knapp)
- Cobra Experience / Martinez (Bud / Jean)
- Pinball Museum (Benson)



Have an idea?
Want to plan an event?
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