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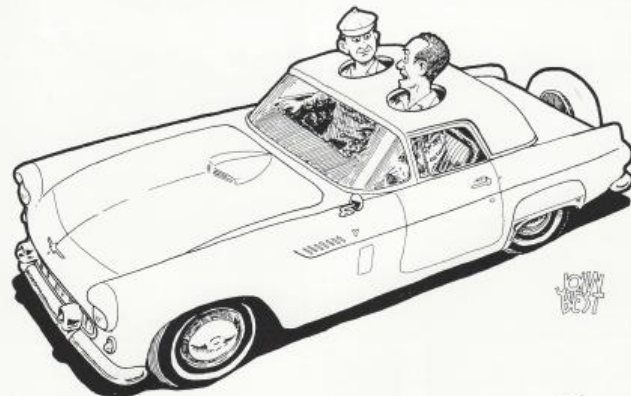
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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners' Club (BATOC)

Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Princess Cruise California Coast	Sun. Apr 29 - May 6
Monthly Meeting	Sat. May 12
Barbecue/Wine Tasting/Mystery Theater (Roaring Twenties Theme)	Sat. May 26

Laughter is the Best
Medicine



I ordered a top with portholes but forgot to tell them where.



**BATOC Club Monthly meeting is on
the second Sat of each month at:**

**The Buttercup Grill & Bar
660 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek CA**

10am - noon \$20 for breakfast

Next meeting: Feb 10, 2018

Spare Change for Charity

**Don't forget to bring your spare change
to all meetings and outings.**



**Facebook Group Page: Bay Area
Thunderbird Owners Club**

Website: batoc.org

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THUNDERBIRD GATHERING AT MEL'S DINER

It is always fun to remember the old days of hanging out with our cars and having hamburgers and milkshakes with our friends. Well, we can still do that today, especially with the recent opening of a Mel's Diner in Livermore CA. We were able to have prime parking right in front of the restaurant. It was a great time, bringing local people in the area to stop by and admire our great cars. Then, we got to

enjoy our Mel Burgers and Milkshakes. What a super outing. Thanks to Mary and Guy Cummins for organizing such a great event.



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MEL'S DINER OUTING CONTINUED



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PRES SAYS



FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

Of course, we all said that some 50 or 60 some odd years ago about our first time in the back seat...lol But, then maybe there's someone in the club who's first time was in the FRONT seat of a T-Bird – if so let us know. Wouldn't that make for a great newsletter article. (There are stories in the club about the front seat of a police cruiser...but that's an entirely different story...lol)

In this case I am referring to my first President's Message on this Laptop. (How boring). Unfortunately, my old laptop was stolen out of my car last month and I am having to write everything from scratch...no historical information, no notes from last month, no references from anything, anywhere. Oh, woe is me. April was an active month for us with a new member or two - Welcome Bill Rose – new name badges and member brochures, thanks to Guy, a new club directory, a great impromptu afternoon outing for burgers and shakes at Mel's Drive In and a cruise to Mexico courtesy of Ed Benson....WOW. What a month. The moral of this paragraph? If you've been hold-up under a rock lately, come on out and have some fun. Summer is here with LOT'S of things on the calendar.

May Brings our Mystery Dinner Theater from Guy & Mary Cummins. June 24th is our 60th Anniversary at Mare Island followed by a Picnic at Tilden Park courtesy of Darlene, John, Lisa, Eran, Nick and Greg (I think I got everyone). July brings the Coppola Winery tour on 7/21 with Nick Verhoek, along with the first Danville Hot Summer Nights on 7/22, Progressive Dinner in August, and, of course, Route 66 is closing in for October. What a great year...due to a great club with great people who jump in and get the job done.

And on that subject. We are still on the prowl for a new club secretary. Kim Dixon has covered that spot for most of the last decade it seems...OMG...and she would like to "retire". So, if you've always wanted to support your club, this is your perfect opportunity. Take notes at the monthly meeting, keep track of things like club documents, files and membership rosters, by-laws, etc. It's pretty simple but a very needed post. PLEASE, let me know and jump into the pool.

With all that said, don't forget;

- Our new BATOC Bucks rule...sponsor a new member and get 100 BATOC Bucks
- To make you Route 66 hotel reservations – cancel later if you need to.
- We are still looking for our Route 66 chase vehicle. Carry the parts and tow a trailer.
- Looking for a new Secretary.

I'll see you at our next meeting on 5/12. We'll talk about the summer, our upcoming Progressive dinner and early fall including Birds on the Wharf, Ironstone and, of course, Route 66. Have a great month and get that car out and about.

Happy T-Birding

Dave

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Meeting Minutes April 14, 2018

30 Attendees

We have a guest here today, Bill Rose from Livermore. He has a 1957 T-bird, and has owned the car for years. He and his nephew will be working on the project of restoring this car. He was a member of BATOC 30 years ago. He's Lita and Tom's neighbor! Lita gets 100 BATOC mucks for bringing in a new member. Congratulations!

Guy has made up new tri-fold membership applications. On that application, is an area for you as a member to put your name as a sponsor so you too can earn 100 BATOC bucks.

The Secretary job up for bid! If you don't come to next months meeting you may possibly be signed up. Any takers? I've been doing this position for many years, its time for a change, it's not a difficult job you just have to write down what was covered and email it to Jean after the meeting so it can be put into the newsletter. E-mail Dave or me if you're interested.

Guy passed around a prototype of the new name badges for us to preview. He found a company that will create them for both vintage and retro birds.

Birds on the Wharf

We thought we were approached by the Monterey Club to take over the birds event, but apparently there was some confusion about this, and at this point we will be helping them out for set up and parking only.

Last months bowling and dinner outing we had was a great success, and thank yous go out to Jim and Maria for organizing that event.

Ed spoke about the upcoming cruise that many of our members are going on at the end of the month. They'll be meeting on the ship. They'll be posting on Face book so you can follow them on their journey. Have fun BATOC'ers!

April 21st there will be an event at Mel's diner in Livermore. Get a hold of Mary if you're interested. The Mystery dinner is on Saturday, May 26th. It's going to be a fun event including going to a winery, appetizers and cocktails, with the murder mystery dinner following. You may dress in period costume for this event. Get a hold of Guy or Mary if you're Status on the Anniversary Party/Outing on Saturday June 23. Lisa, Nick, John and Darlene have been investigation our options. It looks like it's between Mare Island docent led tour with catered meal after, or 6 Flags Discovery Kingdom catered lunch in the park. The Mare Island Tour was selected by a landslide.

July 21 Coppola winery event status: Nick is organizing a nice day for us to take a tour and lunch. He'll have more information coming.

We will be having a progressive dinner on August 18. Ed and Mary are organizing a progressive dinner. Ed offered to do the main course; Lisa Brill-Nadler has offered to do dessert while Greg has volunteered to do the appetizers. Sounds like fun.

The month of November is still available for outings if anyone would like to organize anything.

Guy and Lisa spoke about the apparel. The existing inventory is on sale for 25% OFF. Guy gave a presentation after the meeting to show how to order through the online store.

Kathy presented Greg Canella with his thank you gift wine glass for the Rosie the Riveter event.

Respectfully Submitted by Kim Dixon,
Secretary

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In the Rear View Mirror by Skip Riggs BATOC Hosts CTCI Convention in 1966

Not sure how many of our current members are aware of the fact that BATOC hosted the 1966 CTCI Convention at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley. It was quite an undertaking for our small group of enthusiasts but we did manage to pull it off and it was deemed a success by all who attended.

In 1965, CTCI was finally incorporated under the laws of the state of California after almost two and one half years of the incorporating effort. Although BATOC was the oldest organized Thunderbird Club in existence, we ended up as Chapter number Four with CTCI, but that did not dampen our enthusiasm for the car and the sport. We decided to host a National Convention and set about to do so with myself and Mel Melendres as Co-Chairmen of the event. Larry Evenson, later of Larry's Thunderbird Parts fame was Program and Publicity Chairman; member John Peters was in charge of the Grayline Night Life Tour to San Francisco; member Bob Wikkerink chaired a tour to the Ford Plant in Milpitas and member Lee Ellis was in charge of the Thunderbird Parade that we staged. We had forty six Thunderbirds participate in the convention and, according to later reports, a great time was had by all who participated. Fourteen of the cars were from our own club and we had Thunderbird owners from as far away as Massachusetts (member Pete Shields & wife).

The convention ran from Monday, June 27th, which was registration time thru June 30th, the night of the Award's Dinner. There were some additional activities scheduled for after the close of the convention for anyone who desired which was a drive to Southern California via the 17 Mile Drive in Monterey and then continue further south to North Hollywood for a visit to Universal Studio's and a dinner at Knotts' Berry Farm on Saturday evening.

The Concour's d Elegance was held on the Claremont grounds on Tuesday in the upper parking lot. It had been decided that we

would stage the car show early in the convention as we had planned quite a bit of driving during the convention and wanted the show participants to have a chance to prepare their Thunderbird's for judging, while not subjecting them to the rigor's of Bay Area traffic (even in those early days).

The Grayline Tour was the opening event with a tour of those infamous San Francisco night spots such as the "All Oriental Show" at Forbidden City; a visit to Finocchio's femme impersonators and a visit on your own to the "Top of the Mark" or the "Crown Room" at the Fairmont Hotel. Just the sort of entertainment you could tell the "folks back home" about when you returned.

Wednesday's event was a driving tour to Golden Gate Park in San Francisco where we enjoyed a box lunch that had been prepared for us by the Claremont Hotel folks. After lunch we headed out for a cruise on San Francisco Bay by Harbor Tours Red & White Fleet followed by dinner at DiMaggio's Restaurant where we enjoyed a promotional film and a talk by representatives of Ford Motor Company.

Thursday's event was the Ford Plant tour in Milpitas where we watched the production line dedicated to the Ford Mustang. After touring the Ford Plant, we headed back toward Berkeley where we staged a parade starting from the frontage road by the freeway up University Avenue to the Claremont Hotel. The day ended with the awards dinner at the Claremont. As you can see it was quite an action packed week for Thunderbird enthusiasts and I think it was one of the best conventions ever staged for CTCI. I hope you have enjoyed this look back in time. Remembering this convention brought back a flood of pleasant memories for yours truly. Skip

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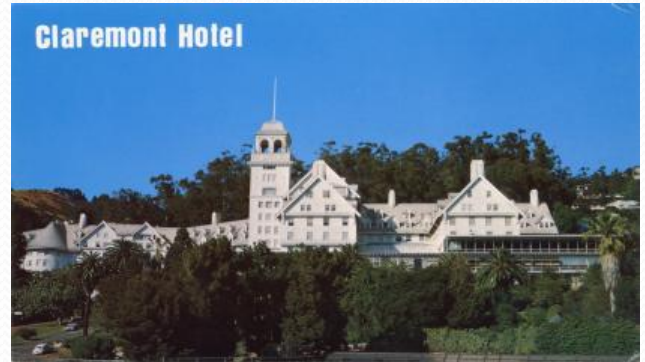
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1966 CTCI Convention Hosted
by BATOC in Berkeley, CA

BATOC Classifieds

Item	Seller	Price
Chrome tire ring '56 T-Bird Continental Kit	Dave Adams 415-269-0055	\$150
Custom Built Body Rotisserie from Casco plans	Dave Adams 415-269-0055	\$500 (cost \$1200 to build)
Cherry picker	Dave Adams 415-269-0055	\$100
Engine Stand	Dave Adams 415-269-0055	\$100
New Headliner kit	Dave Adams 415-269-0055	\$50



2018 CTCI Convention
Knoxville, TN



Meet Ms. Recognition, Kathy Ramos

If you organize an event, you are awarded not only BATOC bucks, but you also get a nice gift, thanks to our Ms. Recognition, Kathy Ramos. For the past couple of years, the gift has been some wine glasses, etched with the BATOC name and logo. These are really nice, and if you do enough planning and organizing, you will have a whole set of glasses to use! We really appreciate what Kathy does to recognize members for their extra efforts. Thanks, Kathy.



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BATOC Princess Cruise



Princess California
Coast Cruise

April 29- May 6



Call Ed Benson for Details
(ebensonbwa@aol.com 925-943-7011)

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The Cummins' Present a *murderously* delicious event



Saturday May 26th

Inviting all Gangsters, Four-Flushers, Eggs and Bearcats, doll up and dud up. Jump into your Hotsy-Totsy Jalopies to get on a toot at the finest Livermore Wine emporiums. Then, Let's Blouse and head to the Cummins for some glegle water and a BBQ to die for.

You'll need to know your onlons to fleure whodun'it. Don't bet all your Mazuma the choice bit of calico was the culprit. Rumor has it the bluenose had a gripe.



not much jack
for a full day
of fun

\$45

Wine tasting
BBQ ribs/chicken
dinner
Murder mytery
theater

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Schedule

- ♦ **1PM—Meet at The Cummins house. Snacks and beverages**
- ♦ **2PM -Leave for first Winery, drive through downtown. Honk horns. Wave.**
- ♦ **3pm -Leave first winery for second winery at**
- ♦ **4PM - Leave Winery 2 for the Cummins**
- ♦ **4:30 - Arrive for hors d'oeuvre and drinks**
- ♦ **5:30 - Seat for Dinner – actors arrive - serve salad**
- ♦ **6:15 main course**
- ♦ **7:00 desert / awards**

Murder Mystery

- ♦ 2 professional trained actors dressed in costume.
- ♦ Exciting themed show.
- ♦ The opportunity for some of you to actually play suspects in the Murder Mystery.
- ♦ Light Costuming provided for those playing suspects.
- ♦ All the pens, papers, suspect binders, investigation sheets, props, and anything else needed to solve the crime.
- ♦ Your own personal Crime Scene Consultant to work with you on gathering details for your event.
- ♦ Awards will be handed out to the survivors at the end of the night.

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Route 66 Trip in October



Tentative Schedule

Oct 5,6 Amarillo
Oct 7,8 Santa Fe
Oct 9 Albuquerque
Oct 10 Gallup
Oct 11 Winslow

Oct 12 G Canyon/Williams
Oct 13 Kingman
Oct 14 Barstow
Oct 15 Santa Monica
Oct 16 San Luis Obispo

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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club 2018 Calendar of Events

Winter – Meetings Jan 13 / Feb 10

~~January 14 – President's Mystery Tour (Adams)~~

~~February 4 – Super Bowl Party, Livermore (Guthrie)~~

Spring – Meetings Mar 10 / Apr 14 / May 12

March 10 – Group Outing: Bowling (Guthrie)

April 21 – Mel's Diner (Cummins)

April 29 – Cruise (Benson)

May 26 – BBQ (Cummins)

Summer – Meetings Jun 9 / Jul 14 / Aug 11

June 23 – 60th Anniversary @ Mare Island (Haffner, Nadler, Verhoek)

July 22 – Hot Danville Sundays Car Show #1 (TBA)

July 21 – Coppola Winery (Verhoek)

Aug 19 – Hot Danville Sundays Car Show #2 (TBA)

August 15 – CTCI International Conference, Knoxville, TN

August 18 – Progressive Dinner Party (Cannella, Benson, Nadler, Rose)

Autumn – Meetings Sept 8 / Oct 13 / Nov 10

Sept 22 – Ironstone, Murphys, CA (Canfield)

Sept 29 – Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz (TBD)

Oct 5 – 17 – Route 66 Trip

Nov XX – Veterans Parade (Baumgartner)

Winter – Meeting Dec 8

Dec 14 – BATOC Holiday Party @ Zio Fredo's (Jenkins and Lloyd)

Events in Planning

Proposed Ideas / Hosts Needed

August Car Show - Niles

Delta Cruise (Haffner)

Travis Airforce Base – (Baumgartner)



Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com

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