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BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC)

CTCI Chapter 4



Upcoming Events

Event	Date
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

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2019

We are trying out a new format this month, thanks to note taking by Mark Goldenberg. I think it came out great. Thanks, Mark.

- Smaller then usual member turn out this month.
- Past Activities
 - Birds on the Wharf
 - Raffle prizes were won by all; except for Jim and Maria. But they didn't go home empty handed.
 - Owner awards were won for
 - '55 - Nick Verhoek
 - '57 - Jim and Maria Guthrie
 - Retro - Michele and Chris Fidler
 - Ironstone was small this year
 - 5 out of the 9 Thunderbirds belonged to BATOC members
 - A trailered '57 with a continental kit was the big T-bird winner
 - The weather was a little chilly but fun was had by all.
 - Honorable mention (Thanks for Coming) went to Jack & Susan Mathieson
 - All Yellow cars were covered with bugs; including Nick's yellow T-bird model was covered with bugs.
 - Guy and Mary Cummins got to ride in the parade; pics in last months news letter.
- No new members this month
- Activity Chair is being transition from Mary C. to Lisa & Lisa
- Guy mentioned a ceramic coating vendor
 - And made o point of tell everyone NOT Google "invisible bra"
- CTCL Elections - Voting is due by 10/15
- Guy suggested that we should consider using the same tool that is used by CTCL for Director voting as a BATOC Member's Survey Tool
- BATOC Elections; most positions are open and available
 - A suggest was made that it would be helpful if we had a list of all of the BATOC Positions and Job descriptions.

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- No power was lost by anyone as part of the PG&E power outages this past week.
- Guy made a point to say that he is having issues with his generator.
- Upcoming Event Scheduled - Mary C.
 - Alameda Car Show this weekend - 3 BATOC cars participated
 - 10/19 - Migration '19 @ the USS Hornet - this has been moved to the Alameda Naval Air Museum due to a scheduling conflict by the Hornet.
 - Caravan from Buttercup @ 8:00
 - 10/12 - BATOC Calendar Meeting
 - 11/2 - Central Coast Thunderbird Club Luncheon
 - Little interest to travel that far just for a lunch.
 - Will look to do something else with the club next year.
 - 11/16 - Ford vs Ferrari Film
 - Afternoon matinee, details to follow
 - Livermore
 - Lunch @ Mel's Dinner
 - Cocktails to follow the showing
 - 11/17 - Cobra Experience / Cars and Coffee
 - Cars and Coffee @ 6:30
 - Tour at 9:00
 - 12/8 Holiday Party @ Benicia Yacht Club @ 5:00
 - Toys for Tots
 - Gift Exchange \$25
 - Dinner \$50/person
 - Looking for next year event ideas
 - Don has a black '55 display model available for those who may be interested
 - Nell, a former club member is now in an assisted living facility and it would be nice if those who knew her could send cards. Dave A will provide the address.
- Concluded with the raffle
- Adjourned the meeting @ 11:30
- Respectfully Submitted by Mark Goldenberg
- mgoldenb@gmail.com

PRES SAYS

HOT, HOT, HOT or ,,,, OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO ALL



It is unbelievable what is going on in our state and the state of our weather, fires and power. I am certain that every one of us has been either directly affected, or someone very close has been directly affected by the devastating fires and PSPS's. To everyone – North, South and everywhere in between – please be safe, warm and well lit (electrically and otherwise). Our prayers are with you and we are here for you if needed.

On the T-Bird front it has been a busy, busy month for BATOC and friends. Car shows galore, from one end of the Bay Area to the other – Ironstone, Birds on the Wharf and Migration to name just a few. We had beautiful drives and great times with wonderful people.

Also, our 2020 BATOC calendar is progressing nicely after the committee met at the Guthrie's house to pour over hundreds of pictures from this years' travels. Unfortunately, we did not receive the picture submissions we were hoping for from other clubs, so it is one more year of BATOC cars. But get your orders in early and order extras for all your friends and relatives. We hope to have the calendars back from the printers by Thanksgiving for early shipping. Order on-line at

www.batoc.org.

PRES SAYS con't

Other items of interest include our movie night in Livermore on November 16th to see the new Ford vs Ferrari movie starring Brad Pitt – RSVP to Guy Cummins – Flyer inside. This is followed the next day on the 17th by our tour of the Cobra Museum in Martinez. RSVP to Nick Verhoek – Flyer inside. Then, of course, our Christmas Dinner at the Benicia Yacht Club on December 7. RSVP to Janet Booth or Mary Cummins – flyer inside.

I would also like to take this opportunity to solicit nominations / volunteers for our club Historian position that is currently very aptly handed by Jean Riley. We all know how hard Jean works in her various club functions and she is asking to lighten her load a bit. The historian position is fairly light duty and involves the obvious collection and organization of our very rich history and collection of club paraphernalia. It is actually VERY interesting to read and learn about our past shenanigans. Let me know if you would like to get involved and have some fun.

I look forward to seeing everyone at this month's meeting on the 9th and having some great fun.

Happy T-Birding
Dave



BATOC Classifieds

FOR SALE

2003 Black Mercury Marauder

Clean, no nicks scratches or dents. Looks and drives like new! New tires and AGM battery. Returns 20+ mpg.

<20,000 miles

Asking \$12,900,00 for club members, if sold before it is marketed nationally in late November.

Unique 4.6L, 300+ hp, 4 cam, 32 valve engine

Dark Charcoal leather, adjustable seats, floor shift (automatic overdrive) and center console.

Has original window sticker and leather jacket (L), never worn, given to original Marauder owners!

Contact Pete Lefevre

peteralefevre@aol.com or

925-846-6799

STILL 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

(c) 510-393-7994 (leave mgs)

(h) 510-537-4332 (no voicemail)

BIRDS ON THE WHARF

The weather was spectacular and the group was very lively for the annual Birds on the Wharf event at Santa Cruz, sponsored by the Monterey Bay Birds Club. We literally cleaned up this year – Nick and Judy Verhoek got the 1955 Best In Class, Jim and Maria Guthrie received the 1957 Best In Class, and new members Michele and Chris Fidler won the Retro Bird Best in Class. In addition to all these car awards, we took the raffle by storm – winning some 11 prizes. It was a great day for everyone.

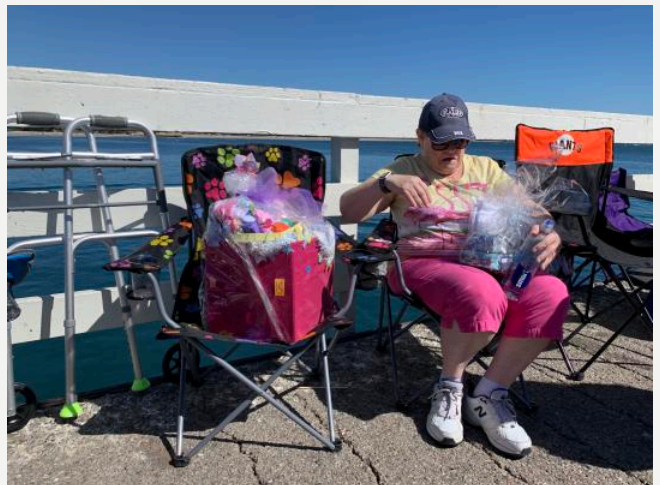


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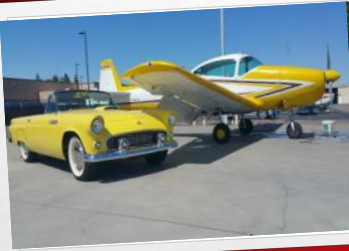
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Interesting tidbit from Birds on the Wharf. The Beach Boys song, Fun, Fun, Fun was written about a girl who was supposed to be going to the library and borrowed her Dad's T-bird, but went to the movies instead. Well, at the car show we met Cathy Zimmel, who in fact, went to high school with the Beach Boys and whose family owned a T-bird. Hmmm! Here is Cathy and our own Jim Guthrie visiting at the show.








2020 FORD THUNDERBIRD CALENDAR

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Alameda Classic Car Show

The annual Alameda Classic Car Show was attended by three BATOC members. The show was a grand success, and sold out quickly, preventing last minute attendees from going. However, the classic Thunderbirds were well represented by the Grech's '57, Mathieson's '56 and Verhoek's '55. Good showing!



Migration Car Show

This car show is for all year Thunderbirds, hosted by the Northern California Vintage Thunderbird Club. It took place at the Naval Air Museum in Oakland this year. BATOC had a nice showing of 55-57 and 02-04 Thunderbirds, and the Guthrie's won The People's Choice Award. The location gave us some very neat shots of our birds with the City seen far off in the background. Thanks for all who attended.



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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club

Lunch and a Movie - FORD v FERRARI

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH (JUST IN TIME TO PUMP YOU UP FOR THE COBRA EXPERIENCE)



THIS IS THE STORY OF CAROL SHELBY'S FIGHT TO BUILD THE FORD MK IV AND RUN IT AGAINST FERRARI AT LE MANS IN 1966.

WE ARE PLANNING A FLASH EVENT (TIMES TO FOLLOW) TO INCLUDE:

12 NOON: A TASTY LUNCH AND PARKING AT THE REBEL KITCHEN ACROSS FROM THE THEATER

2:30 PM: FOLLOWED BY THE FORD V FERRARI MOVIE MATINEE AT THE LIVERMORE THEATER,

5:00 PM: FOLLOWED, FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO CHAT, BACK TO REBEL ACROSS THE STREET TO DISCUSS HOW ARROGANT THOSE FERRARI PEOPLE ARE AND HOW COOL THE FORD PEOPLE ARE. (WELL, AT LEAST SHELBY).



BE THERE, OR DRIVE A FIAT!

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 10/30/19

Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com