

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRDS OF SAN DIEGO

THE BIRDS EYE VIEW



FROM THE PRESIDENT

August, 2021

This past weekend is the first weekend since mid-June that I haven't been involved with a car event with the Thunderbird. No, this isn't a complaint, just the opposite. It has been great getting out with the Thunderbird and doing some great activities with car people. It would be nice to see a few more Thunderbirds out. A few members have attended several events over the last two months. It's been nice seeing Lanny and Jane Arrow-smith, Mitch and Elaine Villalpando, Bill Speer, Alvin Thompson, Sam and Diane Battaglia, Celia and Bob Schlotter, Dan and Linda Regan, Carol Gary Noyes, John Davison with his bright red '56 Ford pick-up, aka our Thunderbird support vehicle and Alan Cutsinger who I would like to thank for getting the Thunderbirds featured at Cruisin' Grand. I know it's hot and vacation time and not everyone is ready to go out, but it would be nice to see even more members out and about.

Make sure you check out the information on the Pageant of the Thunderbird on September 11, 2021. If you have never been, the show is quite worth while. The show is out of town in Anaheim and there are plans for an overnight stay, dinner and social time after the car show. I have been informed that there will even be Thunderbirds driving down from Northern California. There is registration info further back in the newsletter. There will be parts vendors on site to talk with as well as some top of the class Thunderbirds that have been previously judged at a very high level on display. This a great opportunity to see and learn what you might want to do to improve your own Thunderbird. Even if your car isn't up to making the trip, the drive up to Anaheim is worth it. I will be attending and hope that others from our club will support the EarlyBirds of Southern California (our neighboring club). If going, please let me know as I will lead a caravan up there. I will not be staying the evening there, but I am driving solo, so if there is an individual that would like to ride up with me, feel free to contact me. The Los Angeles area club has been great at supporting our events, let's return the favor.

PLEASE NOTE that the August meeting has been pushed back to the 29th which is the last Sunday of August. No worries, it doesn't interfere with Labor Day weekend which is the following weekend. We are working on a club activity/drive in September or October which should be fun. Watch for announcements noting changes in venues and or times.

I am starting to work on a multi club Toys for Tots event and car show in November. This has been a legacy started by our club founder. I would like to keep it going strong. I am searching for a suitable venue with easy access. Any ideas with details will be appreciated.

At our July meeting, the possibility of a holiday get together seemed well received. At the time of writing this newsletter, I have no idea what that may look like. So far, Plan A might be a lunch at the Admiral Baker Club

similar to years past. Plan B might be at the brewery with a food truck like last year and I even have a Plan C; everyone bring their own lunch and chair and meet at a scenic location. Again, I am always open to suggestions along with details. Let's finish 2021 stronger than we started the year.

Thank you,

David Durrill, President



Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego Calendar of Events



AUGUST

22 Regular meeting postponed one week to August 29, 2021

29 Regular Meeting, 2pm at Liberty Station, park in lot on corner of Roosevelt Rd. and Historic Decatur Rd.

SEPTEMBER

4 Classic Car Show for CHP (see flyer below)

6 Labor Day

11 Pageant of the Thunderbird, Anaheim 9am Car Show by Earlybirds of So. Cal

26 Regular Meeting 2pm Location TBA

OCTOBER

24 Regular Meeting 2pm, Location TBA

31 Happy Halloween, Trick or Treat

NOVEMBER

20 Saturday, Toys For Tots collection event, car show and meeting. Location TBA

NOTE: There will be no regular meeting as 4th Sunday falls on Thanksgiving weekend

25 Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

4 Saturday, Hopefully we will have a holiday gathering. Open to ideas . This will close out 2021.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Please watch for emails of added events or changes

A gorgeous day at Main Street America Car Show along San Diego Bay.





ROUTE 66 MEMORIES

Carol and I recently went on a 10-day National Parks road trip to Arizona with our grandson, in honor of his recent Bar Mitzvah. Route 66 memorabilia is really big in towns in northern Arizona along I-40 and old Route 66.

We stopped in Seligman on old Route 66 (some say it was the inspiration for the town of Radiator Springs in Disney's Cars movie). But in Williams, just off I-40 and the gateway to the Grand Canyon, I found a license plate (see photo) in a souvenir shop of a turquoise (OK, Thunderbird Blue!) 1955 T-bird on a Route 66 themed plate. Had to have it -- brought back memories from long ago! My first '55 was white when I bought it as a grad student in 1966 in the Finger Lakes region of Upstate New York; it was originally turquoise. I drove it out Route 66 that year for a summer job in LA. Later, doing some restoration, I brought it back to its original color. Driving Route 66 in a T-bird 55 years ago!

Actually, my first trip on Route 66 was in June 1955 with my parents out to see relatives in El Cajon and Reno. I was 11; we drove it in a '53 Merc woody! Classic family road trip of the era. (Am I dating myself??)
Gary Noyes



EarlyBirds of Southern California

Present the
46th Annual

PAGEANT

of the THUNDERBIRD



1954 - 57 Ford Cars, Wagons & Trucks FORD INVITATIONAL

Saturday, September 11, 2021 - LaPalma Park - Harbor @ LaPalma, Anaheim, CA

- Open to all 55 - 05 Thunderbirds
- **FORD Invitational for 54-57 Cars, Wagons & Trucks**
- Raffle Prizes!
- Free FORD hat for the 1st 80 registered
- 15 TBird Trophy Classes 55 – 05 + Customs
- 3 FORD Invitational Trophies - Ford Cars, Wagons & Trucks
- 2 TBird Peoples' Choice Trophies 55-57 & 58-05



A GREAT DAY OF COMMEMORATION OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Name _____ Phone () _____
 Address _____ eMail _____
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1955-2005 Thunderbirds

1955-57 Senior (Put year on the line)	_____ 1955 Primary	_____ 1956 Primary	_____ 1957 Primary
	_____ 1958-60 Open	_____ 1960-63 Open	_____ 2002-2005 All
_____ 1964-66 Open	_____ 1958-60 Closed	_____ 1960-63 Closed	1955-05 Display (No Judging) ¹
_____ 1964-66 Closed	_____ 1967 - 1997 All	_____ 1955-97 Custom	
_____ 55-57 Unrestored	_____ 58-66 Unrestored		

1954 - 1957 FORD Invitational

_____ 54-57 Conv.	_____ 54-57 HardTop	_____ 54-57 Wagon	_____ 54-57 Pickup
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Invitational Clubs

_____ Early V8 Ford Club	_____ Forty Fords Club	_____ Lincoln Car Club
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Release of liability: In consideration of participation by the undersigned in the Annual Pageant of the Thunderbird ("Event") to be held at LaPalma Park, Anaheim on Saturday, September 11, 2021, the undersigned agrees to forever protect, save and keep the EarlyBirds of Southern California and the City of Anaheim, and all their members and employees, holding them harmless and indemnifying them against and from all claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, suit, judgments, penalties, expense liability of any kind or nature arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with any participation in the Event, and I further release and discharge the Club and each of the persons and entities Referred to herein of and from any acts of the aforesaid in connection with the Event.

Signature of Owner _____ Date _____

Check if you would like to be a judge

Registration Fee: \$40 each entry received by Sep. 2, 2021 \$ _____

(AFTER Sep. 1st, registration fee will be \$45 Per Entry) Total Enclosed \$ _____

If you **DO NOT** receive your eMail registration package by September 1st, contact the Registration Chairman, to get it sorted out **IN ADVANCE**.
PRINT your Confirmation eMail and bring it with you to the show. No admission to the show without your confirmation

Mail registration form and check to:

Pageant of the Thunderbird, 40234 Via Marisa - Murrieta, CA 92562

Dear David,

I am happy to use this email to inform your members about what is special and different about the 46th Pageant of the Thunderbird.

- o The Early Birds will have an opening ceremony honoring the victims of 9/11 as well as a traditional opening
- o Early registrations promise a good turnout of all classes of Thunderbirds, 1955-2005.
- o The Arizona Club, the Sacramento Club, the Valley Club have all said they will be sending members and have a member who will coordinate their registrations and drive to the hotel.
- o Getting surrounding clubs together to have informal talks about joint events will be discussed. You will remember I encouraged the Valley Club to attend your Borrego Springs event and everyone had a good time talking about the next event...Covid became the next event! It is time to start those discussions again for 2022.
- o For those staying over on Saturday night, we will have a banquet room at our disposal at a restaurant within walking distance from the Holiday Inn.
- o All registrants receive a Ford baseball hat. (value of \$25.00) not bad for a \$40 registration fee.

All of the Clubs wanted us to select a hotel. some wanted to arrive Thursday, some on Friday and some wanted to stay over on Saturday night and they gave us additional requirements. The following write up explains why the Holiday Inn Express was chosen. For members of the San Diego Club planning to make it a one day trip, this might not be necessary.

I look forward to welcoming members of the Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego on 9/11 and if they choose to stay over, enjoy their company at the banquet dinner.

Pageant Registrants Requiring a Hotel

The HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS is the hotel I would select if I were needing a one, two, or three nights stay for the **46th Annual Pageant of the Thunderbird**. Using Internet, I reviewed about 25 hotels in the vicinity of LA PALMA PARK in Anaheim CA. I found some were out of business, had not returned to operational status, and the advertised rates were lower than what I heard when I called. The Pandemic closing Disney and other attractions had a severe affect on motels and restaurants. Because I wondered about the condition of the ones in business, I decided that I had to do my own personal survey of 4 promising hotels.

The HI Express met my criteria for being within 1 mile of La Palma Park.

(Refer to the diagram on the Pageant registration form which is attached. Your hotel will be two short blocks north of the 91 in Fullerton. From HI Express you drive about 1 mile south, over the 91 on Harbor Blvd to enter Anaheim and pass by La Palma Park. You go to the next intersection, and take a left on La Palma Ave and follow the diagram to the "Enter Here" to enter the park.

The hotel is sheltered from the noise of the Freeway and the busy activity along Harbor Blvd. In the attached picture, my back is facing Harbor Boulevard. Houston is on the right of the photographer which is two blocks up from Harbor. There is a *car self washing place* around the corner from the hotel. When you first arrive, access from Harbor to Houston Ave where the hotel is located is enhanced by a green arrow traffic light even though there is nothing else but a Howard Johnson Motel on Houston. This is in a quiet place just off of Harbor Blvd, not visible from Harbor Blvd.

The hotel employs a night security guard watching the secluded parking area. The hotel boasts a fully self service cooked breakfast of eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage etc plus the cold cereals, juice coffee etc meeting Covid rules. The hotel appears to be freshly painted inside and out. The reception area is large enough for guests to rendezvous before heading out. The swimming area is a little smaller than most hotels, but large enough for a few families to enjoy the pool together. I witnessed the General Manager talking to departing guests about their stay and everyone said it was very comfortable. I found him very interested in our group. I left a card, he took a picture of our Pageant registration form and has blocked rooms for us. (more later)

For those wanting to go to Disney Land, the hotel provides FREE shuttle service to and from several times of day and evening on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

You asked about shopping: There are two shopping malls on each side of Harbor Blvd. within walking distance. The HIE is on the west side of Harbor Blvd. The Mall adjacent to the Holiday Inn is protected by the back of buildings that are closed, but in good order. There is a Target Store at the opposite end of this large mall. You can find a variety of eating places when you arrive on Friday night.

Denny's, Burger King, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hawaiian BBQ, Sushi Express and a Chinese restaurant. There is also a Mexican Restaurant where I have secured a private room for a dinner together with some of our club members for those that are leaving on Sunday morning. The menu is complete and the service was good during the noon time I was there.

Across Harbor Blvd, (*the east side*) is the other shopping mall with a Best Buy Store, a Burlington Coat Factory Store, and Marshall's. I did not check to see if there are dining places there. Higher end shopping malls are in Irvine but our wives are fully engaged in the Pageant and would not be available to assist in those tours. However depending upon those that want to go, you can check on the availability of a spare bus or order a Lyft ride at the HIE for the "South Coast Plaza". Actually there is another one on the other side of freeway. They are "Genormous"

If there are any wives interested in stuffing goody bags on Friday, let Larry Kooiman know by email at: c21hi@aol.com

Here Is What you Need to Know and DO:

The Holiday Inn Express Fullerton/Anaheim Hotel (*google it for more pictures and quoted rate and compare our rate*)
210 W. Fullerton Ave
Fullerton, CA 92832
Tel # 714 853 1700
General Manager who is holding our rate is Brian Lee. Email address is: gm@hiefullerton.com

Here is what you do:

Call the hotel and make your reservations **for any combination of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night** for either a King Size bed or Queen at \$130/ night plus 10.22% tax which keeps the total less than \$145/ night. **OR if you have further questions, you can email your questions to Brian Lee because he is constantly checking his emails.**

He is holding 100 hotel rooms for us which is more that I requested but it insures you will get good room selection by floor, elevator access, ice machines etc. This offer is good until August 27th. **Please don't wait until the 27th to make your reservations.**

I recognized that making these arrangements were late for a normal CTCI event, so I hope I have answered all your concerns, questions and requests about hotel lodging. I am making this email to all of the surrounding clubs as well as our members in case those living far out might like to stay over on Saturday night.

I am available to answer any other questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued strong interest in getting together for this gathering of the Thunderbirds. I hope you enjoy a pleasant drive to the Fullerton/Anaheim area. I'll see you at 9:00 AM on 9/11 at La Palma Park.

Sincerely yours,
Joe Freitag
President/Trustee
Early Birds of Southern California.



September 4th Car show to promote the California Highway Patrol

645 Squad Club Presents

First Annual **CLASSIC CAR SHOW**

SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
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AND **ERIK ESTRADA**

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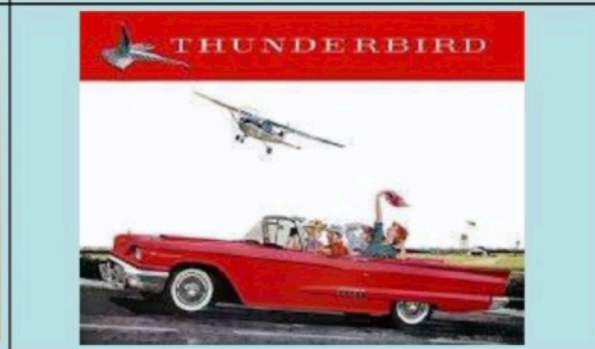


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Club Meets 4th Sunday of the month
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 for location each month.

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