

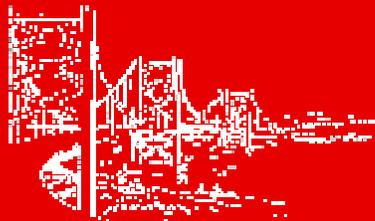


Bird Notes for the Month:

- New Electronic Newsletter Version Available.
- Malibu Grand Prix Event This Month
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- New Krylon Paint for Plastic
- Club History Booklet Available

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What's New in BIRD-LAND?

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New "Electronic" Newsletter



Starting this issue, there will be two versions of this newsletter, your normal printed one and a new online version that can be accessed from www.batoc.org. This is a fully interactive webpage, not to be confused with the archive version of the newsletter which will appear within the club's historical newsletter section.

There are no plans to discontinue the paper version anytime soon. This

The Electronic Version Will Have Navigation Bar

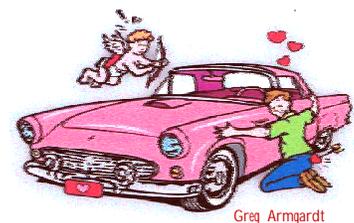
is just a convenient way to access our club's publication from any web browser.

The only major difference is the electronic version will have a convenient navigation bar. The content will be identical.

The club is also putting together a Sharpoint

style website that will allow for more interactivity between members.

Members will be able to check the club calendar, sign up for events, upload photos, make suggestions or send private letters to club officers. More information on this exciting feature will be provided in the March issue.



Greg Armgardt

Valentine's Day History



Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and

why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day -- and its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of ro-

mance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and

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President's Message

IT'S VALENTINES DAY & DON'T YOU FORGET IT



DAVE ADAMS,
President

So there ya go. Don't say we didn't give you plenty of warning. Men, if you want free run of the garage or you women want free run of the "Honey-Do" list, you must heed the warning and do something very special for your cutie. I know the pressure is on me...Shanon is a hard one to keep up with.

Anyway, February is also many other things in T-Bird Land starting with our annual, semi-traditional Super Bowl fest on the 6th. This casual outing is at the Marin Rod & Gun Club and is courtesy of the Gregory's. It includes a buffet dinner, plenty of friendship and a full no-host bar. It is always a fun day and the entire club should be there.

Call any of us right away though, if you'd like to go. We have to get tickets in advance...and it is growing late.

Stepping back a bit to our January business meeting... we had a superb turn out and I want to thank you all for coming. I also want to thank Lisa Perry for her

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BATOC History Website



Last year we created a history website that has a lot of photos and memorabilia from years past. Given that our club dates back to 1958 there is a lot of history!

If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to take a look.

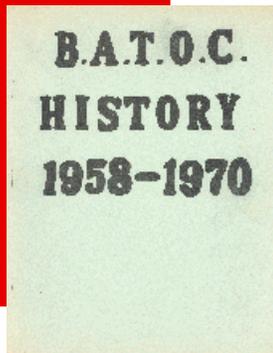
Just follow the "History" link from our club's main website at www.batoc.org.

Among the things you will find are copies of

the first newsletters, historic photos, old membership flyers, lists of past presidents and a detailed description of the club's early beginnings written by Winnie Gregovich in 1970.

BATOC History 1958-1970

Original cover of BATOC History 1958-1970 booklet.



Former member Winnie Gregovich wrote a comprehensive history of the club back in 1970 which covers the "early days" of the club quite well. The

entire text is available on the club website under first "blue" History tab and the button marked "1958-1970".

If any member that does not have internet access would like a copy, please

call the editor, Don Perry at (925) 837-4740 to request one or drop a written request in the mail to BATOC c/o Don Perry, 49 Flora Vista Pl., Danville, CA 94526

Meeting Minutes 01-15-2005

Minutes of the BATOC Meeting, January 15, 2005 Buttercup Grill, Walnut Creek, CA

The meeting was called to order by President David Adams at 10:00 a.m. Approximately 30 people were in attendance, most of them members. Dave introduced a prospective member, Greg Francis who told about his yellow '55. Dave then had each of the members present stand, tell when they joined, what car they owned, and a brief history of their car interests. This took about one half hour, but was quite enjoyable and helpful to the newer members. Several folks were attending a Quar-

terly for the first time (or the first one in a long time), these were Jack and Carole Freethy, Bob White, Ron Johnston, Doug Walker, June Smikahl and Scott and Cheryl Smith.

Dave then reviewed his plans for this, his third year as President this time around (he served as President in 1992). He reported on a Executive Board meeting held in early January wherein he, newly elected Vice President, Lisa Perry, Activities Chair Connie Russell and Editor Don Perry discussed plans for a bigger and better BATOC in 2005. The plan is to present more variety in activities,



keep them very car oriented, and include more informal meetings at member homes perhaps with tech sessions as part of the event. He noted he planned to have speakers at the Quarterly

meetings and/or other events.

Next was a review of the reasons for the dues increase, listing all the sources

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January Event Recap *Cruise to Capitola!*

Congratulations, Dave, you hosted a wonderful January event!! What a way to kick off the New Year! Last January 22nd, 17 members in

6 T-Birds and 2 Brand-Xs (the Olson's Jaguar and the Walker's Pontiac) caravanned from the cold and foggy East Bay through Half Moon Bay along Highway 1 to delightfully sunny Capitola. We lunched (for over 2 hours) on the beach side patio at the Lido. We shopped (before and after lunch) and stopped for a "Photo Op" at Brighton Beach. The weather and scenery were wonderful, but they couldn't match the company and the chatting. This event also



T-Birds at New Brighton State Beach

marked the return of Scott and Cheryl Smith who were quite active in the club last year but whose busy schedules kept them away for awhile.

Smith, Pete and Verna Norman, and Dave and Dolores Olson.



Scott and Cheryl Smith back again!

Thanks again Dave, from Don and Lisa Perry, Don and Ann Gregory, Pete Lefevre and Carolyn Cody, Doug and Beth Walker, Mike and Connie Russell, Scott and Cheryl



"Reverend" Dave

BATOC Super Bowl Party!



This coming February 6st will be our annual BATOC Super Bowl party to be held at Marin Rod and Gun Club.

It will be fun with all of us rooting for our favorite team. Tickets are \$15 and this includes a delicious dinner as well as hors

Big screen TV, fun, food, beer and more!

d'oeuvres during the first half of the game.

The party starts at 2:30 PM.

The Marin Rod and Gun Club is located at the west end of the Richmond-San Rafael bridge. Call the Gregory's at (415) 479-7320 by February 2nd. to reserve your seats. You can pay at the door.

So come join us! It will be a fun time for all!!



THE BATOC CALENDAR FOR 2006

You might think that we are really getting organized if we are already working on our calendar for 2006. But that is not true at all. We will NEVER be that organized. We are, however, talking about the "Cars of BATOC" calendar.

That's right. The "Cars of BATOC" will be a wonderful club product that will chronicle the clubs outings for the year and feature, of

course, our member cars in a beautifully done, full size calendar for 2006. And, since we have such a fabulous club photographer in Mike Russell and he has agreed to bless us with his skills, this will be an incredibly fun project that everyone can get behind while being a fabulous fund raiser for the club.

So get out that car, polish it up and get out to an activity very

soon...make your car "A Calendar Car". Our plan is to have it completed in early October and back from the printers in time for Birds On The Wharf in October.

THIS WILL BE SOOOOO COOL.

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Customer Reviews:

Reviewed by Jared L. from biloxi, MS. *September 27, 2003*

I just had my car painted baby blue and I had it black before. So of course my interior was a dark red. Which of course baby blue and dark red looks nasty together. So I went to the store I was recommended Fusion for my plastic parts in my car. So I bought them and now it looks like I bought new parts. It looks like it suppose to be white. So Fusion is the best.

Reviewed by Shelly K. from Caledonia, WI. *September 01, 2003*

So far so good. I even sprayed it when it was 80 degrees with very high humidity and it still dried within the 15 minutes. Still have to see the weathering over the winter. I sprayed my edging because the original that I had was discontinued and I didn't have enough. The only color available online, through the company, was terra cotta and mine is black. I ordered the edging anyway and sprayed it. We will see.....

Reviewed by Eileen B. from Toms River, NJ. *August 01, 2003*

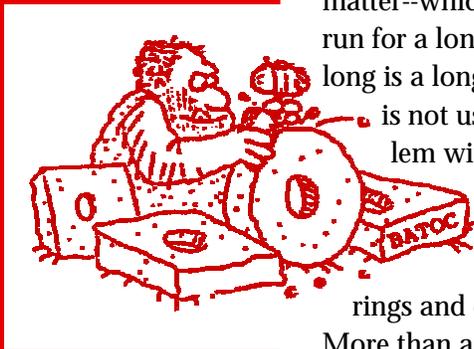
After hearing so much about this paint, I finally got to try it! It's the best paint I've seen and does exactly what it's described to do. I am very pleased with the paint and plan on purchasing lots more.



By PETE LEFEVRE,
Technical Chairman

Tech-Tips

Starting Your T'Bird After a Long Period of Non-Operation



"If the battery has been sitting without a monthly charge, junk it! "

There are some tricks to know when trying to start a T'Bird--or any car for that matter--which has not been run for a long time. How long is a long time? A year is not usually a problem with an engine in good condition--meaning good piston rings and cylinder walls.

More than a year can often be a problem. The following instructions assume the engine was OK the last time it was run.

If the battery has been sitting without a monthly charge, junk it! It may look perfect, however it will take only a surface charge if anything. Properly connect a new or very good used battery. Do not depend on jumper cables.

Smell the gasoline. If it smells terrible you have a real problem which is beyond the scope of this article. If you can pump out most of the OK gasoline safely and use it in another vehicle, do so. Do not si-

phon gasoline using your mouth--it could be fatal. Put about five gallons of fresh gasoline in the tank if possible. New gasoline will start an engine much easier than old gasoline due to the fact that new gasoline has light, highly volatile and flammable ingredients which light off in the cylinder very quickly.

Pull all of the spark plugs being very careful not to break any of the plugs or wire connections. Mark each wire if you are not sure you can get each one back in its correct location. Using a pump type or a spout type oil can with a piece of vacuum hose (1/8" or 3/16" inside diameter rubber hose) over the end as an extension, pump about two table-spoons of regular engine oil (10-40 will do) into each cylinder. Do not reinstall the spark plugs. Pull the coil to distributor high voltage wire (the fat wire) and wedge the end where it will touch metal and ground out. Crank the engine over using the key and starter.

Crank about 20 seconds at a time with a three minute rest between. The oil pressure light should go out after two or three 20 second cranks. If it does not after two or three total minutes you will have to prime the pump using an electric drill and extension rod to directly turn the oil pump. This too is beyond the scope of this article. If the engine turns fairly quickly, the oil pressure light has gone out and there are no weird noises coming from the engine you are ready to reinstall the spark plugs, reconnect the spark plug wires and the coil to distributor wire.

During the cranking the fuel pump probably started pumping gasoline. Pull the air cleaner to make sure gasoline is not leaking anywhere. If there is gasoline leaking from the carburetor or the fuel pump--stop. You may have to rebuild either or both. If no leaks, proceed. With the key off, look down the bar-

Tech-Tips continued...

rels of the carburetor while holding the choke open and pulling back the accelerator linkage to the wide open throttle position. You should see two streams of gasoline squirting for about one second. If gasoline is squirting into the carburetor throat you are ready to try starting the engine. If there is no gasoline squirting out you will have to prime the engine with a one second shot of spray carburetor cleaner into the throat of the carburetor with the throttle held wide open. This will have to be repeated before each starting attempt.

Crank the engine with the air cleaner off and the hood open. Do this outside rather in a garage due to the unlikely event of a carburetor fire. Resist using a dry powder extinguisher in case of fire--better to keep a large damp towel handy to snuff out a fire. If the engine starts within a few seconds, let it run for a few minutes at an idle while watching carefully for gasoline leaks. Stop the engine if leaks are noticed and repair the problem. If the engine does not start within 30 seconds or so, do not use gasoline or

starting ether to prime the engine, but rather use spray carburetor cleaner. Spray a one second shot down the carburetor throat while holding the throttle wide open. Let the throttle close normally and try to start the engine for four or five seconds. The engine may start and stall several times before it settles down and runs. If after four or five attempts with carb cleaner and cranking, the engine does not start or doesn't even fire there are other problems that should be checked out.

Once the engine starts and runs, check carefully for gasoline leaks. It is possible that slight leaks will correct after the carburetor gaskets swell back to normal. Watch coolant temperature during the first few hours of running since the thermostat may stick or the water pump may begin to leak. It would not hurt to change oil, filter and engine coolant.

Notes: A gasoline stabilizer additive can be put in the gasoline tank before long storage to prevent the gasoline from turning bad.

I prefer synthetic engine oil for engines which are not run often since it seems to stick better to the bearings and cam lobes.

Old gasoline that stinks has oxidized and cannot be used. You may have to completely flush out the fuel system and rebuild the carburetor to make the engine run right.

The stock Holley carburetors used on T'Birds are prone to gross leaks when they dry out. Cleaning the carburetor and changing gaskets can be a major hassle.

Carburetor cleaner is far better than gasoline or starting ether to prime the engine. It is safer than either, however don't let it get onto paint. It will blister or remove it. Do not prime the carburetor while cranking the engine. Make sure the key is off.



"The engine may start and stall several times before it settles down and runs."



LISA PERRY,
Vice President

Vice President's Message

Well, for anyone who missed it, we had a GREAT January/Quarterly Meeting on the 15th. There were 29 members and 1 guest in attendance. Many issues were discussed. We are still looking for a Secretary. Ann Gregory graciously consented to act as Secretary until the office is officially filled. David Olson agreed to extend his term for one more year as Treasurer. We also discussed the need for more members to pick up a bit of

the slack and join in the fun of running the Club. After a discussion of having the Quarterly Meetings at members' homes, it was decided to continue at Buttercup and perhaps follow with a "Tech Session" at someone's home. We are also exploring having speakers at future Quarterly Meetings. Connie Russell announced several great events. She has been working diligently to put together a wide variety of events which should have

something for everyone. As always, the main focus should be on enjoying each other's company. So, even if you don't drive your T-Bird, we'd love to see you in your Brand-X!! Give us a call if you have any questions, comments or would like to volunteer to contribute your time & talents to BATOC.

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of our expenses which must be covered. Our new format newsletter, our web site and calendar web, postage, and the times BATOC must pick up the tab when an event overruns the income generated. No one present objected to the dues increase.

David Olson gave the Treasurer's report (we are still solvent) and David noted that he had received several dues checks already and expects to receive more soon. Connie Russell gave a report on upcoming activities and asked all members

to volunteer to run an event or to suggest ideas. Lisa Perry addressed the group encouraging them to submit any address changes, new phone numbers (cell and house) and also their e-mail addresses. Don Perry will be doing a new roster after the dues are in and would like it to be as accurate as possible.

A report on the election was given, Dave noting that the jobs of Secretary and Treasurer have yet to be claimed. Since no one volunteered, David Olson agreed to be Treasurer for one more year. Ann Gregory volunteered to do the minutes of

today's meeting. Dave Adams will continue his search for a new Secretary.

Dave reviewed several activities that he hopes all will attend this year. He mentioned the meeting at Gil Baumgartner's home in Suisun City as one he felt is particularly fun and helpful to those working on their cars. Tech Chairman Pete LeFevre offered everyone a chance to look at the CTCI Restoration Manual. He also repeated his generous offer to members - they may phone him for advice when they have a car problem or question.

Don Gregory was asked to

present the Commemorative plaques to last year's officers. David Olson received one for his two years as Treasurer. Ann presented Don with his old 1998 Vice President plaque which was recycled by adding the year 2004. Carol Glander, Secretary, was not present to receive her recognition plaque. The meeting ended with the "r_ff__" wherein people were chosen by ticket for nice prizes donated by those attending.

Respectfully
submitted,

Ann Gregory,
Secretary Pro Tem



MALIBU GRAND PRIX



Official Club
February Event!

Saturday--- February 19, 2005

Join your fellow BATOC members for a fun time of racing at the Malibu Grand Prix in Redwood City on Saturday, February 19, 2005. Satisfy that racing "bug", by "strapping yourself into a high powered, custom-built ¼ scale indy style race car and hurtle around a twisting, turning ½-mile track at blistering speeds."

We will meet at 9:30-10:00AM at the Livery, Shopping Village in Danville. Exit Hwy. 680 and go west onto Sycamore Valley Road. Continue straight across San Ramon Valley road and into the Livery Shopping area. Take the first right into the Livery parking lot and go past the Washington Mutual Bank (on your right). Just ahead on your left is the "Bagel Street Café" (Suite 312). Park and look for the BATOC sign and fellow T-Bird members. Restrooms are nearby and you can grab a bite to eat at the Café.

At 10:00 AM sharp we will caravan to Redwood City. We expect to arrive at the Malibu Grand Prix at approximately 11:00AM, and begin racing at approx. 11:30AM. For those that would rather meet at Malibu Grand Prix the address is 320 Blomquist Street, Redwood City, CA 94063. Directions: From 101 Freeway take the Seaport Blvd exit, left at the first stoplight. (www.malibugrandprix.com) (650) 366-6442.

Malibu Grand Prix has one and two seater Grand Prix type race cars. The racing style is individual timed laps. Cost is \$30 per driver for 11 Grand Prix laps. (No cost for passenger if you want a two seater type race car.) Drivers must be 16 years or older with a valid drivers' license.

After our fun racing event we will stop for lunch at a local restaurant and then caravan home. If you would like to join us please call or e-mail Connie Russell by February 15, 2005. Connie can be reached at (925) 944-0691 or connierussell1@comcast.net. Let Connie know the number of people that will be attending and number of drivers. Plan on bringing \$30 (cash) to the event for each person that plans to drive a Grand Prix race car. There will be no other cost for the event except for purchase of your own lunch. If you have any questions, please give Connie a call.

Valentine's Day History continued...

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how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentines, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made

better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may

have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is al-

leged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popu-



President's Message continued...

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efforts in calling everyone in advance. A lot of really good ideas were discussed, along with our upcoming events and some very important business items. Take a look at the enclosed minutes of the meeting, but a couple of the highlights include:

Committee Formation: We hope to enlist a few more of you to get involved in a few small committees. This is how you can get involved and help with the growth and momentum of the club, without having to take on an entire "Officers" role. This will be a huge help to the Officers and lift the burden of some of the smaller tasks. This might

include snack & refreshment committees, decorating committees, telephone committees, etc. Things that everybody could help with while not consuming large amounts of your time... sort of sharing the load. So don't be surprised if you receive a prodding phone call from one of us. In the immortal words of Tom Cruise... "Help Us, Help You."

Our Dues: Dues are, of course, due. There were, rightfully, a few questions at the meeting along with a fairly complete accounting of what your dues go for each year. I won't go into great detail here, but counting all of the expenses of the club...including newsletters, event flyers, postage, membership

brochures, web site expenses, a few event cost overruns, trophies, plaques, bank & corporate expenses, etc. etc, etc....the club costs a tad over \$38 per member to operate. But for this, we are building a very exciting club that many of the other clubs are attempting to emulate. Our growth has been incredible, our national visibility is extremely high and the pride is back. All very good things that require a bit more money. Thank you for supporting and approving our dues increase.

Outings: We have a whole bunch of very exciting outings in the works...and a bunch that will include more car stuff and car related information. This will

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APRIL 2005

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- ◆ February 6th — Super Bowl Party GREGORYS' (415) 479-7320
- ◆ February 19th — Feb. Event Malibu Grand Prix RUSSELLS' (925) 944-0691
- ◆ March 12th — St. Patrick's Day Parade, Dublin PERRYS' (925) 837-4740
- ◆ March 19th — Mustard Festival, Napa RUSSELLS' (925) 944-0691
- ◆ April 9th — BATOC Quarterly Meeting.
- ◆ April 22nd — Cadillac/La Salle Grass Valley Tour Inter-Club Event SANDY CARION (510) 522-0536
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include guest speakers at our meetings, quickie Tech sessions at many of our events and larger caravans on our trips resulting from our membership growth and enthusiasm. This is what we all want and why we all joined the club to begin with. This is one of the areas that we'll be looking for the "Committee" help I discussed earlier. This, of course, starts this

month with our Malibu Grand Prix day on the 19th. A more active event than just going to a brunch and it has a focus on cars, driving and FUN. Get involved and join us for this one. Be a kid again.

And finally. I want to extend a huge thanks to Dave Olson for agreeing to continue on as our Treasurer for another year, and to Ann Gregory for stepping up to the plate...again...as Secretary. You guys'

dedication is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Here is a collective Hurrah to both of you.

I am out of space and must move along, now. I hope to see you soon and look forward to everyone's involvement this year.

Happy T-Birding
 Dave

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Bay Area Thunderbird Owner's Club

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**SPECIAL INSERT TO
FEBRUARY WNIBL NEWSLETTER**

Special Bulletin
Invitation to BATOC to the
Cadillac/ La Salle Event
Grass Valley, California
April 22, 2005

The Cadillac/LaSalle Club has invited BATOC members to join them for a Grass Valley Tour and car show on April 22-24, 2005. The general plan is to meet in Benica at approximately 9:00 AM on Friday morning and caravan to Grass Valley. The car show is scheduled for Saturday and cars must be on the field early Saturday morning. This car show is sponsored by the Downtown Grass Valley Merchants Association and is a very popular event.

Rooms at the Downtown Grass Valley Suites, have been reserved and a group dinner is planned Saturday evening at the Holbrooke Hotel which claims to have the oldest saloon in the west and we are told "is very quaint and fairly lively on Saturday night."

More detailed information will follow in the March newsletter, but if you think you might be interested in attending, please contact Sandy Carrion (Cadillac/LaSalle Club) so that she can reserve a hotel room for you. (Apparently this a popular event and rooms fillup fast). Sandy can be reached at (510) 522-0536.

Further information can be obtained from club members Doug and Beth Walker who will be attending this event (510) 930-6245 or our club activities chairperson, Connie Russell at (925) 944-0691.

