



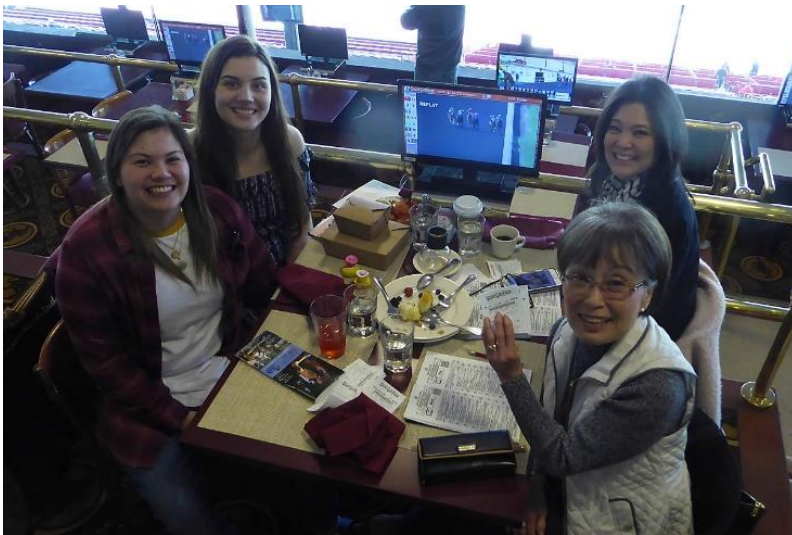
# The Wing



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## RACE FUN 2019

### *Current Events*

March 14<sup>th</sup> Day at the Races –  
Golden Gate Fields

April 18<sup>th</sup> Classic Car Races – Sonoma  
Raceway

May 1-2<sup>nd</sup> Gallery Tour and Grass  
Valley Car Show



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

Our website is at

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## President's Message

Hello Fellow Club Members,

I took a spontaneous road trip in February. Headed back out west with southern California on the GPS. I soon found out this isn't always the best thing. Got snow bound in Denver with a foot of snow I70 west was closed for an avalanche at the Eisenhower tunnel. Once on my way again I made it a couple days later then thought.

I was in Palm Springs for the McCormick auction. Approximately 500 cars crossed the block, while I wasn't shopping it was fun to see what was there. A mix of collector type autos such as ours and many later model foreign cars. While I was present about 50% didn't meet there about 50% didn't make the reserve set by owners and were placed where it might be possible to work a deal. It was an enjoyable day even with the brief rain shower.

I dug out an old map atlas and sought out a better route back to the frozen tundra I now call home. I managed to drive over 3/4 of the way back on 2 lane back roads. Touched upon route 66 in a couple places. Ate at some interesting places along the way. Northern New Mexico tops the list for the flattest, most barren place I have ever driven through. No trees for miles, flat and windblown. I was gone almost a month, I guess it was my spring break.

I may have brought some of the weather back, we are having upper 40's in the day time. The ice that has coated my driveway for the past 3 months is disappearing rapidly. I'm getting the bug to get a car out soon. I will attend my first Midwest indoor car swap meet next Sunday. It will be nice to get out amongst some fellow local car buffs. Top down weather is on the way.

Once again I would like to urge those of you who haven't done so to join the International. Great resource for information and vendors. Wonderful fellow Thunderbird lovers.

Until next  
time, More  
Miles and  
More Smiles  
Driving a  
Thunderbird.

Garry  
Grainger



## Note from the Editor

Russ = [oldcarr.rc@gmail.com](mailto:oldcarr.rc@gmail.com)

Just a test to see if you read the Wing:  
**CORRECTION;** The March tour is a Golden Get Fields not Bay Meadows as was shown on the front page of the last issue.

Don't miss any of these exciting events for 2020. If you haven't sent in your 2020 renewal form and dues this will be your last issue. See last two issues for renewal forms. You will have to be a VTCl member to have your car judged at the Portland International convention.

Thanks again to Bill Kinsey for his contribution to this issue with the latest edition of El Jefe's travels.

You too can have your name in the Wing. Just write a short article, repair tip, or other interesting information and we will add it to an upcoming issue.

# 2020

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

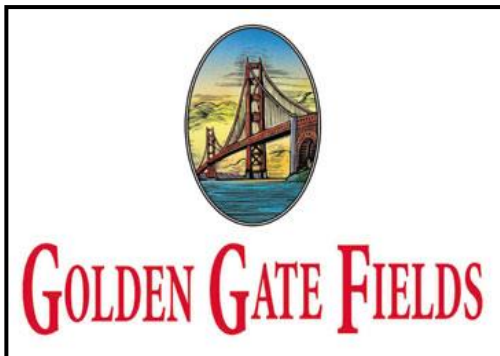
- 3/14/2020(Sat) Day at the Races Golden Gate Fields (See inside)
- 4/18/2020(Sat) Classic Car Race Sonoma Raceway (See inside)
- 5/1/2020(Fri) Lunch & Gallery Tour Auburn
- 5/2/2020(Sat) Car Show Grass Valley (See inside)
- 6/12- 14/2020 Graffiti Weekend Modesto
- 7/11 /2020(Sat) Bay View Model Tour Sausalito
- 8/11-16/2020 National Club Meet Portland
- 8/22/2020(Sat) Horse and Feather Lodi
- 9/19/2020(Sat) Apple Hill Tour Placerville
- 10/1/2020(Sat) Birds on the Wharf Santa Cruz
- 10/24/2020(Sat) Migration Treasure Island
- 11/29/2020(Sun) Tree Trimming Sacramento
- 12/13/2020(Sun) Holiday Party

## Emma (Dog) Carr 2004-2020

After more than 100 car shows, tours and events and countless motorhome adventures, Emma has taken her last ride. She met lots of people and loved them all. We loved her and will miss her.



# *A Day at the Races*



***We're doing it again!*** On Saturday March 14th we'll be celebrating the coming of spring and thoroughbred racing with fellow Northern CA T'bird enthusiasts at Golden Gate Fields. There will be reserved Turf Club seating for at least 20 (more if sign-ups go over 20 before 3/5 deadline) with a grand view of the track. This year we are going to do things just like last year – Selecting which parking you will use (Self Park \$5 or Valet \$10) as we drive up to the parking kiosk and you will be purchasing entry to the Turf Club at the ticket window, and making your own choice if you want off the menu (\$7 to \$20+) or the all you can eat buffet at \$34

We'll meet at the track around 11:00am at the main entrance and go through the ticket windows and make our selections about food when we purchase our tickets. There is no need to prepay anything. There are also free Track shuttles leaving the North Berkeley BART Station every 10 minutes from 8:10 AM to 12:00 PM - Bart Parking is free.

***Please call Mike Press at (510)558-4037 if you plan to attend.***

-----Clip & Mail-----

**Yes – I'd like to attend the Races.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number Children Under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please respond to:** Mike Press, 516 Bonnie Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530, (510) 558-4037, [mjprgp@infionline.net](mailto:mjprgp@infionline.net)

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

## **Club Event:**

### **Classic Sports Racing Group and the David Love Memorial**

#### **Vintage Racing at Sonoma Raceway April 18, 2020 10am**

Ticket price in advance \$14.00 online purchase: [www.sonomaraceway.com/events/csrg-david-love-historic-car-races/](http://www.sonomaraceway.com/events/csrg-david-love-historic-car-races/)  
Sign up with Bill Kinsey via email at [tbird94101@gmail.com](mailto:tbird94101@gmail.com) or by phone at 925 683-0278. Meet at the track café and store near the main gate.

[www.csrg.org](http://www.csrg.org) for more information



Since 1968, CSRG (the Classic Sports Racing Group) has been putting on vintage and historic car races at a variety of tracks in Northern California. We put on two events annually at Sonoma Raceway, usually in early April (The David Love Memorial Races) and in early October (The Charity Challenge). This event, the Love Memorial, honors one of our founders and biggest supporters, David Love. Both events are intended to be family affairs and children are enthusiastically welcomed. High school and college students as well as vets are admitted free with appropriate ID.

The David Love Memorial honors one of CSRG's founders, David Love. David was a racer like few others. He began racing in the '50s with a series of Porsches, Morgans and even a Formula Junior thrown in for good measure. He later purchased the car with which he will always be identified---a 1958, "pontoon fender", Ferrari Testa Rossa and he raced it virtually uninterrupted from the '60s through the '90s at all the important West Coast vintage events.

For the spectator this is a chance to do a little time travel back to the '50s, '60s & early '70s to see the evolution of race car design & development in the wonderful environment of the Sonoma wine country.

**About Vintage Car Racing** Vintage car racing is all about the cars and their history. The purpose of vintage racing events is to showcase the car, its place in racing history and to make the car as accessible as possible for the enjoyment of others.

# 2020 GRASS VALLEY CAR SHOW

Sat, May 2nd – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

1975 & older Domestic-Import-Hot Rods-Rat Rods-Classic Vehicles-Motorcycles

TROPHYS AWARDED FOR BEST OF CATEGORIES

**\$30.00 Pre-registration – Deadline 4/17/2019**

**Day of Show Registration-\$35**

Includes \* EVENT FLYER \* COLOR DASH PLAQUE

All vehicles **MUST** arrive BEFORE 9:30 a.m.

**RAIN OR SHINE EVENT - NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AS SPACE IS LIMITED!**

**NO BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, SMOKING or ANIMALS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Day Ph.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**(confirmation of your entry will be sent via email)**

CAR Info Yr: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. # \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**A Photo MUST accompany your entry UNLESS your car has been in this show before.**

*I understand that my payment indicates that I am releasing The Grass Valley Downtown Association and all officials connected to this event from all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements, and or claims suffered by myself, affiliates or my property. I also relinquish any rights to any photographs or videos taken in connection with this event. \_\_\_\_\_ (please initial)*

YES! I want a T-shirt(s) at the **advance sale price** of \$15.00 each

Color: Ash (Shades of Gray)

Men's: Small \_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_ Large \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_

Women's: Small \_\_\_ Med \_\_\_ Large \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_

Remember:

Photos should be sent via email/mail: [info@downtowngrassvalley.com](mailto:info@downtowngrassvalley.com)

Payment Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ entry fee

**\$30 entry fee** (per car) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ T Shirts

Payment for T shirt(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

Make checks payable to **GVDA**. To pay online with visa/debit mark here  to be invoiced via email.

-----Office Use Only-----

Date rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Pymt enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Photo \_\_\_\_\_ Accept sent \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

**2020 VTCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION AUGUST 11TH – 16TH, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current VTCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Children \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

VTCI Chapter affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to judge  Yes  No Trailer car  Yes  No

1st Entry Year \_\_\_\_\_ VIN # \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Entry Year \_\_\_\_\_ VIN # \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Division (write in 2<sup>nd</sup> car only) \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Divisions only, went senior/ City \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Judged Divisions**

Senior Participation: ... T-Birds having received 1st Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention.

Display: ..... Open to all years

**Judged Divisions (see Vol 1 concours rules on website, free PDF to members)**

Senior: ..... T-Birds having received 1st Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention and are eligible for “Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth” award.

Primary:.....Only VTCI members eligible for “Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth” award 1955-1979 only.  
Only path to obtain Senior Status

Driver: ..... 1955-1979 only, Engine compartment, trunk & undercarriage not judged

Late Model:..... 1980-1997 300 point system all areas judged

Modified: ..... 1955-1997 300 point system all areas judged

Touring: ..... 1955-1979 only, Undercarriage not judged, some modifications for safety, reliability & comfort allowed, see Vol 1 Concours Rules

2002-2005:..... 100 point system, no undercarriage judged

2002-2005 Modified: ... 100 point system, no undercarriage judged, no modifications deductions

Wixom Preservation & Authenticity Awards – Internationals only (separate application 30 days in advance)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<b>Single/Family Registration</b> .....	_____	\$45.00	_____
<b>Additional Car</b> .....	_____	\$10.00	_____
<b>Tuesday Aug. 11</b> Welcome Reception	_____	Free	_____
<b>Wednesday Aug 12</b>			
Mt. St. Helen Tour (Trans, admission included lunch on your own)	_____	\$50.00	_____
<b>Thursday Aug 13 Morning</b>			
World of Speed (Trans, admission included lunch on your own)	_____	\$40.00	_____
<b>Thursday Evening</b> Willamette River Dinner Cruise (Trans, admission Dinner included)	_____	\$116.00	_____
<b>Friday Aug 14th Evening Reception</b> no host bar ...	_____	\$12.50	_____
<b>Saturday, August 15</b> Morning Mt Hood/Timberline Tour	_____	\$85.00	_____
<b>Awards Banquet</b>			
Chicken Entree .....	_____	\$67.00	_____
Salmon Entree.....	_____	\$67.00	_____
Beef Entree .....	_____	\$67.00	_____
Kids Meal 12 and under .....	_____	\$23.50	_____
<b>Polo Shirts ...</b> <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	_____	\$30.00	_____
<b>Hat</b> .....	_____	\$15.00	_____
<b>Total Enclosed</b> (in US Funds) \$			_____

**NOTE:MUST BE VTCI MEMBER OR PAID NON-MEMBER TO HAVE THUNDERBIRD JUDGED ON THE JUDGING FIELD**

**Please make checks payable to:**

NW Vintage Thunderbird Club, 1091 Willamette Falls Drive, West Linn, OR 97068  
Online Convention Registration & Paypal Available at: nwtbirds.org Have questions?  
Email bob@cafent.com

Deadline for Convention Registration & Hotel Rooms: Monday, July 20, 2020

Hotel Info: Red Lion on the River-Jantzen Beach, Phone 503-283-4466 and ask for NW Vintage Thunderbird Club Discounted Rate

Std. Rooms are \$139 USD per night/Premium Rooms are \$149 USD per night.

Free breakfast included in room rate. Book Hotel Rooms Online at <http://book.passkey.com/go/VTCI2020>

# Flight Log #1

## Sweetheart Brunch

By Russ

Only 14 of us got together on February 15 to "honor" our Sweethearts this year. I don't know where the rest of you were..... the day was dry (we could use the rain), the food was great, and everyone had a lot of fun. I forgot to take pictures this time so you will just have to imagine all the miling faces. I promise to do better at the races next weekend.



Thanks to Garry for some additional pictures from his road trip.





## New Year's Day 2020 with Vintage Sports Cars and a '62 Sports Roadster: Holley v. Weber

Bill Kinsey

Greetings clubmates, here's to a Thunderbirdful 2020! No better way to celebrate a new year than running around in old cars, and I've been blessed with a terrific opportunity to do so over the last couple of years with a gearhead pal from work who's a vintage Alfa Romeo enthusiast (also a Ford guy, restoring a 260 Tiger). His annual New Year's Day run is among a number of tours during the year where he invites all comers provided that they drive "something interesting." Our beloved '66 town landau, El Jefe, has made the cut as interesting for some time now, and I got to join the fun this New Year's Day for 75 miles of western Marin and Sonoma backroads. Imagine my delight when I discovered among the usual Italian, English, and German marques a 1962 Thunderbird Sports Roadster. I'd have been happy to have any American car on the tour, but a fellow Thunderbirder? O Frabjuous Day!



One might observe a schism between the foreign car crowd and us Detroit devotees, but I can tell you firsthand that once you get under the hood that schism disappears. Regardless of the country of origin the talk turns quickly to bigger carburetors, hotter camshafts, more displacement, final drive gearing, all the same stuff whether it's a Deuce Coupe or GT Velocé. One obvious difference between European sports cars and vintage American cars is the handling, and running the Thunderbird on the twisty backroads with this group is somewhat humbling even with my fat front sway bar and Gas-A-Justs in all four corners. So I leverage the Cool Factor from the back of the pack, enjoy my landau bars and the sound of a V8 burbling through glasspacks, slip the C6 in and out of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> as needed and let the barchettas have their moment. I will note this: on one particularly long and winding descent on the flanks of Mt. Tamalpais one of the DOHC 2 liter Alfa Romeos ended up with a fouled spark plug that required roadside service. Neither of the 390-equipped Thunderbirds suffered as such, just sayin'.

Let us all resolve to enjoy our Thunderbirds more in 2020, see you and yours down the road at our next club event.

Bill

## WHAT IF!

Ford has introduced a new Mustang SUV that looks more like everyone else's SUV than a Mustang. Now I don't think I want to see a Thunderbird SUV but a station wagon! Others have tried to make one. Some examples.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?



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510-558-4037

### Russ Carr

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408-568-3782

### 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.

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