

*Happy Holidays from BATOC*

*2018*





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## **Bay Area Thunderbird Owners' Club (BATOC)**

### **Upcoming Events**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Monthly Meeting December	Cancelled
BATOC Christmas Party	Fri. December 14, 2018
Monthly Meeting January	Sat. January 12, 2019
President's Mystery Tour	Sat. January 19, 2019

#### **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**





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As submitted by  
Marianne Grech  
Nov 10, 2018

## *Meeting Minutes*

Dave Adams called our meeting to order at 10:12AM with these words, "The first order of the day is a big round of applause because I have virtually nothing to say today". He however went on to say that the next round of applause is for all the Route 66 group. The first half of the meeting was all about Route 66 and how the trip went; that is, the events and the people that made it happen. The first to be mentioned was how Jean and Bud Riley went on the trip, but had to be flown home from Santa Fe because of an infection in Bud's knee. Dave said Bud was doing much better now and a card was being passed around to wish him well. Guy Cummings was acknowledged and thanked for presenting a running slide show for us of the trip, during our meeting and also, for getting all the Route 66 photos up on the website and writing a daily blog. A thank you went out to Paul Grech as our car guru on the trip. Dave's friend, John Berg, who writes for the Alameda Sun, is writing an article featuring Sue and Jack Mathieson's 1956 Thunderbird. The article will cover the history of the car and the BATOC Route 66 trip. Maria and Jim Guthrie gave us their grand total of their Route 66 trip as \$6000, and that included libations. Highlight and lowlights of Route 66 were recalled by many at the meeting. Two of the highlights being the donkeys/ burros in Golden Valley, and the Painted Desert. The lowlights, we all agreed was, we could have stayed longer in some places.

We had a new member, Mark Goldenberg and his son Matthew join us. Mark lives in Discovery Bay and is currently in the market for a 1957 Thunderbird. He wants to know where to look, and any help would be appreciated.

The business part of the meeting began with the Christmas party on December 14th. There will be no regular meeting in December. Phil and Vi Jenkins gave their report on the Christmas party. There are four choices, Prime Rib, Chicken, Salmon and Pasta. All reservations and monies must be in by November 30th.

There are no refunds after the 30th. A no-host Bar will be set up in the room. The social hour is 5PM. The dinner is at 6PM. A gift exchange after dinner with Guy Cummings officiating as game director will take place. Please bring a gift for Toys for Tots. On each table will be a bottle of white wine, and a bottle of red wine.

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## *Meeting Minutes con't*

Next on the agenda was Mary Cummings draft calendar for new ideas and new outings for the year 2019. Standing events and new events were talked about.

January - Dave will lead his Mystery Tour on January 19<sup>th</sup>

February - The Guthrie's will host the Super Bowl

March - A Bowling Party after our March Meeting chaired by the Guthrie's

April - Possible whale watching

May - CTCI Regional Convention in Flagstaff the 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

June - BATOC Anniversary Party- combination Murder Mystery Party. Possible place to have it- Rossmoor

July - Danville car show

August - Danville car show

September - Birds on the Wharf, Ironstone

October - Hearst Castle-early October

November- ?

December- Christmas Party

Pete Lefevre talked about the Black Box. This is only for a 1956 Thunderbird. Guy Cummings car will be getting the vacuum advance. Pete also talked about the non water coolant, Evan's waterless coolant. Pete's advice...DON'T !

Maria Guthrie suggested our charity coins go to St. Jude's Hospital. Marianne Grech suggested it go to Automotive Service Councils of California's scholarship program. It was voted on to divided the charity monies between the two.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

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## PRES SAYS

### THIS IS CHRISTMAS

Not only is that the mantra for this month, but 45 some odd years ago it was the title of a nationally syndicated radio program written and produced by yours truly that is still in circulation today and that provides me every year with a little emotional “grounding” to my creative past. I mention this not because of my “creative past” but because of the incredible reminder of how time slips away....faster and faster every year. Let us not forget that and let us all seize the moments that are in front of us and NOT pass them by. Can we all say Route 66?

And as final note on that topic, as we settle back into our work-a-day lives, let us give one last round of applause to our brave Route 66 trekkers for a job well done and to a “moment” well seized.

If you missed last month's meeting be sure to check out Jack & Sue Mathieson's “15 minutes of fame” in the Alameda Sun newspaper's automotive column last week as life-long Alameda residents and proud BATOC Route 66 trekkers. A fun article that features their life-long ties to Alameda and their car's “birth place” at Morris Landy Ford right there on the island. Check it out. <https://alamedasun.com/news/road-trip-remember>

Back on the Christmas theme, December 14th, brings yet another BATOC Christmas party at Zio Fredo's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. I believe that November 30th was the official deadline for signing up, but I bet that if you called Phil Jenkins today he could still squeeze you in. If you are coming, be prepared for a great time and come complete with your \$25.00 gift exchange and a new, unwrapped “toys-For Tots” gift. I believe cocktails are at 5:00 with dinner and other festivities at 6:00.

Following that, be sure to mark your calendar for January 19th and this years' President's Mystery Tour... which, of course, is still a mystery. Several items in the works and we plan to make this a very adventurous adventure. Don't miss it. You WILL be sorry.

And finally, we just finished the final draft of this years' BATOC calendar which is, of course, a Route 66 theme. If everyone of us doesn't have a half dozen of these under our tree and being sent to every friend and relative...we're nuts. Order yours today and we will be shipping them in time for Christmas. [www.batoc.org](http://www.batoc.org) or [www.batoc.org/calendar.html](http://www.batoc.org/calendar.html).

And while we are on that topic....the web site, that is...my hat is off to Guy for his very hard and extensive work to bring Route 66 to life on our site. You can live...or re-live...Route 66 right there. Check it out if you have not done so yet.

And one last final, final.....I am actually looking at a shop space in Walnut Creek to rent as a work space and “man cave”. This will be a great space to work on the cars, fix things, share knowledge and have all the necessary tools and equipment – including a lift – to make things fun, easy and enjoyable. Anybody interested to sharing the space? I'm looking at 3 or 4 of us going in together to share the space, rent, tools, etc. Call me if you'd like to play.

See you all at the party and if not, have a great holiday season and remember to “seize the moment.”

Here's to All.....

Dave



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## *The Year In Review*

### Hiller Aviation Museum



### Super Bowl



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### Bowling



### Mel's Diner





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Murderously  
Delicious Event



California  
Cruisin





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Coppola Winery



Danville Car Shows



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60 Year Anniversary  
of BATOC



Club Founder Skip Riggs and  
Son Patrick



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### Progressive Dinner



The Three Amigos



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Ironstone

Guthries take  
Best of Class



Birds on The  
Wharf

Verhoeks win  
Best of Class





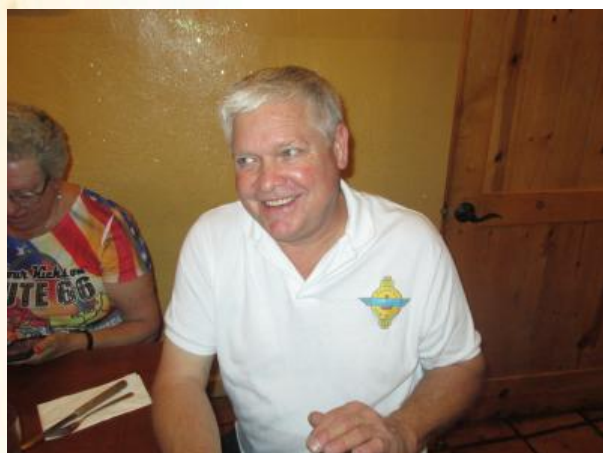
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## *The Year In Review*

### Route 66



Pajarito Club President, Sam de Baca



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## ***2019 BATOC Officers***

- Dave Adams, President
- Guy Cummins, Vice President, Webmaster
- Maria Guthrie, Treasurer
- Marianne Grech, Secretary
- Mary Cummins, Activity Chairman
- Jean Riley, Newsletter, Historian, CTCI
- Lisa Brill-Nadler, Clothing Coordinator
- Pete Lefevre, Technical Advisor
- Lita Schaffer, Sunshine Chairman
- Kathy Ramos, Recognition Chairman
- Sue Mathieson, Philanthropy Chairman

***Please pay your BATOC 2019 dues!***



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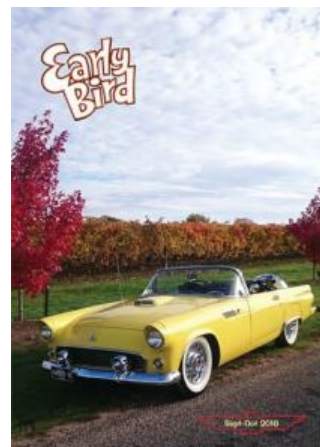
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## *Become a Member of CTCI*

Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) has approximately 5,500 members and 118 chartered chapters representing 23 countries of the world and all 50 States of the United States. CTCI is now the International vision of founder Vic Take, more than 50 years ago. The EarlyBird publication, which began as a newsletter, graduated to a magazine format in 1969, added a color cover in 1975, color internal pages in 2006, and has grown to about 64 pages per issue. It is currently published 6 times per year, and is still the single best printed source for Thunderbird restoration knowledge, maintenance tips, historical data, parts and cars, plus news from around the world about our members, past and upcoming T-Bird events. Annual dues are \$37.50.

If you are not a member, copy and paste the link below to join:

<https://www.ctci.org/newmember.php>



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## ***BATOC 2019 Calendar***

### ***Buy one or two now!***



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

A one time only theme "Traveling the Mother Road" for the  
Thunderbird Calendar you have loved for so many years

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sister clubs along the way





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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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## CTCI Convention 2019

CTCI Convention  
already very popular.  
Book quickly, if you  
plan to attend.



Venue:

**MAY 15-19, 2019**

[Click here for  
More Info](#)

Little America Hotel, Flagstaff <-- SOLD OUT!!!2515 East Butler  
AvenueFlagstaff, AZ 86004For hotel reservations, please call  
(800) 865-1401 or (928) 779-7900 and request the  
"Thunderbird Regional Convention" rate for the CTCI Western  
Classic Roundup in May, 2019.Little America has sold out!  
The overflow hotel is Holiday inn Express. They are  
conveniently located and will honor our special \$139.00  
rate.Holiday Inn Express2320 E Lucky LaneFlagstaff, AZ  
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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 – CTCL 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



12/1/18

Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com