



"What's New in BIRD-LAND?"

June 10th, 1958

GREETINGS FROM THE "BIRDNEST"!

Well, fellow members, we have an actual working club complete with a Constitution and By-Laws, Membership Cards, a Bank Account and an iron-in-the-fire towards incorporation. Membership total thus far is thirty-four Thunderbirds with some fifty members.

At our June 4th meeting, our proposed Constitution and By-Laws were wholeheartedly accepted by all club members present at the voting. I must admit I was pleasantly surprised at the small amount of discussion prior to the voting on these issues. I had anticipated a great deal more. Just goes to show the old saying holds true, "Birds of a feather, flock together".

A bank account has been established with the Bank of America, complete with a substantial bank balance, (of course, none of our bills have been paid as yet) a good sized check book requiring at least two signatures of the four on file, and our esteemed club Treasurer, Dick Nagle, is hard at work, writing checks, balancing books, etc. Lots of luck to you Dick. I hope you can balance the club checkbook better than I can balance mine.

Regarding the incorporation of the club, several of the board members and I have looked into the reasons for incorporating, etc. We have learned from reputable sources that it is wise to incorporate for this one big reason — during the time we are un-incorporated, if any member of the club should have an automobile accident for instance, each and every member of the club can be held personally liable and subject to damages which may be sued for by the injured party. Needless to say, this is not so good. So a board meeting was held June 10th, and it was unanimously decided that the club will incorporate. A reputable lawyer has been contacted regarding this matter and has given the club an estimated price not to exceed \$100.00 for incorporating the club. Of this \$100.00, to be paid to this lawyer, \$65.00 goes to the State for their filing fee. This is a flat rate set up by the State of California. The additional monies go to subject lawyer for his services. It was also decided by the board that this fee was very cheap indeed. We are now endeavoring to have our Articles of Incorporation filed by the 21st of June, 1958, the date of our next tour, so that all members of the club will be protected.

Well, that about covers all I have to say for now with the exception of this: We are initiating a new monthly newspaper. This is our first issue of this type. We hope you will like it. Personally, I feel it to be far, far superior compared to my humble past efforts. Let's face it, I never was cut out to be an Editor.

See you at the tour on the 21st!

Fraternally yours,

L. D. "Skip" Riggs
President

JUNE TOUR! The social event planned for the month of June is a tour to Hoberg's Resort in Lake County, California. There are two (2) groups leaving at the following times: Group I departing from Jack London Square, Oakland, 8:00 a. m. June 21, caravan style, destination Hobergs. Reservations for accommodations are being made by each member in Group I.

Group II departing from Jack London Square, Oakland, 8:00 a. m. June 22, caravan style, destination Hobergs. Group II is to meet with Group I at Hobergs to then pursue the day's activities. Many exciting events are planned. **BE SURE YOU ATTEND!!!!**

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS! From general discussion with what seems to be the majority of members in the club, it has been decided to hold all future meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at Cirimele Ford Sales, 3321 Broadway, Oakland, until otherwise changed by a majority vote of the membership. It is felt by the majority of the membership that Cirimele's is centrally located, has ideal parking facilities, and inasmuch as Frank Cirimele has been most generous with his building and money thus far, and expresses a great desire to have the Club as his guests each month, that we will continue to hold all future meetings at Cirimele's until further notice.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE! A membership drive parade was staged Sunday, June 8th, 1958 with some fifteen "Thunderbird's" participating. From all indications thus far, it is felt that the parade accomplished exactly what it set out to do. Club officers have received many calls from interested prospective members who either observed the parade or heard about it from someone who did see it. Congratulations to the membership committee for their efforts in this event.

At a recent Membership meeting, it was decided to inaugurate a 90-day Membership Drive, commencing with the July 2nd meeting and ending on the first Wednesday in October. The person responsible for bringing in the most new members will receive a year's dues absolutely free. Second place winner gets 6-months dues free. New "invitation" cards have been printed and will be given out at the July meeting. So let's all get out and make a concerted effort to win these worthwhile prizes!

EMBLEM COMMITTEE: A committee to investigate design of our Club Emblem, Prices of production of said emblem and all other phases of this matter, was instituted at our June 4th meeting, under the chairmanship of Lew Edwards (An 1-4037). Any person who has any ideas regarding possible design of emblem, source of supply, or any other phases regarding the selection of a club emblem contact Lew Edwards and be advised of committee meeting dates.

AUTOMOBILE TECHNICAL INSPECTION: Technical advisor, Bert Melberg, announced at Board Meeting June 10th, that alternate dates for technical inspection of members cars will be announced at the July 2nd meeting.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

WANTED - Application for membership in the Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club.

WANTED - Classified ads from members who desire items or who have items for sale, (Tops, parts, accessories) for Thunderbirds. No charge.