

WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

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BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC)

Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Superbowl Party at the Guthrie's	Sun. February 3, 2019
Monthly Meeting February	Sat. February 9, 2019
Monthly Meeting March	Sat. March 9, 2019
BATOC Bowlathon in Livermore	Sat. March 9, 2019
Pay BATOC 2019 Dues	March 30, 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

BATOC CLUB MONTHLY MEETING IS ON THE SECOND SAT OF EACH MONTH AT:

Buttercup Grill & Bar
660 Ygnacio Valley Rd
Walnut Creek CA
10am - 12pm \$20 for breakfast



Club Reminders

2019 CLUB DUES

Please pay your 2019 dues by March 30, 2019 (Rather than April 30, 2019). Dues are \$40 and can be paid by check. (Cash only in person.) Make out check to BATOC and send to:

Maria Guthrie
637 Yorkshire Ct.
Livermore CA 94551

BATOC BUCKS (BB)

The amount of BATOC Bucks for bringing a raffle prize to a meeting has been raised from 15 to 50 BB.

When cashing in BB for a breakfast, make sure you have 200, no partial payments.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please keep us up to date with any address, email, car, occupation changes you have made so our roster is correct. Send to guy@guycummins.com



Meeting Minutes January 12, 2019

Our President, Dave Adams, called the meeting to order at 10:17AM. His opening address was as follows: "Typical, sort of, New Year resolution...everyone shows up for the first meeting, and then, that's it!" Just kidding! Dave then wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked if anyone did something spectacularly fun for the New Year. The answers throughout the room were, "I didn't get drunk", "three weeks in Australia", "stayed up until midnight", "went to San Diego to see our first grandson", "went to the East Coast, Long Island, South Hampton, took a ferry to Connecticut, was in Manhattan", and Guy said, "went to Pleasanton".

Everyone had a good New Years and are looking forward to a great year.

Getting on with the meeting, we discussed our calendar issues. Our president said that our calendars were less than stellar with the pictures too dark. He is trying to get the printers to correct the problem and print a better calendar. We had 100 calendars printed and have six left. Dave read us a letter from a guy in Burnsville, Minnesota saying what a great calendar we have and how very much he likes it. So, Dave, reminded us, if you need a calendar, we still have calendars. We made a good chunk of money for our treasury with our calendar sales.

Maria Guthrie, our treasurer, gave us a printout of what is in our treasury and we were reminded that our BATOC dues is \$40.00 for the year and it is due before March 30, 2019.

Our president, Dave, talked about our upcoming Mystery Tour on Saturday, January 19th. We will be leaving from the Buttercup Restaurant parking lot at 9:30AM and making our way to Woodland via the backroads. We will be going to the California Agricultural Museum to see a fabulous collection of trucks, John Deere tractors, and lots of antiques. We will be having lunch in Winters at a secret restaurant that serves from the farms to our table. Dave will need to know who is going by Wednesday, January 16th. Lisa Brill-Nader is looking for a ride. If anyone is not taking their classic baby bird, and has a third seat in their car, she would appreciate a ride.

Upcoming events was next with Mary Cummins. She talked about what we had on our calendar, so far, and asked for ideas and chairmen to plan events for us.

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Meeting Minutes con't January 12, 2019

Here is what Mary put on the calendar and has members volunteering to chair so far:

January 19, 2019 (Saturday) - President's Mystery Tour

February 3, 2019 (Sunday) - Super Bowl Party at the Guthrie's. BYOB and food to share. 2:00PM, Game starts at 3:30PM

March 9, 2019 (Saturday) - (after BATOC meeting) Bowling and dinner at Castle Rock, Livermore. Maria and Jim Guthrie, chairmen

April 14, 2019 (Sunday) - Whale Watching in Monterey Moss landing 10AM-1PM Kim Dixon, chairmen. More information at next meeting.

May 2019 - Discovery Bay cruise to Stockton. More information to come.

May 15th - 19th, 2019- CTCI Regionals/ Roundup at Flagstaff, AZ

June 22, 2019 - Anniversary party at The Ryde Hotel, Ryde, CA. (Walnut Grove) Murder Mystery Dinner Fifties Theme - get your costumes going! Mary and Guy Cummins Chairmen

July 2019 - Danville Sundays car show

August 2019 - Progressive Dinner Ed - dinner chairmen Lisa-dessert
Second Danville Sundays car show

September 2019 - Birds on the Wharf and Ironstone car shows

October 2019 - Overnighter to Hearst Castle Jean and Bud Riley, chairmen

November 2019 - Open

Sunday December 8, 2019 - Christmas Party-Benicia Yacht Club

5PM -no host bar 6PM - dinner Janet Booth, chairmen

It looks to be a very exciting year of activities.

Guy Cummins introduced and welcomed two new BATOC members:

Roger Privet, from Castro Valley and Janet Booth, from Benicia

Lisa Brill- Nader made an announcement about our club jackets. She is selling our black club jackets for \$95.00, with the club logo on the back and with your name on the left front, and your car, make, year and color on the right front of your jacket.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11PM.

Respectfully submitted by Marianne Grech, Secretary

PRES SAYS



A DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT

Seems to be the story of my life. Jean REALLY wanted my President's message about a week ago and begged me to have by Friday...and here it is Saturday morning. Sorry Jean.

So....moving right along. For those of you who did not attend this year's President's Mystery Tour, we all had a great time at the California Agriculture Museum in Woodland. It was a beautiful drive through the back roads of the Delta and ultimately to Bud's Bar & Grill in Dixon for lunch. Hundreds of amazing tractors, hay bailers and harvesters along with much history. Our lunch restaurant did a fabulous job including our private room and personalized BATOC menus. Thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed a great day.

On a business front. We held our annual BATOC board meeting last week and developed some great ideas and plans for the coming year. The highlights include a new membership drive that will include new printed materials, partnering with the Thunderbird parts suppliers, producing a fun video for our web site and a membership booth at some of the area car shows this summer. All of this will be headed by Guy Cummins, Paul Gretch and Don Perry. Thanks guys. Also on the horizon, some historical displays at our annual anniversary party. This club is filled with history and memorabilia that our members should experience and enjoy. This endeavor will be headed by Jean Riley as our club historian and myself.

Other items of interest. Encouraging our members to purchase the handy little CB radios that we used on Route 66 to enhance our mutual enjoyment of our outings. I know when I joined the club back in the Cro-Magnon period, the club had a few CB radios and I REALLY enjoyed those early outings as everyone laughed and joked going down the highway, pointing out all the interesting sites and great scenery.

Press Says con't

We have also corrected the calendar printing problem and have ordered some new calendars with the cleaner better Route 66 pictures. If you just have to have a new one, let me know and we will make it happen.

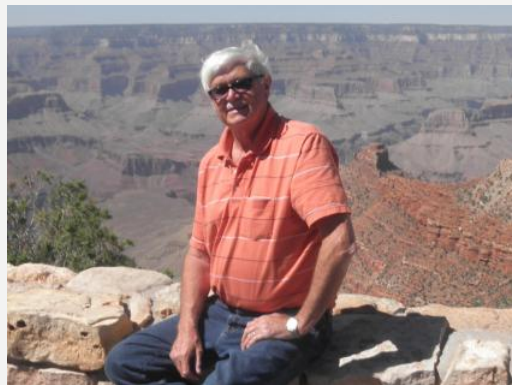
On a sad note...our condolences to the Hickey family. Long time member Jim Hickey, who moved to Medford, Or. a couple of years ago, died last week after an accident in his kitchen and being badly burned. We will miss you and your on-line jokes.

And finally, a huge Thank You to Jim and Maria for hosting the board meeting and again hosting this year's Superbowl party on Sunday....not to mention hosting my car in their garage. Where would this club be without these two amazing people.

If we don't see you at the party on Sunday, have a great day wherever you are and we will see you next week at our regular meeting. As always, let me know if you have any questions, suggestions or complaints....complaints will be ignored but I'd love to hear them anyways....LOL.

Happy T-Birding

Dave



James Hickey

Technical Tidbits

Many of us purchased the great booklet of Technical Tips From Thunderbird Land compiled by Robert DePaola. For those of you who haven't purchased it, or are too busy to study it, we will be highlighting many of the great writeups that are included in this booklet. Here are a couple of tidbits that might help you with your overheating problems.

Thermostats by Gil Baumgartner

Thermostats allow the engine to reach efficient operating temperature as quickly as possible. They are designed to open at a preset temperature. A 160 degree thermostat opens at approximately 160 degrees, the 180 opens at approximately 180 degrees. Once the thermostat opens, it has no control over engine temperature unless the operating temperature drops below preset. In my opinion the 180 degree thermostat provides the most efficient operating temperature for the For Y Block engine. It allows the engine to reach operating temperature fairly quickly which helps eliminate condensation and the black spatter on the rear bumper and trunk. I have always considered the Robert Shaw Thermostat made by Cooper Standard to be one of the best. It is a brass thermostat similar to original equipment and has the largest opening available. This type thermostat is now being offered by Mr. Gasket and can be purchased at Summit Racing, Auto Zone and other parts stores that carry Mr. Gasket products.

Boiling Points by Bob DePaola

Did you know the boiling point of your coolant can be increased or decreased by changing your radiator cap? The following table explains boiling points (degrees Fahrenheit) for water at different pounds per square inch (PSI). The mixture of antifreeze also changes the boiling point as indicated on the antifreeze container.

CAP (PSI)	BOILING POINT
6	212 deg F
10	239 deg F
15	250 deg F
20	259 deg F

Ford Thunderbird Turn Signal Stuck in Man's Arm for 51 Years

3 Jan 2015 UTC by Gabriel Brindusescu

You know you're a real car enthusiast when you start wearing parts of them. And we're not referring to hanging a piston on a chain down your chest; wearing car parts inside your body.

This is the story of Mr. Arthur Lampitt, who lived for 51 years with a metal turn signal inside his arm. The part protruded his skin back in 1963, when the man, working as a real estate agent, had a crash in his Ford Thunderbird.

The metal stick was completely covered by Arthur's skin and somehow it slipped past unnoticed by the medics who were more concerned about the man's broken hip.

Arthur was unaware too about the part stuck inside his hand and discovered it's there about 10 years ago when he set off a courthouse metal detector. He had no idea what generated that, but he suspected it could be related to the 1963 accident.

He took the old photos of the wreck and noticed the missing turn signal stalk on the steering column of his T-Bird. Recently, his arm started to hurt and Arthur decided it's time to take it out, as the St. Louis Dispatch reports. After a 45-minute surgery, the medics managed to pull out a slightly bent and corroded, seven-inch metal shaft out of the man's arm. They said a protective pocket had formed around it and that's the reason why Mr. Arthur had no idea it was there.

The man said he might turn it into a keychain sometime or give it to his doctor, who is apparently collecting this sort of items.



BATOC Classifieds

2004 Retro Tires/Wheels/Hubcaps

For sale is a set of 4 retro bird tires, wheels, and hubcaps from a 2004 retro bird. Tires have plenty of tread left on them. \$195 or best offer. Call Bud 925-373-0403



1956 Automatic 3 Speed Ford T-bird Transmission

This transmission unit was taken out of a 56 Thunderbird and had been overhauled just before removing it. It has now been sitting for 17 years, so can't guarantee it's condition. It is original equipment with matching serial numbers. The kick down mechanism is included. Asking \$500 or best offer. Call Bud 925-373-0403



President's Mystery Tour – Bet the Farm!

Club President Dave Adams led us through the delta backroads on our way to Woodland CA where we visited the California Agriculture Museum. The place was amazing. There were so many unique pieces of farming equipment that most club members had never even seen, let alone driven. There are a few farmers in the club who remembered driving some of these relics on their farms when they were young. After wandering around the museum, we drove back to Dixon where we had a fabulous lunch at Bud's Pub and Grill. When we headed home, we were a lot more knowledgeable about farming than when we left. Thanks, Dave, for a very fun and informative outing!



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The Famous Guthrie

Annual Super Bowl Party

Is Almost Here!!

RSVP Now!!

Call: 925-292-7643 or email: jmguthrie57@gmail.com



WHO BRINGS IT HOME?



SUPER BOWL LIII **ATL**

Join the fun!

Festivities start at 2pm

Bring a favorite dish and beverage to share

Hang out with friends and cheer your team

Sunday, February 3, 2018 at 2PM

637 Yorkshire Court Livermore, CA

STRIKE, SPARE, or GUTTER BALL

No matter your skill - there's fun for everyone!



JOIN US!!

For a fun-filled day planned by Maria and Jim!

Saturday, March 9th

Following the BATOC Monthly Meeting, we will meet at Granada Bowl in Livermore (1620 Railroad Ave). Lanes are reserved from 2 – 3:30pm and the cost is \$14 per person.

From the bowling alley we will caravan to Castle Rock Restaurant (1848 Portola Ave) for an early dinner and end the day with dessert at the Guthrie's house.

**RSVP by March 2nd to Maria and Jim Guthrie
(925) 292-7643**

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Whale Watching Trip

Sunday, April 14, 2019

\$35/person

Possible viewings include shore birds, sea lions, sea otters, dolphins, porpoises, whales, and possibly killer whales if we're lucky! Oh my!



"The High Spirits", operated by Blue Ocean Whale Watch, is a very nice boat that holds about 38 people. There is an indoor area if you prefer to sit inside, and as you can see, areas at the bow and up top for viewing. Captain Kate Cummings is our owner and captain and she provides an informative and fun day.

Itinerary:

- Depart Buttercup at 7 am
- Caravan 2 hrs to Moss Landing
- Park in paved lot at boat harbor. (\$6 fee payable to harbor master)
- Tour check-in is at 9:30 am
- Tour begins at 10 am (it is a 3 hour tour)
- Lunch after our lovely day out on the water at "The Haute Enchilada" near the harbor in Moss Landing (lunch is not included in \$35 cost)

***note**

getting to the boat there is some uneven footing, and you climb a short set of steps (maybe 5) to get on the boat. There are deck hands there to help you get on the boat.



Contact Kim Dixon to reserve your spot by April 1 (510-385-2483 or kdixon1124@yahoo.com)

Mail your \$35/person check made out to BATOC to Kim at:

807 Marin Rd. El Sobrante, CA 94803

No refunds after April 1st.

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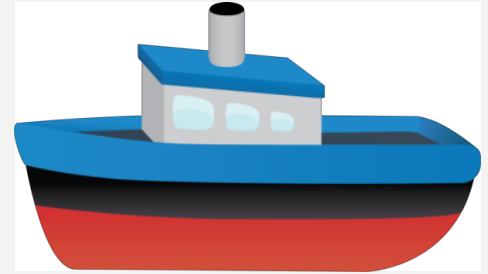
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Join your BATOC buddies and enjoy a six day Vancouver, BC to Los Angeles cruise on NCL's newest ship, Norwegian Bliss.



Bask in the lively charm of the west coast leaving September 30 for six days arriving in Los Angeles on October 6.

The cruise stops at Victoria, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Current cost per person is \$479 for inside, \$749 for ocean view and \$799 for balcony plus port taxes and tips. Estimated airfare is around \$400.

This is a heck of a good deal on a brand new ship! If you want to go, get on it now, and make your deposit. You can cancel later if you change your mind. Space is going fast, and our confirmed reservation just jumped \$100 overnight. Last year's BATOC cruisers had a great time.

Ed Benson (ebensonbwa@aol.com, 925-943-7011) is our sponsor, and he's working with Randi Schultz of [cruisentours4u](http://cruisentours4u.com), his long time cruise travel agent.

If you're interested, please sign up. If you have questions contact Randi Schultz or Ed at 925-943-7011, ebensonbwa@aol.com

Further information can be found on NCL's website:

<https://www.ncl.com/cruises/6-day-pacific-coastal-from-vancouver-BLISS6VANSEAVICSFOLAX/schedule?embarkationport=4294953420&destinations=4294961384&numberOfGuests=4294953449&state=null&sailmonths=4294942320&&itineraryCode=BLISS6VANSEAVICSFOLAX&customerStoriesCurrentPage=1&customerStoriesPageSize=3>

Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club

2019 Calendar of Events

Winter – Meetings Jan 12 / Feb 9

January 19 – President's Mystery Tour (Adams)

February 3 - Super Bowl Party, Livermore (Guthrie)

Spring – Meetings Mar 9 / Apr 13 / May 11

March 9 – Bowling (Guthrie)

April 14 – Whale Watching (Dixon)

May XX – Delta Cruise (Haffner)

May 15-19 – CTCI Western Classic Roundup
Flagstaff, AZ

Summer – Meetings Jun 8 / Jul 13 / Aug 10

June 22 – Anniversary Party/Mystery Dinner (TBD)

July XX –

July XX – Danville Car Show #1

Summer (continued)

Aug XX – Progressive Dinner Party

Aug XX – Danville Car Show #2

Autumn – Meetings Sept 14 / Oct 12 / Nov 9

Sept 14 – Alameda Car Show (Mathieson)

Sept XX – Ironstone, Murphys, CA

Sept XX - Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz

Oct XX – Hearst Castle (Riley)

Oct XX – Tbird Calendar Meeting (Adams)

Nov XX –

Winter – Meeting Dec 14

Dec 8 – BATOC Holiday Party (Booth)



Updated 1/20/18

Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com