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Nor Cal Vintage Club Status

Yes we are still alive and waiting for this year to be better than 2020.

The following lists the status for the club and some of our plans for the coming year (hopefully)!

1. You are still all members in good standing. Since last year didn't exist for the club we have decided that your 2020 dues will be applied for 2021. You will still need to pay your dues for Vintage Thunderbird Club International.
2. The number of volunteers for officers for the coming year was underwhelming. So the following are the present selected officers for 2021:
President – Russ Carr
Vice President – Open
Secretary – Julie Kinsey
Treasurer – Miki Smith
Members at Large – Vic Quarello and Craig Cuslidge
Editor – Bill Kinsey
3. July 11th is National Collector Car Appreciation Day. So whatever happens with this COVID you should plan on just driving that TBird around town. We will try to plan some type of outing on that day.
4. We still plan on Horse and Feathers and the National Meet both in August. More later.
5. We are reviewing plans for some tours in the coming months.

Board of Directors

Founded on September 26, 1976, the Northern California Vintage Thunderbird Club of America, Inc. (NORCAL VTCA) unites owners and enthusiasts of ALL Ford Thunderbirds built in 1955 through 2005 in a common effort to enjoy and preserve these fine cars.

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***The above officers are here to
serve the members of this club***

Our website is at

<http://norcal-vtca.org/>

Greetings from The Old Carr Place :

First thing I want to thank Garry for the past two year term of President. We will miss him since he decided that sub zero weather in the winter was better than 70 degree Januarys. However he does have some fantastic car shows close by so his summers will be full of driving his TBirds. Hope we can see some pictures in the future, Thanks again Garry.

Since this is my last issue of The Wing I do want to thank all of those that have help get this out each month. Bill Kinsey has helped with numerous articles from his travels or other exploits. Vic Quarello has always supplied pictures of the events especially when I was too interested in the cars to take pictures. His unique views of our cars is sometimes more art than reality, especially when he places the cars where they have never been. I also have to thank Marilyn for proof reading these issues and correcting my mistakes and grammar.

Now for the future. This COVID thing has slowed down the old car hobby by eliminating many of our fun events. I don't see many car shows or meets coming in the first half of the year. BUT we do miss the opportunity to see everyone so we will be looking at sites to hold some driving tours where we can drive the cars and have an outdoor picnic lunch Or something!

Historically the Vice President has been responsible for coordinating our tours. Since that position is open I would like to make that the responsibility of **all** members! Do you have a favorite drive, outdoor venue, park or site that we could hold a safe get together? Think about it! Those Thunderbirds in your garage don't like to just sit there! They need to be driven. Call me with your ideas and suggestions and we can go from there. Every member must help make this club FUN.

Since we also have a new editor, I'm sure he could also use your help. It is sometimes difficult to come up with ideas and articles. I would challenge all members to try to find interesting articles or tidbits to add to The Wing. Contact Bill with your ideas.

As always stay healthy and stay safe. Hope to see you soon.

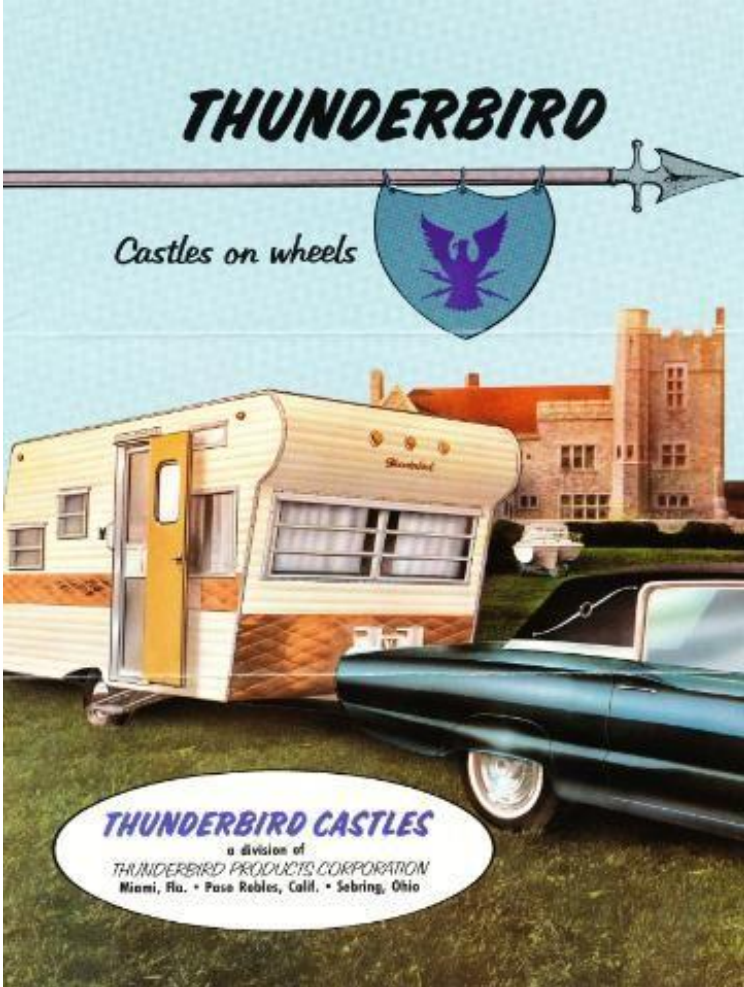
Russ

ps: Just what is this Old Carr Place? It all came about as a play on words. The house, built around 1892-3 previously was known as the old Krohn Place, named after the man that had lived here for about 50 years. So we put up a sign and told people it was now named after us. The Carr name, the interest in old cars, the old house and I was getting old. That was 46 years ago. Now I am OLD!



Solution for social distancing

As many of you know the Carr's have a motorhome and love to find out of the way places to escape the lockdown and practice social distancing. We got to talking about how we could go to distant car shows and continue to stay away from people rather than stay at hotels. Marilyn said no to the idea but it posed and interesting questions. In times past, how did Thunderbird owners travel and stay away from people? The following answers are the results of an internet search. First they could buy a Thunderbird Castle:



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It seems that many people had the same idea in days past. Then some had more toys than a travel trailer could hold. Check the next two Thunderbirds.



The Airstream was popular with the TBird crowd.



So now that I have shown it has been done, did I give you any ideas?

No Flight Log and no tours so some pictures from the past.



Alameda 2017



Colma Cemetery Tour 2013



Horse and Feathers 2013



Christmas 2014



Horse and Feathers 2014



Grass Valley 2016



Our Favorite Club Members - LeRoy and Nell

As Porky Pig was known to say "Th - Th - Th- That's All Folks"



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