

# WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

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### BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC) CTCI Chapter 4

#### Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Cinco de Mayo Dinner	May 4, 2019
Monthly Meeting May	May 11, 2019
CTCI Convention Prescott AZ	May 15-19 2019
Monthly Meeting June	June 8, 2019
Anniversary Party/Mystery Dinner	June 15, 2019

#### **SPARE CHANGE FOR CHARITY**

Don't forget to bring your spare change to all meetings and outings!



**I TRIED MEDITATION....I TRIED THERAPY....THEN I REALIZED WHAT I REALLY NEEDED WAS A THUNDERBIRD!**

**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

**Facebook Group Page: Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club**

**Website: [batoc.org](http://batoc.org)**

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### Meeting Minutes April 13, 2019

Our President, Dave Adams called the meeting to order with these words, "I just came back for this meeting! Aloha! The next meeting will be in Maui in my coffee hut on the beach!" He then thanked Guy Cummings for covering for him at last month's meeting while he was in Hawaii.

First on the agenda, was Guy Cummings introduction of our guests, Michelle and Chris from Benicia, who came to explore and investigate our club today.

Chris bought Michelle a 2005, 50th Anniversary Thunderbird as a surprise wedding gift. The color is medium steel blue, with a tan top and tan interior. Everyone in the room loved their car story!

Planning for upcoming events:-

Mary Cummings gave the floor to Kim Dixon to give a report on our Whale Watching event for April 14th. Kim talked about our meeting place, the time, and what to wear. We have 21 people going. Kim also mentioned that they have had great sightings in the bay of whales and dolphins. We will go to Phil's Fish place for lunch.

Convention CTCI Western Classic Roundup, Flagstaff, AZ

May 15-19 The Lloyds will be attending, so contact them if you are also going.

Jean Riley had an idea about getting together for a

Cinco de Mayo dinner on Saturday, May 4th. Jean will put together a little note about that.

Anniversary Party/Murder Mystery Luncheon

Mary Cummings reported that the event will be Saturday, June 15th from 1PM-5PM at Beeb's Bar and Grill at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore. It is a fifties theme, so dress up, if you can, for a fun time! It is \$40.00 per person; the money must get to Maria by June 1st. There will be no refunds after June 1. Mary will lock in the numbers by June 10th. Also, at the Anniversary Party will be a huge history display of our club, also a looped video that Ford produced for us on our 50th anniversary, and an oil painting of the very first ad Ford put out of the 1955 Ford Thunderbird.

Delta Cruise - July 13 John Haffner reported that the cruise is in Discovery Bay on the Rosemarie. We will leave at 9:30AM and cruise to Bethel Island. It is \$65.00 per person and lunch will be at the Sugar Barge. Payments are due by July 1st and sent to Maria. A flyer will go out next month with a formal announcement.

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Danville Car Show-July 21st and August 18th. Dave Adams is chairing these events. The events will be on Sunday, not a Thursday, like years past.

Progressive Dinner Party - August 3rd There will be four courses. Gregg Cannella, Jeff McIntyre, Ed Benson, and Lisa Brill-Nadler. More details to follow.

Hearst Castle Friday, August 23rd to Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> Overnight trip, staying at the Apple Farm in San Luis Obispo. Visiting an Air Museum in Paso Robles on the way down there. More details to follow.

Ironstone Concours - September 28<sup>th</sup> More details to follow.

Birds on the Wharf - October 5<sup>th</sup> Dave said that they are asking for volunteers to set up for that morning. We will go down the Friday before the event, so make sure you make your reservations at Ocean Pacific in Santa Cruz, because it is the unofficial hotel of all the Thunderbird clubs.

Cruise- September 30th- October 6<sup>th</sup> Norwegian Cruise Lines from Vancouver to Los Angeles. Ed Benson, is our sponsor, and he reported that the cruise stops at Victoria, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Holiday Party- December 8<sup>th</sup> Benicia Yacht Club. Janet Booth, chairman

Dave, mentioned the other thing we are working on is our calendar of Tbirds from all over the country. We put in a call for all other clubs to submit pictures of their T-Birds. We put this in the CTCI Early Bird Magazine.

Next year, Dave was thinking about historical pictures. For example, your car from 1962 in Disneyland.

Dave called on Maria Guthrie for a treasurers' report. The club is very solvent and is supplementing the fee for the Anniversary Party.

Gil's technical report. Gil showed us a Gano filter. The Gano filter goes in the upper radiator hose. It can help in over-heating problems. It has a clear sleeve, and can show bubbles coming through and the condition of your coolant.

We were sorry to hear that the Schaffer's lost both their dear mothers within a few weeks of each other. Our hearts go out to them.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Marianne Grech, Secretary

## **PRES SAYS**

### **THE LOYALTY FADES SO QUICKLY**



**You know, you promote someone to President with full confidence in their abilities and then they just leave you in the lurch....and I'm not referring to Trump. I'm referring to our illustrious V.P. Guy Cummins who is presently gallivanting around the French countryside visiting castles and wineries and coffee houses...not to mention trying to find the bathroom when they don't speak French. They better come back with lots of trinkets to appease the Gods. LOL**

**So, while the rest of us fight the traffic and toils in the yard, the club goes on and makes great plans for the rest of the summer. I won't bore you with the details, which are all outlined in the flyers and the event calendar within this very newsletter but suffice it to say that there are great things to come. Join in the fun and get that car out of the garage and on the road.**

**On a serious note. By now you've all received your C.T.C.I. ballot regarding the inclusion of Retro birds in to the national club. This has been a hotly debated topic among the senior members and directors of C.T.C.I. but unfortunately, has not been well publicized among the general membership. Our own Ed Benson has been hugely involved in this debate and you have now all received his overview on the topic. As you know, BATOC went through this very debate 6 or 8 years ago and of course openly welcomes and recruits Retro birds as full voting members. We can not deny the value that they bring to the table and frankly, without them, we would not be the vibrant, active club that we are today. Hopefully you have all voted your hearts by now and have returned your ballots. They are due by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please vote your heart and be involved. This IS your club.**

## Pres Says con't

On the light note...a big thank you to Bob & Kim for a fabulous whale watching adventure. According to the boat, we saw more whales than they have seen in ages....of course, the cynic in me thinks they probably say that to every group...but the fact is that we did see an amazing number of whales and enjoyed a perfect day on Monterey Bay. Thank you guys, for a perfect outing.

Coming up of course, is our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Murder Mystery event at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore on June 15, courtesy of the Cummins'. **DO NOT MISS THIS.** It will be a great 1950's motif event with lots of frivolity and silly fun...which I guess is redundant...and on top of that it is our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The oldest, hottest, greatest and best T-Bird club in America. We be the bomb.

On the final note....See you all on the 11<sup>th</sup> for our regular meeting and I encourage you all to come to discuss not only these items but to welcome our newest members and have some great fun while you're at it.

**Happy Spring T-Birding**

**Dave**



### 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 is a tidbit on hose deterioration.

#### HOSE DETERIORATION

##### Northwest Vintage Thunderbird Club

Radiator hoses are designed to withstand high pressures and temperatures ranging from -40 degrees Fahrenheit to over 250 degrees F. They must also resist chemical attack by coolants and other materials, such as oil, salt and ozone. Radiator hoses deteriorate with age, a process that occurs primarily from the inside out. Surface oil accelerates breakdown of the material. Surface cracks develop, which cause hoses to split, blister or leak. They become hard and brittle and will eventually weaken and fail. Make sure that you have an uneventful summer. Check your radiator hoses regularly. They should be replaced every five years or when there is evidence of significant wear or damage.

#### Club Officers

Office	Club Member
President	Dave Adams
Vice President, Webmaster	Guy Cummins
Secretary	Marianne Grech
Treasurer	Maria Guthrie
Activities Director	Mary Cummins
Editor, Historian, CTCI Rep	Jean Riley
Technical Director	Pete Lefevre
Sunshine Director	Lita Schaffer
Apparel Director	Lisa Brill-Nadler
Philanthropy Director	Sue Mathieson
Recognition Director	Kathy Ramos



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### BATOC Classifieds

Item	Seller	Price	Photo
New '57 Hardtop Front Clamp PN 50508	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$49	
55-56 Used Throttle & Automatic Transmission Bell Crank	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$50	
55-57 Used Standard/Non Power Steering Drag Link & Idler Arm	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$45	
55-57 Used Cast Iron Generator Bracket	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$25	
55-56 Used Right Angle Speedometer Drive	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$75	
Aftermarket soft top. Stand alone, does not attach to swing arm.	Tom Schaffer 925-447-1578	\$200	



## **A Whale of a Time!**

The whale watching trip proved to be a great success. The "High Spirits", operated by Blue Ocean Whale Watch, took us out for our three hour viewing experience. Captain Kate Cummings was our owner and captain and she provided an informative and fun day. The viewings were spectacular. After our tour, we enjoyed lunch at the Haute Enchilada. It was a whale of a day. Thanks to the Dixon's for organizing this fun event.





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### Whale Watching Con't



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Let's get together to celebrate Cinco de Mayo

When: Saturday, May 4, 2019

When: 5pm-7pm

Where: Mexico Lindo Restaurant

6690 Koll Center Parkway Pleasanton CA

Just off hiway 680 at Bernal Ave.

RSVP to Bud and Jean: [bjriley12@aol.com](mailto:bjriley12@aol.com)

Need a count by May 1.



**CTCI CONVENTION**  
**(CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB**  
**INTERNATIONAL)**



If you are a member of CTCI, you may have read on Page 21 of the current issue of The Early Bird magazine about possible inclusion of the two seat Thunderbirds manufactured between 2002 and 2005 into the organization. There will be a ballot coming to CTCI members via email requesting your vote on this important issue. There are mixed opinions from the membership and there will be pro and con information included with the ballot.



# **61st Anniversary Party & Murder Mystery Luncheon**

**Saturday, June 15; 1pm - 5pm**

**Enjoy Murder Mystery Theater  
with a Buffet Luncheon & no-host bar**

**Find your poodle skirt and start hopp'n.**

**This year's murder mystery has a  
50's Sock Hop theme**

**50's attire encouraged!**

**Beeb's Bar and Grill at  
Las Positas Golf Course  
915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore**

**\$40/person**

**due by June 1, 2019**

**(No refunds after June 1)**

**NOTE: The club is subsidizing this event**

**RSVP to Guy & Mary Cummins by June 1:  
marymac1234@gmail.com or 409-559-3190**

**Mail your payment to Maria Guthrie:  
637 Yorkshire Ct. Livermore, CA 94551**



*Sugar Barge Lunch Cruise*  
*Discovery Bay to Bethel Island*  
Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>



RSVP to our hosts John and Darlene Haffner (925 330-9930)  
Submit \$65/person payment to Maria Guthrie by July 1st

**JOIN US FOR A FULL DAY OF RELAXATION, SIGHTSEEING, AND FOOD**

The BATOC DELTA CRUISE  
aboard the **ROSEMARIE**  
will depart DISCOVERY BAY at 9AM,  
cruise to the SUGAR BARGE RESTAURANT  
on BETHEL ISLAND for LUNCH at 11:30,  
and return to DISCOVERY BAY at 3 PM.



**AT 9AM MEET AT  
THE BOARDWALK GRILL**  
(5879 MARINA RD., DISCOVERY BAY)

THE DAY WILL START WITH A  
MANDATORY SAFETY BRIEFING  
PRIOR TO BOARDING  
(with MIMOSAS and BLOODY  
MARY'S to blunt the pain).

While you relax with your favorite drink (No-Host Bar onboard) and listen to Captain Morgan's playlist featuring everything from Reggae, Blues, Country, Classic Rock, to the Sounds of the Caribbean, we will navigate past the *Discovery Bay Lighthouse*, under the *Orwood Railroad Bridge*, and past the famous *Forbes Island Lighthouse* formerly located at Pier 39 in San Francisco. Traveling further up the river you will experience spectacular sights from the top deck of the *Rosemarie*. We will then cut across the south end of Frank's Tract to arrive at the *Sugar Barge Restaurant and Bar* around 11:30 am for lunch.

Lunch includes:

- Choice of 1/2 lb burger w/fries, fish & chips, or grilled chicken caesar salad.
- Soft drink and dessert (alcoholic drinks sold separately)

Tax and tip for lunch is included in the cruise fee.

**THE \$65 COST INCLUDES THE CRUISE, LUNCH, AND RESTAURANT GRATUITY**  
(THE SHIP HAS A TIP JAR AVAILABLE IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE AN ADDITIONAL GRATUITY.)



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**21**  
**JUL**

**DANVILLE 2019 HOT  
SUMMER SUNDAYS**

**CAR SHOW**

**11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**18**  
**AUG**

**\$25.00 Pre-Registration | \$30.00 Day of Show**

Staging from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Danville Boulevard.  
680 Freeway, Exit El Cerro. Follow the signs to Danville  
Boulevard. Turn Left. All cars must enter by 11:00am.

Pre-Registered Cars Are Guaranteed Entry to the Show.



**Inviting ALL YEAR Muscle Cars, Hot Rods,  
Classics, Customs, Foreign and Exotic**

Family Friendly Event \* Multiple Award Categories \* VIP Judges  
Collector T-Shirts \* Live Entertainment \* Great Restaurants \* Outside Cafes  
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**ONLINE REGISTRATION @ [WWW.DHSSCS.COM](http://WWW.DHSSCS.COM)**

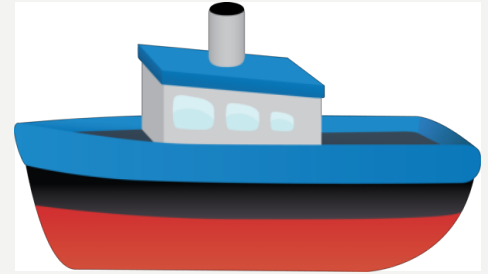
Vendor and Volunteer Opportunities Still Available  
Please Call David at 925-437-3649 or by email [ezasugo@yahoo.com](mailto:ezasugo@yahoo.com)

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

## **Plan Ahead for 2020 CTCI Convention In Sarasota, Florida**

### **CTCI 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

**Hosted by the Trail Birds of Southwest Florida**

**Held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sarasota, Florida May 4 - 9 2020**

**PRE-REGISTRATIONS:** First 75 registrations are eligible for a drawing for \$200.00.  
(host members are not eligible).

**To pre-register send \$50.00 to Betty Tulowitzky, 14191 Tudball Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33953  
Please include address, email address, phone number, and CTCI number.**

**Hotel reservations can be made after May, 5 2019. Call 1-877-803-7534 Code is CTCI.**





## 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)~~

~~March 16 – St. Paddy's Day-1<sup>st</sup> St Alehouse (Cummins)~~

~~March 17 – Oakland Aviation Museum Open Cockpit Day (Verhoek)~~

~~April 14 – Whale Watching (Dixon)~~

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

#### Summer – Meetings Jun 8 / Jul 13 / Aug 10

June 15 – Anniversary Party/Mystery Dinner (Cummins)

July 13 – Delta Cruise (Haffner)

July 21 – Danville Car Show #1

#### Summer (continued)

Aug 3 – Progressive Dinner Party  
(Benson, Cannella, Nadler, McIntyre)

Aug 18 – Danville Car Show #2

Aug 23 - 25 – Hearst Castle (Riley)

#### Autumn – Meetings Sept 14 / Oct 12 / Nov 9

Sept 14 – Alameda Car Show (Mathieson)

Sept 28 – Ironstone, Murphys, CA

Sept 30 – Oct 6 – Cruise: Vancouver to LA (Benson)

Oct 5 – Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz

Oct XX – Tbird Calendar Meeting (Adams)

Nov XX –

#### Winter – Meeting Dec 14

Dec 8 – BATOC Holiday Party (Booth)

TBD – Tesla Factory Visit (Lloyd)



Updated 3/30/19

**Ready to plan an event?**

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