



# The Wing



Official Journal of the  
Northern California Vintage Thunderbird Club

**Tour Reminder**

**Feb 2015**

*Current Events*

Memory & Paul Masson Tour Saturday Feb 14th  
Day at the Races Sunday Mar 21<sup>st</sup>  
Grass Valley Tour and Car Show April 25<sup>th</sup> (more to follow next month)

**DUES ARE DUE! FILL OUT AND MAIL TODAY!**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please fill out the following renewal form and survey and send it along with your check.

Send to: Miki Smith, 2053 Telegraph Ave., Stockton, CA 95204

Dues: \$25.00 if Wing by email (pfd in **COLOR**) \_\_\_\_\_

\$30.00 if by USPS (printed in B&W) \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check out to NORCAL-VTCA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

# Memory Tour and Sweetheart Lunch - Sunday February 14th

We're taking a look back to the first official club event for VTCA 38 years ago when twenty-two square birds showed up for a tour of the Paul Masson winery in Saratoga (back then it was the Square Bird Society, and the other vintage "birds" weren't added for two years). It's been a while, so we thought we'd go back.



Please join us at the Paul Masson Mountain Winery at 11:00, in time to attend a fascinating narrative, given by Jesse "The Mayor" Montenegro, on the history of the winery and the area beginning at 11:30. After that there will be a brief tour of the grounds, staring at the amazing views in every direction, the gift shop, tasting in the tasting room, and again those amazing views off their stunning flagstone patio. This is a mountain top winery and there are slopped walkways and walking paths, stairways, and for those who desire it, some hiking around the property. For those who are not up for the walking, they will be shuttled to the building and elevators are available. At 1:30 we will leave the winery and drive to Florentine Trattoria in the quaint town of Saratoga for lunch. The fare is Italian/American and runs the range from sandwiches and burgers to specialty Italian dishes, with prices between \$8.00 and \$14.00. After lunch the tour is over, but for those who want to linger the charming town has blocks of interesting shops and there's a wine tasting shop on the corner. If the narrow streets of Saratoga give you pause, there is very adequate parking in a lot behind the restaurant.

**Please call Miki Smith at 209-463-2793 or email her at [mikismith@outlook.com](mailto:mikismith@outlook.com) to give her a headcount on those attending so we can arrange the appropriate tour and make reservations at the restaurant or if you have any questions. See you there!**

## **Directions to the winery at 14831 Pierce Road in Saratoga:**

From Oakland/East Bay: Hwy 880 South to why 85 North (Mountain View). Exit LEFT at Saratoga Avenue and continue 3.7 miles (Saratoga will turn into Big Basis Way/CA9 and then will turn into Congress Springs/CA9). Turn RIGHT at Pierce Road (at Mountain Winery sign). Turn LEFT at the Mountain Winery gates .2 miles up Pierce Road.

From SF: Hwy 280 South to Hwy 85 South (Gilroy). Exit RIGHT at Saratoga Avenue and continue 3.7 miles (Saratoga will turn into Big Basis Way/CA9 and then will turn into Congress Springs/CA9). Turn RIGHT at Pierce Road (at Mountain Winery sign). Turn LEFT at the Mountain Winery gates .2 miles up Pierce Road.

From Gilroy and points south: Take Hwy 85 North (Mountain View). Exit LEFT at Saratoga Avenue and continue 3.7 miles (Saratoga will turn into Big Basis Way/CA9 and then will turn into Congress Springs/CA9). Turn RIGHT at Pierce Road (at Mountain Winery sign). Turn LEFT at the Mountain Winery gates .2 miles up Pierce Road.

# *2015 Day at the Races*

## *Coming up Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>*



**GOLDEN GATE FIELDS**

### *Limited seating – sign up NOW*

Yes - Golden Gate Fields is still open! On Saturday March 21st we'll be enjoying the first day of Spring and racing with fellow Northern California T'bird enthusiasts at Golden Gate Fields. There will be comfortable Turf Club seating with a grand view of the track, all we care to eat of their great buffet, brand X valet parking with special parking for the T'birds, an Official Racing Program, group welcome on the infield tote board, a group welcome printed in the racing program plus Winner's Circle privileges for 6 to 8 members of our group. We will also have our own personal host - assigned to take care of our comfort and help familiarize us with the track and betting if we wish. Everything is taken care of - all we need to do is have fun!

We'll meet at the track around 11:00am at the parking lot entrance, special parking will be reserved for those bringing their T'Birds. Cost for this outing is **\$40.00 per person (\$20.00 for kids under 18)**.

***Please sign-up using form provided before February 22, 2015***

Driving and meet instructions will be mailed or e-mailed to those attending.

**\*\*\*Please make checks to Norcal-VTCA and mail to Mike Press, 516 Bonnie Dr, El Cerrito, CA 94530\*\*\***

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_, City \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_, E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number Adults Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number Children Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 (if over 12) = \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be bringing a T'Bird \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_



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