



# The Wing



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## Migration 2018



### Current Events

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Tree Trimming at  
California Auto Museum

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party at  
Pasta Pelican - Alameda

See calendar for full year of  
events

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Touring The House that HOT ROD built

Greetings clubmates, Julie and I took a fast trip to Los Angeles in October and visited the Petersen Automotive Museum on Wilshire Boulevard's famous Miracle Mile. Robert Petersen of HOT ROD magazine fame established the museum in 1994 "to explore and present the history of the automobile and its global impact on life and culture using Los Angeles as a prime example." More than simply a collection of fabulous cars, the exhibits illustrate significant concepts such as design, engineering, fabrication, marketing, usage, and cultural effects of cars. Current exhibits include a selection of customs from George Barris and Ed Roth, alternative propulsion, Japanese cars before and after WWII, and the ever-popular movie car display featuring a well-known DeLorean, various Bat Mobiles and the only Thunderbird in the house (a '66, thank you).



Quoting from Museum information, "Robert E. Petersen (1926-2007) first published HOT ROD magazine in 1948 and by doing so helped legitimize an outlaw subculture of hot rod drivers and enthusiasts to mainstream America. The success of the publication prompted Petersen to establish the more broad-based Motor Trend magazine, as well of dozens of other titles that featured a broad range of topics." He went on to become one of the most influential special-interest publishers and his Petersen Publications empire eventually sold for hundreds of millions of dollars.

I have a couple of tenuous connections with the museum and Petersen Publications: I've purchased and read many issues of HOT ROD and Motor Trend over the years, so some of my dollars went into the place. Also, just like Petersen, I'm in the publishing business. There aren't a lot of car guys in publishing, and Petersen was the one who set the benchmark in merging hobby and business.

See you down the road,  
Bill



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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 1956 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/>

## Note from the Editor

We couldn't make this year's Migration but I did get a lot of help from Tim Van Raam with all of the pictures in this issue. Thanks Tim

It's also time to send in your membership renewal for both NorCal VTCA and National VTCA. Forms are included in later pages.

**I would also like everyone to consider "going digital" with the Wing. It is cheaper, it arrives in color, it arrives sooner AND it is much easier for the editor to send out especially when traveling.**

Russ

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# 2018

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**\*\* November 25<sup>th</sup> -Tree Trimming at California Auto Museum – Sacramento**

**\*\* December 16<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Dinner – Pasta Pelican - Alameda**

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

# 2019

JANUARY – No Tour Planned  
FEBRUARY – Sweetheart Brunch \*\*  
MARCH - Day at the Races in El Cerrito \*\*  
APRIL - Migration ? \*  
MAY 5<sup>th</sup> - Grass Valley Tour and Car Show \*\*  
JUNE - Open  
JULY - Pinole Car Show \*  
AUGUST - Horse and Feather in Lodi \*\*  
SEPTEMBER – Grass Valley Car Show (first weekend) \*  
TBirds on the Wharf in Santa Cruz (last weekend \*\*  
OCTOBER - Alameda Car Show \*  
NOVEMBER - Tree Trimming at California Auto Museum\*\*  
DECEMBER - Holiday Party\*\*

\*\*Club functions (Set in stone)

\*Tentative functions

## Flight Log #1

### TBirds on the Wharf

By Miki with Pics by Vic and Russ

We had a great day at Santa Cruz! The weather was a joy (sunny but not hot with a light breeze and puffy clouds), the cars were magnificent (shiny and polished and sitting beside each other looking beautiful with the perfect backdrop of sun glistening off the ocean behind them), the raffle prizes were so abundant the tables they were on seemed to strain with the weight of them, and the people walked about lazily with smiles on their faces, greeting old friends, making new ones, and completely enjoying the entire experience.



We heard the surf in our ears and the mesmerizing calls of the gulls flying overhead. This was not totally wonderful to some, however, Craig included, who had to clean seagull droppings (I'm being very ladylike here), repeatedly off their cars. Small price to pay, right? Absolutely, of course I was not the one doing the cleaning – and it's not so easy getting it off a soft top!



There was the fun of finding our treasure gifts at

the shops along the wharf, and the real fun of sitting down with friends at one of the really great restaurants for lunch and chit chat. The day ended happily with the people's choice awards where our own Vic Quarello won for his retro bird. (ed: Marilyn also won with her "new" Cashmere retro bird) Congratulation, Vic! And Marilyn!



This is always a great day. I have it on good authority that next year the show will be back on the last weekend in September. I'm planning on being there and I hope you'll be there too.



(ed: Miki definitely wants to go back again since she won 3 big baskets in the raffle. Then left it to Craig to figure out how to get it all in the Retro Bird's small trunk!)

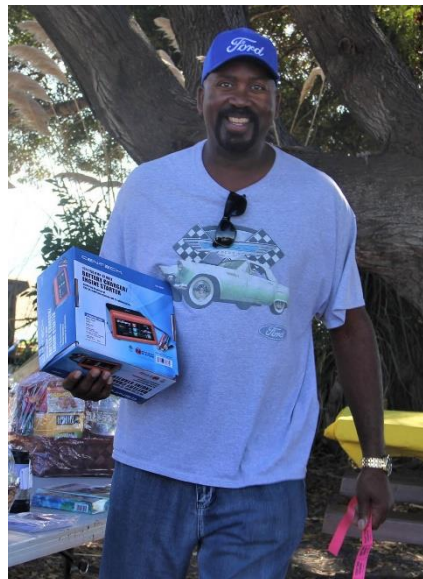


## Flight Log #2

### Pinole Car Show

By Russ with Pics by Tim Van Raam

Again your editor missed a great event but Tim Van Raam came through with a whole set of pictures. So all you get is this page and the next full of great pictures. It does look like everyone had a lot of fun including our newest member Steven Johnson. Steven joined this last month after we all ganged up on him in Santa Cruz. I could write some funny captions for these shots but I will leave it up to you to fill in the blanks.











## NOVEMBER TREE TRIMMING AT CALIFORNIA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M.

We're going back to the California Auto Museum (formerly the Towe Auto Museum for us long time members) for their annual tree trimming event to get the museum ready for the Holiday season. This is a fun event we attended every year during our membership, along with a couple dozen other car clubs, always on the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

The event starts at 2:00 p.m. for the tree trimming. Our club brings tree and ornaments and sets it up on the museum floor. We decorate it with our own ornaments. So far we've got some very special holiday-framed pictures of member's cars that have been made into ornaments. It makes the tree very personal and represents our club. Our additional decorative ornaments are silver turquoise. If you want to bring additional ornaments in those colors, please do. You can never have too much bling.

After the decorating, socializing and wandering around the wonderful museum, we go into a potluck dinner at 4:00 p.m. **The museum will supply the main course of smoked or barbecued chicken and participants are asked to bring either a COLD side (they have had trouble heating everybody's side dishes in the past) or a dessert to share. The museum will provide complimentary coffee and a cash bar.**

Our club will also be bringing a raffle prize for the raffle held after dinner. The raffle benefits the museum and the prizes are always great. This is something the Club does, and there is no need for individual members to bring raffle prizes. However if you want to bring additional raffle prizes, please feel free, as more are always welcome and there are more winners that way.

This is a nice event and a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Please come join us and let's set up another special tradition for our



our  
and  
dish  
club.

**\*\*\*\*\*Call Miki at 209-463-2793 to let her know you're coming by November 19<sup>th</sup>, so they will preset tables to accommodate our club.\*\*\*\*\***



***HOLIDAY PARTY***  
***PASTA PELICA WATERFRONT RESTAURANT,***  
***ALAMEDA***

***December 16, 2018 - 12 NOON***

Our Holiday Party will be at Pasta Pelican this year, overlooking the water in the Oakland Estuary and the wonderful surrounding views. Lunch will be a buffet which includes salad, New York Steak, Pollo Pelicano (baked chicken), Salmone Picatto, Penne Pasta with vegetables, roasted vegetables and potatoes, coffee or tea and dessert. In the case that we do not exceed 30 headcount, we will be ordering off the menu and will members may choose appetizers to share, soup or salad, entrée and dessert. Alcoholic beverages are of course available but not included in the price of the meal. Cost per person is \$40.00, and includes tax and tip.

We'll also be handing out our Member of the Year award and doing a gift exchange. The gift exchange is completely optional. If you want to participate in this, bring a wrapped gift (not exceeding \$20.00 in cost). Boys bring boy gifts wrapped in blue or green and girls bring girl gifts wrapped in red or white.

For those who wish to continue the day following lunch, there are several options close by. The Alameda Naval Base Museum is close by as is the USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier and Museum. For Wine tasting there is the Rockwall Winery with a beautiful view of San Francisco and, for those with bolder palates Hanger One for Vodka tasting and St. George Spirits for Whisky tasting. If you feel like just taking it easy, take a stroll down quaint Park Street and visit the shops there.

Pasta Pelican is at 2455 Mariner Square Drive. From the North Bay take 880 South and take Alameda/Broadway off ramp, turn right onto 5<sup>th</sup> Street, veer right and follow signs into Webster Street Tube, then turn right onto Wilver Willie Stargell Ave, right onto Mariner Square Loop, right to stay on Mariner Square Loop and left onto Mariner Square Drive. From the South Bay take 880 North, take the Broadway exit, turn left onto Broadway, stay in left lane and turn into Webster Street Tube, then turn right onto Wilver Willie Stargell Ave, right onto Mariner Square Loop, right to stay on Mariner Square Loop and left onto Mariner Square Drive.

***Also included at no extra cost is the annual jam gift from The Old Carr Place. Bring back your old jars!***

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK **BY DECEMBER 10** TO MIKI SMITH AT 2053 TELEGRAPH AVENUE, STOCKTON, CA 95204. IF YOU THINK IT WILL NOT GET TO US BY THAT DATE, CALL US AND LET US KNOW IT'S ON ITS WAY.

Call Miki and Craig if you have any questions or if you think your check won't reach us in time at **209-463-2793**.

MEMBERS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_



# ***DUES ARE DUE BY END OF YEAR - MAIL TODAY***

## NorCal VTCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

(The completed form is required so we have the correct info for our 2019 roster)

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

Dues: \$25.00 if Wing by email (pdf 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please include your email so we can contact you with club or tour updates)*

Birds in your Roost: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Member number for VTCL : \_\_\_\_\_





**VTCI Membership Renewal**  
Your VTCI Renewal is due by January 1, 2019



Name \_\_\_\_\_ VTCI Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

List your VTCI Chapter Northern California VTCA

**\$35.00**

**Payment Options:**

**Check:** Place check and renewal form in envelope and mail to

VTCI Executive Secretary  
P.O. Box 75308  
Wichita, NS 67275-0308

**E-Mail:** (go to [http://vintagethunderbirdclub.net/club\\_info.htm](http://vintagethunderbirdclub.net/club_info.htm) & click on renewal button

Credit Card: VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Change of address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

List of Thunderbirds: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ VIN \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ VIN \_\_\_\_\_

VTCI Membership number is in the upper left corner of your Thunderbird Scoop Address label.



# Need Help and Information?

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### Concours Manuals

Available from Mike Press for \$15.00 plus \$2.00 shipping. Rules plus single series sections available for \$7.00 plus \$2.00 shipping. Contact Mike at 510-558-4037 to order.

### Good Guys List

A list of service providers that have done particularly good work on members cars – Available free to members from Mike Press (510) 558-4037, mjprgp@infionline.net. Also, contact Mike if you would like to add to the list.

## General Information

### Membership

To become a member, please send annual dues to the Treasurer. (\$25.00 if Wing to be delivered electronically and \$30.00 if to be delivered by USPS).

### Change of Address

Please send address change notices to the Secretary

### Correspondence

General correspondence should be sent to the club President. Submissions to The Wing should be sent to the Editor (see Publication Deadline below).

### Nametags

Order through Craig Cuslidge at 209-463-2793.

### Advertising

Send all advertising with payment to The Wing Editor. See advertising pages for rates.

### Publication Deadline

The Wing is published bi-monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, March, May, July, September and November. Submissions must be received before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the issue(s) for which they are intended. E-mail submissions must be in .doc or .docx format and pictures in .jpg format. Hard copy submissions gladly accepted.

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View of San Francisco from Migration 2018. Thanks again Tim!

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## **UPCOMING**

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**DEC 16<sup>TH</sup> HOLIDAY PARTY**