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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners' Club (BATOC)

Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Gordon Valley Auto Show	Sat. October 7
Route 66 Journey	October 5-17
Monthly Meeting October 13	CANCELLED
Monthly Meeting Buttercup Grille	Sat. November 10
BATOC Christmas Party	Fri. December 14

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



Happy Halloween!

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

Sue Mathieson, who is coordinating our Spare Change for Charity, will report on the amount and discuss ideas on where to send the money at our next club meeting (Nov). St. Jude's Children's Hospital had already been recommended, but depending on how much we have, perhaps we want to consider additional charities.
Thanks, Sue.

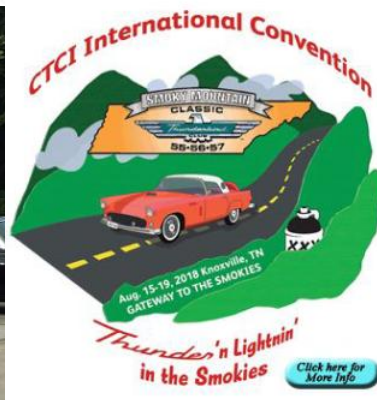
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BATOC at CTCI Convention, Knoxville

Our loyal CTCI Convention attendees, the Lloyds, did it again. They had a problem right from the get-go in Bakersfield, but were able to get that solved. Then, it was on to Knoxville! There was one other small glitch while at the show (a cracked gas pedal), but one of the visiting vendors got one for them in an overnight delivery. While at the convention, they had a fabulous time. They can't say enough about the wonderful hospitality and great events that the Tennessee group arranged. And the best news, they got 3rd Place in their class. Gil Baumgartner, honorary member of BATOC and CTCI authenticity Co-Chairman, was there too with his family (see photo to right). They all had a great time.



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The Lloyds in Knoxville



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Labor Day Car Show – Menlo Circus Club

It was a beautiful day in Menlo Park at the Labor Day Car Show. Several BATOC members participated in this lovely show. Our own Jim and Maria Guthrie took home the Best Cruising Car Award. The buffet was spectacular and we all agreed that we would be interested in coming back for this show next year. Thanks to Irene and Paul Guaraglia for organizing the event.



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PRES SAYS

MOTHER ROAD HERE WE COME



Well, a couple of years of planning, lot's of back and forth and untold amounts of work by multitudes of dedicated people and we are finally off to parts unknown and miles and miles of discovery. The cars have been tuned, tires have been replaced and balanced, air conditioners have been added, prayers have been said and sacrifices have been made to the tow-truck gods. And, as we await our departure and by the grace of God and every good mechanic in this club, we are ready. Route 66 will never be the same. In all seriousness though, I can not express enough gratitude to everyone who has made this trip possible...and that basically includes the entire club because without the entire club and every member's individual support this would not be happening. Even if you are not going, you are behind those who are. Thank You. You'll be the first people called when a car breaks down...LOL

Of course, special thanks go to Guy & Mary Cummins, Bud & Jean Riley, Paul & Marianne Grech, Jim & Maria Guthrie and Roger & Sadie Canfield. Thank you all for shepherding this all the way from start to finish. And finally, be sure to follow the Route 66 Blog on the BATOC web site for the daily diary of events and pictures. Follow their exploits, post your own comments, give them suggestions and ride "shotgun" with the whole group. This will be epic. On a side note - and unbeknownst to him - I've actually planted a special tracking device on Guy's car so we can all "haunt" them at any given moment during the trip and police their very shady activities. You should have never trusted me with your car, Guy. 😊😊😊

On other notes of interest. We had a fabulous trip to Ironstone - albeit a small group - and of course our own Jim & Maria took "Best In Class" for their basically brand new car. We knew he would win but congratulations to them. See what \$35,000 gets you?...a \$12.95 trophy for the garage. HaHa. Great job guys. But, do check out the picture of Jim in the Gynecological chair in the Clampers bar in Angels Camp....exactly how many things are wrong with that one sentence? A great time was had by all.

Moving right along. It's probably a little too late but, even if you have not signed up in advance, consider joining the group in Santa Cruz this weekend (9/29) for Birds On The Wharf. A fabulous day of Thunderbirds in a spectacular setting on the Santa Cruz wharf. Even if you don't bring your car to show, make a day trip of it and enjoy a nice day with your sweetie....even though mine will be gone, sitting in Nashville at a football game. I could use the company.

Remember, because of Route 66 there is NO MEETING THIS MONTH. Our next meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 10th.

There is probably something I am forgetting, but in the interest of time and Jean being able to get out the newsletter before leaving, that's all I've got. Get over it and move on. To everyone on Route 66, have a fabulous trip and bring back a souvenir of the worlds largest ball of twine... we can use it on the cars.

Love Ya All

Dave

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Meeting Minutes September 8, 2018

34 Attendees

President Dave Adams was not here, so VP Guy Cummins' filled in.

Kathy Lloyd gave a detailed report of their driving trip back east to Tennessee for the CTCI convention. They had 5 nights and 6 days of driving 5500 miles, with only two car glitches through their trip. There were 180 cars and 600 people that attended the convention. Sounded like they had a great time. They took 3rd place in their class! Congratulations go to the Lloyds!

Bud has information on next year's convention it will be held on May 14-19 2019 in Flagstaff, Arizona, and it will be hosted by the Arizona classic T-birds.

Mike Dillon is our guest. He's a prospective member. Mike has a 2002 torch red car. He's originally from the area.

Guy had name tags here if you've ordered any they are available for pick up.

Paul Grech spoke about the tools he's ordered for the Route 66 trip. He's advised all those who are driving on the route 66 trip to check their motor mount for cracks.

The Town Choice Award at the Danville hot summer Sundays award went to the Guthrie's. Congratulations!

The progressive dinner was awesome! The report was that Greg's home had a beautiful view, and he served the BEST cocktail. Ed's house had awesome meatloaf that was really delicious. Lisa and Eran had a HUGE selection of desserts at their beautiful home. Sounds like they all had a great time.

Guy passed out a flyer about an event happening on Sept. 20 at the Blackhawk museum from 6-10 pm. They will be showing the film "Tucker", and it was said that one of our past members, Bev Ferreira, used to own one. Sept. 22 will be "Ironstone". The club members driving up will leave on Sept. 21 and meet up at the Black Bear Diner in Tracy at 10 am in the morning. October 5th will start the Route 66 tour leaving from Amarillo Texas. Those participating will fly out to Texas in the days prior.

In November Gil Baumgartner will head up the Veterans parade in Fairfield.

The party in December will be the 14th of the month.

This is the last month that I, Kim Dixon, will be doing Secretarial duties. Next month October, there will be no meeting, we will be out of town in November, and in December again there will be no meeting. I've been at this position since January of 2009, so it's time to hand over duties, and Marianne Grech has graciously agreed to take over the Secretary position. Thank you Marianne!

Pete spoke about computer adjusted spark control on your T-bird.

Respectfully submitted By Kim Dixon, Secretary

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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 JOURNEY ABOUT TO BEGIN

The following club members will be making the epic journey on Route 66:

Roger and Sadie Canfield, Guy and Mary Cummins, Paul and Marianne Grech, Jim and Maria Guthrie, Jack and Sue Mathieson, Phil and Vi Jenkins, and Bud and Jean Riley. Club friend Janet Booth and her son Sam will also be joining us.

The Canfield's and Booth's will be driving from the Bay Area and will meet the group in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The rest of the group will transport their cars to Amarillo, fly in and then start from there. We are all looking forward to seeing who might be able to eat a 72 oz steak at the Big Texan Steakhouse in Amarillo, and get their dinner for free. We will also be staying at the Big Texan Motel while in Amarillo. We are really looking forward to meeting up with several members of the Pajarito Thunderbird Club from New Mexico. They have been in touch with us, and we may see them in all three cities of New Mexico. Everyone is very excited about this trip. We will stay in touch via our Facebook page and our blog on batoc.org.



Route 66 puzzle by Maria Guthrie



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Car Show Crazy in September

Two of our club's favorite car shows occur in September – Ironstone Concours d'Elegance in Murphys and Birds on the Wharf in Santa Cruz. We had several club members attending both of these great car shows. Below are some of the photos from the Ironstone event. As usual, we also took home some awards: Jim and Maria Guthrie won Best in Class at Ironstone, Nick and Judy Verhoek won Best of Class at Birds on the Wharf. Congratulations to both winners!



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More Ironstone



Jim in the
Gynecological Chair
with tranquilizer in hand

Birds on the Wharf



Nick and Judy Verhoek take another prize!

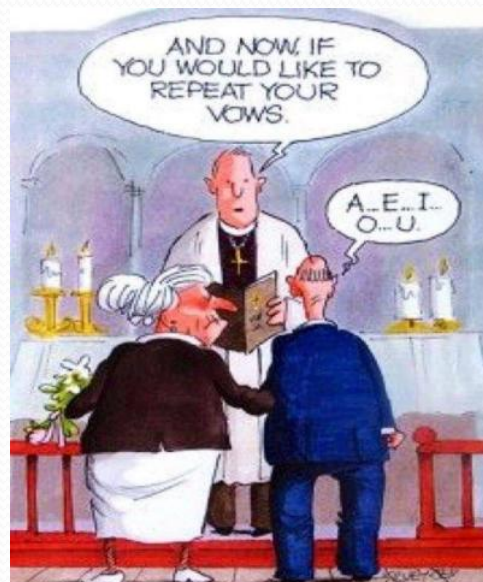
Tucker Movie Showing at Blackhawk Museum

Blackhawk Museum hosted a special showing of the fully restored movie, "Tucker: The Man and His Dream" for the movie's 30th anniversary. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola, the film recounts the story of Preston Tucker and his attempt to produce and market the 1948 Tucker Sedan, which was met with scandal between the "Big Three automobile manufacturers" and accusations of stock fraud from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

In addition, they had a special presentation by Steve Tremulis, nephew of Alex Tremulis-Preston, Tucker's Chief Stylist. Steve is the curator of his uncle's incredible archive of photographs, drawings, letters, speeches, and models from over a half-century of automobile design. Several BATOC members attended this great event and everyone really enjoyed it.



Senior Humor



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Annual Gordon Valley Fund Raising Auto Show Saturday, Oct. 7, 2018

Car show recommended by Gil Baumgartner

Location: Gordon Valley Fire Station -
near the end of Gordon Valley Rd, 5 miles
from Mankas Corner in Fairfield CA

Time: 11:00 am – 3pm

Cars must be in place by 10:30, but
preferably 8:30-9:30

Car Show Purpose: fund raiser for the
volunteer fire department

Space is limited, so first returned, first
reserved. Space limited to 40 cars.

See entry form on next page.

Call Pattie Macy 707-331-5846 or email at
girl4matt@icloud.com



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Gordon Valley Car Show Entry Form Sunday October 7th 11-3pm

Car Owners Name (Last) _____ First _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Year _____ Make _____ Body Style _____ Color _____

Release of Liability. As a participant in this auto show, The undersigned hereby Agrees to release and indemnify The Gordon Valley Fire Dept (Its partners, employees And tenants) jointly and severally, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, losses, Including property damage, personal injury, arising out of participation in the Gordon Valley Fire Dept Auto Show. Participants will also insure that all participating vehicles are insured in accordance with the requirements of the state of California. Vehicle placement at 8:30-10:30 day of. **If you haven't shown up by 10:30 or informed us you will be late your spot will be given to a day of.**

Signature _____ Date _____

Entry Fee \$40 (this includes lunch for one). You may buy any additional lunches for \$10.

2018 car show t-shirt \$20 specify size S, M, L, XL, XXL, \$25 for XXXL. T-shirts are pre-order ONLY.

If you can't make it this year we would appreciate a donation for our brave volunteer fire fighters.

_____ Donation for Gordon Valley Volunteer Fire Dept.

Total amount \$ _____ enclosed. Make check payable to Gordon Valley Fire Dept.

Send to 6230 Gordon Valley Rd. Napa Ca 94558

There are only 40 spots so return your registration ASAP to reserve your spot.

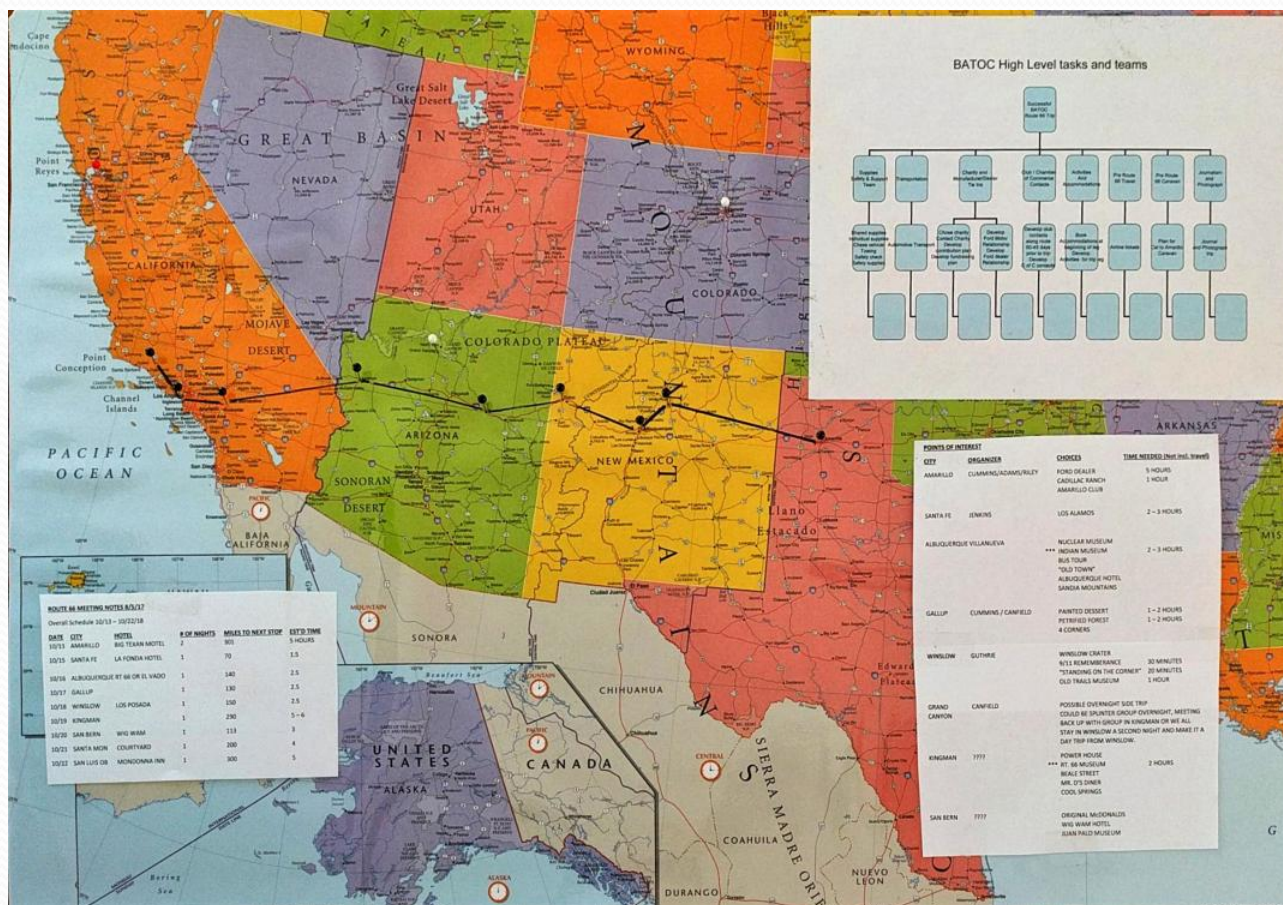
If you have any questions call 707-331-5846 or email girl4matt@icloud.com.

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Route 66 Trip in October



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 – 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 – ??

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



9/30/18

Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com