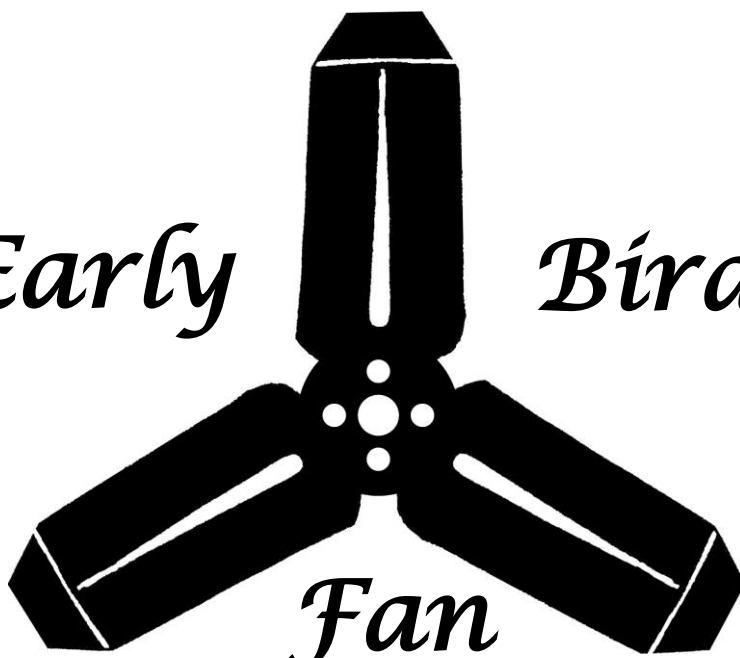


*The  
Early Bird  
Fan*

HAPPY  
4TH OF  
JULY



July 2017

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Next Meeting Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM  
West Valley College, Baltic Room – see **page 4**



Hello T-birders. In case you missed the email, long time SCVT member Jo Ann Lynch passed away in her sleep on June 18<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. I never had the pleasure of meeting Jo Ann but I know there are lots of wonderful SCVT memories of her. Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul and Janette.

As I am writing this message for the July Fan I am flipping through the pages of the June Fan that I printed and just wanted to mention again how much I appreciate the work that Casey and Skip do every month for all of us to enjoy in this great car club we are in. We have the best Fan in all the land and we are all truly grateful.

I want to thank Les Miller for filling in for me as President at the June Meeting and I also want to thank Rich Parker for filling in for Les as VP. I will also be missing the July meeting and I know Les is doing it again and Cliff Monroe will be VP. I can't believe it but I think this is the first time Claire and I have missed two meetings in a row since we joined SCVT 16 years ago. I feel bad about it and I cannot wait for the August meeting.

Speaking of the July and August meetings we have some important changes. Starting with the JULY MEETING at West Valley College, from now on we will be meeting in a new room, the Baltic Room. I think they will be knocking down the Board room where we have had our meetings for so many years. Park in lot 4 or 5 (the same lots as we have always parked) and it should be a little shorter walk to the Baltic Room. Look for the map in this month's Fan showing where we will be meeting from now on. For the AUGUST MEETING we have a date change because so many are going to Hot August Nights. We will be meeting on the third Friday of the month, August 18<sup>th</sup>, so please be aware of these important changes. If you miss these announcements there could be a "Blunderbird" in sight.

In June we had a nice drive to the Muir House and Port Chicago and then to Pleasanton for a great dinner and I want to thank Rick and Diane Deutsch for a Great Day. Bill Croxton led a few cars to a Ford Show and then we all met up in Pleasanton for an early dinner. Then the next weekend to the Giants game to see them win led by Laurie and Don Reisinger. Then Don Hamblin led 19 cars to the annual Capital Mall Display. This year we missed seeing club member Dean Hurt who has been in and out of the hospital for months and I am happy to report that Dean is doing better. Dean's daughter was so nice to us in covering the event. Thank You Dean for all the years of support and keep it up and continue to get well.

Three straight weekends in June SCVT had something going. Thanks so much to our event leaders Rick and Diane Deutsch, Bill Croxton, Don and Laurie Reisinger, and Don Hamblin. July, August, September, and October are great weather months for driving our T-Birds and I know we will have lots going on.

I am working on getting a Nominating Committee finalized by the August meeting. We have a few volunteers stepping up to do a board position for SCVT and we need more members to fill the other spots. If you would like to do something Please, Please let me know. Believe me, it can be a lot of fun and rewarding and yes it takes a little of your time. So if you would like to be on the nominating committee or would like to hold a board position now is the time to let me know. Your Car Club is calling for You, Please Help!!

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> to everyone, have a great July meeting and remember Let's Keep Driving.

Thanks So Much Everyone,

*Charlie*



### This month's cover

Happy Birthday America, and Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday to all 1957 Thunderbirds. Chris Bergquist's `bird was SCVT *Car of the Month* for January 2017. Here, still completing restoration at the time, it's dressed for a Ron Kimball calendar photo shoot.



**June 7, 2017**

**PRESIDENT:** Les Miller (substituting for Charlie Affrunti) called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

- Happy Father's Day
- Charlie will be gone in June and July. Cliff will be Acting President in July.
- Thank you Rich Parker for covering for Les.
- Get well cards are going around for Skip and Casey Doughty and Joe Hendrickson. Wishing all of them a speedy recovery.
- August meeting will be changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month due to Hot August Nights – August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- We're going to be in a different room at West Valley College beginning with the July meeting. We'll be meeting in the Baltic Room from now on. It's just a bldg away and a map will be in the fan and we'll have signs. Our current bldg will be torn down as part of a remodel.
- Nominating committee will be formed in August to begin our search for officers for 2018.
- Bill Mann has all three of the Parts Boxes.
- Dennis Kay got a hold of Rick Deutsch's rubber chicken from the Port Chicago trip and made latex chicken noodle soup out of it

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Rich Parker (substituting for Les Miller) reported:

- As of tonight, we have 95 members. We have a couple of pending memberships – Jim Sabercool and Bob Moorhead
- June SCVT Membership Anniversaries

James Croxton	1	Joe & Pat Ryan	23
Robert & Carol Harvey	1	Jill Kirk	25
Sandy Sieroty	3	Rudy & Judy Lomas	26
Vince Piantanida & Linda Braswell	4	Jerry & Gail Dance	41
Montgomery & Diane Roach	11	Charlie & Isabell Vincent	44
Lee & Diana Raynor	22		

- Thank you to Sandy Sieroty for the snacks and Don and Laurie Reisinger for the beverages.

**SECRETARY:** Diane Deutsch asked if there were any additions or corrections to last month's minutes. Minutes were accepted as submitted.

**TREASURER:** Diana Mann gave a detailed report of our finances.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ACTIVITIES:** Patrick Ford reported.

### Recent Events

- Sparky's PB&J Classic (May 13) No host. The collection will be on sale July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Motherlode Cruise Car Show (May 19-21) Doc Dockter, host. SCVT won for bringing the most cars, for coming the farthest (Bonnie and Sam SoCal) and Bill and Diana Mann won for their Mercury Woody.
- Wings of History Air Museum (May 20) No host.
- Turlock Swap Meet & Car Show (May 20-21) No host.
- Friendship Day (May 21) No host.
- Ford Thunderbird Appreciation Day (May 21) No host.
- Sunrise San Mateo (May 29) Doc Dockter, host.
- Muir House & Port Chicago (June 3) Rick Deutsch, host.
- Cobra Day (June 3) Bill Croxton, host.

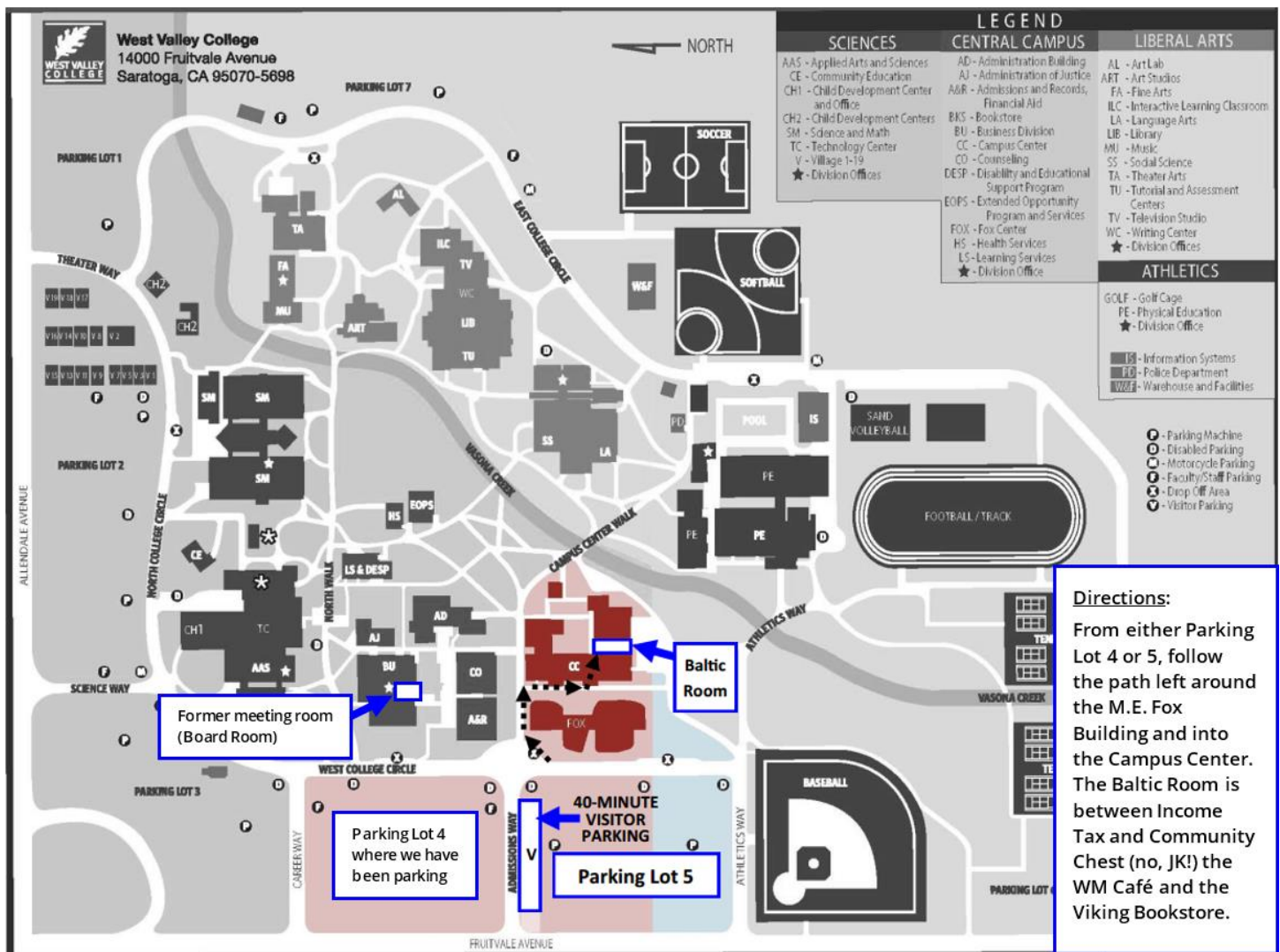
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# We Gotta Move!

## From Now Until ... ?

### New Location for SCVT Monthly Meetings at West Valley College



## Date Change!

### SCVT August Meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup> at West Valley College in the Baltic Room Due to Hot August Nights Event



## Upcoming Events

- **Capitola Rod & Custom Classic Car Show (June 10-11)** No host. Capitola, CA. The show is sold out.
- **Giants Baseball Game (June 11)** Don Reisinger, host. SF vs Minnesota Twins. Tickets will be \$63 per ticket. Sold out. Please pay for the ticket if you haven't done so.
- **40<sup>th</sup> Annual VMOA Car Show (June 17)** Al Thomas host. 1711 Winchester Blvd, Campbell.
- **Concours at Kirigin Valley (July 2)** Larry Maness, host. 11550 Watsonville Road, Gilroy. [www.kirigincellars.com](http://www.kirigincellars.com) 408-847-8827. Nice show – great BBQ lunch and they give you 2 bottles of wine. The cost is \$99 per couple. You must pre-register and you must send a photo of your car with your registration.
- **S.T.E.A.M and Reid Hillview Airport Day (July 8)** Gene Cox, host. Reid-Hillview Airport. It's also Hot San Jose Nights. [www.hotsanjosenights.com](http://www.hotsanjosenights.com)
- **Saratoga Classic Car Show (July 16)** Bill Croxton, host. Registration is online.
- **Planes, Trains & Hot Rods (July 16)** No host. Hiller Aviation Museum 601 Skyway Rd, San Carlos
- **Burlingame Cars in the Park (July 29)** Kate & Don Hamblin, hosts. Lion's Club in Washington Park, Burlingame. Registration information will be available next month. Cost is \$40.
- **CTCI Convention (Aug 2-6)** Doc Dockter, host. Whippany, New Jersey.
- **Hot August Nights (Aug 8-13)** Dennis and Sandie Kay, hosts. Get your hotel room as soon as possible. Reno/Sparks Nevada.
- **San Mateo Car Show (Aug 12)** Don & Kate Hamblin, hosts. [Ed. – This show has been cancelled]
- **Napa Show and Shine – Main Street Car Show (August 18-19)** No host. [donapa.com/event/main-street-reunion](http://donapa.com/event/main-street-reunion) 707-257-0322
- **Good Guys West Coast National (Aug 25-27)** No host. Alameda County Fairgrounds. Show, vendors, swap meet and cars for sale corral
- **Ironstone (Sept 23)** No host
- **Taste of Morgan Hill** No host
- **CHP Cops and Rodders Show and Shine (Sept 30)** Cameron Park Air Park [cpshownshineslyin.com](http://cpshownshineslyin.com)
- **Birds on the Wharf (Sept 30)** 9am to 3pm. \$40. [montereybaybirds.com](http://montereybaybirds.com). More information in the FAN. This may be the last time this event is held.
- **Los Altos Fall Festival Car Show (Oct 7-8)** No host. Art and wine.
- **United Airlines Fleet Week (Oct 8)** Dennis and Sandie Kay, hosts. Annual family event.
- **Good Guys – Autumn Get Together (Nov 11-12)** Alameda County Fairgrounds. Show, vendors, swap meet and cars for sale corral

## PARADES AND DISPLAYS: Don Hamblin reported:

- **Capitol Mall Display** - Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> Don & Kate Hamblin, hosts. Meet 9:30am at the Capitol Mall parking lot.
- **Burlingame Cars in the Park** - Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>
- **San Mateo Car Show & BBQ** - Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Festival of India Parade** - Sunday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

**HOMEcomings:** Kathy Kelly was not present. Homestead Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 3pm – 6 cars. Mountain View no date as yet. Saratoga Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – 8 cars.

**EDITOR:** Casey & Skip Doughty were not present

**CTCI:** Cliff Monroe – no report

**HISTORIAN:** Paul Lynch reported on events on this day in history.

**WEB MASTER:** Our website has been moved to GoDaddy. Thanks for the photos everyone has sent in.

**LOGO Items:** Eddi Cox reported that items are available. Check with Eddi.

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**MIKE HENNESSY  
AUTOMOTIVE**



Vintage Motor Cars



**FREE ADMISSION**

# *Reid-Hillview* AIRPORT DAY

**Saturday, July 8, 2017**

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



## **Saratoga Classic Car Show**

**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

TO REGISTER AND  
MORE INFORMATION ▶

**sccshow.com**

10am-5pm Big Basin Way (Downtown Saratoga)

• American Muscle, Custom Rods, Classic, Exotic, and Antique cars!

• Register online to show your "Cool Car" or just look!

• 300+ cars, one of the largest shows in the South Bay

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**CoolCarClub.com**

**SaratogaChamber.org** (408) 867-0753

**info@saratogachamber.org**

### **CAR SHOW WEEK**

**SAT  
7/8  
4-5PM**

Car Show Kick-Off Party  
House Family Vineyards

**MON  
7/10  
5-6PM**

Calling All Corvettes and Get-Away Cars!  
The Bank

**TUE  
7/11  
5-6PM**

Vintage Cars and Vini!  
Cinnabar Winery

**WED  
7/12  
5-6PM**

Mustangs, Michelob and Merlot!  
Stiletto Wine Bar

**THU  
7/13  
5-6PM**

Collectable Cadillacs and More!  
The Burger Bar

**FRI  
7/14  
5-6PM**

Surprise Event!  
Go to SCCSHOW.com

**SAT  
7/15  
11AM-1PM**

Tri-City Cool Car Cruise

## **Burlingame Lions 2017 Cars in the Park**

**Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Don & Kate Hamblin**

Join us for a day under the trees in beautiful Washington Park, just one block from shopping and restaurants on Burlingame Avenue. Registration is done on the day of the show (\$50) and includes two meal tickets. Meet at Bayshore Auto Body, 1065 N. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo - between 7:00 and 7:30 am.

Call Don with any questions 650/576-6234

**The San Mateo  
Show has been  
CANCELLED.**



# SCVT Car of the Month



Not the '55, here is Mont's car at the Capitola Car Show.

## Three New Corvettes and a New 1955 Thunderbird

*by Montgomery Roach*

six car garage, come to think of it who had six to twelve new cars in their driveway at any one time? The garage was filled with new cars, Cadillacs, Pontiacs, Oldsmobiles and a new Corvette, factory fresh. Hal's dad was very generous and told me to come over and borrow any car any time I wanted to. I was a kid and excited to tell my parents that Mr. Shepard said it was okay for me to drive any car, any time, just help myself. My Dad scotched that idea in no uncertain terms. I should've kept my mouth shut.

Hal got a new car every three weeks ... the three New Corvettes lasted just short of 8 weeks. Hal was not cut out to have a Corvette. I found them to be fun and exciting and a little quirky - after all, the motor was at a funny angle, the radio was in the trunk and the interior door handles were round and they had no side windows (well not any that you could roll up). They seemed faster than they were.

On the other side of town another one of my friends got a new 1955 Thunderbird for his birthday. It was the first one I'd ever seen and it was beautiful. He then talked his Dad into having a supercharger installed in it. That was even better. I was now in love with Little Birds. This T-Bird was really fast and I was determined to have one. I think, at that time I was working in a wheel alignment/brake shop after school and during the summer. At \$1.50 an hour I was rich after all I had given up my \$.85 an hour job at the ice cream shop to beat the hell out of king pins and burnish brake shoes to fit brake drums.

It was another 50 years, two children and two wives later before I had enough time and money to look for my dream car. I did run across a Little Bird display, SCVT, at the San Jose Auto Show that pretty much sealed the deal. I had to have a T-Bird. I started looking on line. Diane and I made a quick trip to Oregon to the Birds Nest (I think they're no longer in business). We found a baby blue Bird that they were just finishing. It was beautiful, but I wanted to see more Birds and different color Birds. Next stop was The Thunderbird Man in Dallas. I think the day I arrived Amos [Minter] had 30 Little Birds in his shop - all years and all colors and all states of assembly. I didn't want to leave because if I left his shop for any reason somebody might walk in the door and buy the one I wanted. I had narrowed my selection to two T-Birds, one yellow and one gunmetal. Amos was helping and offered to sell me both.

I was excited about my new Gunmetal '57 and I called my son to fly to Dallas and we'd drive it home. Amos overheard the conversation and discouraged me from doing that, something about rock chips. So it was delivered a week or so later. I've been on several long trips since and I'm glad I didn't try to drive it home from Dallas. It's not the most  
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comfortable car on long trips.

My first modification was electric disc brakes, it stops like a new car and straight ahead and really quick. That led to a high tech ignition, headers, larger exhaust pipes and mufflers, several variations of water pumps and modification of the existing pulleys, electric fuel pump, new Holley carburetor, aluminum intake with longer risers, aluminum radiator with a catch can. I removed the parade fans that Amos installed and the air conditioner. It no longer boils over and after a long trip at highway speeds the fluid levels are at the same level they were when I started. I installed an electric puller fan instead of the factory fan. It comes on at 180 degrees and does a great job. With all the electric upgrades, I had to bump up the size of the alternator to handle the increased electrical load.

The car came with wire wheels and tires that shall remain nameless, after three high speed blowouts, 70 mph, I gave up the wire wheels in favor of original solid wheels and Michelin white wall tires, never had a blowout again.

—Thanks to **Bill Croxton** for making *Car of the Month* an *Early Bird Fan* feature —

## CTCI Region 1 Convention – New Jersey

including

## Canadian Tour of All 10 Provincial Capitals



**Hot August Nights** is only a month away. It is Aug 8-13 this year and the club will again be going to Reno/Sparks for this event. Contact Dennis and Sandra Kay at 650-341-6868 if you plan to attend so you can be included in the club buffet dinner Friday night at the Nugget and any other club coordinated gatherings. [hotaugustnights.net](http://hotaugustnights.net)





# The Story of the Fourth of July

## The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

## So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy is now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.). It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17<sup>th</sup> of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2<sup>nd</sup> of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed.



Scene (adapted from the painting above) is simply titled "Declaration of Independence, 1776" – but not the day.



The Sequoia High School Alumni Association  
presents its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
BBQ/Picnic  
August 19, 2017  
on the Sequoia High School campus

Whether or not you are a Sequoia alumni, we welcome you to  
bring your vintage or classic car to the picnic.

There will be special parking and a discount on the  
registration price.

For more information contact SHSAA - 650-592-5822

Hope to see you there!

Reg./info available at [Sequoia HS Alumni website](#)



## ***United Airlines Family Day***



Sunday

October 8, 2017

S.F. Airport, UA Maintenance Facility

United Airlines holds a Family Day event for their employees and there is a car show on the tarmac. There are displays from different suppliers as well as entertainment and a variety of food for sale. On display are airplanes (747, 777, etc.), military equipment and helicopters; some available to board. Usually there is a fly over by a 747 and a precision flying team takes off from the field. As it is family friendly don't hesitate to include grandchildren.

We will pass around the sign-up sheet at the July and August meetings. The United Airlines employee who coordinates this event will need all of our names in order to clear us through security since we will be on the airport property – no day of show registration. A registration form is included in this Fan, see page X.

As soon as we have further information we will pass it on to those interested in participating.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Dennis and Sandra Kay at 650-341-6868.

- Happy "Flying" -

- Sandie Kay [sgkay@yahoo.com](mailto:sgkay@yahoo.com)



SCVT at last year's event.



# PLANES, TRAINS & HOT RODS @ HILLER AVIATION MUSEUM



Sunday, July 16, 2017



B.D.O.

Host Club - Golden Gate Street Machines

Hiller Aviation Museum, 601 Skyway Road, San Carlos, California



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## CTCI Region 1 Convention

Whippany, New Jersey  
August 2-6, 2017

New Jersey Open Road

Thunderbird Club

[www.njortc.org](http://www.njortc.org)



**Support our Vets**  
**Fisher House Fundraiser**  
**Classic Car Show**

Bring your car  
No fee charged  
to enter your car

**Saturday August 26, 2017**

Please have your  
cars here by  
**10:30am**

Location:  
Veterans Memorial Center  
1455 Madison Ave  
Redwood City Ca 94061







Monterey Bay Classic Thunderbird Club  
Invites All

Classic ('55-'57) Vintage ('58-'66) Retro ('02-'05)  
Thunderbirds

To The 20th Annual  
Thunderbirds on the Santa Cruz Wharf

Saturday, September 30, 2017  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Rain or Shine

Participants receive and enjoy:  
Goody Bags, Raffle, Scavenger Hunt & Awards  
Spectacular Ocean & Mountain Views  
Restaurants, Shopping on the Wharf & Santa Cruz Boardwalk

Proceeds benefit Partnership for Children

Entry available online at [montereybaytbirds.com](http://montereybaytbirds.com)  
Entry fee: \$40.00



## 17th Annual

*"The largest annual antique auto show in the West"*



## Antique Autos in History Park

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**

**11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**History Park, 635 Phelan Ave.**

**San Jose, CA . 95112**

**Admission, Adults & Children: \$5**

**HSJ Members & Participants: Free**

*Sandie Kay writes us:*

"This is a great show and wonderful way to spend a Saturday! The cars are really nice, the music fun, and there is even an ice cream shop. Many of the historic buildings are open for touring as well. Dennis and I have gone several times and brought our 33 Chevy but you can just go without a car and enjoy the show."

Sandie Kay

[sgkay@yahoo.com](mailto:sgkay@yahoo.com)

**Join us for the largest annual antique auto show in the West.** The 17th annual Antique Autos in History Park presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José will take place on **Saturday**, September 9, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 635 Phelan Ave, San Jose, CA) with 200 antique autos, fire equipment, bicycles and motorcycles of all makes up to 1945.

**Requirements for entering an antique vehicle.** There is no registration required. All vehicles permitted on the grounds of History San Jose from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM were manufactured between the late 1800s and 1945 and are either in original or restored-to-original condition. No vehicle will be allowed on the grounds of History Park during the show that is newer than 1945.

**The featured vehicles are "Trucks, the Workhorse of the 20th Century".** Also located on the grounds will be the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association. There will be antique crafts demonstrated and antique collectibles displayed. A Dixieland Jazz Band will provide music and food is available from Peggy Sue's Restaurant and O'Brien's Cafe. Activities are provided for kids.

Plan your day around the following:

- 11:30 Swing Cats Dance Performance
- 12:00 Music by Toot Sweet Jazz Band
- 2:00 Presentation on Early Trucks
- 3:00 Costume Recognition
- 3:30 Drawing for Door Prizes

Admission: Adults and Children (3+) \$ 5.



Free to participants and HSJ members.

For more information, contact [Peder Jorgensen](mailto:Peder Jorgensen) via e-mail or 408-358-3398.

Visit: [scvmfrc.org](http://scvmfrc.org) and [historysanjose.org](http://historysanjose.org)






## SCVT Activities

Date	Event	Host/Contact	Information
Jul. 2	<b>Kirigin Valley Concours</b>	Larry Maness	<a href="http://kirigincellars.com">kirigincellars.com</a>
Jul. 8	<b>Reid-Hillview AIRPORT DAY</b> <i>Hot San Jose Nights</i>	Gene Cox	Details to follow. See page X <a href="http://hotsanjosennights.com">hotsanjosennights.com</a>
Jul. 14	<b>SCVT Monthly Meeting</b>		7:30pm, West Valley College <b>New location → Baltic Room – see page 5</b>
Jul 16	<b>SARATOGA CLASSIC CAR SHOW</b>	Bill Croxton	Details to follow. See <a href="#">page 6</a> <a href="http://sccshow.com">sccshow.com</a>
Jul. 29	<b>Burlingame Cars-in-the-Park</b>	Don & Kate Hamblin	See <a href="#">page 6</a> <a href="http://burlingamelions.com">burlingamelions.com</a>
Jul./Aug. TBD	<b>CTCI Region 1 Convention &amp; Canadian Capitals Tour</b>	Doc Dockter	See <a href="#">page 8</a> <a href="http://njortc.org">njortc.org</a>
Aug. 8 - 13	<b>HOTAUGUSTNIGHTS</b>	Dennis & Sandie Kay	See <a href="#">page 8</a> <a href="http://hotaugustnights.net">hotaugustnights.net</a>
Aug. 12	<del><b>San Mateo Car Show &amp; Barbecue</b></del>	Don & Kate Hamblin	<b>CANCELLED</b> by host
Aug. 13	 / India Day Parade	Don & Kate Hamblin	Details to follow. <a href="http://fogsv.org">fogsv.org</a>
Aug. 18 <b>Date change!</b>	<b>SCVT Monthly Meeting</b>		7:30pm, West Valley College <b>New location → Baltic Room – see page 5</b>
Sep. 8	<b>SCVT Monthly Meeting</b>		7:30pm, West Valley College <b>New location → Baltic Room – see page 5</b>
Sep. 29	 <b>HOMECOMING</b> Saratoga High School	Kathy Kelley	7:30pm
Oct. 6	 <b>HOMECOMING</b> Mountain View High School	Kathy Kelley	12:00 noon
Oct. 6	 <b>HOMECOMING</b> Homestead High School	Kathy Kelley	2:45pm
Oct. 6	 <b>HOMECOMING</b> Oak Grove High School	Kathy Kelley	6:15pm
Oct. 8	 <b>UNITED AIRLINES FAMILY DAY</b>	Dennis & Sandie Kay	See <a href="#">page 10</a>
Oct. 11	 <b>HOMECOMING</b> Valley Christian High School	Kathy Kelley	Late afternoon
Oct. 13	 <b>HOMECOMING</b> Yerba Buena High School	Kathy Kelley	6:00pm
Oct. 13	<b>SCVT Monthly Meeting</b>		7:30pm, West Valley College <b>New location → Baltic Room – see page 5</b>
Nov. 10	<b>SCVT Monthly Meeting</b>		7:30pm, West Valley College <b>New location → Baltic Room – see page 5</b>

## Other Activities

SCVT members are invited to host/lead SCVT to any of the following events (or any other event).  
Please contact the SCVT Activities Director, Patrick Ford.

Date	Event	Information
Jul. 16	<b>PLANES TRAINS &amp; HOT RODS</b>	Hillier Aviation Museum, San Carlos See <a href="#">page 11</a> <a href="http://hillier.org">hillier.org</a>
Aug. 18, 19	<b>MAIN STREET REUNION SHOW &amp; SHINE</b>	Napa <a href="http://donapa.com/event/main-street-reunion">donapa.com/event/main-street-reunion</a>
Aug. 19	<b>Sequoia H.S. BBQ &amp; Car Show</b>	Redwood City – See <a href="#">page 10</a> Reg./info at <a href="#">Sequoia HS Alumni website</a>
Aug 25-27	<b>Goodguys West Coast Nationals</b>	Alameda County Fairgrounds <a href="http://good-guys.com">good-guys.com</a>
Sep. 9	<b>ANTIQUE AUTOS IN HISTORY PARK</b>	San Jose See <a href="#">page 12</a>
Sep 23		Murphys, CA <a href="http://ironstonefoundation.org">ironstonefoundation.org</a>
Sep 30		Santa Cruz, CA See <a href="#">page 11</a>
Sep. 30		Cameron Airpark, Placerville, CA <a href="http://placervillechpfund.org">placervillechpfund.org</a>
Oct. 7-8	<b>Los Altos Fall Festival Car Show</b>	Los Altos
Nov 11, 12	<b>Goodguys Autumn Get-Together</b>	Alameda County Fairgrounds <a href="http://good-guys.com">good-guys.com</a>

## Membership Anniversaries – July

Member	Years	Member	Years
Tim & Kathie Toland	3	Charlie & Claire Affrunti	15
Brad & Karen Hart	4	Jerry & Jill Schwab	20
Mark Russell	9	Don & Laurie Reisinger	32
Dean Hurt	9	Jack Lindsay	44
Tim & Shelly Roehm	15		

### Corrections to June Anniversaries

Member	Years
James Croxton	1
Greg Smedsrud & Sue Martinson	1
Sandy Sieroty	3





People send us stuff (thank you!). This is the place for it and occasional editor's comments.

## Canadian Speed Control

from a 'friend'



This is an actual speed control device that is currently in use. It is MUCH cheaper than speed cameras, radar guns, police officers, etc.



People slow down and actually try to straddle the 'hole'.



Pretty clever — especially when they move them around every day.



A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Have you arrested the woman?"

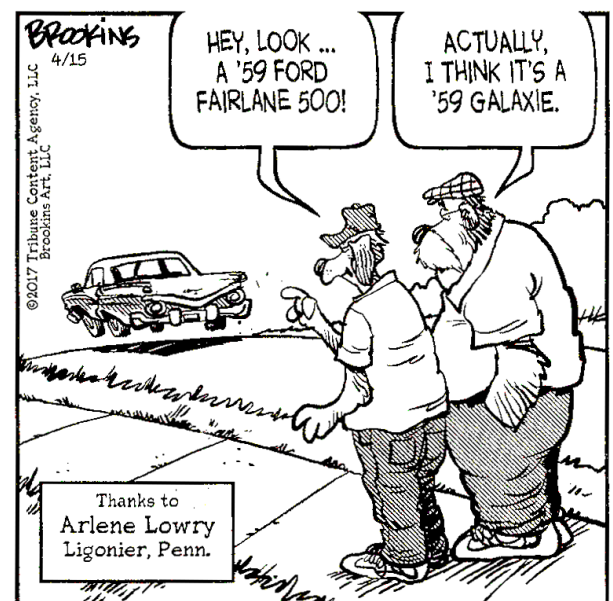
"Not yet. The floor's still wet."

from Anon.

### Paraproductians

- I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it.
- I didn't say it was your fault; I said I was blaming you.
- Some cause happiness wherever they go, others whenever they go.

### Pluggers



Autocorrect, plugger-style.

from Bev and Marty

The Editors would like to thank the following for sending us pictures and notes about former events and other things of interest: Sandie Kay, Patrick Ford, Bill Croxton

## Snacks and Beverages Signup - 2017

Meeting	Snacks	Beverages	Meeting	Snacks	Beverages
Jan. 13	Hamblin	Peterson	Jul. 14	Monroe	Obinski
Feb. 10	<i>N/A – meeting at Harry's Hofbrau</i>		Aug. 18	Deutsch	Affrunti
Mar. 10	Lawrence	Miller	Sep. 8	Maness	Epolite
Apr. 14	Ford	Lawrence	Oct. 13	Jump / Thomas	Parker
May 12	Kay	Lynch / Adair	Nov. 10	Spencer	Moore
Jun. 9	Sieroty	Reisinger	Dec.	<i>no meeting</i>	

See the May 2009 Early Bird Fan for Snack & Beverage Helpful Hints – see it at [santaclaravalleybirds.com](http://santaclaravalleybirds.com)

## Buy and Sell

### Buy

Hot August Nights pins – 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1994-2001 – Joe Ryan (650) 483-6256

### Sell

Shed full of '55-'56 New and Used T-bird parts (mostly used). I also have some big bird parts too. I also have some aftermarket items to sell such as electric fan, welding set, etc. I want to sell all as a bundle to get them out of my shed. Please make an offer to take all – Larry [Imanbird@comcast.net](mailto:Imanbird@comcast.net)

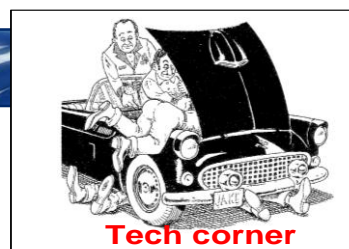
1960 T-bird needs full restoration, make offer – Larry [Imanbird@comcast.net](mailto:Imanbird@comcast.net)

2002 T-bird 40k mi., second owner, price reduced, \$16,000 – Jerry Guth [jerry.guth1946@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.guth1946@gmail.com) (ref. Larry J.)

Radio, 6 volt, for 1955 Thunderbird, \$200 – Barry Moore (650) 591-9295

## Tech Corner

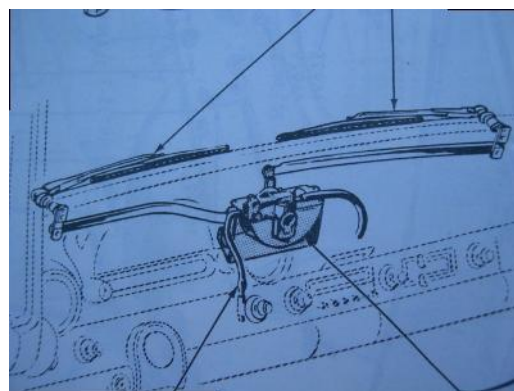
*This Tech Tip is from the July-Aug 1974 Early Bird, Car-espondence Clinic. The Editor has a similar problem with the wipers on his car and will check this out as soon (or if) he ever becomes flexible again.*



### Windshield wiper control problem

**Q.** My windshield wipers will not turn off. With the radio and defroster duct in the way, I cannot see under the dash of my '57 too well. Is there some kind of adjustment for the wiper cable? I can reach up with my hand and shut the wipers off, but the cable won't do it. The cable will slow down the wipers, but not stop them. If you can help me in any way, it will be most helpful. - E.R. Sadler Keithville, La.

**A.** The windshield wiper cable housing is "locked" in position with a hold-down screw at the wiper motor. Your cable is apparently loose at this screw.





# Muir House, Port Chicago & Cobra Day

June 3, 2017

Our Ranger Rick hosted a nice trip to naturalist [John Muir's home](#), a National Historic Site in the east bay, then, for some, on to the [Port Chicago National Memorial](#), the site of a tragic WWII ammunition disaster and, for others, on to the nearby Shelby Cobra Day car show at [The Cobra Experience](#). Finally, the group gathered for dinner at Alfredo's Cantina in Pleasanton, where they will gleefully serve you (possibly) the biggest burrito (or was it a tamale?) you've ever seen in your life.



Charlie in his 'bird with the injured right rear foot.



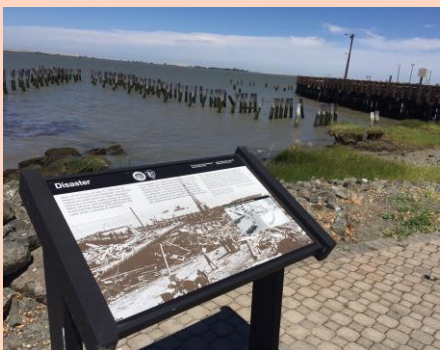
Lunch time with Geoff and Elaine Dye, hosts Diane and Rick Deutsch and a rubber chicken and the rest of the rangers, junior grade.



Port Chicago - blast walls lead rail cars loaded with munitions to storage bunkers.



Greetings from SCVT at the Muir home.



You weren't there? Then please send a caption for this picture to Ricky D. and the Editor.



Sandie and Dennis ... do something with this.



The July 17, 1944, Port Chicago disaster was a deadly munitions explosion that occurred at the Naval Magazine, killing 320 sailors and civilians and injuring 390 others.





Winner

## San Francisco Giants vs Minnesota Twins Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>



Participant

### SCVT Shows ... Giants Win

It cannot be denied, there is a correlation between the games where SCVT is in the crowd and the Giants claiming victory. Since the first game way back, when we froze in the upper deck above – way above – first base to this year's thumping of the Twins, SCVT's win-loss record would have us heading to the Hall of Fame. Starting with the traditional trip on CalTrain for many and heading to our seats in roughly the same place, it started out as just another game. Then the game began and wonder of wonders, 2 runs – for the Giants this time – in the bottom of the first, quickly matched by the Twins the next inning. Quiet for an inning then the Giants scored again; bettered by the Twins the next with 3 for a 5-4 lead. Starting to look like the rest of the season, then someone reminded the Giants that SCVT was in attendance. Then Giants bats came alive! A 4 run outburst in the 7<sup>th</sup> almost sealed the deal but a salvo of a 5 run outburst in the 8<sup>th</sup> made it almost a win. Score 13-5. Just to keep things interesting, the twins managed to rough up a couple of Giants relievers in the 9<sup>th</sup> to score 3 but it finally ended with the Giants winning 13-8. A lot of fun. Great goodie bags and hoping a few more might join in next year.

- Don Reisinger



### VINTAGE MUSTANG & SHELBY AMERICAN CAR SHOW

June 17, 2017

Thunderbirds dominate at the 40th Vintage Mustang and Shelby American Show in San Jose. Bill Croxton and Larry Johnston picked up 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Awards. Congratulations to both.



Larry's black '57 and Bill's '55 win awards!





## Friendship Day & Thunderbird Appreciation Day

May 21, 2017

The Mid-Peninsula Old Time Automobile Club has hosted this show for many years. On Thunderbird Appreciation Day, Patrick Ford takes his '55 to the show in Redwood City.



Patrick turns out 'GiGi' for the day in the open.



At the show with the T-bird Appreciation Day message.

## Capitol Mall Display

June 17, 2017

The cars at the show were hot! So was the weather, temperature topped 100 degrees. No sweat, we're cool.



**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**BUY/SELL:** 2002 TBird \$16k 40k miles - Jerry Guth 408-826-1056 [jerry.guth@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.guth@gmail.com)

**TECH SESSION:** Dick Osgood reported that overheating can be solved. Dick brought several visual aids. Basically, there isn't enough air going through the radiator to keep the car cool if it overheats. He found a better designed fan.

Dennis Kay is interested in information about radial tires that look like bias ply. If anyone has any information, please share with Dennis.

**NEXT MONTH'S SNACKS.** For the July meeting, Cliff & Kathy Monroe will bring snacks and Ted Obinski will bring beverages.

**-BREAK-**

**FUND RAISING / RAFFLE:** Laurie Reisinger and Sandy Sieroty hosted the raffle.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Les adjourned the meeting at 9:20.

Diane Deutsch

Secretary



#### 1953 Ford X-100

Probably the first true Ford dream car was the X-100 of 1953, which anticipated the torpedo styling themes of later Fords like the 1961 Thunderbird. Ford claimed 50 engineering firsts for this car, including a moisture-sensitive cell on the roof, which automatically closed the plastic sliding roof panel. The body was made of steel and aluminum parts, had controls on the instrument panel to open, close and lock the power hood and rear deck lid, had independent front and rear suspension and built-in electric jacks at each wheel.



#### 1953 Ford Vega

Over 2 years were spent building the lightweight aluminum bodied roadster. Henry Ford would check on the progress and sometimes bring his celebrity friends, Groucho Marx and Red Skelton. Howard Hughes also paid a visit. Ford displayed the Vega for several years at its Rotunda Exhibition Hall in Dearborn. Then it slipped into obscurity. However, not before a seed was planted. While strolling through the 1953 Paris Auto Show, Henry Ford II, first acknowledged interest in building his own two seat roadster, which would become the '55 Thunderbird.



#### 1954 Ford Atmos

Inspired by popular jet aircraft styling, the 1954 Atmos contained various gadgets such as a glass dome roof, tail fins, rocket exhaust tail lights and needle-like radio antennae protruding from front fender pods. The radical cockpit had a center-mounted driver's seat and 2-passenger rear seats. Dual handgrips replaced the normal steering wheel and the dash-mounted "Roadarscope" radar screen provided highway information.



#### 1955 Ford Mystere

The Mystere was a rear engine concept intended for a gas turbine engine. Cargo and spare tire were housed under the front hood. A large bubble of glass served as roof, windows and windshield. The front seats would swivel outward and passengers could easily enter and exit through half-doors. The scoop at the top of the windshield supplied fresh air into the 4-passenger cockpit. A radio-telephone was housed in a console between the two rear bucket-type seats, and the aircraft-type steering wheel was a "throw-over," meaning that the car could be driven from either front seat. Other modern features were pushbutton ignition switch, padded dash and a television set behind the front seat.



#### 1957 Ford La Galaxie

Ford worked its way through many contorted schools of styling such as the Z-back roof (in the 1957 La Galaxie). It went on to become increasingly unhinged as it proposed a nuclear powered dream car called the Nucleon in 1958, a gyroscopically controlled two-wheeled car called the Gyron in 1961, a three-wheeled flying car called the Volante the same year and a vast six wheeler called the Seattle-ite in 1962. It should not be surprising that, after that lot. Ford's design team and the public had something of a dream-car hangover, and Dearborn's output of show specials petered out in the 1960s.



#### 1961 Ford Gyron

The Gyron was a two-wheel gyroscopically-balanced automobile. One prototype was built and displayed in 1961 then lost in a fire. Alex Tremulis, Ford's lead designer for the project, believed his design for a two-wheeled gyroscopically balanced car would represent the ultimate in automotive aerodynamics. Because a gyroscope of sufficient size to keep the full-scale Gyron upright proved far too expensive for the show car, a pair of wheels on outriggers were added to the design to keep the Gyron upright on the show stand (copywriters explained them away as necessary at low speeds and noted they'd retract at higher speeds); however, its front wheel did steer via a console-mounted dial.



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**Meetings** 7:30 p.m. meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, except December, at West Valley College, 14000 Fruitvale Ave. Saratoga, CA. in the College Board room.

**Events** SCVT members participate in parades, displays, homecomings, regional and national meets, local car shows, and driving events.

**Membership** Dues are \$40.00 per year per family and are due by January 31 of each year. SCVT is Chapter 50 of the Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI). Membership in CTCI is mandatory to participate in parades and displays sponsored by SCVT.

See [www.ctci.org](http://www.ctci.org) for CTCI membership requirements.

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"I know my husband and there's no point arguing with him about how fast he was going when he's drunk."

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Visor	\$11.00
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Windshield Cover w/ club logo	\$25.00

## Caravan Tips

- ☐ Maintain your car.
- ☐ Gas up and check fluids/tires.
- ☐ Know who your leader is and follow.
- ☐ Turn CB to channel 22.
- ☐ Gas up at scheduled pit stops.
- ☐ Generic cars at the end of the caravan.
- ☐ Relay info to rear cars.
- ☐ Double up at stop lights.
- ☐ Save a parking place for the "tail-gunner."

## Parts Boxes

- Boxes - Bill Mann now has all parts boxes  
*Parts are not free. Users must replace a part taken from a box*
- Tents - Gene Cox
- Banner - Don Reisinger

See [web site](http://www.santaclaravalleybirds.com) for logo items.  
Contact Eddi Cox  
[eddi\\_cox@yahoo.com](mailto:eddi_cox@yahoo.com)



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PRICE INCREASE AT SHOW.

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Napa, CA 94559

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**Please complete this form and route to: - Craig Sackett SFOOX Fax (650) 634-4904**  
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