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Current Events

June 23rd – Cruisin in the Sun
Car Show in Pinole
July – Open
August 18th – Horse and
Feathers in Lodi

See calendar for full year of
events

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow T-bird enthusiasts.

I would like to thank the members who displayed cars at open cockpit day the Oakland air museum, and Sacramento auto museum. A big thanks to Craig for the awesome display he put together with models, books, etc in Sacramento. These events help increase the visibility of our club.

Our day in Oakland was interesting and informative. The following lunch was great, the rain held off until lunch was served.

Hats off to our wonderful hosts in Sonoma. For myself this was a wonderful drive tour as the distance from my home to Sonoma. Country side was green and in bloom. Excellent lunch, gracious hosts.

I would like to encourage members to email a recent or favorite photo of their Thunderbird to the email address found on Web site These will be included in our gallery for other current, new, interested people to view.

It's time to take your T-birds out
and spread their wings!!

Garry Grainger



Note from the Editor

FREE PARTS

As noted in the Flight Log #1 Marilyn had a gentleman come up to her to tell her about his 1963 blue Thunderbird convertible that he lost in the Oakland fire. He proceeded to ask if she wanted some extra parts. Naturally she got me so we could find out just what he had.

He gave me an address and said he wanted to move the parts out of his storage unit right away. Oops, we were leaving for a European trip in a few days. So off I went back to Oakland while Marilyn was packing for the trip. Good thing I brought a truck!

I came home with a full bumper set, two full grills, both package trays for the convertible, rear side windows and their tracks, dash and door aluminum trim pieces and boxes of interior and exterior trim parts. Most of the parts are dirty but in good shape. The price was too good to turn down free. I offered but he would not take anything for the parts.

I have also received a set of front brake parts (drums, shoes and so on) and a brake booster from a person that replaced his with disk brakes. All of these parts are from a 1963 car and they should also fit 1961-2.

So here is the deal. These parts will be made available to anyone in the club that needs them for a restoration or repair. The price will be the same as I paid **FREE.**

Tell me what you need and I will go through the boxes to see if it is there. One more note, there are single front seats from a 63 and a 64. They have some fire damage and are good just for the metal frames.

Russ = oldcarr.rc@gmail.com

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below is a schedule for 2019 year, however if you have any interesting ideas for a tour please contact Miki or Craig and they will help you get it arranged.

All month of March – Thunderbirds featured at California Auto Museum in Sacramento**

MAY 3-4th - Grass Valley Tour and Car Show **

JUNE 23rd - Pinole Car Show

JULY - Open – Do you have a suggestion?

AUGUST 18th - Horse and Feather in Lodi **

SEPT – Grass Valley Car Show (first weekend) *

SEPT 29th - TBirds on the Wharf - Santa Cruz (last weekend **

OCTOBER 26th - Migration/BBQ

NOVEMBER - Tree Trimming at California Auto Museum**

DECEMBER - Holiday Party**

**Club functions (Set in stone)

*Tentative functions

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM Miki and Craig

Craig and Miki will not be able to lead a caravan to the Spokane regional meet in July. They will arrange for a different event for that month to be posted to the next Wing. For those of you planning on attending the regional, please let Miki know ([209-463-2793](tel:209-463-2793)) and she will advise you of others driving up so you can caravan up together.

Flight Log #1

Oakland Air Museum with Open Cockpit Day By Russ with Pics by Russ & Tim

Gates opened at 10 AM for 14 Thunderbirds to come in and park around and under the planes exhibited at the museum. We all picked a plane to be displayed under and one plane had three Thunderbirds under its massive wings.



Soon the crowds showed up to view both the planes and cars. There were numerous activities going on in the museum but the cars garnered a lot of attention.



Photo opportunities were abundant and the cars and planes made for great grouping.

Marilyn had a couple of interesting contacts with past owners of Thunderbirds and we scored a bunch of parts from one of the contacts. See later.



We also heard some great stories about some of the planes and took a tour of the big flying boat which had 3 Thunderbirds parked under its wings. This plane was used in the first Indiana Jones movie and depicted a "Clipper". The movie showed the plane flying from San Francisco to Hawaii to Guam to Japan to Nepal. Only one problem there is no place in Nepal with enough water to land a flying boat!



Flight Log #2

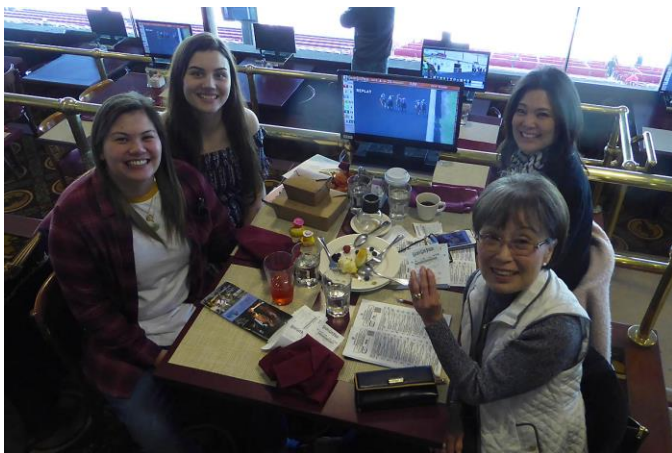
Day at the Races

By Russ with Pics by Russ

Once we got by the traffic back up on I80 around the Bay Bridge we were able to pull into an almost empty parking lot at Bay Meadows Race Track. Guess we were a little early. Soon we were up in the grandstands awaiting the first race.



Some were there just for the food, drinks and good company but other were there to test their luck in picking the horses. Naturally none of us picked the longshot at 40 to 1 in one of the races.



I don't know if these were winning tickets of the Siebert clan but they along with everyone else had a great time.

Thanks to Mike Press for again setting this event into motion.

NOR CAL Vintage Thunderbirds at California Auto Museum

Looking good in Sacramento. Thanks to Craig for getting this together with cars, books and other information about the club.



Flight Log #3

Sonoma Tour

By Miki

We started off the day by meeting at the American Armory Museum in Fairfield where we had a wonderful tour of the facilities by the curator and got the history of the museum and many of the exhibits. The facility is extensive and full of artifacts going back as far as the civil war with the main theme focusing on the second world war.



There's so much to see that we could have spent many more than the two hours we allotted and all of us said we wanted to go back.



At noon we got in our cars and caravanned to Sonoma and the home of Gene and Ethel Daly.



Our hosts welcomed us warmly into their lovely home and offered us wines and a fabulous lunch where I had possibly the best hamburger I've ever had. So good. When we couldn't eat another thing

we jumped back into our cars and drove a few blocks to Gene's "guy club" where he and a few of his friends have a place to hang, store their cars, barbeque, sip a little wine and talk guy stuff. Great hangout with some very nice cars.



Thank you, Gene and Ethel for a lovely afternoon.



When we left Gene's we walked a couple of blocks to Sonoma Square for the historic sites nice little shops and the famous ice cream shop. It was a full day and one we will remember.



Flight Log #4

Grass Valley Tour and Car Show

By Russ

It was a long drive (about 200 miles) but everything went smoothly until we arrived. We drove the 1963 Continental since the TBird was in the midst of a repair since the top was not working. When we arrived at the hotel the trunk on the Continental refused to open. Worked fine in the morning before we left. Even Craig's suggestion to turn the car around on the garage slope did not work. Guess we just show it with the top up. Craig and Vic went off to tour the mine while Marilyn and I managed to get our clothes out of the trunk. Craig said that their tour covered many different parts of the Empire Mine that he had not seen before. The simulated trip down the mine shaft was very interesting.

Early the next morning I was able to get our usual place in front of the Holbrook Hotel so we would have shade all day long. The show was great with a few other TBirds present (2 – 57s, a 64 and 65). Chuck Korenko stopped by and joined us for lunch. **He gave us the bad news that Lani had taken another fall and broke her arm. We extend our hope that she will have a speedy recovery from this latest set back.**

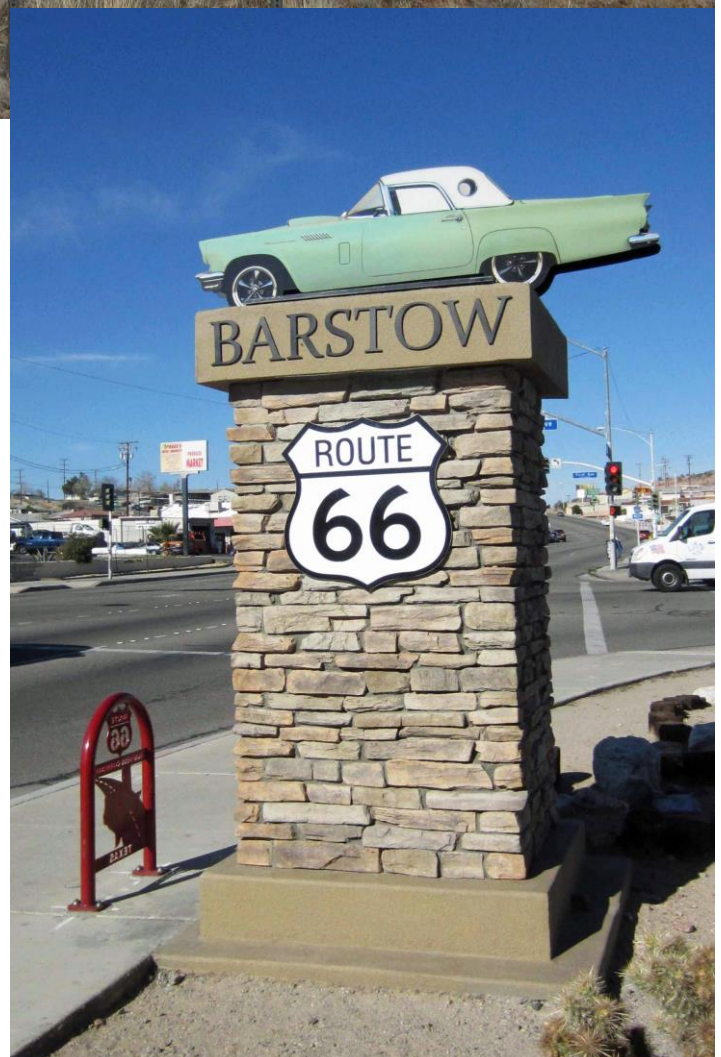
Marilyn got caught by a local news photographer while I was getting us a table for lunch. So the picture here had the caption of "San Martin's Marilyn Carr shows off the suicide doors of her 1963 Lincoln Continental". This was in the Monday issue of the Grass Valley Union.





Vic spent some time this spring traveling along Route 66 in California and Arizona. As some of you might know local groups have added Burma-Shave signs along some areas of the highway. The original signs were all removed in the 60's but driving on Route 66 can bring back memories.

Some additional signs have been added to commemorate this "road" as shown in this picture in Barstow.



ANNUAL PINOLE CAR SHOW

Sunday, June 23rd 2019

6am-3pm

Pre-registration is required and will be limited to the FIRST 325 Classic American (pre 1975) and Classic Foreign Made (pre-1990) car registrants. Providing space is available, other vehicles will be admitted AFTER 8:00am



Pancake Breakfast
Senior Center
7am - 9:45am
Vendors, Raffles and
Awards!

Pre-Registration is \$30 (\$35 day of) please make checks payable to: Kopp Productions c/o Sequoia Real Estate
2221 Pear St., Pinole CA 94564. For more information call Megan 510.283.5757

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Vehicle info: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Club Affiliation _____

Shirt (\$25): Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____



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Registration _____

T-Shirts _____

Grand Total _____

In consideration of the acceptance of the participants to the annual Pinole Car Show Event by execution of the entry form, I/WE herby release the City of Pinole, Kopp Productions, Sequoia Real Estate, their members, Officers and anyone else connected with this event from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, liabilities, losses, judgments, and/or claims arising from any causes whatsoever that may be caused by the participation in this event. I/We accept responsibility for Bank Fees or returned check fees.

TEST: Name the stars and their Thunderbird.

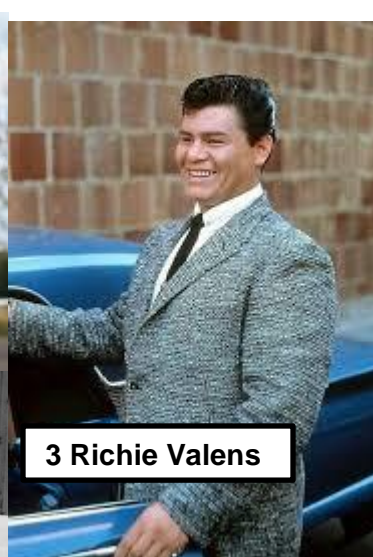
No answers to this test..... does anyone read this paper?



1 Alan Jackson & his 'first love'



2 Chuck Berry



3 Richie Valens



4 Clark Gable



5 Frank Sinatra



6 Frankie Avalon



12 Joan Collins



7 Natalie Wood



8 John Travolta



9 Suzanne Summers



10 Marilyn Monrore

11 Arthur Miller

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UPCOMING

JUNE 23RD PINOLE CAR SHOW

JULY – OPEN – SUGGESTIONS?

AUG 18TH – HORSE & FEATHERS