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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners' Club (BATOC)

## Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Monthly Meeting September	Sat. September 8
Ironstone Concours d'Elegance Show	Fri – Sun September 21-23
Birds on the Wharf Show	Fri – Sun September 28-30
Route 66 Journey	October 5-17
Monthly Meeting October 13	CANCELLED

### 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)



Fall is Almost Here!

**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

Recognition Coordinator, Kathy Ramos, mentioned that we have run out of our wine glasses. This has been the gift for hosting an event. It was suggested that in the future, hosts of events will receive a free breakfast meal at a monthly meeting. Thanks, Kathy, for all your hard work.

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## Progressive Dinner A Big Success

Well, us BATOC members really know how to cook and party. 26 club members were treated to an outstanding evening of fun and fantastic eating. We started the evening at Gregg and Lawrence's beautiful home, for Fresco Margarita's and hors d'oeuvres. The view from their deck is spectacular, and such a lovely setting. Next, we traveled to Ed and Donna Benson's home for yet another outstanding feast. Ed fixed us a scrumptious meatloaf with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, and asparagus. Next we headed to Lisa and Eran's home for a treasure of delightful desserts. The evening was so fun, no one wanted it to end. Thanks so much to our hosts – you really outdid yourselves.



Thanks to our  
awesome hosts!



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## Progressive Dinner Snapshots





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## Hot Danville Sundays Car Show #2



It was another great outing in Danville on August 19, for the newly revised Hot Summer Sundays in Danville Car Show. Our own Maria and Jim Guthrie took home the Town Choice Award for their beautiful 1957 Blue Thunderbird. The Thunderbirds were front and center, thanks to event coordinator, David Miller. A great time was had by all who attended.



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## PRES SAYS



### **“WHICH WAY DID HE GO, WHICH WAY DID HE GO”**

Incredibly wise words from the days of great cartoons and very appropriate for the BATOC of today. September & October has our members spread out all over the country – from Amarillo, Tx. and route 66 to Murphy's, Ca., Ironstone and Birds on the Wharf. A record month for BATOC.

On this topic, we had a great Route 66 meeting this past weekend to plan and organize the “mechanical” parts of the trip....literally. We planned and organized a new BATOC parts and repair box for the club that will support BATOC “trekkers” as we journey across the countryside. Some of you may not know that BATOC has always maintained a complete spare parts kit that is carried on every outing and is always available to any member in an emergency – even if not on a trip. If you are stuck on a weekend and can't get a part to make your baby run, you can always call Dave and see if the kit has what you need. Then just replace it when you can. You'd be surprised at what our various members have on hand to help you out. We could probably build a whole car if we wanted to.

So....here's to our Route 66 trekkers for a safe, exciting, fun and memorable trip. This will be historic. And be sure to follow our group via the BATOC Route 66 blog that we will have on-line. Stay tuned for the details and access the blog directly from the web site, BATOC.ORG. Pictures, stories and embarrassing moments from Route 66.

For the rest of us who are NOT doing Route 66, there is Ironstone and Birds on the Wharf. Sept. 21 & 22 and Sept. 28 & 29 respectively. I don't need to say much about either of these events except to encourage you to attend. Even if you are not participating in either show, please join in for fabulous days and fabulous shows. Take a day trip and enjoy the absolute best time of year in Northern California.

On a serious note, if you are, in fact, participating in Birds on the Wharf you are strongly encouraged (almost required) to bring a raffle prize to donate to the cause and the Monterey club. This can be virtually anything – from a spare part that you have in your garage, to a gift basket of any kind – wine, cheese, car oriented stuff, a “regifted” toilet paper holder, etc, etc, etc. Wrap it up, make it fun and bring it along. Monterey will appreciate it.

And finally, join us next Saturday for our regular meeting at the Buttercup Grill and our “Send Off” party for our trekkers. We will also hear a report from the national convention and finalize plans for Ironstone and Birds on the Wharf. This will be a great month.

See you all soon.

Happy T-Birding

Dave



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## Meeting Minutes August 11, 2018

33 Attendees

New Members and Potential New Members were introduced and welcomed. Jeff McIntyre, new member, finally bought a White 1957 Thunderbird, after seeing it in American Graffiti, and knowing he wanted to own one some day. The car was purchased online and is still back east.

Sherri Hapier, potential new member, met Ron Jacobs in a parking lot while they were both driving their Retro Birds. Sherri moved to the bay area from the Midwest 30 years ago. She is an artist. She owns a 2005 silver Retro Bird. Sherri suggested joining the Thunderbird online forums as a great learning experience.

Mario and Sheri Correa were attending their first meeting, after joining the club 8 months ago. Mario has a 55 Green Thunderbird.

Dave recently was asked to appraise (a side business of his) several Thunderbirds from the 60's. They had been sitting for many years, and appeared in rough shape. But, if anyone is interested, contact Dave. There were other old cars there as well.

Cathy Hager informed us that her dad, Fred Lathrop, a longtime club member, had passed away. Cathy is a current member of the club. Our condolences go out to the family.

Big thank you to Nick and Judy Verhoek for organizing the Coppola winery tour. It was a beautiful place and a very fun event.

Ed Benson mentioned that there is a website where you can find hard to find collector car parts. The website is [matchclassicparts.com](http://matchclassicparts.com), if you are interested.

The CTCI convention will be next week. The Lloyds and Gil Baumgartner are the only ones going from our club. We will hear all about it from the Lloyds.

### Upcoming Events

Aug 18 – Progressive Dinner – the event starts at Greg Canella's at 5pm, followed by dinner at the Benson's at 6pm and dessert at the Nadler's at 8pm. They all live within 2 miles of each other, so it will be very convenient.

Aug 19 – Hot Danville Sundays Car Show – arrive at the Diablo Rd shopping center by 8am. Cars will drive to the show at 8:15 sharp. Cost is \$25 per car.

Sept 22 – Ironstone Concours d'Elegance – Some people will drive up on Friday. If so, meet at the Black Bear Diner in Tracy at Grant Line Road at 10 am on Sept 21. We will caravan from there. Once up there, we will meet for cocktails, breakfast, dinner, etc. The Mathieson's graciously host a barbecue dinner after the show on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Roger Canfield is in charge of this event.

Sept 29 – Birds on the Wharf – Sounds like everyone is driving on their own. The Santa Cruz club has asked for assistance on the day of the event, as well as raffle prizes. The club would like to donate a raffle prize and some money to help out with the event. Those going on Route 66 will probably not have their Thunderbirds available, as they will be shipping to Texas during that period.

Oct 5-17 – Route 66 Trip – Arrangements are made with Mecum Transport Company to Ship 6 Thunderbirds to Amarillo Texas. The cost is \$1500 per car. The cars have been insured for \$50,000 each. Two cars will be driving both going and coming, Canfields and Booths, and we will meet up in Santa Fe. There will be a group meeting at the Riley's, to go over final details and what spare parts need to be carried, on Sunday Aug 26 from 12pm – 3pm. Car issues can be discussed and worked on at this time. Lunch will be served.

Because many of the officers are going on the Route 66 Trip, the October 13 monthly meeting is cancelled.

Pete Lefevre, our tech expert, mentioned to be careful buying white box parts. He recommends that you go through a reputable parts house such as Summit, Jegs or Napa, rather than buying some unknown brand.

Lisa Brill-Nadler announced if you need a club jacket to contact her. You cannot purchase the personalized jacket online.

There was a lengthy discussion about the horror of going to a DMV office these days, especially in light of the new required ID cards. Good luck everyone.

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Riley

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## BATOC Classifieds

Item	Seller	Price	Photo
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	
Steering Gear with pitted Gears – works or use it for a core 55-57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$295	
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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## ROUTE 66 SOJOURN RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Eight cars will be taking the two week journey from Amarillo TX to Santa Monica CA along Route 66 in early October. We are very excited to have identified many fun sites along the way. We will also be meeting up with the New Mexico Club to enjoy some time together. Six cars will be transported to Amarillo, while two cars will drive from CA and meet up with the group in Santa Fe, NM. AAA is putting together journey books for us. We will be posting photos along the way on our BATOC Facebook page. Happy Trails!



## Pete's Corner



Pete Lefevre, our Technical Advisor, found a device that is a distributor solution on 1955 and 1956 Thunderbirds only. The traditional ignition curve doesn't work well on these cars, and you can get low gas mileage or poor performance. There is a company making an electronic control speed sensor and vacuum sensor that can produce a similar igniter curve to the original 1957 Thunderbird ignition curve. The device costs \$200. The brochure for the item is on the following two pages. On the web go to [cbperformance.com](http://cbperformance.com)



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## IGNITION

### Black Box Programmable Timing Control Module

The Black Box Programmable Timing Control Module connects directly to your distributor and existing coil offering a fully programmable 21x21 spark table, good up to 10,000 rpm. The Black Box incorporates a 5 Bar MAP Sensor, allowing boosted timing control over 40 psi. The Black Box also has an internal low and high end rev limiter. Housed in an attractive billet aluminum housing, the Black Box looks as good as it functions. The Black Box is incredibly small for its performance output, measuring only 3 5/16" L x 2 3/16" wide.

The Black Box will connect to ignition points, aftermarket ignition modules such as Compu-fire and Pertronix, MSD distributors, CB Performance Magnaspark 2 Ready-to-run and Magnetic Trigger distributors. Most aftermarket ignition boxes can also be used such as MSD 6A, 6AL, 7AL, Summit and Mallory.

#### Will not work with a Compu-Fire DIS-IX Module

The Black Box uses an internal coil driver that will support up to 8 cylinders. V8 ignitions using old school distributors can now be affordable converted into modern high powered programmable ignitions at a fraction of the cost. Need fuel economy? The Black Box will allow up to 45 degrees of ignition advance. CB has seen as high as 20% improved fuel economy when the Black Box was installed and properly tuned.

**\*\*Distributor must be locked out with no internal advance.\*\***

#### Features:

- 21 x 21 Spark Table
- 5 Bar MAP Sensor (good to 43 psi)
- Adjustable RPM/MAP Load Boundaries
- Low and high end adjustable rev limiter
- 4, 6 & 8 Cylinder Applications
- Easy to use Windows-based Software (requires XP, Vista, 7 or 8)
- 7' Flying Lead Harness
- Electrical Terminals Included
- Serial Cable Included (some computers may require #2015 USB to Serial Adapter)
- Instructions, wiring diagrams and Tuning Video on included CD
- Conformal coated circuit board with surface mount components
- #2040 Vacuum Reference Kit recommended for Dual Carb Applications

*Turn your old school mechanical advance distributor into a high-powered programmable ignition!*



- Improved Idle Quality
- Improved Drive-ability
- Improved Performance

**What else could you ask for under \$200?**



2013 CB Performance Black Box Programmable Timing Control Module



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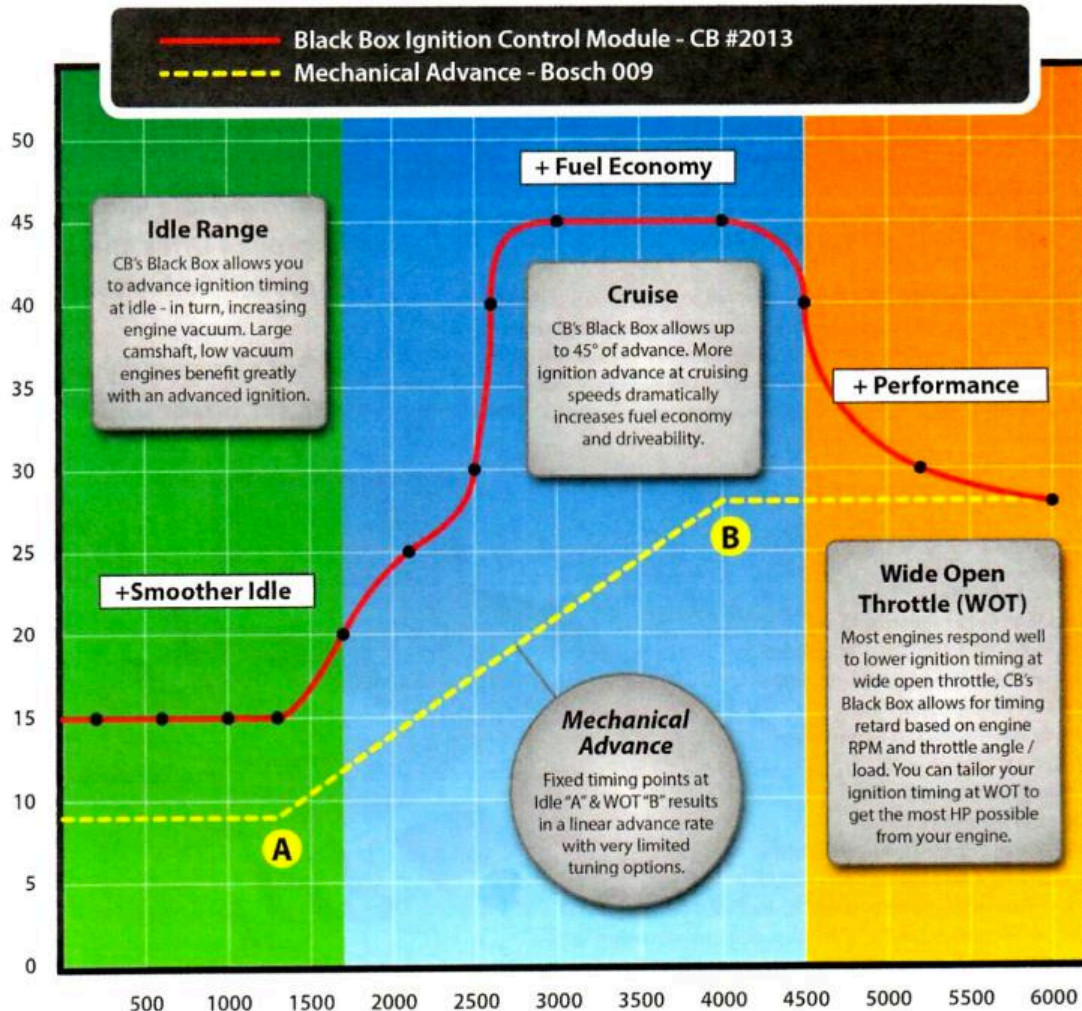
Connects to your Window Laptop via included Serial Cable.



Works on 4, 5, and 8 Cylinder Applications.



Installs virtually anywhere, from under the dash, to on the Engine.





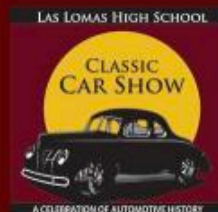
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David and Dolores Olsen often attend this car show (see their car on the flier). Here is the information, if interested.

## 2018 LAS LOMAS HIGH SCHOOL CAR CLASSIC



A Benefit for the Class of 2018's "All-Knighter"

A Safe and Sober Graduation Celebration

**Saturday, September 15, 2018**

**10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

**Las Lomas High School**

1460 South Main Street, Walnut Creek

[WWW.LLHSCARCLASSIC.ORG](http://WWW.LLHSCARCLASSIC.ORG)

## Mark Your Calendars-- Don't Miss the Fun!

**Free Admission! Live music, BBQ, Raffle, Prizes, and fabulous cars!**

**GOT A COOL CAR? [Click here](#) to register your car for the event.**

Pay online with Paypal and email completed online form to Andrea Baldacci at [abaldacci@aol.com](mailto:abaldacci@aol.com)

Name on Registration

Pay Now



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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



## 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 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 – ??

### Winter – Meeting Dec 8

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

### Events in Planning

### Proposed Ideas / Hosts Needed

- Delta Cruise (Haffner)
- Travis Airforce Base – (Baumgartner)
- Veterans Parade



8/31/18

Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! [marymac1234@gmail.com](mailto:marymac1234@gmail.com)