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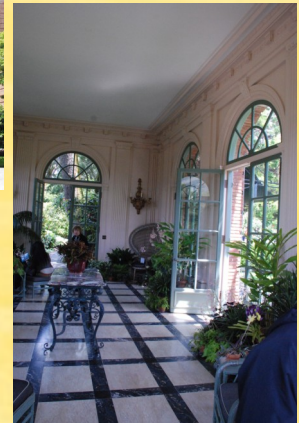
BATOC'S APRIL OUTING WAS TO FILOLI GARDENS IN WOODSIDE. WE MET UP AT THE FOSTER CITY MEETING SPOT OFF 92 AND WERE GREETED WITH SCRUMPTIOUS DONUTS BY OUR EVENT SPONSORS ROGER AND SADIE. FROM THERE WE CARAVANNED ACROSS 92 TO 280 SOUTH FOR A COUPLE MILES AND FINALLY WOUND OUR WAY BACK TO FILOLI. IT RAINED THE NIGHT BEFORE BUT YOU COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A NICER DAY. AFTER WE ALL GOT OUR ADMISSIONS SQUARED AWAY WE WERE OFF ON OUR SELF GUIDED TOUR OF THE MANSION AND GARDENS. SOMEWHERE NOT TOO LONG INTO THE ADVENTURE I DECIDED I COULD LIVE THERE. I'M NOT QUITE SURE ABOUT THE GARAGE SITUATION BUT I'M SURE I COULD FIND SOMEPLACE WARM AND DRY FOR THE TBIRD TO BE

COMFORTABLE IN. THE GROUNDS WERE JUST INCREDIBLE. FROM THE FLOWERS AND TREES TO THE TERRACED LAWNS TO THE FOUNTAINS, IT WAS A FEAST FOR

FOOD WAS EXCELLENT, BEERS WERE TASTY AND THE COMPANY COULDN'T BE BEAT. THANKS ROGER AND SADIE FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A GREAT OUTING. BD



THE SENSES(YEAH I THINK I COULD BE COMFORTABLE THERE!). WELL AFTER A COUPLE OF HOURS OF ENJOYING THE OPPULENCE OF AN ERA GONE BY IT WAS TIME FOR US TO GO GET SOME LUNCH ON. ROGER AND SADIE PICKED THE PERFECT SPOT. WE STOPPED IN AT THE EMBASSY SUITES IN BURLINGAME FOR LUNCH.



MONTHLY MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 9, AT 10AM, AT THE BUTTERCUP. DON'T FORGET TO BRING A RAF-

FLE PRIZE AND DRAG THOSE BATOC BUCK IN FOR A FREE BREAKFAST OR MAYBE SOME CLUB APPAREL. THAT'S

RIGHT, THEY'RE EVEN GOOD FOR A FREE TSHIRT OR HAT!

PREZ

MESS



HELLO BOY AND GIRLS

Well...April was a busy and successful month for us and May promises to be just as hot for us. For starters, we had a very lively meeting in April with a very fun, impromptu slide show from Austin Eaton whose parents were BATOC members in the late 60's and early 70's. It was quite fun to see the club in those days, along with the Retro clothes and the long-since bulldozed locations...even some past members that some of us recognized. Thanks Austin and family for the trip down memory lane.

We also welcomed 3 new members to our flock and I know we will all enjoy getting to know them and will gladly show them the proverbial "ropes". A big BATOC welcome to John & Catherine Hager, John Villanueva and MaryAlice Colen.

By the time you read this message we will have enjoyed the club trip to Fioli Gardens on Saturday, April 25. Unfortunately Tamera and I were unable to attend but I am certain that great fun was had and that there will be a recap coming soon. Thanks to the Canfields for orchestrating a fun day for all.

Next on the agenda is our 57th Anniversary brunch and tour to the Grand Island Mansion in Walnut Grove on June 14th. (Flyer enclosed) We had originally scheduled this for Saturday the 13th, but none of the locations we were considering do a SATURDAY brunch, so....mark your calendar for SUNDAY, June 14th.

This will be a great tour through the Delta back roads and it will include a fun Economy Run competition on the way and a fun Poker Run around Grand Island after brunch. We will arrive for brunch at the mansion at approximately 10:30 and following brunch we will embark on our poker run and end up at Hogback Recreation Area on Steamboat Slough for refreshments and prizes. Some of the details are still in the works but this will definitely be a "Must-Do" trip that you really must do. Brunch is \$37.50 including tax and tip and the club will pick up \$15.00 of that cost for each person. So your net cost will be \$22.50 per person. See the enclosed flyer and watch your in-box for more details, but please RSVP to Dave as soon as possible. We have a limit of 35 people for this so it will probably sell out.

And, of course, don't forget our next excursion on May 17th as we take over the caboose on the Niles Canyon Railroad for a great ride and lunch. If you have not signed up for this, get on it and call the Starr's to get on the list.

So, there ya have it. Everything you need to know at this moment. We are off to a wedding and we will see you all soon.

Dave

Minutes from April

BY BOB



APRILL 11, 2015

WE HAD A FEW GUESTS AT THE APRIL MEETING. JOHN AND CATHERINE HAGER. JOHN VILLANUEVA. AND THE FAMILY AND FORMER BATOC MEMBERS FROM THE EATON FAMILY. AUSTIN, SON OF RICHARD EATON, BROUGHT A SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION OF SOME VINTAGE PHOTOS OF CLUB OUTINGS FROM THE 70s.

DAVE: INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER AUSTIN AND SHIRLEY, ANNA, KAREN, AND ANDREW FROM THE EATON FAMILY.

INTRODUCTION OF JOHN AND CATHERINE WHO INHERITED HER FATHER'S(FRED LOTHROP) CAR.

INTRODUCTION OF JOHN V. 56 TBIRD FROM WALNUT CREEK. WIFE'S UNCLE BOUGHT FROM THE ORIGINAL OWNER.

APPAREL-20 JACKETS WERE ORDERED, 4 WERE DONE AND HANDED OUT. JACKETS ARE \$95, HATS-\$20, POLO SHIRTS \$35, DUFFLE BAGS \$30, TOTE BAGS \$15. LISA HAS SIGN UP SHEET FOR TSHIRT ORDERS. NEED 20 PIECES TO MAKE AN ORDER.

SLIDESHOW OF BATOC OUTING TO MARYSVILLE/YUBA CITY. FEATHER RIVER FISH HATCHERY/ OROVILLE DAM AND BICENTENNIEL PARADE IN VALLEJO FROM 1976.

DAVE: RIVERBOAT ANNIVERSARY OUTING OVERNIGHT DETAILS WEREN'T GOING TO WORK OUT. NEED OTHER SUGGESTIONS. RYDE HOTEL? DAVE WILL CHECK ON THE SAC CAR MUSEUM AND CATERED FOOD. JUNE 13TH FOR THE DATE(CHANGED TO THE 14TH).

BATOC WEBSITE HAS LIST FOR RECOMMENDED MECHANICS AND BODY AND PAINT. YAHOO GROUPS-VOTE TO DO AWAY WITH IT.

TIM: APRIL25TH FILOLI GARDENS RSVP-EMAIL ROGER.

MAY 17TH -STARRS- TRAIN RIDE. RSVP. HAM,BEEF,TURKEY OR VEGGIE LUNCH. \$35PP. DUE NOW.

JULY 25TH-DRIVE IN-CONCORD. EARLY INS FOR MINI CAR SHOW. \$750PP. PAID IN ADVANCE TO RON JACOBS.

AUGUST- BOAT TRIP ON THE DELTA-HAFFNERS-LUNCH IN STOCKTON.\$50 PP. A COUPLE

MINUTES CONT'D

OF SEATS LEFT.

FATHER'S DAY AT BLACKHAWK \$20. SEE ED BENSON FOR DETAILS.

MAY 2ND MUSTANG SHOW IN BRENTWOOD.

MAY 16TH AMADOR WINE COUNTRY. FOLSOM-BREAKFAST. DRIVE THROUGH WINE COUNTRY \$130PP . ED BENSON HAS DETAILS.

HOT DANVILLE NIGHTS-OFFERING PREFERRED PARKING FOR THE JULY 16TH & AUGUST 13TH SHOWS FOR THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TBIRD. MEET UP AT THE GROCERY STORE AND SANDY WILL REGISTER EVERYONE. VINTAGE BIRDS ONLY. PRE 1970.

BUD: REVIEW OF UMIGO OUTING. TOM WAS THE SPEEDSTER. LUNCH AFTERWARD AT A LOCAL WINERY AND THEN VISTED 3 STEVE'S WINERY FOR TASTINGS. EVERYBODY HAD A GOOD TIME.

RAFFLE TIME.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

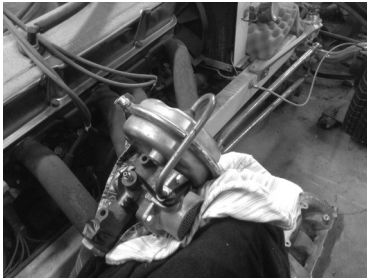


The son of former BATOC member, Richard Eaton, contacted the club and asked if this was the club that his parents had belonged to. We checked the historical records, and found their application form from 1969. Richard and his wife Shirley participated in the club for a couple of years and enjoyed every minute of it. Richard has since passed, but Shirley is still surviving. She has given the 1956 T-bird to son, Austin. We were fortunate to have a visit from the entire Eaton family to our monthly business. Austin shared photos from some BATOC events in the early 1970's, while Mother Shirley beamed with fond memories from those days. We were so happy to have them attend and hope that Austin will join the club in the near future.



ARTICLE AND PHOTOS THANKS TO JEAN RILEY

THEMS THE BRAKES



55 BRAKE BOOSTER

AS SOME OF YOU KNOW I HAVE BEEN TRYIN TO WORK THROUGH SOME BRAKE ISSUES ON OUR 56. I SUPPOSE BECAUSE I'M USED TO MODERN CARS WITH UPDATED BRAKING SYSTEMS THE STANDARD DRUM BRAKES ON THE TBIRD JUST DON'T CUT IT FOR ME. EVENTUALLY I WOULD LIKE TO INSTALL DISC BRAKES AT LEAST UP FRONT BUT I JUST HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO BRING MYSELF TO PULL THE TRIGGER FOR THE \$1000+ SET UP.

LAST YEAR I STARTED COLLECTING SOME PARTS FOR THE UPGRADE TO POWER DISC. I BOUGHT A 9" DUAL DIAPHRAM BOOSTER BUT WHEN I GOT HOME IT WAS IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS THAT UNLESS I WANTED TO RECONFIGURE A GREAT MANY THINGS, IT WAS NOT GOING TO FIT. SO MUCH FOR EASY. LAST WEEKEND I FOUND A GOOD DEAL ON A STOCK TYPE TBIRD BOOSTER. SO I HAVE THE FIRST OF MANY COMPONENTS. OF COURSE IT WAS NOT A COMPLETE UNIT AS IT REQUIRES A FEW THINGS LIKE A MOUNTING BRACKET AND A FEW VALVES AND FITTINGS TO INSTALL THE UNIT UNDER THE HOOD. LAST WEEKEND ON THE FILOLI OUTING I WAS ABLE TO TAKE A LOOK AT SANDY'S AND BUD AND JEAN'S (BOTH 57s) BOOSTER SETUPS TO GET MORE OF AN IDEA OF WHAT I'M IN FOR. SINCE THEN I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT 55s AND 57s SHARE A COMONALITY IN THAT THEY GET THEIR VAC-

UUM SOURCE FROM A TAPPED HOLE IN THE REAR OF THE INTAKE MANIFOLD. APPARENTLY 56s DIFFERED IN THAT THEY PLUMBED INTO VACUUM BY MEANS OF A BRASS MULTIPOINT BLOCK THREADED INTO THE BASE OF THE REAR OF THE CARBURATOR. NOW SINCE THAT BRASS BLOCK IS ABOUT THE SAME COST AS IF IT WERE MADE OF 24k GOLD, I MAY JUST LOOK AT SWAPPING TO A 57 INTAKE FOR CONVENIENCE SAKE. IT WILL DEPEND ON WHAT PART I RUN ACROSS FIRST. I'LL UPDATE THIS ARTICLE AS I GO THROUGH THE PROCESS. I ALSO NEED TO FIND AN 80s FORD GRANADA DONOR CAR THAT I CAN ROB THE SPINDLES AND A FEW OTHER GOODIES FROM. IN CASE ANYBODY HAPPENS TO RUN ACROSS ONE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD SOMEWHERE PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL (I'M NOT HOLDING MY BREATH).

THIS SUNDAY, 5/3, WILL BE ANOTHER COFFEE AND CARS HELD AT THE BLACKHAWK PLAZA IN DANVILLE. THIS MONTH TV CREWS FEATURING BARRY MEGUIAR AND HIS CAR CRAZY SHOW AND WAYNE CARINI AND HIS CHASING CLASSIC CARS SHOWS WILL BE THERE TO COVER THE EVENT. IF YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT GOING TO THIS GATHERING THIS MONTH WILL BE A GOOD ONE. BE WARNED THOUGH WITH TV COVERAGE EVERYONE AND HIS DOG WILL BE THERE SO GET THERE EARLY IF YOU WANT A PLACE TO PARK. ALSO THERE IS A 5k/10k RUN SO SYCAMORE VALLEY BLVD WILL BE EXPERI-

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ENCING DELAYS. SO IF YOU'RE COMING SOUTH ON 680 TAKE DIABLO OR CROW CANYON TO GET THERE.



The parking lot at the buttercup last BATOC meeting. Thanks Jim H.



Enjoy our second favorite mode of transportation with your BATOC Friends!

Nestled in the hills just outside of Fremont sits an amazing site. The history of trains in **Niles Canyon** date back to the building of the original transcontinental railroad. The first Western Pacific Railroad Company (formed in 1862) started construction in San Jose towards Sacramento. On May 17 **Diana and John Starr** have put together a tour of the hillside **aboard a historic train for a 1 hour tour aboard the caboose!** What's better than a train ride? ...A picnic! Your cost of admission includes a box lunch of Ham, Beef, Turkey or Veggie. **Include lunch order with your RSVP.**

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2015

Cost: \$35 each, includes box lunch

Deadline to RSVP: April 11

Looking to Caravan? We will leave Buttercup @ 11:15 AM SHARP

Don't want to caravan? No problem – meet us there!

37029 Mission Blvd Fremont, CA 94536 510-996-8420 - directions

IMPORTANT: Train Departs @ 12:30 PM

RSVP NOW! john.starr@att.net or 925-935-2166





BATOC

57th ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH TOUR

JUNE 14, 2015

Grand Island Mansion
Grand Island
Walnut Grove, Ca.



Here's a destination and tour we've talked about for years.
Join us for a fabulous Delta tour and Sunday Brunch
at the fabulous and opulent Grand Island Mansion.

DON'T MISS OUT - ONLY 35 SPACES AVAILABLE

The Itinerary

Our Day will begin with a leisurely tour through the Delta back roads as we make our way to Grand Island near Walnut Grove. (about 90 minutes) We'll conduct a friendly "Economy Run" competition on the way up with prizes for both Little Birds and Retro Birds awarded at the end. We'll arrive for brunch around 10:30 and tour the mansion and grounds following our meal. We'll then embark on a fun "Poker Run" around Grand Island itself and end our day at the Hogback Recreation Area on Steamboat Slough for refreshments and prizes before returning home.

Only 35 spaces available. This will sell out fast.

\$ 37.50 per person
- 15.00 club subsidy
\$ 22.50 per person

R.S.V.P. ASAP
Dave Adams
415-269-0055 or davehome@sbcglobal.net

Sunday Brunch Menu

Freshly baked Focacia bread, Rolls and Scones
Fresh brewed Coffee, Tea, Milk,
Non-Stop Mimosa's
Mixed Green Salad with Pears, Mandarin Oranges,
Pecans and Goat Cheese
Mediterranean Orzo Pasta Salad
Herb Seasoned Vegetables
Red and Yukon Potato Hash
Fresh Seasonal Fruit with Greek Yogurt
and Toasted Walnuts
Eggs Benedict
Italian Toast
Fresh Mushroom and Asiago Cheese Crepes
Chef Inspired Frittata
Oven Roasted Herb Seasoned Prime Rib
Scrumptious Gourmet Dessert Buffet

The Grand Island Mansion Story

The delta's historic Grand Island Mansion is a uniquely spectacular Italian Renaissance style villa. The Mansion is the largest private estate in northern California, and embodies the finest features of classical architecture and European craftsmanship.

The mansion was designed in 1917 for Louis Meyers and his wife, Audrey, daughter of Lubin of the Weinstock Lubin department stores.





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

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

URL: 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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Limited Seating, Special Event

What is the best way to beat the summer heat? Take a cruise! Don't have your own Yacht? Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club has you covered – in style! **Darlene and John Haffner** have pulled strings to take you aboard the "Rosemarie" for a breathtaking day. Ride with us in luxury and take in the stunning views as we cruise from Discovery Bay to Stockton. We'll break for an all you can eat lunch at Garlic Brothers before returning to Discovery Bay. You read that correctly – **all you can eat**.

When: Saturday, August 22, 2015

What: Cruise from Discovery Bay to Stockton (and back)

Timeline:

- 8:30 AM Leave Buttercup and caravan to Discovery Bay
 - Alternate caravans and meet-ups to be announced.
- 10:00 Arrive @ Boardwalk Grill (DB) for pre-board meeting
- 10:30 Get underway to Stockton
- 1:00 PM Arrive Stockton Yacht Club/lunch @ Garlic Brothers
- 3:00 PM Depart for Discovery Bay

Cost: \$49.95 – includes lunch

RSVP BEFORE APRIL 11 – seats are running out!!!

Email – johnhaffner@comcast.net AND funfunfun@knapplink.com



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2015 Region 6 Convention

August 26-30

Sheraton Uptown Hotel,
Albuquerque, NM



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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	22	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 – Delta Queen	Sacramento	Adams
July 11	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek – 10AM	
July 16	Danville Hot August Nights	Danville	Merritt
July 25	Drive-in	Concord	Jacobs
August 8	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek – 10AM	
August	Black Diamond Mine	Antioch	Hickey
August 20	Danville Hot August 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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