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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners' Club (BATOC)

## Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Monthly Meeting November	Sat. November 10, 2018
Monthly Meeting December	Cancelled
BATOC Christmas Party	Fri. December 14, 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](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



Happy Thanksgiving!

No Meeting Minutes due  
to cancelled meeting in  
October.

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## PRES SAYS

### HAPPY TRAILS TO ALL!



Well, honestly there is not a lot for me to add to this month's newsletter. All anyone wants to hear about is the adventures of the BATOC trekkers and Route 66. So I will say my quick piece and get the hell out of the way for the rest of the news.

First. Obvious, huge, happy, jubilant, amazing and applauding congratulations to every one of our trekkers. The trip of a lifetime completed on time and without mishap. What an adventure.

Second. Huge, happy, jubilant, amazing and applauding thank yous for each of you that made the trip possible. To Paul Gretch for his roadside expertise in keeping all the cars heading down the highway. To Guy and Mary Cummins for all of the planning and execution. To Roger and Sadie Canfield for spearheading and getting this trip started to begin with. To Phil & Vie Jenkins for their amazing fortitude and courage. To Jack & Sue Mathieson for their planning and spirit. To Jim and Maria Guthrie for their never-ending enthusiasm and energy. And, finally to Bud & Jean Riley for all of their support, planning and fun. Of course, we wish that they would have been able to complete the trip. You were missed.

Third. On a couple of official notes. Be sure to be at the November meeting to enjoy the stories, pictures, slide show, etc. of this amazing trip. Believe me – there are plenty of stories.

Fourth. There is no meeting in December because of the Christmas party on December 14<sup>th</sup>. There is a flier in this newsletter and you need to RSVP TODAY if you have not already done so.

I am probably forgetting something but I will get out of the way here and let the stories begin inside.

Happy Fall To All!

Dave

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## Route 66 - Trip of a Lifetime

Eight couples started the long Route 66 journey on October 5, 2018. Included in this issue is a rundown of all the great sights they saw along the way. It truly was a spectacular trip, and we encourage any of you to take it some day. There are many more photos of the trip on [batoc.org](http://batoc.org) October 1, 2018 Shipping Day: McCollister's Shipping did an awesome job of taking care of six of our cars as they traveled from Livermore, CA to Amarillo, TX. We decided to start in Amarillo, TX because starting from Chicago would have taken a little too long.





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## Amarillo, Texas Oct 5-7

Twelve Route 66ers met up in Amarillo, Texas, where the cars were delivered in excellent condition. We stayed at the “rustic”, Big Texan Inn and Steakhouse. We got a big Texas welcome at the airport in the steer limo. Weather was rough, and no one even attempted to eat the 72 ounce steak to get a free dinner.





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## MidPoint Café – Adrian, Texas Oct 7

This little café marks the halfway spot on Route 66, between Chicago and Santa Monica. The place is so nostalgic. There were some French travelers there who were doing Route 66 and were enchanted with our cars, as was everyone else.





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## Santa Fe, New Mexico – Oct 7-9

When we arrived in Santa Fe, President of the Pajarito Club, Sam G. de Baca, was there to greet us. He spent the next couple of days with us, as did several members of his club. We had some nice dinners both nights in Santa Fe. Maria enjoyed her two margaritas at Tomasita's!



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## Albuquerque, New Mexico – Oct. 9-10 – Nuclear Museum, Balloon Festival

The Pajarito Club were gracious hosts. Activities included Tour of the Nuclear Museum and dinner at El Pinto. The hot air balloons were a sight to behold. Luckily, we could view them from our room at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel in Albuquerque.





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## Gallup, New Mexico – Oct. 10-11

On the way from Albuquerque to Gallup, we passed through the continental divide. The Continental Divide is the geographic area in North America where the rivers flow in opposite directions. Lewis and Clark first noticed this on their exploration. Later we arrived in Gallup where we stayed at the “quaint” El Rancho Hotel and enjoyed a great dinner.





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## Winslow, Arizona– Oct 11-12

On the way to Winslow, Arizona, we drove through the Painted Desert and Petrified Forrest. These were wonderful sights. Once in Winslow, we of course had to “Stand on the Corner” there! We stayed at the La Posada Hotel. There we had drinks at the Martini Bar and dinner in The Turquoise Room. It was a very fun evening.





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## Williams, Arizona – Oct 12-13

On the way to Williams, we stopped at the Meteor Crater. We also stopped in Flagstaff for coffee and cocoa at the Rendezvous Lounge. Paul and Marianne Grech were able to meet up with their Granddaughter at Northern Arizona University. We stayed at the Comfort Inn in Williams and had dinner at the Pine Country Restaurant.





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## Kingman, Arizona – Oct 13-14

The highlight of the trip for many of us, was the Planes of Fame Museum, 30 miles north of Williams. Our pilots and plane mechanics really enjoyed seeing all these relics. We also visited the oldest Route 66 gift shop in Seligman. We stayed at another Comfort Inn when we got to Kingman.



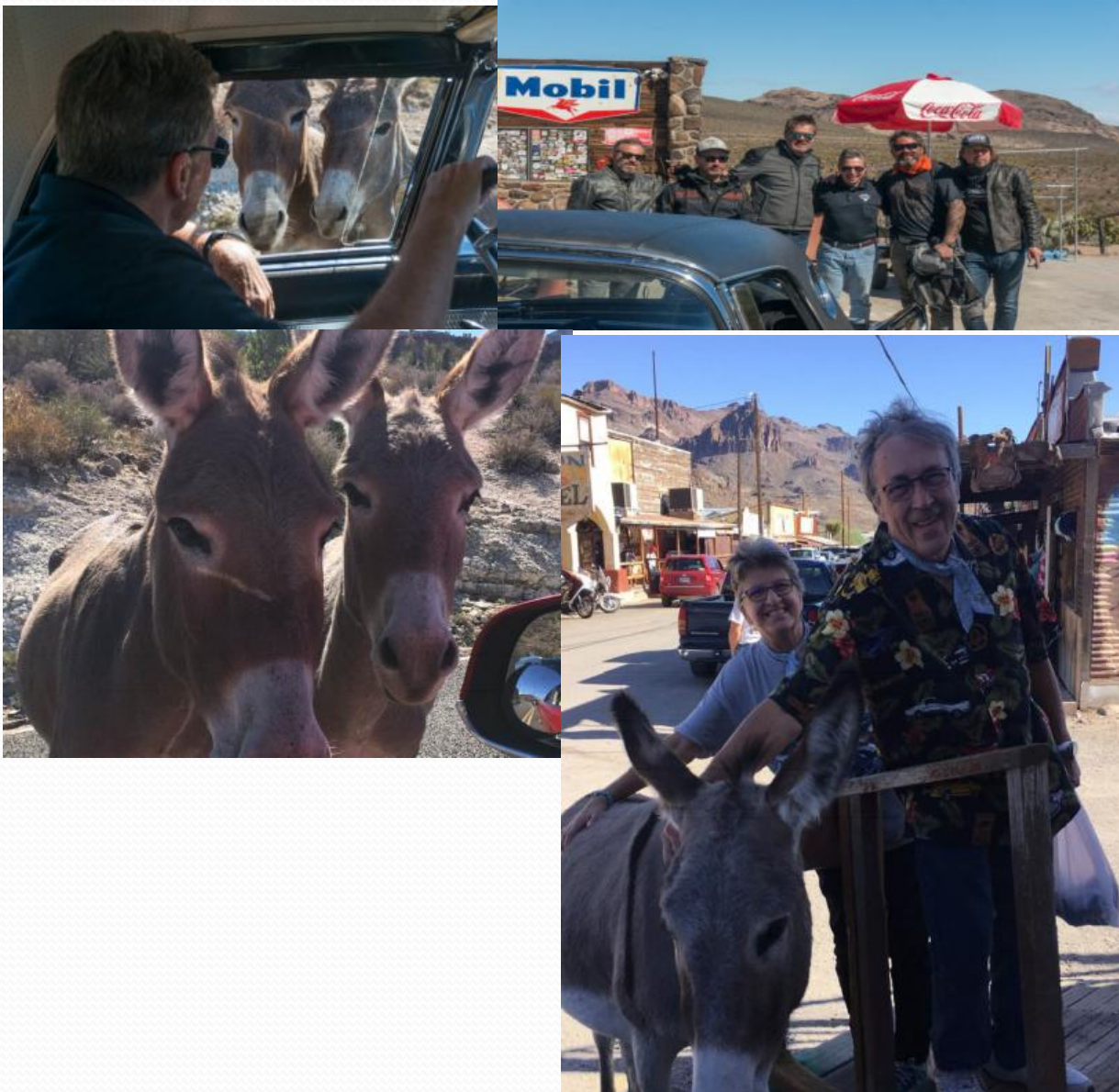
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## Barstow, CA Oct 14-15

On the way to Barstow, we just loved seeing all the wild donkeys. In Oatman, there were many more donkeys wandering around. They were so friendly. While there, we saw a staged gun fight in the street. Some South American bikers liked the Birds, and asked for a photo with Guy. The Hampton Inn Barstow, was a very nice hotel. We really enjoyed all the special customer service there!





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## Santa Monica, California Oct 15-16

We had an unbelievably traffic free trip from Barstow to Santa Monica. Along the way we stopped at the Wigwam Motel. The proprietors there were so nice. Maybe we can stay here next time. We also stopped at the McDonald's Museum in San Bernardino. They took a photo of the Guthrie's car in front of the place, and said they are going to hang it up there. We arrived at the nostalgic Sea Shore Motel in Santa Monica. After a few drinks at Lulu's, we had dinner at Finn McCool's Irish Pub and watched Monday night football. It was sad to see our journey coming to an end.



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## San Luis Obispo, California Oct 16-17

Our final lap of the trip was up the beautiful California coast to San Luis Obispo. The Apple Farm Restaurant and Inn were just lovely. It was a great way to end a wonderful trip with good friends. President, Dave Adams, drove down to meet us and hear about all our adventures. Here's to another great road trip somewhere soon . . . . .





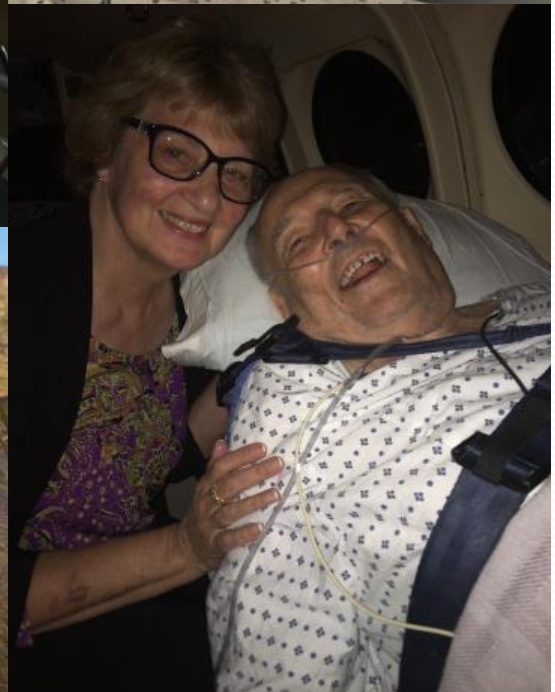
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## How Not to See Route 66

Bud and Jean Riley took a little different route than everyone else on the trip. Bud had a sore leg before we left, and after a few days on the road, he ended up in the hospital in Santa Fe, with a full blown infection in his knee. Fortunately, they treated him well there, and Kaiser air ambulated them home to take over the treatment. Bud is still recovering, but they sure enjoyed viewing the group photos along the way. Club members were kind enough to take turns driving their car home, so the 2004 Silver Bullet enjoyed the trip without them!



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## BATOC ROUTE 66 CALENDAR 2019

Don't forget to order your 2019 calendars, with spectacular photos along the way on Route 66.



Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club proudly  
announces **Route 66 Calendar** for 2019

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sister clubs along the way





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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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Hosts Phil and Vi Jenkins invite you to the 2018

## BATOC Christmas Party

**Friday, December 14, 2018 – 5 pm**

Toys for Tots donations will be collected. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy.

**Zio Fraedo's -- 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill**

5pm – Social Hour with no host bar      6pm – Dinner

Gift exchange to follow dinner (\$25 value)

### Dinner Options:

Prime Rib  
Fresh Grilled Salmon  
Chicken Toscana  
Pasta Primavera

### Included with Dinner:

Hors d'oeuvres  
Salad  
Dessert

Bring a wrapped gift, \$25 in value, to participate in the gift exchange.



**Price: \$50 per person**

**Due by November 30th:**

**Provide dinner selection to Phil Jenkins (925-935-7551)**

**Pay \$50 dinner cost to Maria Guthrie (925-292-7643)**

**Important: No refunds after Nov 30th**



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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 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 2019 (Haffner)
- Travis Airforce Base – (Baumgartner)
- Veterans Parade
- Alaska Cruise 2019



10/31/18

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