

What's New in Birdland

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MEETING CHANGES TO SAT. NIGHT

Yielding to majority will, your Board is finally switching General Membership meetings from the second Tuesday to the second Saturday of the month. This change will take effect immediately commencing August 13th. The place remains the same - The Driftwood, 1413 Park Street in Alameda, with dinner hour being maintained at 7 pm *sharp*. The meeting will follow at 8 pm - on the ol-

factory organ. Being Saturday, everyone who intends to dine should be able to be there *on time* so that the meeting may follow on schedule.

Saturday night meetings are no innovation in BATOC. Throughout most of last year we met regularly at The House of Harvey on Saturdays, only changing to Tuesdays at the insistence of a few vociferous members who

wanted to hold their Saturdays open for social alliances - *dating*. True to human nature, most of them failed to attend a single Tuesday meeting this year. Meanwhile, we "lost" a few substantial members who felt they could not afford to stay up late during the middle of the week. We sincerely hope our present about-face serves to bring the stray sheep into the fold.

MIGRATIONS

by BOB GROWDEN

"Who wants this?" "I do!" SPLASH - I got it! Read "Words for Birds" for explanation.

Our August Rally has a name now - "Di que, Di Li". Italian for "This way, that way." The date is the 14th, a straight time and distance rally involving some four hours. The first car out will be at 9:00 am, leaving Hy's Drive-In at MacArthur and Broadway in Oakland. After proceeding this way and that way we will all arrive at Gill's Marsh Creek Lodge in Contra Costa Country.

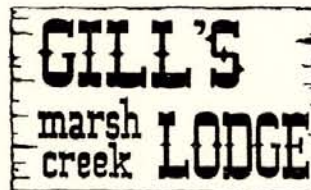
This rally will bring all the members together. The reason is simple. The rally will draw the die-hard rally members, the destination will draw the non-rally enthusiasts, so this will be a reunion for many of our members.

Gill's Marsh Creek Lodge is an area of land owned by the Gill family for some 30-odd years and they have been in the resort business there for the same length of time. The swimming pool is 100 x 50 with more than enough room at the pool's edge for sun bathing. There's a coffee shop serving sandwiches, a snack bar for tidbits and the Frontier Room serving full course dinners, steaks, lamb chops, chicken, fish, crab louie, etc.

There are picnic tables all around the area; cabins if you wish to spend the night. The cocktail lounge overlooks the complete area for a breath-taking view, i. e., itsy-bitsy, teeny-weeny, yellow polka-dot bikinis, etc. Meanwhile, back at the bar the band commences to play at 4:00 pm, dancing, etc.

This rally will be a success because there is no excuse for not coming. The rally for rally enthusiasts; the lodge for the social group, the grounds and facilities for the children. I am sure you all agree with me.

In the last several events we have had, several members have invited guests with



sports cars. At the Turtle Rock outing these guests totalled six. I think it would be good for the Club treasury (which we hear always needs money) if each member would invite one guest car to each of our events. I have attended several outside rallies and there have always been upwards of 50 participants; this is what I would like to see on August 14th. Through the radio broadcasts and newspapers this event will be well publicized and there is no reason why we should not have the largest turnout for an event in our history.

Our annual winery tour will be September 4, 1960. Steaks, wine and a beautiful day will make a wonderful weekend for all.



"FILL 'ER UP!"



Stop and stare -
Who goes there?
Birds, birds, everywhere,
All in a line on Highway Five,
T-Birds on a Sunday drive.
Mountains and oceans,
Soupy fog and bright sun -
We had them all
Ere day was done -
On the Big Basin Run.

- Jean Wolfe

As Jean indicates, we ran into a large variety of weather, views, and experiences on our Big Basin Tour. When we left Oakland and on through most of San Francisco we had beautiful weather, and then went into a cold fog only to break into bright sunshine for the rest of the trip.

We followed Skyline, traveling over the ridge of the mountains with an abundant growth of pine and redwood on either side of the highway. A view of the ocean to our right and the Peninsula cities to our left, on into Big Basin with its beautiful wild deer running free in the Park.

The main problem on this tour turned out to be food. We came to the conclusion that those mountain folk feel that the surest way to rid themselves of pesky city dwellers is to starve them to death. Our first stop after Big Basin was a combination bar and restaurant which had a good supply of cold beverages which were welcome in the heat, but no food. We managed to by-pass any likely looking spots in Boulder Creek and went into Felton. Here we entered the B & G Cafe in the customary innocent but at times boisterous manner of all good BATOC members and were confronted with the "orneriest

mountain gal" we have ever had the misfortune of meeting. With hardly a word on the part of any one of us, she asked, "Do you want it?". Bob Growden, always an agreeable sort, replied "Yes". With no further ado this harriidan of the hills doused him with a glassful of dish water which also splashed Jean and Elton Wolfe. The question of enlarging the size of said cafe and turning one waitress into two was debated at length. We decided that discretion really was the better part of valor and left. The general consensus, however, was that we could not wholeheartedly recommend this establishment to anyone. After two more stops in a quest for sustenance we ran into further resistance. At the first stop down the road the cook was too inebriated to function. At the second the cook hadn't shown up for work. At long last we arrived in Santa Cruz and somehow managed to find a restaurant, a friendly waitress, and even a cook.

After a brief drive through Santa Cruz where the natives enjoyed the sight of a group of handsome Birds we regained our strength and returned via Highway 17, another scenic drive. We arrived home tired but with pleasant memories of a somewhat unique yet enjoyable tour.

Maxine: I nearly ran over a fellow on the way home and I think he was from Miami.

Art: How do you know he was from Miami?

Maxine: Well, when he reached the sidewalk I heard him say something about the sun and the beach!

TECH TIPS



by FRANK FICKER

— Continued from last month:

Last month we discussed the possibility of a grounded high-tension wire or a defective distributor rotor. Now the points. Dirty points. Operate the starter in short pulses until the rubbing block on the movable-point arm rests on a low spot on the cam. Then, with the ignition ON, open and close the points by hand, looking for a tiny spark each time they separate. If none appears and the point faces seem dirty or pitted, sand them clean with the striking strip torn from a match folder. Other ways to clean them: File lightly with a nail file, or scrape with a knife.

POINTS OUT OF ADJUSTMENT. See that wear or a loosened locking screw has not changed the point adjustment. Operate the starter until the rubbing block rests on a high spot on the cam, holding the points open. The gap between the point faces should be equivalent to four thicknesses of road-map paper. If it isn't, loosen the locking screw, turn the adjustment screw or shift the base of the stationary point to alter the gap, and lock again. Recheck the adjustment of the gap after tightening the locking screw.

— Continued next month

ON BEING A BETTER MEMBER

We are all presently engaged in a six-months drive for new members. Are you doing your part? Good membership entails joining in with the bunch in any group undertaking, whether you personally approve of the movement or not.

It was only a few months ago that it was decided our Club could be revitalized, made more interesting by an all-out drive to enlist new members to replace those old ones who were taking a "back seat" this year — or had dropped out altogether. The problem of obtaining these new people is not for the Membership Committee and your officers to solve alone, but matters about which all members should concern themselves. In fact, the choice of a beautiful trophy or a year's free dues will go to the member who brings in the most new members by the time the "contest" closes in September. Additional awards for runners-up, of course.

What type of membership should we strive for? Analyze the composition of our present roster. Should we have more older — or younger people? Do we have too many of the same type . . . those disinterested in car events, for instance? Now is the time to take steps to correct conditions you do not like by securing new blood of the type you believe will do the most good for the Club as a whole.

Getting into BATOC isn't exactly easy. A prospect is given a guest card and he is expected to attend two activities and a General Business Meeting in succession. During this "Get Acquainted" period he has an opportunity to learn our aims, while we can look him over and decide if he would make a likely asset. If he then decides he wants in, he presents himself before the Membership Committee (meeting the third Wednesday of each month), antes up \$20 for Initia-

tion Fee plus a year's dues, and has his Bird inspected by a member of the Technical Committee. In addition, he must prove he has adequate insurance to comply with the State of California's minimal liability regulations. At this meeting, the Club is discussed with the prospect and his questions answered.

At the following Membership Committee Meeting he is voted upon and then informed by mail of that group's decision. At the next General Membership Meeting (the 2nd Saturday of the month) he is presented with a membership card and Club emblem if he has successfully passed all these hurdles.

Our "Big Push" is finally beginning to make headway. Several members have been added recently, and one couple in particular — the Wolfes — show promise of luring so many of their T-Bird-owning friends in with them that they may just win first prize despite being Johnny-Come-Latelys.

Remember, we do not want members solely for the sake of adding names to our rolls and dollars into the treasury. We must be selective . . . avoid acquiring troublesome personalities. But we mustn't rule out all non-conformists, either. We need new blood for the new horizons they can provide . . . a rejuvenation.

But we have an obligation to these new people, too. They must be made to feel welcome and happy that they joined. They ought to find more reasons to justify joining *after* they become members. Try to make them feel at home. Older members should get acquainted with the newer members, talk to them, make friends with them. Make certain introductions are made so the new member gets to know the older ones as well as the other new ones as soon as possible.

MEETING NOTICES

8/3 — **ACTIVITIES** — Horsfall's, 324 Warwick, Oakland — 7:30 p.m.

8/13 — **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** — At The Driftwood, 1413 Park St., Alameda — 8:00 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm SHARP!

8/17 — **MEMBERSHIP** — Edwards', 3451 — 35th Avenue — 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

12th — Don Brooks 16th — Donna Sell
13th — By Shideler 24th — Paul Tanzillo
15th — Joe Koonce

NEW COMMITTEE HEAD

Faye Edwards has taken over chairmanship of Membership, replacing Rose Volpatti who resigned.

ROSTER CHANGES

While you are reading this, please get out your membership list and make the following entries:

New Members:

Elton & Jean Wolfe, 401 Fairmount Avenue, Oakland — TE 2-2317
Art Bellasano, 2711 Carlson Blvd., Richmond Annex, Calif. — LA 6-8324
Carol & Dick Spickelmire, 3900 Delmont Avenue, Oakland

New Phone Numbers:

Horsfall — TEmplebar 6-3880
Lewis — KEllog 3-7430
Neiss — LOKhaven 2-4570

Nice job our Donna Sell did in dittoing her Treasurer's Report so as not to consume time reading it at the meeting. Much easier to comprehend, too. Thanks, gal!

PRESIDENT'S PERCH



I'd like to know now how many cars we can count on for the Parade of Lights Festival this September. As you know, this is an annual event for us and it is the inauguration of the U of C fall football season. In the event only 15 volunteer, we will just transport princesses. If we can raise 25 or more, we'd like to enter a BATOC float in this famous parade and proudly display our beautiful Birds before thousands of appreciative onlookers. Please call me at once.

We are extremely pleased with the effort so many of our key members put into their Club doings. They challenge themselves to interest the membership in their ideas and strive mightily to develop better functions. We are sincerely proud of the integrity and quality of our personnel, and our thanks to them for making the Club what it is today.

Did you like our last meeting? I'm trying to keep business and boredom to a minimum. I think we can have these meetings informal without getting out of control. If so, we can all enjoy the meetings more. Maybe even call them "Fun" Meetings.

See you soon. Love ya all!

News Flash: "Miss Roberta Johns was injured while driving her Thunderbird near this city yesterday. The area in which Miss Johns was injured is spectacularly scenic." (Monterey, Ca) *Peninsula Herald*