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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

WELL, BATOC OFFICIALLY TURNED 57 AND IT WAS GRAND INDEED.

THE DAY STARTED WITH A GATHERING AT THE BUTTERCUP AND SHORTLY WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO THE GRAND ISLE MANSION ON THE DELTA. ALL WENT AS PLANNED AND WE ARRIVED WITHOUT INCIDENT. WE WERE SEATED AND PROVIDED WITH REFRESHMENTS WHILE WE WAITED FOR OUR TURN AT THE BUFFET. THE FOOD WAS EXCELLENT AND THE MIMOSAS WERE AS WELL. THERE WAS PLENTY OF TIME AFTER BRUNCH TO EXPLORE THE MANSION AND THE GROUNDS. A MOST ENJOYABLE OUTING BUT IT WASN'T OVER YET. DAVE HAD PLANNED OUT A POKER RUN THAT HAD A COUPLE TWISTS THAT WERE NEW. WE ENDED UP SEEING A LOT MORE OF THE DELTA THAN WAS IN THE PLAN BUT AT LEAST WE WERE NOT THE ONLY ONES. I

THINK EVERYONE ENDED UP AT THE RYDE HOTEL FOR COCKTAILS SO IT WAS ALL GOOD. I BELIEVE DONNA BENSON HAD HIGH HAND WITH THREE 9s. TOO SOON IT WAS TIME TO HEAD BACK HOME.

I MUST CONGRATULATE ALL OF THOSE, PRESENT AND PAST, BATOC MEMBERS AND OFFICERS FOR KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE FOR ALL THESE YEARS. IT'S GREAT THAT WE HAVE AN OUTLET LIKE THIS CLUB TO SHARE WITH OTHERS WHO ALSO ENJOY BEING THE PROUD OWNERS OF ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC AMERICAN AUTOMOBILES EVER PRODUCED. IF NOT FOR THE EFFORTS OF YOU AND THOSE LIKE YOU THIS CLUB COULD HAVE EASILY FADED INTO OBSCURITY LIKE SO MANY OTHER CLUBS HAVE AND CONTINUE TO DO. REMEMBER THAT THE NEXT TIME SOMEONE ASKS IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP DO SOMETHING.

A BIG THANKS TO DAVE FOR PUTTING IT TOGETHER. YOU DA MAN!!



PREZ

MESS



### **HAPPY 57<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY....or is it 50<sup>th</sup> ????**

OK, so what does he mean by that? Well, to all of us BATOC'rs we know that we just had our 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary with our fabulous brunch and poker run at the Grand Island Mansion. Unfortunately though, as far as CTCI is concerned, we just had our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Say What....???

As you may have seen in the last Early Bird, CTCI announced that it had adopted a formal policy on how it would recognize each chapters' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that because it would be difficult for them to verify an individual chapter's official start date, they chose to make it be the date that the chapter joined CTCI. Well, yours truly took a slight exception to that decision and petitioned the CTCI board to grant an exception to that rule on BATOC's behalf and to acknowledge our formation as June 17, 1958. After all, our beginning is well documented - all the way up to the Ford Motor Company itself - and our significance to the very formation of CTCI itself is well documented by CTCI and has been written about on many occasions. For all these reasons (and more) I thought it was appropriate for CTCI to officially accept our 1958 date and to acknowledge us as the first club even though for various timing reasons we were officially given Chapter #4.

Unfortunately, the board did not see it the same way and is sticking to its official policy of recognizing our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as June 6 - 50 years after the formation of CTCI in 1965. To their credit, they do acknowledge our 1958 formation and our importance to their existence and, albeit unofficially, have agreed to acknowledge these items in our official 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary presentation, which will occur later this year. Not exactly what I was going for, but it's the best we're going to get.

So, that's what I've been up to of late...how about you? I trust everyone's summer is going well. We did, in fact, have a great anniversary outing on June 14<sup>th</sup> and we all had a great time on the poker run. We had a very large group with 38 people and, I believe, 20 or 21 cars. Great job, DAVE....LOL.

Our next official outing is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> with Ron Jacob's night at the Drive-In movie in Concord. If you have not signed up for this, give Ron a call and join us. We want as many cars as possible and it will be a great evening under the stars...and, of course, a surprise double feature movie since the theater can't yet tell us what movies they will be showing. But that's half the fun.

Also, in case you've missed it, this year is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our cars themselves. To celebrate that, we have given "Marque" status at this year's Hot Summer Nights shows in Danville and have been charged with assembling as many T-Birds as possible to enjoy preferred entrance and preferred parking at the shows on July 16<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup>. It's a great time, a great show, a fun little sidewalk picnic and, of course, a fun time at Elliot's Saloon. If you can join us Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, please call or email me for the details. I'd like to see 20 cars and I believe we only have 15 at this point. And remember, the Riley's are the show celebrities since their car is featured on the official show T-Shirt. Everyone needs to own one of those. Come to the show and get yours.

So, I'm now out of space and will sign off. See you on the 11<sup>th</sup> for our regular meeting and again on 16<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. Busy month, I guess. Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> and enjoy your summer.

Dave



THERE ARE NO MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE AS WE DIDN'T HAVE A MEETING. WE HAD A PARTY INSTEAD. YAY!

### **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU... OR AT LEAST SANDY DOES**

Calling all cars. This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our cars. Join in the celebration as the guest of hour at this year's Danville Hot Summer Nights car show on July 16 and August 13. Our cars will receive star-studded status and we get preferred entrance (No Waiting in the usual line) and we will have preferred parking in the shady block of Hartz Ave, right in front of Revel and Elliot's. We will picnic on the sidewalk for dinner, watch the people admire our cars and enjoy our front row seats. Bud & Jean Riley's car is the featured car on this years official T-Shirt and we will all want one or two of those.

We will need to arrive at the show at 2:00 PM sharp and we will then be escorted in to the show and our parking spaces. The show goes until 9:00 PM. Don't miss the fun.

We promised the show organizers as many cars as possible and we are shooting for at least 20. We'd like to fill the entire block. So call Dave or Sandy to confirm that you can make at least one of those dates – particularly July 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 1:45 in the shopping center parking lot at Hwy 680 and Diablo Rd. in Danville. Call us for further details.

### **1955 Thunderbird for sale**

Black, 3 speed with overdrive, 292 Y block (standard) 2 tops; hard top and a damaged soft top. Car body is in good condition yet not original paint. The engine and master cylinder need work. It starts yet has not been driven in 2 years. 2 full sets of wheels, original set is not on the car. Original owner's manual. Call Janet at 925-639-9948 or Bob or 510-334-5743.





## Fred and Ginger, Salt and Pepper, PB & J, Thunderbirds and ...**DRIVE-INS!**

These two classic pieces of Americana are what car culture is all about. This is a preview of our July event. We'll have a night out to remember as we take over the **Drive-in in Concord**. Special parking for our members as we enjoy friends, the stars, a movie and much more!



**RSVP Ron Jacobs: [rbventana@earthlink.net](mailto:rbventana@earthlink.net)**

**Where:** Solano Drive in Theater  
1611 Solano Way, Concord 94520

**URL:** [www.westwinddriveins.com](http://www.westwinddriveins.com)

**Date:** Saturday July 25, 2015

**Time:** 6/7PM, Show starts at 9 and lasts for about two hours.

**Admission:** \$7.50 / person, paid in advance to Ron Jacobs

**Cool stuff:** The theater will promote our event on social media as a "car show" before the movie. BATOC will be granted **early admission** and **preferred parking**. Movie title announced two weeks in advance.

THE FOLLOWING **PREVIEW** HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR

**Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club**

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# BIRDS OF ENCHANTMENT

2015 Region 6 Convention

**August 26-30**

Sheraton Uptown Hotel,  
Albuquerque, NM



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**60**  
years  
of the Ford  
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IF ANYONE HAS PLANS TO ATTEND HOT AUGUST NIGHTS IN RENO, I WILL BE THERE AUG 6-9. MY NUMBER IS 510-691-8175.

I STILL HAVE QUITE A FEW NOS 55-56 PARTS FOR SALE. LOTS OF EMBLEMS, A NEW TONUEA COVER. VARIOUS ODDS AND ENDS. WHAT DO YOU NEED?

TWO SHOWS COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER...  
IRONSTONE 9/19 AND BIRDS ON THE WHARF 9/20



OUR NEXT MEETING AT THE BUTTERCUP IS THIS SATURDAY 7/11 AT 10AM. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BATOC BUCKS AND A RAFFLE PRIZE.

# Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club

## 2015 Calendar of Events

Have an idea? Want to plan an event? Email – [funfunfun@knapplink.com](mailto:funfunfun@knapplink.com)

Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
January	President's-Mystery-Tour	??	Adams
February	Super-Bowl	Livermore	Guthrie
March-21	Go-Kart-Racing	Livermore	Riley
April-11	Club-Meeting	Walnut-Creek-10AM	
April-25	Fioli-Gardens	Woodside	Canfield
May-9	Club-Meeting	Walnut-Creek-10AM	
May-17	Niles-Train-and-Picnic	Fremont	Starr
June-13	Club-Meeting	Walnut-Creek-10AM	
June	Anniversary-Party	Grand-Island-Mansion	Adams
July 11	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
July 16	Danville Hot Summer Nights	Danville	Merritt
July 25	Drive-in	Concord	Jacobs
August 8	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
August	Black Diamond Mine	Antioch	Hickey
August 13	Danville Hot Summer Nights	Danville	Merritt
August 22	Discovery Bay Delta Cruise	Discovery Bay	Haffner
September 12	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
September	House Boat Tour	Sausalito	Knapp
September 18-20	Ironstone Overnighter	Murphys	Canfield / Guthrie
September 26	Birds on the Wharf	Santa Cruz	Petersen
October 10	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
October	Yosemite Overnight Tour	Yosemite	Adams
November 14	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
December 12	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek - 10AM	
December	Holiday Party		



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