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BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC) CTCI Chapter 4



Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Monthly Meeting September	September 14, 2019
Ironstone Concours d'Elegance	September 27-29 2019
Birds on the Wharf	October 4-5
Alameda Classic Car Show	October 12, 2019
Monthly Meeting October	CANCELLED

SPARE CHANGE FOR CHARITY

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



Fall is Coming!

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

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Meeting Minutes August 10, 2019 30 attendees

Dave Adams called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Dave is better now – has a walking boot on and is getting used to that. The power tool they used to remove his cast was humongous and somewhat scary, but all went well.

Thanks go out to the Cannella's, Benson's and Brill-Nadler's for putting on another great Progressive Dinner. Ed mentioned that he got up early the next morning and surprised Donna on her birthday by cleaning everything up. Way to go Ed!

Dave reported that Apple, Inc had asked for us to supply 4 Thunderbirds for an event they were sponsoring. They offered to pay \$500 per car, which sounded pretty good. Well, they recently canceled on needing the cars. Don't know why, but it is a real shame. Would have been nice for them and us.

Mary has asked to be replaced as the Activities Director next year. Fortunately, at the Progressive Dinner, Lisa Derby and Lisa Brill-Nadler agreed to co-chair the position next year. Thanks go out to Mary who has done a tremendous job as the Activities Director the last few years. Thanks also to the new volunteers!

Dave mentioned that Richard Porter's family, former member who had recently passed, has his cars for sale. There is a '57 and a '64 or '65 T-Bird convertible for sale. He also had an '04 retro aqua T-Bird that is available. Another person is selling a 50th Anniversary '05 retro. Call Dave if you are interested in any of these cars.

There was a report on Hot August Nights from Ed Benson, who attends every year. He was quite disappointed this year, and even ended up coming home early. Other club members were also there, including Bob Dixon and the Grech's. Via Facebook, it looks like they were enjoying the event more than Ed did.

The Second Danville Car Show is on Sunday August 18. About 8 car owners showed interest in attending. It will be identical to the first show. We will be parked by the Veteran's Hall. It is a very shady nice area. The cost is \$25 per car. Dave will be sending out an email on that soon.

Jean Riley reported on the upcoming Hearst Castle Trip on Aug 23-25. They will meet at the Safeway shopping center on Bernal Ave in Pleasanton at 9am. Then they will caravan down to Paso Robles to have lunch and visit the Estrella Warbirds Museum. On Saturday, they will go on the Hearst Castle tour followed by lunch at the San Simeon Grill. There is the possibility of wine tasting at the Filliponi Ranch after that. Meals are set up for the Apple Farm both nights. On Sunday, the Central Coast Tbird Club will join us for breakfast at the Apple Farm.

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Meeting Minutes con't

August 10, 2019

The Alameda Naval Air Museum called about the car club coming over there. Sue said it is over near the Hornet. If we ever go over to that area again, it would be convenient to visit both sites.

Ironstone Concours is on Sept. 28. Make your reservations – it is difficult to find lodging there. The preferred place is: [Best Western Cedar Inn & Suites](#) 444 S Main St, Angels Camp, CA · (209) 736-4000. The Mathieson's will be putting on a dinner at their place after the car show. Money will be collected at the dinner.

Birds on the Wharf is on October 5. Eight car owners showed interest in attending. We would drive down on Friday and then attend the event early on Saturday for the entire day, then drive home. Make reservations at the Ocean Pacific Lodge if you are going.

The Downtown Alameda Classic Car Show will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019. More than 400 classic vehicles will be on display in Alameda's historic downtown district. We will do this in lieu of the monthly meeting. Sue Mathieson will look up the information and we will send it out to everyone.

Nick has put together a great November event at the Cobra Museum in Martinez. We haven't been there for several years now, and there are many new members who have never been there. The event is on Sunday, November 17. There is a Cars and Coffee early morning car show from 8:30-10. The museum opens after that. We could have lunch at the Museum or at a nearby restaurant. More details to follow.

Ed almost ran for Director at Large for CTCL. However, someone else stepped up, so he is not running at this time. Nevertheless, he is very interested in CTCL and making some changes for the better.

Dave mentioned that a group in the club is exploring renting a warehouse to house their cars. There was one available, but it fell through. There would be room for about 20 cars. Anyone interested in participating, please let Dave know.

The meeting was adjourned, and Jim began the prize drawing.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Riley, Editor

PRES SAYS

FEAR THE WALKING DEAD



The good news....I am now walking and back in normal shoes. YEA.

The bad news.....I am the Walking Dead with a million things on my plate and not enough hours in the day.

I can not say enough about last weekends' trip to SLO and Hearst Castle. Here's to Jean and Bud Riley for organizing an outstanding weekend that was flawless and perfectly orchestrated. Our drive up Hwy 1 on Saturday morning to Hearst Castle was truly spectacular. Beautiful morning, beautiful ocean, beautiful highway, beautiful weather and beautiful scenery.

On the comedic side, let it be known that as our group leader for the weekend, Jean, now holds the club's "Land Speed Record". Keeping up with Bud and Jean as we cruised down Hwy 101 on Friday was an interesting challenge...but we all had a good laugh and we all had a great time. Thanks to Bud and Jean for a great weekend.

Also a big Thank You to the Central Coast Thunderbird Club who joined us for breakfast at the Apple Farm on Sunday morning. 16 or so members of their club joined us and a great time was had, friendships were forged and reciprocal invitations were extended between members and clubs. In fact, there was a club-wide invitation to join them for the "Worlds Best BBQ". More info inside.

Also, since we haven't talked since then, Big thank you's are in order for our Progressive Dinner host who, as usual, did a fabulous job and provided for a very fun evening starting at the Cannella's for appetizers, progressing to the Benson's for a fabulous sit down dinner and on to the Nadler's for dessert and fun. Thanks to all for your hard work.

PRES SAYS con't

Not a lot to report on the club business front – Summer is pretty quiet....BUT, let's see EVERYONE at this month's meeting on the 14th and get ready for Ironstone and Birds on the Wharf. Don't forget your raffle prize and your spare change for charity. We'll see you there and I look forward to walking in with my head and foot held high...LOL....but be careful – I'm pretty feisty now that I am back on my feet.

See Ya All Soon,
Dave

BATOC Bucks Needed

Please bring in your BATOC Bucks to the next meeting, as Maria and Jim are running out of certain denominations. We need to reissue them or combine them for future use. Thanks.

Technical Tidbits

Here is another article from Technical Tips From
Thunderbird Land by Robert DePaola.

T-BIRD RUNNING TOO HOT?

By Thunderbird Owners of New York

Everyone seems to always be worried about the T-Bird running too hot in the summertime. There are a few things that can be done to solve the problem, that's if there is a problem.

1. You can install an aftermarket temperature gauge and bypass the dash gauge.
2. Check to make sure there is a 1" spacer behind the water pump. It is possible that in the life of the car, a passenger engine was installed that doesn't require a spacer.
3. Install a new thermostat 160 degrees.
4. Install a 6 blade fan.
5. Make sure the fan fits mid-way into the shroud – (engine placement seems to vary quite a bit.) If it doesn't, you can buy a spacer of a different size to move the location of the fan. This is the spacer that goes between the fan and the water pump.
6. Improve air flow, block the hood scoop, remove the 2 mud shields down on the frame and make sure the little round access panel behind the grill is in place.
7. Make sure you're getting a good spark advance. This needs to be checked with a timing light. Many times the vacuum diaphragm goes bad. This will make the engine run hot.
8. Check that the heat riser on the right exhaust manifold is opening easily. If it stays closed, or partially closed it makes the right engine bank run hotter than the left.

Technical Tidbits con't

9. Another thing you can do is to install an electric pusher fan in front of the radiator. It's not a hard job to do and it doesn't show at all.

All of the above will work as long as your engine block is not all loaded with rust and your radiator is clean of "sludge".

**Club members staying cool in their summer
BATOC shirts!**

Get yours now online at batoc.org



Progressive Dinner

As they say, don't mess with success. So, we repeated the exact configuration as last year for our Progressive Dinner. Greg and Lawrence had fabulous hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, Ed and Donna served a stupendous main course, and Lisa and Eran sweetened us up with delightful desserts. It was truly a wonderful evening for all. Thanks for repeating this great recipe for success.



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Progressive Dinner con't



Hot Danville Sundays Car Show

August 18 was the second Hot Danville Sundays Car Show. It was similar to the one in July, and a good time was had by all. Fortunately, the scorching weather from the prior days had subsided, and the day was lovely. Here are some shots from the event.



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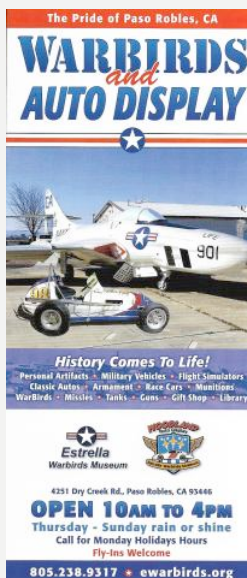
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Hot Danville Sundays Car Show con't



Hearst Castle Weekend

The weather was beautiful, the company was outstanding, and the sights were unbelievable on our weekend trip to San Luis Obispo. We started at the Estrella Warbirds Museum, near Paso Robles. This is a hidden gem, that bears a repeat visit for sure. Unfortunately, by the time we arrived, we only had 1 hour to explore. It is filled with artifacts from all US wars as well as a huge display of unique, one of a kind automobiles.



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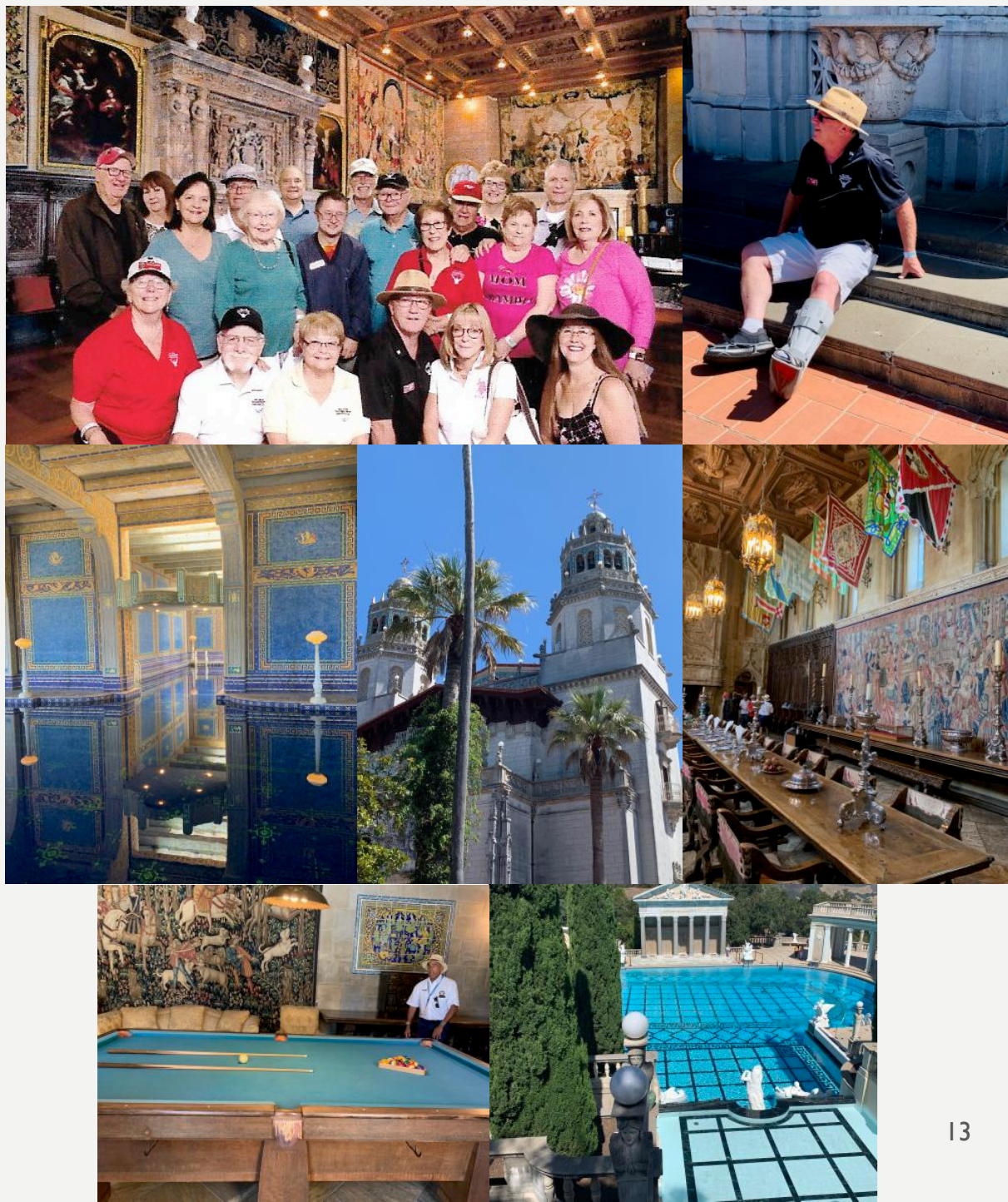
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Hearst Castle Weekend Con't

Hearst Castle was spectacular, as usual. We had a wonderful Guide and there was not a drop of fog on the coastline.

Welcome to our Castle!



Hearst Castle Weekend Con't

Sunday we had breakfast with 16 members of the Central Coast Classy Birds (CCCB) Club, thanks to President Larry Burke. This was an outstanding interchange. We displayed our cars after breakfast to admire them. We will definitely want to get together with the CCCB again, and have been invited to an upcoming event in November. Thanks CCCB!



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Ironstone Concours d'Elegance



Photos courtesy of Ron Kimball Studios

Best of Show 2018

VEHICLE REGISTRATION THE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE WEEKEND

Friday, September 27, 2019
Ironstone Vintage Back Roads Tour
Cars & Stars Dinner

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Saturday, September 28, 2019
Concours d'Elegance
Patron's Tent and Luncheon

Our 23rd Year



IRONSTONE
CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2019



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Ironstone Concours d'Elegance

IRONSTONE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE	
2019 VEHICLE ENTRY FORM	
Entry Deadline is August 30, 2019	
Name _____	Spouse/Guest _____
Your Name _____ <small>(How you'd like your name to appear in program.)</small>	
Address _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____	Cell _____ Fax _____ Email _____
VEHICLE INFORMATION	
Year _____	Make _____ Model _____
Cyl _____	Body Style _____ Color/Trim _____
Coachbuilder (if custom) _____	Class Requested _____
Comments/History: _____	
Is this vehicle to be judged? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Are you bringing a trailer? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> My photo is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> I will email a digital photo image to: cmbock@sbcglobal.net	
ORDER FORM	
Vehicle Entry (includes 2 admission & 2 buffet lunch)	<u>1</u> 1 vehicle @ \$75 = \$ _____
Friday, Ironstone Vintage Back Roads Tour (2 guests)	_____ vehicle(s) @ \$75 = \$ _____
Friday, Cars & Stars Dinner	_____ guests @ \$75 = \$ _____
Saturday, Patron's Pavilion on the Field <i>(includes lunch on the field)</i>	_____ guests @ \$125 = \$ _____
Additional Admission Tickets	_____ tickets @ \$25 = \$ _____
Additional Buffet Tickets	_____ tickets @ \$30 = \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would also like to support student programs! <small>Please, consider an additional donation to support students by sending them to summer camp and other educational programs: each of program is \$150.00. We would appreciate any donation amount that you would like to make.</small>	\$ _____
Total enclosed \$ _____	
By signing below I agree to stay until the Best of Show Award has been presented and I understand that traffic control will be in place following the conclusion of the event for guest and entrant safety.	
Release of Liability <small>Entrants and participants by execution of the entry form release and discharge the Ironstone Foundation and anyone else connected with the management of the car show from any and all known and unknown injuries, losses, judgements, and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by a participant to his/her property or person.</small>	
Signature of vehicle owner or representative _____	Date _____

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The poster features a vibrant illustration of classic cars floating on water. In the foreground, a blue classic car with a large chrome wheel is prominent. Behind it, a red classic car and a black classic car are visible. In the background, a pier with various structures and a large, stylized 'T-Birds' logo is set against a backdrop of mountains and a cloudy sky. The entire scene is framed by a red border.

T-Birds

SAVE THE DATE

CLASSIC 1955-'57 • VINTAGE 1958-'66 • RETRO 2002-'05

THUNDERBIRDS ON THE WHARF

22ND ANNUAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

9AM-3PM • SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL WHARF

PROCEEDS BENEFIT PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

ENTRY AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: MONTEREYBAYTBIRDS.COM ENTRY FEE: \$40 OR \$50 ON-SITE

Signup Form for Birds on The Wharf



**Monterey Bay Classic Thunderbird Club
Invites All**

**Classic ('55-'57) Vintage ('58-'66) & Retro ('02-'05)
Thunderbirds**

To The 22nd Annual

Thunderbirds on the Santa Cruz Wharf

Saturday, October 5, 2019

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Rain or Shine

**Goody Bags, Dash Plaques, Raffle, Scavenger Hunt & Awards,
Spectacular Ocean & Mountain Views
Restaurants, Shopping on the Wharf & Santa Cruz Boardwalk**

Please complete and return to:
MBCTC, PO Box 2721, Aptos, CA 95001-2721
by September 27, 2019

**Entry fee: \$40.00 in advance - \$50 on-site
Proceeds benefit Partnership for Children.**

Name: _____

Address: _____ **Email:** _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Club Affiliation _____ **Car Info: Year** _____ **Color** _____

*** SIGNED:** _____ **Date:** _____

* Participants accept and assume full responsibility for any injury or loss to themselves or family or property and agree to release from any and all liability the Monterey Bay Classic Thunderbird Club and/or the City of Santa Cruz, California.

Your cancelled check serves as registration confirmation.


Alameda Car Show on October 12, 2019



Alameda Car Show Oct. 12, 2019 Con't

CLASSICS • HOT RODS • ANTIQUES • MUSCLE CARS • ROADSTERS • VINTAGE TRUCKS • ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Downtown Alameda CLASSIC CAR SHOW



Saturday, October 12, 2019
Event Hosts: Jack and Sue Mathieson
510-522-3062 / swimmath@yahoo.com

Cost:
\$35/car if paid by Sept. 13; \$45 thereafter

Register online:
www.DowntownAlameda.com/events/classic-car-show
Be sure to mention BATOC as your Club affiliate and who you want to be parked with, so we will be assigned spots together.

Parking begins at 7:30 AM and closes at 9:15 AM.
The show ends at 4:00 PM

We will meet at 7:30 in Alameda (meeting point TBD)
Once details are arranged, an email will be sent to all those who register. Please notify Sue when you have registered so she can send you the updates and the meeting location.

A post Car Show event is planned at Jack and Sue's house (1815 Willow Street, Alameda). Details about the party will be available at the car show.

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Halloween Gala Luncheon Nov 2, 2019 in San Luis Obispo



Central Coast Classy Birds hosting Halloween Gala Nov. 2, 2019

Location; San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge

Time: 11:30 am

Lunch consists of: B.B. Q. Tri-Tip & Chicken or Vegetarian including Salad, beverage, dessert,

Tax/Tip \$27 per person.

Other T-Bird clubs invited and have indicated interest in attending include: Monterey, Gold Coast (Ventura area), Bakersfield & Modesto. They also indicated they may make it overnight event.

Possible activities: Show & Shine t-Bird display with reserved parking at Lodge (depending on weather), Costumes with each walking the walk for all to see (dressing rooms available), Each club have opportunity to review their clubs activities etc.. Chance to mingle with members from other clubs. Open to other suggestions.

Possibly invite 6-10 residents of Casa De Flores Senior living Center.

Note: CCCB hosted Valentine Luncheon this past Feb. inviting same clubs and we had 24 Visiting club members and 26 CCCB members for total of 50 participate at SLO Elks, So tentative plan is to repeat gig for 2020.

The COBRA Experience Tour

777 Arnold Dr., Martinez, CA

Sunday, November 17, 9 AM to 12 PM

Event Host: Nick and Judy Verhoek

510-207-5034 / njbvr@aol.com



Itinerary for the Day:

1. Cars and Coffee Event –
Display your beautiful T-Bird
(weather permitting)
2. Private, docent led tour of the Cobra
Experience facility
3. Lunch (location TBD)
4. Further details to follow.....

This 25,000 SF museum is located in Martinez, CA, and showcases:

- Original Cobra's
- Shelby Mustangs
- Daytona Coupe
- GT40
- King Cobra
- Sunbeam Tigers
- Lotus

Currently, there are 24 cars on display, but this number fluctuates month to month.

Additional displays include engines, wheels, posters, photos and a shop scene from Shelby American in the 60's.

40-seat surround sound theater featuring a HD film about the cars and the Ford and Shelby American story.

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-1st 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 21 – ~~Danville Car Show #1~~

Summer (continued)

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

Aug 18 – ~~Danville Car Show #2~~

Aug 23 - 25 – ~~Hearst Castle (Riley)~~

Autumn – Meetings Sept 14 / Oct 12 / Nov 9

Sept 28 – ~~Ironstone, Murphys, CA~~

Oct 5 – ~~Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz~~

Oct 12 – ~~Alameda Car Show (Mathieson)~~

Oct XX – ~~Tbird Calendar Meeting (Adams)~~

Nov 2 – ~~Lunch with Central Coast Classy Birds. SLO~~

Nov 17 – ~~Cobra Experience (Verhoek)~~

Winter – Meeting Dec 14

Dec 8 – ~~BATOC Holiday Party (Booth)~~

TBD – ~~Tesla Factory Visit (Lloyd)~~

Apr 2020 – ~~Kool Redding Nights~~



Updated 8/29/19

Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com