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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners' Club (BATOC)

## *60 Year Anniversary Edition Of What's New In Birdland?*

### Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Monthly Meeting July	Sat. July 14
Francis Ford Coppola Winery and Museum	Sat. July 21
Hot Danville Sundays Car Show	Sun. July 22

#### **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](http://batoc.org)**

**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**

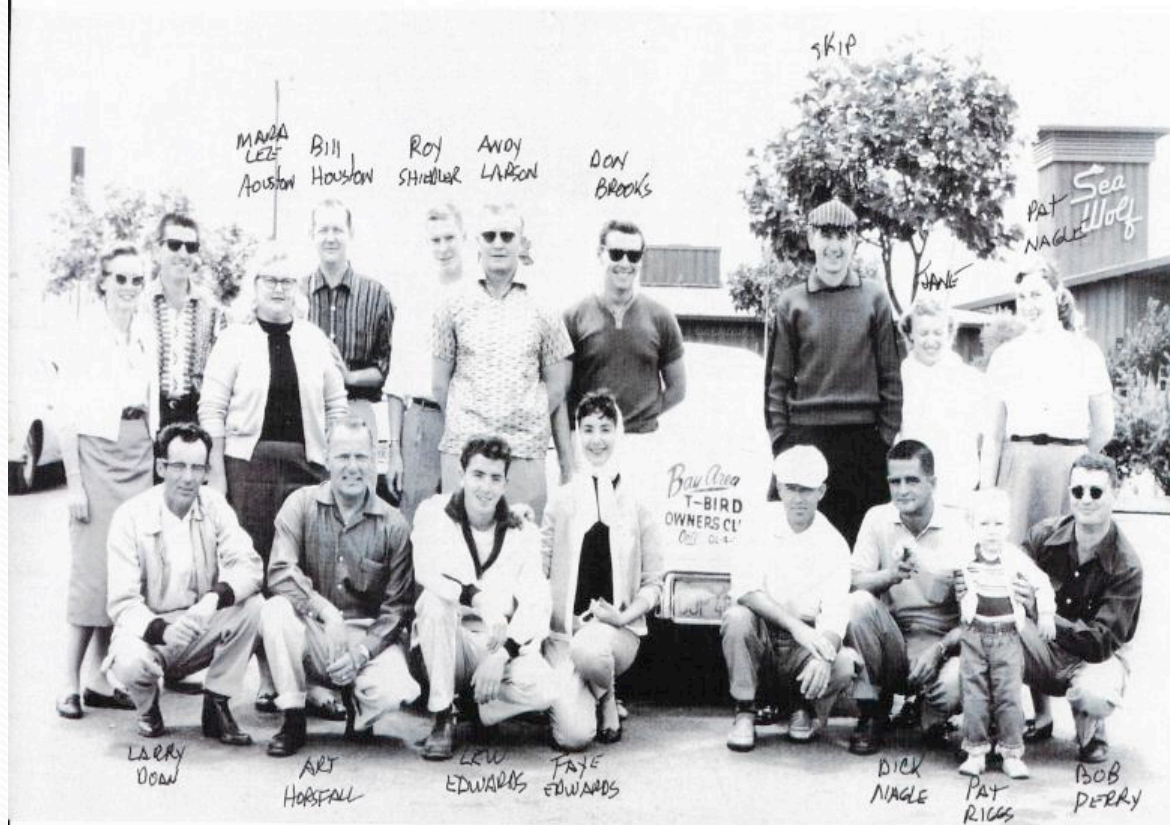
BATOC Rosters available soon – print it yourself, pick up  
at breakfast meeting, or email me and I will mail it to you  
[bjriley12@aol.com](mailto:bjriley12@aol.com)

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## Original BATOC Members



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## 40 Year Anniversary Message



### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB!

EARLY IN 1958, SKIP AND JANE RIGGS BEGAN WORKING TO ESTABLISH A CLUB FOR THE OWNERS OF FORD'S FIRST MODEL OF THUNDERBIRD. THE RIGGS' RENTED THE OAKLAND BOATHOUSE AT LAKE MERRIT IN OAKLAND FROM THE PARK DEPARTMENT AND SPENT EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS PLACING POST CARD INVITATIONS ON THE WINDSHIELDS OF EVERY THUNDERBIRD THEY COULD FIND IN THE BAY AREA.

THE FIRST MEETING WAS HELD WITH SOME THIRTY INTERESTED THUNDERBIRD OWNERS ATTENDING. THE GROUP LIKED THE IDEA AND THUS A CLUB WAS FORMED WITH SKIP BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT: ART HORSFALL VICE PRESIDENT: DICK NAGLE TREASURER AND JANE RIGGS SECRETARY. SKIP DID THE EARLY NEWSLETTERS BUT SHORTLY AFTER FORMING, WE WERE JOINED BY ROGER NEISS, WHO WAS IN THE ILLUSTRATING AND PRINTING BUSINESS. WITH THE ADVENT OF ROGER, OUR PAPER WENT FROM A MIMEOGRAPHED SHEET TO A PROFESSIONAL LOOKING NEWSLETTER AND REALLY HELPED THE GROWTH OF THE NEW CLUB. OUTINGS WERE MOSTLY TOURS AND RALLY'S CENTERED AROUND THE THUNDERBIRD AUTOMOBILE.

ALMOST FROM THE BEGINNING, THE CLUB GRAVITATED TOWARD BEING HEAVY ON SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, WITH A PARTY OF SOME SORT AT ALMOST EVERY FUNCTION. IN THE EARLY DAYS, WE TOURED TO PLACES LIKE THE MARSH CREEK LODGE, OUR FIRST TOUR AND CLEAR LAKE WHERE WE SPENT THE WEEKEND AND HELD A GYMKHANA AND ALSO TO THE GOLD COUNTRY WHERE WE HAD SNOW TRIPS.

IN 1958, FORD ELECTED TO ENLARGE THE THUNDERBIRD TO A FOUR PASSENGER VEHICLE AND THIS BEGAN TO CAUSE STRIFE WITHIN THE CLUB. SOME MEMBERS AND WOULD BE MEMBERS WANTED TO ALLOW THE BIGGER CARS INTO OUR RANKS AS THEY WERE CALLED THUNDERBIRD, WHILE OTHERS FELT THAT THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE CLUB WAS TO BRING TOGETHER THE OWNERS OF THE TWO SEAT MODEL ONLY. THIS ARGUMENT RAGED FOR OVER A YEAR, FINALLY BEING SETTLED BY ALLOWING ONLY THE SMALLER TWO SEAT MODEL FOR MEMBERSHIP.

OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE HAD QUITE A TURNOVER OF MEMBERS, SOME WHO HAVE STAYED WITH US FOR A YEAR OR SO AND SOME WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE FOR MANY YEARS. DURING THIS TIME, WE HAVE HAD SOME GREAT TIMES, MET SOME WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND GENERALLY ENJOYED THE THUNDERBIRDS A LOT MORE BY BEING IN THE COMPANY OF OTHERS WHO ADMIRE THIS UNIQUE AUTOMOBILE.

WE ARE NOW MET TO CELEBRATE OUR FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY. LOOKING BACK, IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE CLUB HAS LASTED AS LONG AS IT HAS, THROUGH GOOD TIMES AND BAD. I BELIEVE THAT IS A TRIBUTE TO THE FAR SIGHTEDNESS OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY, THEIR EXECUTIVES AND TO FRANKLIN HERSHEY, THE FELLOW WHO CAME UP WITH THE DESIGN. IT IS TRULY A PLEASURE TO OWN AND DRIVE AND EVEN AT THE AGE OF FORTY SOMETHING, STILL INSPIRES OOHs AND AWHS BY LOTS OF FOLKS WHO STILL LOVE IT'S TIMELESS DESIGN.



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## 50 Year Gala Celebration



**BLACKHAWK  
MUSEUM**



*Bay Area Thunderbird Owner's Club  
& The Blackhawk Museum Present:*

### *The 50th Anniversary Celebration*

*Of the World's 1st Classic Thunderbird Club*

*Sunday, June 22, 2008 10:00am to 6:00pm*

*The Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville*

- Over 50 Classic Thunderbirds On Display
- 1st Production Thunderbird off the Assembly Line
- Thunderbird Author Book Signing
- Ford Concept Cars
- Celebration Banquet



For more information contact BATOC at (925) 837-4740 or log on to [www.batoc.net](http://www.batoc.net)



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## 60 YEAR BATOC CELEBRATION

BATOC celebrated 60 years as a club on Sunday, June 24, 2018. We are the oldest Classic Thunderbird Club in the United States. There have been many changes through the years, but what does not change is the friendship and loyalty of the wonderful group members. A special thanks to Lisa Brill-Nadler and Eran Nadler for organizing the festivities. It was a lovely day in Tilden Park in the Fern Picnic area. We took over the area with a sea of thunderbirds driving through the park. Lunch was provided by Back Forty Texas BBQ – and it was delicious. We followed the meal with some festive cakes too. All in all, it could not have been a better way to honor our club. Club founder, Skip Riggs, was in attendance, which made it even more special. Here's to another sixty years!



Lisa and Eran



Club founder Skip Riggs, who is the first member of CTCI, hence his license plate, CTCI 1



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## BATOC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Our leader Dave Adams





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Skip Riggs and son Patrick



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## PRES SAYS



### FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION WEEK

On one hand, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday falling on Wednesday sucks because we don't get the usual 3 day weekend. However, the reality is that most of the world will turn this into a 7 day weekend. Unfortunately, that won't include me since my clients tend to work 24/365...literally.

As we head into the hottest day of the year so far (Saturday) we should revel in the PERFECT day that we had for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last weekend. We couldn't have asked for a better day and a better location. Great job to Lisa and Eran, Tilden Park and to Back 40 Texas BBQ. We had a fabulous turn out for our big day and other than most of us being somewhat "directionally challenged" on the way, a great day was had by all.

There is not a lot of news for the month but of course, don't miss our regular meeting on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>, the Coppola Museum and Winery on July 21, and be aware of the Danville Hot Summer Day on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. I'll get the formal details out to you later this week, but I believe we will need to meet between 8:30 – 9:00 AM in the Smart & Final parking lot in Danville and enter the show around 9:15. We will have our usual reserved parking in front of Elliot's and Revel and have a great car show day. Please RSVP to me so I can begin to get a head count.

I am off to a busy day and will spare you my usual diatribe of dribble. Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and get out and have some fun. I'll see you all in the next week or two.

Dave



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Meeting Minutes June 9, 2018

28 Attendees

We have a new member here today, Christopher Patterson. He owns a white 1957 T-bird. He grew up with classic cars in the family. He recently acquired the car, it's a California car, that he purchased in Oregon and drove it home. Welcome Christopher!

Our club is celebrating the 60 year anniversary picnic is two weeks from now at the Tilden Park Fern Picnic Area. We'll meet up at 10 am at the Safeway parking lot in Orinda and caravan up there together.

Guy Cummins spoke about upcoming events

July 22 and August 19<sup>th</sup> on a Sunday will be the Danville car show, the show starts at 10 and ends at 4

Sept 22 Ironstone

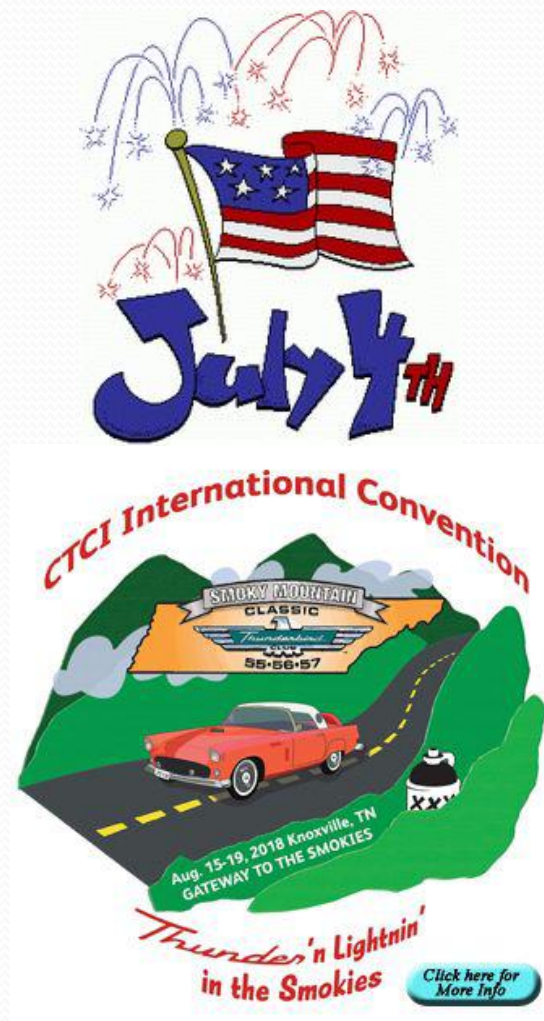
Sept 29 Birds on the Wharf

August 18<sup>th</sup> is the progressive dinner

Guy showed us some new CB radio's that the club will use for the route 66 tour. We want all participants of the route 66 tour to use one. To purchase, go to the BATOC web-site and ordering information is all there.

July 21 is the Coppola winery outing . Let Nick Verhoek know if you are attending so he can get a car count. We will caravan from the Buttercup Grille at 9am.

Respectfully Submitted by Kim Dixon, Secretary



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BATOC Classifieds

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Item	Seller	Price	Photo
Chrome tire ring '56 T-Bird Continental Kit	Dave Adams 415-269-0055	\$150	
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	
New Hardtop Front Clamp P/N 50508 '57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$49	
Right Angle Speedometer Drive 55-56 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$45	
Cast Iron Generator Bracket 55-57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$30	
Dash Instrument Structure 57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$50	
After market chrome air cleaner 57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$15	
Steering Gear with pitted Gears – works or use it for a core 55-57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$295	
6 Blade Fly Flow Fan 55-57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$35	
Standard /Non Power Steering Drag Link & Idler Arm 55-57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$75	
Throttle & Automatic Transmission Bell crank 55-56 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$50	
Automatic Tailgate Lift for Ford Edge/Lincoln MKX	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$100	



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## **COPPOLA WINE TASTING & HISTORIC RAILROAD SQUARE IN SANTA ROSA Saturday, July 21, 2018**



**Join us on a trip to the Francis Ford Coppola Winery,  
Geyserville then to  
Historic Railroad Square in Santa Rosa for shopping and  
eating.**

**Leaving from the Butter Cup, Walnut Creek at 9 AM.  
We will caravan to the location on the country roads as  
much as possible. We will have designated parking at the  
winery.**

**See Director Coppola's movie making memorabilia and  
Oscars on display at the museum.  
Optional wine tasting \$20-\$25 payable on site.**

**Later we will caravan to Historic Santa Rosa Railroad  
Square (15-20 minute drive) where we are on our own  
for lunch, shopping, and browsing at many quaint stores  
including antiques/collectables.**

**Schedule: Winery: 11 AM to 1 PM. Railroad Square: 1:30  
PM to 4 PM.**

**Contact Nick Verhoek at [njbrv@aol.com](mailto:njbrv@aol.com) for head count.**

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## Danville Hot Summer Sundays Car Shows



July 22, 2018 and August 19, 2018

Event Time 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Street Closure Time – 7:00 am – 5:30 pm

Pre-registered Vehicle Priority 7:00 am – 8:00 am

Day of Event Registration Begins at 8:00 am

No Cars Admitted after 10:00 am



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*BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB*

## ***PROGRESSIVE DINNER (the sequel)***

### ***SAVE THE DATE***

Join your BATOC friends for another fun ***PROGRESSIVE*** dinner. As explained last year, a progressive dinner has nothing to do with insurance. It is a social occasion where different courses of a meal are eaten at different people's houses!

If you're wondering "whose house" then this is the event for you. **Gregg Cannella** has volunteered to be the first stop with appetizers. **Donna and Ed Benson** have invited us back for yet another opportunity to stain their carpet and serve the main course. To sweeten the event, **Lisa and Eran Nadler** are planning to host dessert.

The event will be held the **night of Saturday, August 18** in the **Walnut Creek** area. Details will be communicated as the date approaches.

**RSVP – [marymac1234@gmail.com](mailto:marymac1234@gmail.com)**

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## Ironstone Concours September 22, 2018



*Photos courtesy of Ron Kimball Studios*

*1949 Alfa Romeo  
Best of Show 2017*

### VEHICLE REGISTRATION

#### THE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE WEEKEND

Friday, September 21, 2018

*Ironstone Vintage Back Roads Tour*

*Cars & Stars Dinner*

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Saturday, September 22, 2018

*Concours d'Elegance*

*Patron's Tent and Luncheon*

Our **22<sup>nd</sup>** Year



IRONSTONE  
CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2018



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## SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**

MONTEREY BAY CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB PRESENTS

**21ST ANNUAL**

# THUNDERBIRDS ON THE SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL WHARF

PROCEEDS BENEFIT PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

ENTRY AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: [montereybaytbirds.com](http://montereybaytbirds.com) • PRE-REGISTRATION: \$40 / \$50 ON-SITE

**CLASSIC 1955-'57 • VINTAGE 1958-'66 • RETRO 2002-'05**

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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 24 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary @ Mare Island (Haffner, Nadler, Verhoek)~~
- July 21 – Coppola Winery (Verhoek)
- July 22 – Hot Danville Sundays Car Show #1 (TBA)
- August 15 – CTCI International Conference, Knoxville, TN
- August 18 – Progressive Dinner Party (Cannella, Benson, Nadler, Rose)
- Aug 19 – Hot Danville Sundays Car Show #2 (TBA)

### **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 – ??

### **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 – (Baumgarnter)
- Veterans Parade



Updated 5/30/18

**Ready to plan an event?**  
Let us know! [marymac1234@gmail.com](mailto:marymac1234@gmail.com)