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AHOY BATOC!!!!

ON AUGUST 22ND BATOC SET SAIL(SO TO SPEAK) ON CAPTAIN MORGAN'S BOAT(NO KIDDING) THE "ROSE MARIE" ON THE DELTA WATERS BETWEEN DISCOVERY BAY AND STOCKTON.

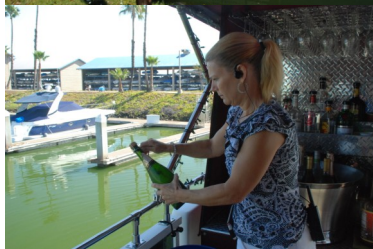
WE ALL MET UP AT THE RESTAURANT AT THE MARINA AND AWAITED THE OK TO BOARD. AFTER GIVEN OUR REQUIRED COAST GUARD SCHPEEL WE WERE OFF ON OUR AFTER-NOON ADVENTURE. THE BOAT WAS VERY NICE WITH PLENTY OF ROOM TO MOVE ABOUT. THE BAR WAS STOCKED AND UP AND RUNNING. THE MUSIC WAS PLAYING AS WE MADE OUR WAY OUT PASSED SOME OF THE BEAUTIFUL HOMES THAT FRONT THE RIVER ON OUR WAY OUT TO THE OPEN WATER OF THE DELTA.. WE WERE HEADED FOR A VERY NICE LUNCH AT THE MARINA IN STOCKTON AND ENJOYED THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS ON THE WAY. WE WENT UNDER THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BRIDGES ON THE WAY. SOME LIFTED. SOME ROTATED. ONE JUST SLID BACK TO ALLOW US TO PASS. INTERESTING.

PLENTY OF WAKE BOARDERS, FISHERMAN, AND JET SKIERS, OUT ENJOYING A GREAT DAY ON THE WATER. WE HAD A GREAT LUNCH AT GARLIC BROTHERS AT THE STOCKTON MARINA THAT WAS FAMILY STYLE. WITH PLENTY OF FOOD IN OUR BELLYS AND PLENTY TO DRINK IT WAS TIME TO GET BACK ON BOARD AND HEAD BACK. I THINK SOME OF US WOULDN'T HAVE MINDED A NICE HAMMOCK RIGHT ABOUT THEN. WE MADE A SCHEDULED STOP AT PIG ISLAND TO FEED SOME OF THE RESIDENTS THAT SEEM MORE THAN WILLING TO SWIM OUT TO THE BOAT FOR A SCOOPY SNACKS (WHO KNEW PIGS COULD SWIM?). THEN AFTER DODGING HUGE CARGO SHIPS AND A COUPLE OF ULTRALITES THREATENING TO DIVE BOMB US, WE MADE OUR WAY BACK THROUGH OUR GAUNTLET OF BRIDGES AND WE ARRIVED SAFE AND SOUND BACK WHERE WE STARTED.

IT WAS A VERY FUN OUTING AND WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK JOHN AND DARLENE HAFFNER FOR SPONSORING A

GREAT EVENT.

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YEAH! LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!



PREZ MESS



THE BEST AND THE WORST

So the best thing about being President of this great club is that you get to write this monthly prose about your hopes, dreams and desires for our future. The worst things, of course, is that you HAVE to write this monthly prose while trying to be creative, fun and inspiring. HaHa (I read somewhere that "LOL" is now considered old-school and only for us old farts) But, I digress....My point is that I continue to find motivation in the great people in our club and the great things that they do month after month.

Our cast of hero's for this month includes the Haffner's, the Guthrie's, the Dixon's, the Perry's, the Nadler's, Mr. Jacob's and Ms Merritt. Why – you may ask? Well....here is why.

The Haffner's....put on a fabulous event for August that got us all out of our usual ruts and on to a Delta cruise that I dare say half the people in this club have never experienced. Between the Delta itself, the Ultra-Light airplanes, the 600 foot freighter, Lost Isle...and, of course, the swimming pigs of Pig Island. What other T-Bird club would introduce you to so many things in one day. Thank you John and Darlene.

The Guthrie's....just because I love them and they contribute so much to this club month after month. BATOC would not be BATOC without them.

The Dixon's...From the day they joined this club Bob & Kim have been deeply involved and have stepped up to the plate as Secretary, official club photographer, newsletter editor and all around great people to be around...not to mention organizing great outings.

The Perry's...Having just had the BATOC Calendar committee meeting at their house, Don and Lisa have always been there for this club. Lisa, as my Vice President. Don as our non-stop Calendar editor and graphics guru. And then there was their commitment to the club's 50th Anniversary. Amazing.

The Brill-Nadler's...Lisa and Eran have enthusiastically jumped in whenever they were asked. Lisa wrangled the overwhelming task of getting our club apparel in order and through a very arduous task made it happen. And at our drive-in event last month, Eran unveiled our long needed easy-to-assemble, collapsible stand for the BATOC club banner.

Mr. Jacob's....the hardest working VP around. Ron has single-handedly brought more people into this club than all the rest of us combined. Thank You, Ron for all of your dedication and work.

Ms Merritt...Our resident "Sunshine Girl" is always there to help and certainly made this year's Hot Danville Nights a highlight of the summer. Our escorted entry past the long lines, along with our preferred parking right in front of Elliot's...Drinks while keeping an eye on our cars – how much better can it get?

Anyway. My point is, Thank You all for helping to make this club great and for making this month's President's Message a snap to write. And, let's not forget everyone else in this club who contribute so much. You are ALL great.

So, I am now completely out of space but I look forward to seeing everyone really soon and to everyone's continued support.

Dave

AUGUST MINUTES

MINUTES COMPLIMENTS OF JEAN RILEY

THANKS JEAN

BATOC meeting minutes August 8, 2015

Members in attendance 41 plus the Mathieson's youngest grandson

Don and Ann Gregory, longtime BATOC members, were in attendance today. It was nice to see them again.

Dave received email from the Grandson of the Gregovichs, former BATOC members. He inherited their car and wants to sell it, preferably to a current BATOC member. Contact Dave Adams if interested.

Thanks to Ron Jacobs for putting together the Drive-In Movie event, which was a big success.

This year's Yosemite trip is now cancelled. Dave couldn't get us in the Evergreen Lodge, so we will have to try again next year.

Lisa reported on club apparel. We still need a few more orders to put in another t-shirt order. A sign-up sheet was sent around. You can still order your individualized club jackets as well.

2016 calendar committee volunteers need to convene to get the ball rolling. Time is getting short now. Maria volunteered to host a meeting.

Dave thanked Bud and Jean for submitting another Earlybird article.

Lew Edwards presented the club with a memento from the individual who purchased his totaled car. The new owner sent 2 sets of the 50 year t-bird anniversary replicas, one for the club and one for Lew and Faye.

Upcoming Events – Aug 22 is the Delta Cruise. John Haffner will email some details regarding meeting place, time and caravanning. Should be a fun time.

Dave was contacted regarding a VIP tour of Levi Stadium, for Classic Car Clubs. The event is tentatively Oct. 10. The cost will be \$40 per person. Sandy volunteered to get more details.

This coming Thursday, Aug. 13, is the second Hot Danville Nights Show, again featuring our Thunderbirds, with VIP parking and treatment, thanks to Sandy and David. Meet up at the Walgreen's parking lot by 2 PM and make sure to get the entry pass and fill out the emergency contact form.

In September several members will be attending one of two car shows on the same weekend, Sept. 26, Birds on the Wharf in Santa Cruz and Ironstone in Murphy's. Contact Kathy Petersen for the Santa Cruz show and Roger Canfield for Ironstone, if you still want to attend.

There are no club members other than Gil attending the Regional Convention in New Mexico, Aug. 23-26. Contact Gil if you have any questions.

Dave mentioned that there are no events in November. Faye suggested a get together dinner at Brass Door in Danville. She will look into it.

Pete Lefevre gave a short tech presentation about smog changes, which could create problems for the original Tbirds. He mentioned an excellent publication called the Ford Y Block Engines Book. This can be purchased on Amazon for \$19.14. He also suggested an excellent cleaning solution, XPEL. This can be purchased on the Internet for \$9.40, and Pete really likes it. If anyone wants some free Studebaker wheels, which will also fit the Fords, Pete wants to get rid of them. Pete mentioned that an excellent old time car mechanic is George's Shop in Pleasanton.

Don Perry gave a very interesting talk on diagnosing problems with a computer-controlled car. It used to be prohibitively expensive to do so, but now there is equipment, which the layperson can purchase, online to help do this. He showed several pieces of equipment that were available and how to attach them. Maybe we will have a fixit day in the near future to share more ideas. Please contact Don if you have any questions. Pete cautioned that you should never go in to a repair shop telling them what to fix. Tell them to fix the problem, and discuss some possibilities, but let them do their job.

The prize auction was then held and the meeting adjourned.



I WENT TO HOT AUGUST NIGHTS IN RENO THIS YEAR AND HAD A GREAT TIME...AGAIN. MY SON-IN-LAW WENT WITH ME. WE LEFT AFTER WORK WEDNESDAY EVENING BECAUSE I WAS DETERMINED TO DO THE SUMMIT POKER RUN ON THURSDAY MORNING. WE HAD TRIED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO BUT WERE TOO LATE AND DIDN'T GET TO COMPLETE THE RUN. THE PLAN WAS TO TAKE THE FIREBIRD BUT CIRCUMSTANCES OUT OF MY CONTROL FORCED US TO TAKE THE TBIRD. THIS YEAR'S POKER RUN WENT FROM SUMMIT IN SPARKS, TO THE ATLANTIS, TO MINDEN, TO VIRGINIA CITY, THEN BACK TO A CHEVY DEALERSHIP IN RENO AND THEN FINALLY BACK TO THE GRAND SIERRA. I'D GUESS ABOUT A 150 MILE RUN. THE TBIRD WASN'T REALLY DIGGING THE ELEVATION THAT MUCH BUT SHE WORKED THROUGH IT LIKE A CHAMP. I THINK WE DID JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING EXCEPT WE DIDN'T MAKE IT TO BARRETT-JACKSON . THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH TIME AND SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO. (THAT REMINDS ME, I HAVE TO GET OUT AND GIVE HER A BATH. HEY, IT'S ONLY BEEN A MONTH!) WE HAD A GREAT TIME CRUISING AND SHOWING OFF THE CAR. PEOPLE LOVE THAT CAR.

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60TH ANNIVERSARY SUCCESS

It appears that BATOC single-handedly made Thunderbird's 60th Anniversary a roaring success this year with our overwhelming presence at Danville's Hot Summer Nights car shows.

Our second outing to the Thursday night event on August 13th was superb with 18 Thunderbirds lined up along Hartz Ave. to create a fabulous sight for all to see. So much so, in fact, that we earned a large spread in both the San Jose Mercury News and the San Ramon Valley Times. The Matheison's car was prominently featured in the article and our complete line-up of cars was impressive.

Of course, the event was made sooooo much more enjoyable by our escorted entry and preferred parking spot provided by the show and courtesy of our own Sandy Merritt. This made the usually unpleasant staging and entry to the show a breeze and made us all very happy.

As usual, the day started with cocktails, jokes, laughter and fun at the iconic Elliot's Saloon and progressed into our sidewalk picnic, more cocktails and shared munchies....oh, and I think there was a car show mixed in there somewhere, as well.

So a great time was had by all and thanks to our fabulous members and the great turn out, Thunderbird's 60th Anniversary was commemorated in style. Thank You BATOC for a great event.



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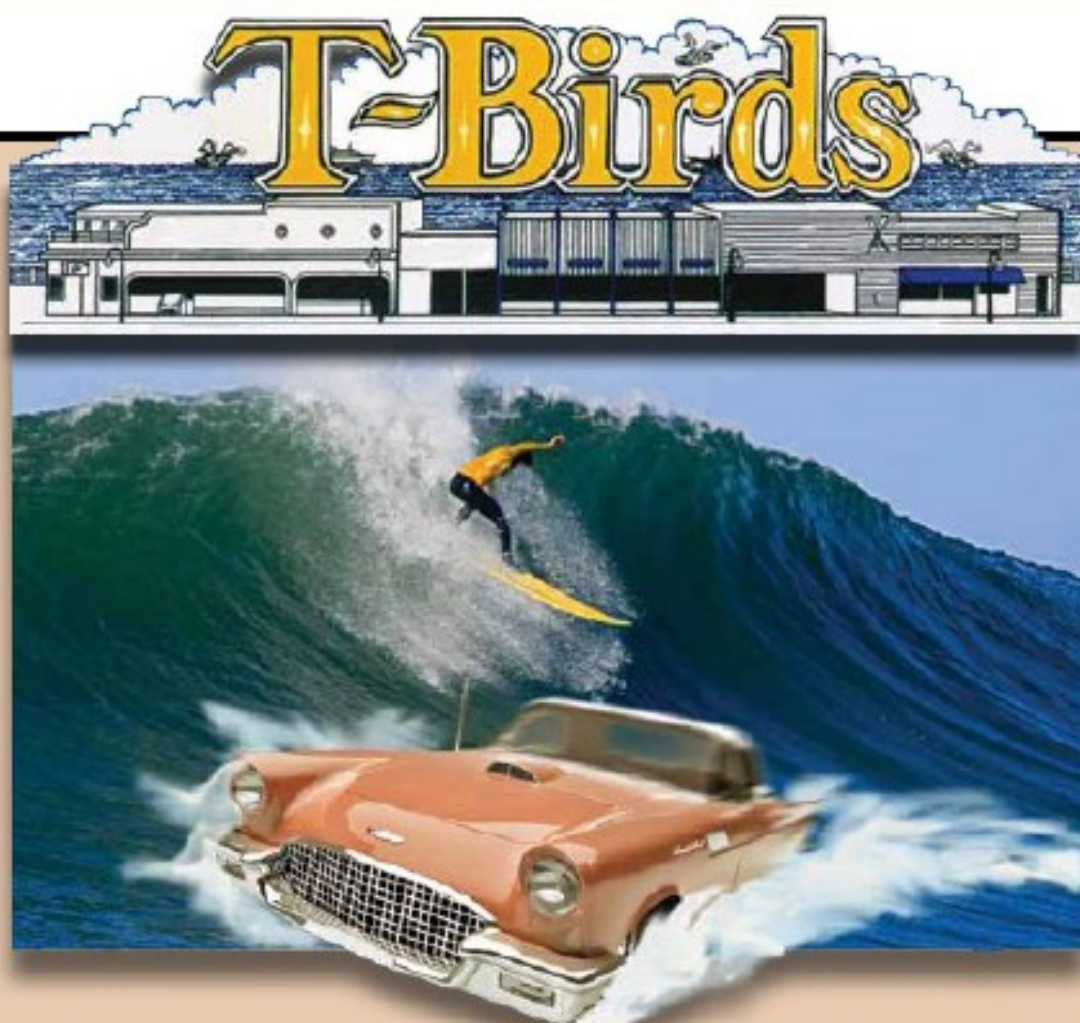
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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE 9/12 AT THE BUT-
TERCUP 10AM. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR
BATOC BUCKS AND A RAFFLE PRIZE.



IT SEEMS THAT THE EVERGREEN LODGE IS BOOKED OUT FOR THE TIME THAT WE WERE GOING TO GO
SO THE OCTOBER OVERNIGHTER THERE WON'T BE HAPPENING.

THE CALENDAR COMMITTEE GOT TOGETHER TO SELECT SOME PICTURES FOR THIS YEAR'S IS-
SUE. WE HAVE SOME BUT WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF SOME MORE SO IF YOU HAVE ANY FAVOR-
ITE PICS OF YOUR CAR OR PICS OF CARS AT SOME OF OUR EVENTS, PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO
ME OR DAVE OR DON PERRY.



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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 21	Go-Kart-Racing	Livermore	Riley
April 11	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek – 10AM	
April 25	Field Gardens	Woodside	Canfield
May 8	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek – 10AM	
May 17	Niles Train and Picnic	Fremont	Starr
June 12	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	Gonzalez	Jacobs
August 8	Club Meeting	Walnut Creek – 10AM	
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 18-20	Ironstone Overnighter	Murphys	Canfield / Guthrie
September 26	Birds on the Wharf	Santa Cruz	Peterson
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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