# CLASSIC THUNDERBIRDS OF SAN DIEGO THE BIRDS EYE VIEW

### From the President

April, 2022

Hard to believe that we are almost a third of the way through the year. Activities are starting to gear up, pun intended. As I am writing this message, my Thunderbird is days from completion. The last hang up is getting the continental kit to keep from scraping itself when opening and closing the latch. The door and trunk seals were also another challenge, but that has been solved.

Our March meeting was very sparsely attended; we decided to cancel the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting in favor of the Coronado Car show on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't already registered, it's not too late to register on-line at CoronoadoMainstreet.com. It's very simple. I will definitely have my newly painted TBird there. I hope to have heavy club participation at this show. Again, Bill and Marsi Speer will be hosting a continental breakfast at their lovely home in Coronado prior to the show. Expect to be there between 7:15-7:30. Address is in the roster or you can contact me or Bill. In any event please contact either one of us to RSVP so Bill knows how much food to provide. We will then caravan together to the show so we can be parked together. If for some reason you are unable to show your car, please come out anyway and join a brief meeting at 1pm. There is always a very eclectic collection of cars at this show and I consider it one of the best shows of the year. We usually try to park in the vicinity of Star Park Circle in the shadow of the Hotel Del Coronado.

There is also a great car show on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Bate's Nut Farm. There is registration info further back in this newsletter. I am not sure that I will be able to make it, but is sounds like a great show.

On Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego has been asked to be the featured car club at the Cajon Cruise Night. We have reserved parking on Orange Avenue, just off Main Street in El Cajon. You can start parking as soon as 3pm. This is a free event and it would be nice to have a good club representation.

At our last meeting, we also discussed the possibility of having a car cruise to Ft. Rosecrans Memorial park and then maybe ending up in Coronado. We are double checking on the status of Memorial Day weekend activities. More info to come soon. If anyone has any ideas, I am open to suggestions.

I received in today's mail an invitation to the Coronado 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade which I will enter our club in. That is always a fun event. Please keep up with the calendar of events in this newsletter as there are events being added and changed.

I have been very happy with the direction of our club and that we have been able to stick together through thick and thin. The last several years have taken a severe toll on my health and I plan on stepping down as President effective the end of this year. I plan on doing some traveling, hopefully, and still staying active in the

club assisting where I can. But I feel the time is right for some new leadership and I want to give members ample time to think of stepping up to the plate and taking the lead for a while. It has been my absolute pleasure being President going on five years, but it is time for a change. Please consider stepping up and there is a lot of help available. Thank you all for your continued support and the privilege of serving as Club President.

Sincerely,

David Durrill, President

# Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego

### **Calendar of Events**



- April 24<sup>th</sup> No Regular meeting/Heartbeat Happenings car show Bates Nut Farm
- May 1st Motor Cars on Main Street/Meeting (Pre-register online ASAP) Coffee/Donuts at Speer's home 7:15 am/Meeting at 1pm near Star Park Circle
- May 22nd Regular meeting TBA
- May 30th Memorial Day Weekend Cruise?
- **June 1st** Cajon Cruise Night featuring Chapter 24 3pm Orange Ave/Main, El Cajon
- **June 26th** Regular Meeting at Garden of Innocence Car Show (El Camino Memorial Park)
- July 4th Annual 4th of July Parade in Coronado, Stage by 8:30 am
- July 24th Regular Meeting TBA
- August 13th Mainstreet America Car Show at Embarcadero (Registration begins in May)

September 10th Pageant of the Thunderbirds, La Palma Park Anaheim

October 25th - 30th 2022 CTCI International Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas

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## Luncheon with Early Birds of Southern California

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, nearly 20 members of the Early Birds of Southern California drove down from LA and Orange counties to visit the newly-renovated Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad. They were planning on having lunch afterwards at the nearby Green Dragon Tavern, also in Carlsbad. Eight members of our club joined them for lunch: Lanny & Jane Arrowsmith, Bob & Donna Hummer, Gary & Carol Noyes, Paul Mears and new member Adam McMahon.

We all interspersed at the two long tables set up for us in a private room. We found the portions very tasty and were huge – take-out boxes were prevalent! Early Birds president Joe Freitag thanked Carol Noyes for coordinating things between the two clubs. Thanks again, Carol! We all agreed our two clubs get along very well and should do this again next year – perhaps going to the GIA (Gemological Institute of America) also in Carlsbad near the Museum of Making Music, followed by lunch at the Green Dragon!











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