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BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB

(BATOC)

CTCI Chapter 4

Upcoming Events



Event	Date
Birds on the Wharf	October 4-5, 2019
Alameda Classic Car Show	October 12, 2019
Monthly Meeting October	October 12, 2019
Migration Car Show	October 19, 2019
Halloween Lunch, San Luis Obispo	November 2, 2019
Monthly Meeting November	November 9, 2019
Ford vs Ferrari Film	November 16, 2019
Cobra Experience	November 17, 2019
Christmas Party	December 8, 2019

SPARE CHANGE FOR CHARITY

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

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

September 14, 2019

Our president, Dave Adams, opened the meeting saying, we have more guests here today, than we have members, I think. To all of you new guests and members welcome!

Guy Cummins then introduced the new members. First, Jerry Silva from San Leandro, who has a silver 2004 Retro. He is a car guy with lots of other classics. Our next new member was Brad Hock. He just purchased a black 57 T-Bird from L.A. He is a long time Danville resident, and has been in the area since 1972. He works at Monte Vista High School and is a Lacrosse coach. He is also a former member of the Porsche Club, that just left the parking area before we all arrived. Our next new member, Kevin Wilson, lives in Walnut Creek, and he inherited a 1957 T-Bird, Aztec gold, from his dad. It was restored by some friends of his dad, because his dad had health problems and couldn't do it. Kevin's dad was a Model A guy. The T-Bird sat for a couple months, and is now in the garage, and it doesn't start. However, the friends of his dad did a terrific job, even though it wasn't an off the frame restoration, it looks beautiful. Guy mentioned that we love getting new members into the club; they bring fresh life into the club and we need that. Last, but not least, Lloyd Powell was introduced from the Pajarito Thunderbird Club in New Mexico. Some of us who did Route 66 together last year know Lloyd. His club showed us all a great time and showed us all the bars with 8 flavors of Margaritas! Lloyd does the newsletter and the photography for his club. He was out here because his wife had a seminar in San Francisco (which got cancelled), but because his wife had bought him a ticket, he decided to come out anyway and joined us at our meeting. Thank you, Lloyd, for coming! We will never forget what a great host your club was while we were in Albuquerque and Santa Fe!



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Dave mentioned that Bud Riley was in the hospital with diverticulosis and a card was being pasted around to sign to wish him a speedy recovery.

Dave asked for a big round of applause for Bud and Jean for putting on the fabulous Hearst Castle Tour and our Apple Farm stay in San Luis Obispo. Bud and Jean had contacted the Central Coast Thunderbird Club and arranged a breakfast and get together. They are a great group and we plan on joining with them again on future events. Dave roasted Jean a bit for driving like a bat out of hell as our leader, after telling us she drives slowly!

Our discussion about our 2020 calendar was led by Guy and Dave. We have only two submissions from other clubs. We will be promoting our calendar and asking for submissions at Iron Stone and Birds on the Wharf.

CTCI elections are now and Ed Benson talked about what is happening in CTCI. Email ballots go out October 1st and you have 15 days to respond. The mailed ballots go out 4 or 5 days before the vote. We are region 3, and there are 2 candidates in region 3 - Michael McLucas from Petaluma and Kathy Stubbs from Washington. Ed is recommending voting for Michael McLucas for region 3 director. He's a guy you can work with and bring us up to the present century.

Also, vote for John Kledis for at large.

Dave would like to see a BATOC car on the cover of the Early Bird, the CTCI magazine one day soon.

Sue Mathieson talked about Ironstone September 27-29. She has a timeshare condo in Angel's Camp, 9 miles away from Murphy's. She has a free place to stay for anyone who wants to go. Call her if you are interested.

Sue also talked about Spare Change for Charity. The club collects coins to be given to a charity which the club votes on. Please don't forget to bring spare change to all meetings and outings.

Sue and Jack are also chairing the October 12th Car Show in Alameda.

Four cars have already signed up, so far. If you want to participate, contact Sue, so she can get a headcount for lunch.



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Guy (for Mary) talked about Upcoming Events

Ironstone-September 27-29

Meet at Black Bear Diner in Tracy

10am breakfast

Birds on the Wharf in Santa Cruz

Caravan on Friday-October 4th,

Saturday-October 5th- Car Show

Alameda Car Show October 12, 2019

Migration Car Show – Alameda USS Hornet October 19, 2019

Central Coast BBQ-November 2nd

San Luis Obispo Elks Club

The Cobra Experience Tour

November 17th

Cars and Coffee Event -9am

Private docent led tour of Cobra Experience facility

Club Christmas Party-December 8

Benicia Yacht Club

BATOC.org has all the details on these events.

Lisa talked about our club jackets having Chris model his for us.

Comes in all sizes, our logo in the back, your car on the left chest with the correct color, and your name above your car. Chris testified it's slimming and the best decision he ever made!

Last official item on Dave's list:

Chris and Dave are looking for a deal to rent a space to store cars, someplace reasonable. If you are interested, let Dave or Chris know. They are looking to put in a lift so you can work on your car. Right now, they are looking at a space in San Ramon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am followed by the raffle.



Respectfully submitted by Marianne Grech



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Lloyd Powell from the Pajarito Club visits BATOC.



More club members in their cool BATOC shirts
Get yours now online at batoc.org



PRES SAYS

WELCOME TO FALL



Fall certainly didn't waste any time moving in. The temperatures have dropped precipitously (how do you like that word) and caught most of us off guard a bit. Ironstone was a bit chilly since none of us were really prepared.

However, a great time was had by all, even though it was a fairly small group. 5 T-Birds and one Camaro. Jack & Sue took home the usual "Honorable Mention" or "Thanks for Coming" award and the Best of Class went to a trailered Coral Sand '57 with a continental kit. **WHAT????**

Overall, it seemed like a small show this year with only a total of 9 birds – 5 of which were ours. Be sure to check out the **BATOC** website for a couple of fun videos and great pictures. And thanks go out to Jack and Sue for their usual **BBQ** dinner on Saturday night and for providing a condo for the Dixon's and I to stay in. **Very Generous and very fun. We owe you.**

Coming up this weekend, of course is **Birds on the Wharf** in Santa Cruz followed in October by the **Alameda Classic Car Show** and with the annual **Migration** event at the **USS Hornet**, also in Alameda. There are flyers for these shows in this month's newsletter and all the shows allow registration on the day of the show...so there is no excuse for not attending one or more. Even if you are not entering your car, come for the day and enjoy the shows.

PRES SAYS con't

On a business front, you should have received your electronic voting ballot for the new slate of CTCI Directors. You have probably also received numerous emails from the individual candidates, and I encourage you to take a few minutes and read those emails and carefully consider the issues at hand. In my 30 years in CTCI I have never seen so many serious issues being discussed. The Retro Bird issue aside, pay particular attention to the financial issues and the long-term financial position of the club. There have been many changes in CTCI in the last year and the future direction of the club is in our hands. Please vote.

On a final note, contrary to what you may have heard at our last meeting **THIS IS A REGULAR BATOC MEETING ON THE 12 AT THE BUTTERCUP**. Don't miss it.

And with all that said, I will move along and make room for everyone else's hard work in this newsletter and look forward to seeing everyone soon. If we don't see you, have a great month and let's get together soon.

Dave



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BATOC Classified

FOR SALE

2004 Black Retro Thunderbird
Hard Top and Soft Top with Accessories

150,000 miles

One Owner

\$5,000,00

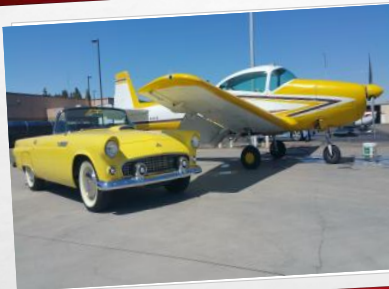
Contact Jim or Ellen Gonsalves

ellengonsel@gmail.com or

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Technical Tidbits

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

BATTERY CHARGERS TRICKLE VS FLOAT By Bob DePaola

I have been told by many to use one charger over another. The debate seems to be whether to use a battery tender or trickle charger when you put your car in storage. Since I have ruined a battery or two, I decided to check it out for myself. I Googled battery tender or trickle charger on-line and came across some interesting information on the subject. I went to the following website: <http://www.autos.com/car-maintenance/car-battery-trickle-charger-vs-float-charger>

You will get the answer too. If you do not have a computer, I have included the difference below.

A car battery trickle charger is a device that derives energy from a source and transmits it to a secondary rechargeable battery to energize it. A trickle charger is a simple charger that charges the battery slowly. Both the trickle charger and the float charger are 6 or 12 volt battery chargers that charge the battery at the same rate that it self-discharges.

The float charger has sensors that can sense that the battery is fully charged. This enables the charger to shut off the charge so that there is a minimum or no supply of energy to the battery. When the battery self-discharges sufficiently, the float charger starts supplying power. The differences between these two charger types may explain why they work well for some and are a disaster for others. If you are in the market for a longer storage charger, it sounds like you may want to insist that the product you buy is identified as a float charger. They may look the same, but there is a big difference on how they work.

Ironstone Concours

For over 20 years, the non-profit Ironstone Concours Foundation has presented the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance car show in Murphys, CA.. Proceeds of the event go to promote and support youth in agriculture as well as the funding of various college scholarships. In addition to being a great cause, it is a truly remarkable show, and several of our members were in attendance. The Mathieson's took home an Honorable Mention for their beautiful '56 Red Bird. The Mathieson's also hosted a wonderful after show dinner as they usually do each year. A great time was had by all. Don't miss this next year.



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Nostalgia Day Car Show 30th Anniversary

The Nostalgia Day Car Show has been a Livermore tradition for three decades. For those not going to Ironstone, the last weekend in September, this is a great place to go Sunday of that weekend. Our own Jim and Maria Guthrie's, Bella, took home one of the ribbons, and paraded down 1st Street for the entire crowd to see. Congratulations!



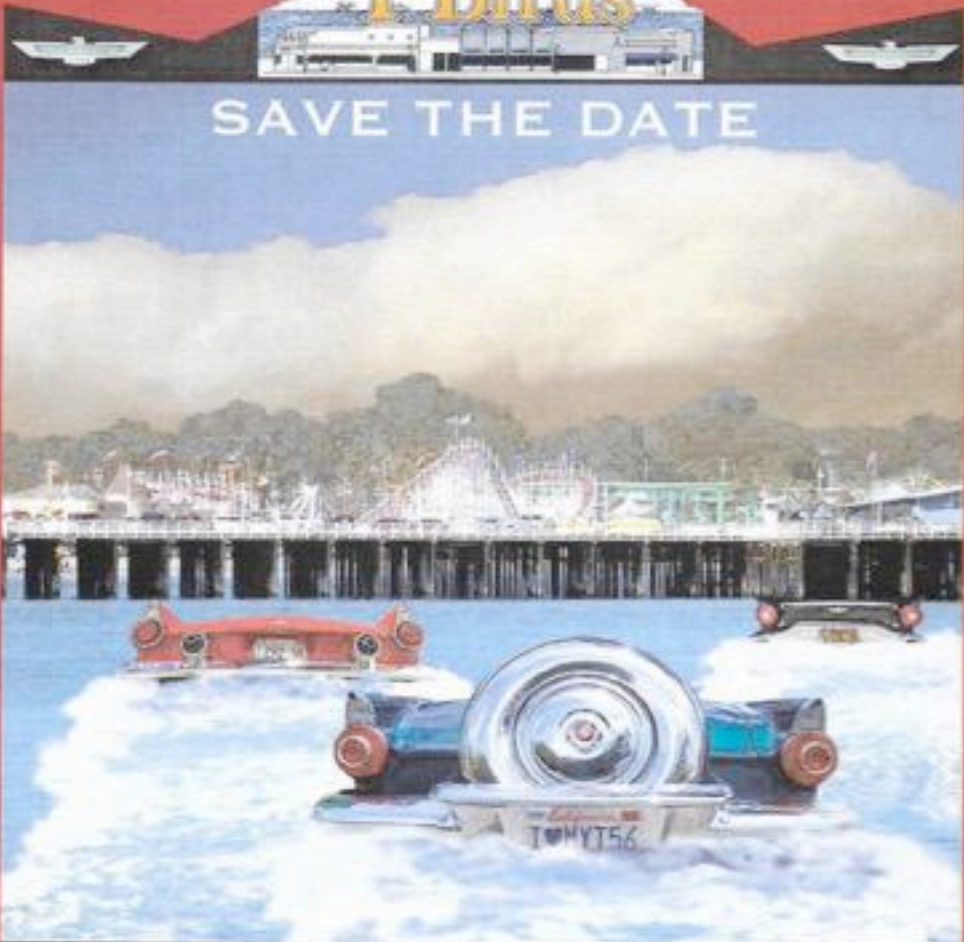
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T-Birds

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

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Alameda Car Show Oct. 12, 2019

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

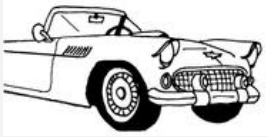
Cost:
\$35/car if paid by Sept. 13; \$45 thereafter

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.



MIGRATION 2019



ALL T-BIRDS 1955 - 2005 WELCOME

***Peoples Choice Trophies for '55 thru '57, '58 thru'66,
Post '66 and Retro 'Birds***



Saturday, October 19, 2019

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Dock of USS Hornet, Alameda, CA

Hosted by the Northern California Vintage Thunderbird Club

This is our annual event, rescheduled this year due to conflicting events. Come relax and enjoy a day at the waters edge surrounded by cars and the people who love them. Meet new friends, eat good food, kick a few tires, and maybe win a trophy or a great raffle prize! Mark your calendar or to do list and plan on spending a day enjoying our cars and a great part of our national history.

\$30.00 ENTRY INCLUDES – Pier parking, entry fee to the Hornet for one person, commemorative dash plaques for the first 50 participants, photo ops, and peoples choice car show with awards. Raffle tickets will be available throughout the day for donated items from our sponsors (we also encourage entrants to donate raffle items). Late entry on day of the show is **\$35.00**

Because of our location, we are not allowed to barbeque that day but Lunch is available from a café on the Hornet and includes hamburgers, hotdogs and other items.

This location is special. Wonderful views, pleasant breezes, and a special piece of our history. We're working on some private tours and extras to make the day even more fun. Please come join us for this special day.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM ON OPPOSITE SIDE AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED BEFORE OCTOBER 14. *Attendees will be notified of receipt of their entry and receive driving directions via mail or e-mail*

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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.

Ford vs Ferrari Movie in Livermore November 16, 2019

The new FORD v FERRARI movie is in theaters November 15th. We are planning a Flash event for the next day, November 16, to include the FORD v FERRARI movie at the Livermore Theater, followed by a light dinner or snack somewhere close-by, to discuss how arrogant those Ferrari people are and how cool the Ford people are. (Well, at least Shelby). This is the story of Carroll Shelby's fight to build the Ford Mk IV and run it against Ferrari at Le Mans in 1967. Times and details to follow.



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.



SAVE THE DATE

BATOC Holiday Party

Sunday, December 8, 2019

**Benicia Yacht Club
400 E 2nd St, Benicia, CA**

Host: Janet Booth

Happy Holidays

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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 19 – NCVT Migration 2019

Oct XX – Tbird Calendar Meeting (Adams)

Nov 2 – Lunch with Central Coast Classy Birds. SLO

Nov 16 – Ford vs. Ferrari, the movie (Cummins)

Nov 17 – Cobra Experience (Verhoek)

Winter – Meeting Dec 14

Dec 8 – BATOC Holiday Party (Booth)

Apr 2020 – Kool Redding Nights



Updated 8/29/19

Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com