



B A T O C

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SO MUCH TO DO, SO LITTLE TIME

Well summer 2017 is almost in the bag but there is still lots of opportunities to get your Tbird out and let her fly.

It has been a busy couple of months for me personally and for BATOC as well. It's not quite over yet.

September, we had the Ironstone Vineyard's Concours. I'm not sure of the exact number but it seemed like about 10 or so BATOCers made the drive to Murphy's to enjoy one of the

nicest shows all year. If you've been before, you know what I'm saying. If not, it should be on your "to do" list. It's a beautiful venue and some of the most interesting and gorgeous cars that were ever built are on display. It's always a fun

weekend for BATOC. Thanks go to Roger and Sadie for sponsoring this event.

Also in September we had the annual Birds On The Wharf in Santa Cruz put on by the Monterey Club and co-sponsored by BATOC this year. Kim and I were actually able to attend

this event although without our Tbird unfortunately. Santa Cruz is always fun and the Monterey club always does a great job making everyone feel welcome. I think there were about 80 Tbirds in attendance this year. A great turnout. Thanks to Tim and Laura Knapp for coordinating efforts to make it a great day for everyone.

We are in the midst of a major tragedy just to the north of us. Looking outside my back door you would think that the whole Napa, Sonoma, Santa Rosa areas are burning to the ground by the looks of how smoky the air is. That might not be too far from the truth. Reports say that things are nowhere near under control despite the best efforts of all the fire-fighters. It's hard to imagine this type of thing happening in such densely populated areas but that just means there is more people in danger of losing everything. This type of thing effects us all one way or another. We just have to hope they get

things under control before they get any worse.

So far the October Redwoods Run is not in jeopardy. I spoke with The Miranda Resort on the Highway of the Giants this morning and was told it was clear and no hint of smoke. So apparently the wind is sending it all our way (YAY!). So far we're still on if the roads remain clear.

Meanwhile, try and stay healthy and enjoy any good fortune that comes your way.



Prez

Mess



HOT, HOT, HOT, HOT, HOT.....

But enough about me....LOL

In full disclosure, I am actually recycling parts of last month's actual Presidents message that, unfortunately, never got published and was replaced by the previous month's "recycled" President's message...After all, why waste good prose....????

So, I'm sitting here (last month) watching a recorded version of RMD Garage on the Velocity Channel on the restoration of a 1957 Bird and OMG these guys (this show) is soooooo bad. Quote, ..."this car is so iconic and we have no idea if these parts are even available. Can you imagine trying to find one of these Thunderbird emblems. (front nose panel) We better not lose this. We'll never find a new one" OMG.

Anyway....It's been a hot busy summer for all of us, from our Olde Town Sacramento trip and our Danville Hot Summer Nights shows, our fabulous Ironstone weekend and on to Santa Cruz Birds on the Wharf. It's been a great summer we've even picked up a few new members along the way. Thanks to everyone for being a part of it.

(OMG they are stripping the car with JASCO paint remover).

September was, of course, our busy month and I, for one, really enjoyed every one of our trips. Ironstone on September 23rd in was a fabulous weekend of perfect weather and a great show. September 30th brought 14 cars to our co-sponsored Birds on the Wharf show. Our own Nick Verhoek spread his wings and brought home the Best 1955 award with his beautiful Yellow '55. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the "after party" organized by our own Tim & Laura Knapp. Hopefully we'll get a recap of that fun time. I know we all thoroughly enjoyed the event and after some great conversations with Sandi and Alan Brown (President of the Monterey club) I suspect that we may continue our co-sponsorship of the event and work more closely with them next year.

Our Route 66 event for next October is coming along nicely. The official route is almost finished...(I know that sounds silly....aren't we just driving Route 66?)...but there are numerous side trips and sights that we will all want to see along the way. After all, how can you miss the WigWam Motel or "Standing on the corner in Winslow, Arizona? I want to take this opportunity for a huge round of applause to our Route 66 committee. What a dedicated group of people. We will have a complete report and overview at this month's meeting on Saturday (Oct. 14th). Be sure to join us for all the fun.

I am sure there are things that I am forgetting here, but it is time to move on and start the day. See you all at this month's meeting and / or at an upcoming outing near you.....

Have a fabulous day,

Dave

Well things are still a bit out of sync. Sept.'s meeting minutes were posted in the Sept newsletter due to the fact that your editor didn't get around to publishing it until after the meeting so there are no minutes to post this month. I guess maybe I should have used the August minutes? Hell! I have no idea. I did manage to post the same President's Message two months in a row. That should account for something, eh? No??? Whatev! I think I need a loooooong vacation.



Our next regular meeting is 10/14(tomorrow, surprise!!).
Come and find out what everyone has been up to and get all the latest news on past and upcoming events.
Don't forget to bring your BATOC BUCKS and a raffle prize.



Run to the Avenue of the Giants

In Humboldt County

Friday, Oct 27th thru Sunday, Oct 29th



Activities include:

- Drive the Avenue of the Giants
- Stroll through the Redwood forest
- Drive Thru Giant Redwood Trees (3!)
- Picnic, Shop, Wine-Taste
- Dinner at the Historic Benbow Inn
- Breathe Fresh Air for a change!

We will be staying at the

Miranda Gardens

www.mirandagardens.com

Call **707-943-3011** to book your room now.

AAA, AARP and military discounts. Pets allowed.



We will leave on Friday, 10/27
 Meet Up at Starbucks @ 9am
 (1540 Fitzgerald Ave, Pinole)
 Caravan to Ave of the Giants

The trip is approx 500 miles round trip

Event Hosts: Bob and Kim Dixon

Questions? Contact the Dixons at bobman58ya@yahoo.com or call 510-223-3944



WWII Home Front, Rosie the Riveter Museum, and the SS Red Oak Victory

Saturday, November 18th

We Can Do It!



J. Howard Miller (1942) for Westinghouse

For our November event we will be touring the SS Red Oak Victory in the Richmond Shipyard. We'll also tour the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park to learn about Richmond, CA and the role of the Richmond Shipyard and its many hard-working residents during the wartime.

The SS Red Oak Victory is the last surviving ship built in the Kaiser Richmond Shipyards during World War II. Today, the Red Oak Victory remains a monument to the men and women who worked in the war-related industries as part of the World War II Home Front. In 1998, the ship was saved from the Naval Reserve Fleet in Suisun Bay by a courageous group of men and women and has been under restoration since that time.

Event details to be provided

When:

Saturday, November 18, 9:30am

Where:

SS Red Oak Victory Museum
The Richmond Shipyard, 1337 Canal Blvd. Berth 6A, Richmond

Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Park
1414 Harbour Way S #3000 Richmond, CA

Please RSVP to Gregg Cannella at 925-944-4733

BATOC Christmas Party



December 22, 2017

The annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 12/22/17 at 6pm at the Dollar Clubhouse in Rossmoor, Walnut Creek.

An open bar will serve hosted libations starting at 6pm and dinner will be served at 7pm (see attached menu)

Following dinner, we will retire to the living room and gather near the tall Christmas tree where our traditional gift exchange/steal will take place.

Rossmoor is a gated community. As you drive to the front gate, please be in either of the 2 left lanes marked "VISITOR".

When stopped at the guard house, tell the attendant you are going to the car club Christmas party at the Dollar Clubhouse.

If you have any problems, call **Jack Starr** at [510-292-3327](tel:510-292-3327).
(See attached map for directions)

Price per person: \$40

Submit your payment & dinner selection by Dec 8th to Jack Starr

P.O. Box 265 Clayton, CA 94517

(john.starr@att.net or 510-292-3327)

Please note: No refunds for cancellations after December 13th

Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club 2017 Calendar of Events

Winter—Meetings Jan 14 / Feb 11

- January 21—President's Mystery Tour
- February 5—Super Bowl Party, Livermore (Guthrie)

Spring – Meetings Mar 11 / Apr 8 / May 13

- March 25—Group Outing: "Bocce-toc" (Cummins)
- April 9—Wine Country Drive (Villanueva)
- May 28—Birds in the Valley (Blackwell)

Summer – Meetings Jun 10 / Jul 8 / Aug 12

- June 24—Route 66 Planning Meeting (Cummins)
- June 25—Anniversary Party (Riley)
- July 8—Route 66 Planning Meeting #2
- July 13—Hot Summer Nights #1—Danville (TBA)
- July 15—Progressive Dinner (Riggs)
- August 5—Route 66 Planning Meeting #3
- August 10—Hot Summer Nights #2—Danville (TBA)
- August 12—Old Town Sacramento (Adams)

Autumn – Meetings Sept 9 / Oct 14 / Nov 11

- Sept 9—Route 66 Planning Meeting #4
- Sept 23—Ironstone, Murphys, CA (Canfield)
- Sept 30—Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz (Petersen, Shinnick)
- Oct 14—Route 66 Planning Meeting #5
- Oct 27 - 29—Run to the Redwoods (Dixon)
- Nov 18—Rosie the Riveter (Cannella)

Winter – Meeting Dec 9

- Dec 22—BATOC Holiday Party (Starr)

Events in Planning

- April 2018—Cruise (Benson)
- Oct 2018—Route 66

Proposed Ideas / Hosts Needed

- August Car Show - Niles
- Delta Cruise (Haffner)
- Travis Airforce Base—(Baumgartner)
- Coppola Winery - (Verhoek)



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Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com or
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