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DUES ARE DUE!!! IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THEM THIS MAY BE THE LAST NEWS-LETTER YOU GET !!!

LOOKING FORWARD

NOT MUCH TO SAY THIS EDITION BECAUSE THE ONLY CLUB EVENT WE HAD SINCE THE LAST ISSUE WAS OUR MONTHLY MEETING AND WE WERE OUT OF TOWN. SO WHAT TO WRITE ABOUT???

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WILL BECOME OF YOUR TBIRD WHEN YOU ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO CARE FOR IT? WILL IT BE PASSED ALONG TO AN HEIR THAT WANTS IT OR WILL IT BE SOLD BEFORE IT COMES TO THAT? I CANT TELL YOU HOW MANY TIMES I'VE TALKED WITH A SON OR DAUGHTER THAT HAS INHERITED A BELOVED CAR FROM A PARENT ONLY

FOR IT TO BE LOOKED UPON AS A SORT OF BURDEN. IT HAD SENTIMENTAL VALUE SO THEY CANT REALLY SEE THEMSELVES SELLING IT BUT LET'S FACE IT, THESE CARS ARE A LUXURY THAT NOT EVERYONE HAS THE ABILITY TO TAKE CARE OF. IT TAKES A GARAGE SPACE THAT NOT EVERYONE HAS. AND LET'S FACE IT, IT'S NOT LIKE THESE COULD BE USED AS A DAILY DRIVER(OF COURSE I'M SPEEKING OF THE VINTAGE VERSION). COULD YOU IMAGINE DRIVING IN COMMUTER TRAFFIC AND PARKING IN THE LOT AT THAT SILICON VALLEY BUSINESS WHERE YOU ARE EMPLOYED? OR WORSE YET

ON THE STREET!! I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT I'M A NERVOUS WRECK WHEN I GET IN TRAFFIC IN THE TBIRD THE WAY PEOPLE ZIP IN AND OUT IN BETWEEN CARS WITH MERELY INCHES TO SPARE AND TAILGATE WAYYYY TOO CLOSE. MOST OF THE TIME I'M READY TO KICK SOMEBODY'S ASS BY THE TIME I GET WHERE I'M GOING.

ANYWAYS I DON'T EXACTLY KNOW WHERE I WAS GOING WITH THAT BUT IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING TO PONDER. CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT YOUR TBIRD IS GOING TO OUT LIVE YOU.

JUST SAYIN.... BD

UPCOMING IN MARCH

WELL THE NEXT EVENT WAS GOING TO BE A FUN DAY AT UMIGO GO KART RACING IN LIVERMORE SPONSORED BY THE RILEY'S FOLLOWED BY SOME LUNCH AND WINE TASTING. BUT IT SEEMS THAT NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER SO IT MAY HAVE TO BE RESCHEDULED UNLESS THERE IS

ENOUGH LAST MINUTE INTEREST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN SOME OTHER BATOC RACERS FOR POSSIBLE TOP GUN BRAGGING RIGHTS, CHECK INSIDE FOR THE EVENT FLYER AND JUMP ON IT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE 3/14@THE BUTTERCUP BRING A RAFFLE PRIZE AND ALL YOUR BATOC

BUCKS TO CASH IN FOR FABULOUS PRIZES(LIKE BREAKFAST). NEWS FLASH!! APPARENTLY THERE ARE NOW ENOUGH PEOPLE TO MAKE THE GO-KART GIG HAPPEN. YAY!!

THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR MORE SO SIGN UP TODAY.

PREZ MESS



ANOTHER MONTH, ANOTHER BLURB, ANOTHER OUTING

Welcome to March, spring and yet another rambling President's Message. Unfortunately, it just seems like it is impossible to keep up. My list of things keeps getting longer, my tasks more complex and my calendar, I swear, has fewer days in it this year. What am I doing wrong?

Anyway, on the positive side, I must say that this year is going strong for the club. Our January board meeting was quite productive and that translated into a very strong February club meeting with many people stepping up to the plate to contribute to the club's well-being. This includes our new Guest Speaker committee manned by Ed Benson, Bud Riley and myself as we endeavor to bring interesting guest speakers, discussion and topic to our monthly meeting. Also our new Display committee headed by Jean Riley to incorporate inspiring displays at the meetings, including things like historical items, club apparel, articles, magazines, cars and parts, etc. Anything that you might find of interest that will add texture and dynamics to our meetings. There is also the expanded Calendar committee with Roger Canfield and Phil Jenkins, who will strive to bring new ideas, pictures and marketing to our legendary yearly calendar. And our Awards committee headed by Kathy Ramos, which will bring not only serious recognition to our club members, but add in a layer of fun, light-hearted and sometimes frivolous awards, plaques and trophy's for anything and everything.

All of these things add great dynamics and energy to our club and I applaud the efforts of every club member in this regard. The more we all participate the greater this club will be.

On a few business items. We still have a few members who have not paid dues for the year and as you know, our new deadline for dues is March 30th. If you have not paid your dues by that date, we will drop you from the roster and you will lose your membership. SO....if you have not paid your dues, get with it and send it to Maria Guthrie immediately.

We are also assembling a list of recommended repair shops, body shops, etc. to be published in the newsletter and on our web site. We have a pretty good list started but if you have a favorite shop that you have used and had good experience with, please send all the pertinent information to me and we will add it to our list. You might even want to speak with the shop and see if they would be interested in us running a small ad for them in the newsletter. We won't even charge them for the ad. We just want to have a robust exchange of information.

As for outings, March 21 is Go-Cart racing at Umigo Go Carts in Livermore. If you haven't done this, you will love it. Great fun and excitement to get your heart pumping and adrenaline flowing. The flyer is enclosed and you should contact the Riley's right away. April 25th is Filoli Gardens in Woodside put on by the Canfields and May 17th is the Niles Canyon Railroad and Picnic courtesy of the Starr's AND the annual Diablo Valley Mustang's car show in Brentwood on May 2nd. Mark your calendars.

So, once again I have managed to fill the page with superfluous information and it is time to conclude. Again, Thank You ALL for your continued dedication and fabulous participation. This promises to be a banner year for the club.

Happy T-Birding

Dave

BATOC Breakfast Meeting

February 14, 2015

There was a smaller group than usual at the Superbowl party but everyone had a good time and it was a great game.

As a result of the recent board meeting we now have our banner up on the wall. It's been around for 50 years!

We discussed how to get more people to show up at meetings, perhaps to change the format in some way such as:

Having guest speakers. Ed said when he was president it was hard to come up with ideas, so we need a committee for idea. Dave, Bud and Ed volunteered and Ed said he has a huge list of potential speakers on all types of topics. Dave suggested having an educational part of some meetings, such as talking about how to get your car ready for a car show.

Eran suggested that those in the group talk about their own expertise.

The board also suggested a display of car or club paraphernalia or other non-car related items at each meeting.

We also need an awards chair and Kathy Ramos was volunteered!

Dave suggested having a chair for the retro birds, but Lou and others are opposed.

We need a calendar committee and Phil and Roger volunteered. We need to send sample calendars to local clubs and maybe do some fund raisers including leaving some with local parts suppliers.

Faye nominated Dave for a life-time member award and it was approved by unanimous vote.

There's a possibility that Gil will not be doing a tech session this year. If this is the case, the club needs to organize a tech session.

Lisa asked if we have a list of recommended repair shops and we sent around a list that will be included in the next newsletter.

Kathy Peterson has requested updated rosters and Dave will talk to Don about this.

Outings:

The outings are getting bigger and bigger and it is becoming more difficult to keep all the cars together. At the President's Mystery tour there were 17 cars. So we will change our caravan rules by splitting the group into smaller groups of 5-8 cars with a leader in each group. Eran suggested we use the "Voxer Walkie Talkie Messenger" app instead of the walkie talkies that have spotty reception. The app is free.

Member Recommended

Repairs, Upholstery, Body Work and Paint

Repairs

C&J Automotive
1996 Alvarado St.,
San Leandro
510-352-4773

Adams Classic Autos
Martinez

PANKEY'S RADIATOR
HAYWARD

Upholstery

Jason Zaso
15173 Crosby St.
San Leandro
510-305-1907

Armando's
Walnut Creek

Body Work and Paint

Lafayette Auto Body
Lafayette

Don's Body Shop
Castro Valley

We will also be adding back economy runs on the longer trips to see who gets the best gas mileage. Also poker runs, which are like a scavenger hunt for poker cards.

Kathy Peterson suggested a progressive dinner.

We have also done outings without cars so those whose cars aren't working or who don't have a bird can come.

It was brought up that people can join BATOC without owning a bird. But they are associate members and cannot be on the board.

Upcoming events, all on Saturday except October:

March 21st – Go cart racing in Livermore, then lunch and wine tasting.

April 25th – Fioli Gardens.

May 17th – Niles Canyon train and picnic.

June - Sacramento Paddle Boat for our anniversary.

July – Drive-in movie.

August – Discovery Bay boat ride and lunch.

September 19th – Sturgeon Mill in Sebastopol.

September is also Ironstone and Birds on the Wharf.

October – Weekend in Yosemite

December – Holiday Party.

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SATURDAY March 21, 2015

11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

ENJOY A DAY OF RACING WITH YOUR FELLOW BATOC MEMBERS

UMIGO 6538 Patterson Pass Rd Livermore 925-373-7223

LUNCH AT GARRE' WINERY

Garre' Café Restaurant

7986 Tesla Rd Livermore 925-371-8200



ABOUT YOUR HOSTS;

Bud and Jean Riley are residents of Livermore. They own a 1957 White T-Bird. Bud had previously owned a Red 1955 T-Bird for 40 years. They are both retired aerospace engineers. They really enjoy the BATOC activities and club members.

EVENT DETAILS:

DATE: March 21, 2015

TIME: 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

We will not caravan to this event. Everyone should meet up at the UMIGO racing center by 11:15 AM. The facility is off the Vasco Road Exit on Hiway 580 (to the right off the freeway). Turn left at Patterson Pass Rd (there is a signal) and UMIGO is on the left. We will have to see a video and do paperwork before racing. Each person will get two rounds of racing and a racing ID card for \$40. We will have a friendly competition and prizes will be given to the winners of each round. There is plenty of space for safe parking, so you are encouraged to bring your T-birds to this event.

After racing, we will caravan to lunch at the Garre' Café. There will be a designated menu to choose from. Please bring change, as we will calculate and collect what each person owes at the restaurant.

We can go wine tasting after lunch. There are a number of wineries in the vicinity. Some possibilities are Bent Creek, White Crane, McGrail, and Big White House on Greenville Road. Garre' Winery is on Tesla, but borders Greenville Road. You can go straight out Greenville Road to Hiway 580 to head home.

RSVP: Bud or Jean Riley – 925-373-0403 – bjriley12@aol.com

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 21	Go Kart Racing	Livermore	Riley
April 25	Fioli Gardens	Woodside	Canfield
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
Sturgeon's Lumber Mill	Sonoma	Matheson
Delta Boat Tour	Discovery Bay	Haffner
Steve Castelli Drag Racing Tour	Santa Rosa	Lloyd
AT&T Park Tour	San Francisco	Matheson
Mystery Train Dinner		TBD
Delta Tour		TBD
Grand Island Mansion		TBD
Levi's Stadium Tour		TBD

