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

### Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Christmas Party	December 8, 2019
Monthly Meeting December	December 14, 2019
President's Mystery Tour (regular meeting cancelled)	January 11, 2020

### 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](http://batoc.org)**





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## Message from our Philanthropy Director, Suzanne Mathieson

Hi all Batocers,

You all have been so generous with your donations to "A Friendly Place", the name of the Women's shelter In Oakland. I have just dropped off all the small size cosmetics that you have all given me. They are so appreciated. Remember to continue to save and bring to the BATOC meetings any unopened items that you get while staying at hotels, or cruise ships.

I also am including a list of other things that are on their wish list. Save any of these items, bring them to BATOC meetings and I will see that they get to "A Friendly Place."

Wish List: Coffee Cups, Silverware, New socks and Underwear, Pillowcases, Twin Blankets, Pillows, Microwave, Pre-K books, Construction Paper, Pencil Pouches, Markers, Color Pencils, Crayons, scissors, Glue, women's Underwear, Bras (New), Sanitary Products, Adult Diapers, Women's Deodorant, Razors, Washcloths, Hand Towels

Continue to bring Coins for Charity to each meeting as well. We have donated this all to non-profit charities selected in November.

See you next meeting,  
Suzanne Mathieson

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**





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## **Meeting Minutes**

**November 9, 2019**

Our president, Dave Adams, was not here with us today, because today is his birthday, and he is at the Ritz Carlton in Santa Barbara. The happiest of birthdays Dave!

Our vice president, Guy Cummings, presided over the meeting, and welcomed all of us with, Happy November! Monday is Veterans Day and we should include the fire fighters, because that's a war that has been ongoing for a while. We have quite a few veterans in our club, and Guy, and all present acknowledged their service.

On our 2020 calendars this year, Guy had a couple of drafts of what it is going to look like, which he passed around the room. The people who submitted pictures to the calendar get a calendar for half price. If your picture was selected, you get a free calendar. The picture that is selected as the best picture gets a \$50 prize. The board will select the best picture at their January board meeting.

Today Guy was president, vice president, and activities chairperson, and he didn't even bring a hat.

Guy talked about the migration event saying it was a swap meet, and a museum, and a vodka store, and a winery. Guy took some great pictures of our cars on the coast with the San Francisco skyline in the background. Those will be great for next year's calendar.

Sue Mathieson talked about the Alameda car show. There were three of our T-Birds there. We had a 1955, 1956 and a 1957 from our car club, and a few other birds from different clubs.

Mark Goldenberg brought the Hagerty magazine in with him to the meeting. It had a great article about Ford versus Ferrari, which he shared with everyone.

Guy talked about our movie event on Saturday, November 16, Ford versus Ferrari. Lunch will be at 12 o'clock and the movie starts at 2:30 PM, and then drinks and discussion afterwards. Lunch will be right across from the theater. So far 25 people are going.

Janet is organizing the Christmas party this year at the Benicia Yacht Club, December 8. An email will be sent out soon.





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## **Meeting Minutes con't**

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Nominations for officers were next. Mark Goldenberg was nominated and unanimously voted into office as secretary. Marianne Grech and Susan Goldenberg were nominated and voted for the club historians. We have only one Lisa as activity director, since one Lisa had to resign her position due to health problems, so the remaining Lisa Derby nominated Chris Patterson, who was unanimously voted in to be her co-chairperson.

Pete has a 2003 Mercury Marauder, 3 speed overdrive, 4 cam, 32 valve engine, with bucket seats in front for sale for \$12,500. It's a body on frame, under 20,000 miles, brand new tires, brand new battery, the whole car is stock. Call him if you're interested in buying his car.

Sue Mathieson spoke about our clubs' Coins for Charity. We have collected \$155 this year. Our club voted on giving money to four charities this year, Saint Jude's Hospital, American Cancer Society in honor of Dave Miller, The Automotive Service Council for a scholarship for an automotive student, and a local woman's shelter. It was voted that we would give each charity \$200.00, and our club would subsidize the money.

Guy had a Ford dealership story to tell us. It went like this, Guy and Dave went shopping together, and Guy came home with a 2002 Thunderbird. A great story, and if you were not at the meeting, you can ask him to tell you firsthand all about the problems he encountered. It would lose too much if I tried to retell it!

Don shared his problems about going to the Fall Color Car show with a friend. His generator light came on and he was able to find a part that looks like a T-Bird generator but it's an alternator. It works really nice. Summit racing has it for \$336. Don also found a hoist top for only \$99 on Amazon.

Lastly, we all voted to give Carlos, our Buttercup Restaurant waiter, a bonus for Christmas. Guy adjourned our meeting and we proceeded with our raffle.

Respectfully Submitted by Marianne Grech, Secretary



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## **OH WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!**

Yes, I know. I say that – or some variation of it every year. And every year it is pretty much the same – It has been one hell of a year. Despite my own year of a broken ankle and leg and selling my house and officially moving, the club has had a fabulous year of new, active members, new ideas and a whole lot of great people stepping up to the plate doing a whole lot of great things. This club has just come alive and every single one of you makes this an amazing club to be a part of. I am truly grateful for all of you.



**PRES SAYS**

With that said, a big thank you to Guy for covering me last month and for doing a superb job of rallying the troops. Also, a big round of applause to Mark Goldenberg for stepping up to handle the Secretary duties for the next year. Thanks also go out to Marianne Grech and Susan Goldberg for taking the Historian position. That's the spirit that drives this club. I am also pleased to hear that you all put your heads together and voted on this year's charities. I understand this included St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the Automotive Service Council of California (ASCCA) - training our future mechanics, A Friendly Place in Oakland and Children's Hospital of Oakland at the request of our dear friend David Miller. These are great choices and very worthy causes.

Also, on that topic, we received a very nice letter from Sandi Brown of the Monterey Thunderbird club expressing their very warm appreciation for our assistance with this year's Birds on the Wharf and for our generous donation to their charity, Partnership for Children in Santa Cruz.

Of course, December brings the annual Christmas Party at the Benicia Yacht Club on December 8<sup>th</sup> courtesy of Janet Booth followed by our regular meeting on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. You will also want to block out January 11<sup>th</sup> for this year's President's Mystery Tour, which, this year, will truly be a "Mystery Tour" ....and THAT is your first clue. You won't want to miss it and it is something you've probably all said you'd like to try but never quite got the guts to do. Watch for the flyer and make your way "through the door".

I look forward to seeing you all before the holidays and to closing out 2019 on this very positive note. Thanks for being a part my year.

Happy T-Birding

Dave





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### Robert Dixon Does SEMA in Las Vegas (a bucket list thing)

I'm sure everybody knows what SEMA is, but in case your whole life doesn't revolve around the car hobby...the SEMA show is a manufacturers trade show for everything automotive aftermarket that you could imagine. It's held at the Las Vegas Convention Center for one week in November. Now because it's an industry trade show its not open to the "public" so there is a bit of a vetting process to register. The show is, one word...GIGANTUOUS!!! ( not a word I'm sure). The convention center was busting at the seams with every conceivable type of car and truck and motorcycle (might even have been a boat or two). One whole building was filled with tire manufacturers. Most of them I had never heard of because they were from Asia and aren't even allowed to sell in the US because of trade regulations and tariffs. Why they come to the show, I'm not sure.

I had never been to SEMA before, so it was all new for me, and I wasn't exactly sure what to expect. My son in law and I took the flight down on Tuesday morning, checked into our dive, threw our bags in the room and headed over to the show. We got there about 3 in the afternoon( they close the buildings at 5). We probably looked like two kids on Christmas morning when we walked up the driveway. It was full on automotive festivals on the grandest of scale with two drifting arenas outside running pretty much all day, free Monster drinks to keep everyone going until they collapsed, and more Lamborghinis and dual turbo'd cars and monster trucks, that you need an elevator to get in, than I've ever seen in my life. The show runs through Friday so we had three plus days and nights to see and do as much as our bodies would let us, and then some. Of course, after all the car stuff died down in the evening there was always some shenanigans to get into down on the Las Vegas strip. There's a whole circus going on down there every night of the week. I think we averaged about 10 miles walking a day and still I know we did not see it all. The show was filled to the brim with tv cars and show personalities, of which my son in law knew everyone, it seemed, and I was basically clueless about (a constant frustration for him).



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SEMA in Las Vegas

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I don't know how many times he said, hey don't you know who that was you just bumped into? My response was usually, huh?, some guy with a beard? They close out the show on Friday night with something they call SEMA Ignited that the public can attend because it's basically many of the cars and trucks parading around the parking lots until the police shut it down around 9pm. I missed most of that because I headed for the airport around 6 to rent a car. By the time I got back it was all done, and they were breaking down and packing up. Saturday, we got up early and headed for Las Vegas Motor Speedway for the Optima Ultimate Street Challenge. The OUSC is a race that travels around all year to 10 different racetracks and runs three events during the weekend: an autoX, a road race and the street stop challenge (basically getting your car up to 60mph and seeing who can stop in the shortest distance). The winners are invited to come to Vegas for the finals and crown the winners for the year. The organizers roam through the SEMA show and hand out 10 or 15 golden tickets( invites) to interesting cars they see as well. We had to catch our flight home later in the day, so we weren't prepared to stay all day but a guy I know is involved with the races and we volunteered to help-out for the morning session of the auto cross. It was much more fun and exciting standing on the track with cars racing by you than just watching from the sidelines. Daniel's corner had much more excitement than the one I was working, but the cars were gaining much more speed where I was, so it was kind of a trade off. Another organization had two days of drag racing going on at the dragstrip across the road. We saw all the cars in the paddock area on our way in and were torn on which way to go. It was huge. So many cars! It's on the list for next year as well.

After we left the track, we found our way to the Shelby America shop and museum and Count's Kustoms (one of the tv show guys I related to earlier) to look around a bit before we headed to the airport

It was a blast and if you ever get a chance to go, do it! I don't think you'll regret it.

Robert





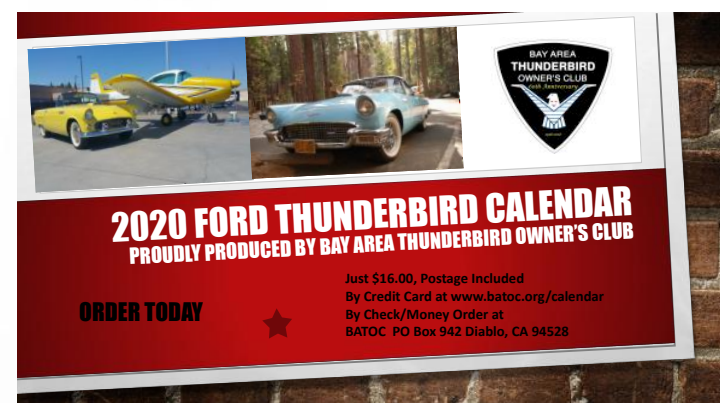
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Order your calendars now!

Look who showed up at our  
Nov meeting – Sandy from La  
Quinta! Great seeing you!





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THE YEAR IN REVIEW Jan – Mar  
Pres Mystery Tour, Super Bowl, Bowling, St. Patty's Day, Car  
Display at Oakland Air Museum







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THE YEAR IN REVIEW Apr – Jun

Whale Watching, Cinco de Mayo, BATOC 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Lunch and Murder Mystery







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THE YEAR IN REVIEW Jul – Sep

Progressive Dinner, San Luis Obispo Tour, Ironstone, Livermore Car Show







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THE YEAR IN REVIEW Oct – Dec

Birds on the Wharf, Alameda Car Show, Migration Car Show, Fords & Ferraris, Cobra Experience







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## Ford V Ferrari Movie Extravaganza

For all the Ford racing enthusiasts out there, the new movie, Ford V Ferrari is a must see. We had 32 BATOC members attend the movie together. We started at the Rebel for lunch, right across the street from the movie theater. Then, we were treated to an exciting movie about how Ford took the 24 hour Le Mans Championship away from the Ferraris in 1966. This was done by Carroll Shelby and his company, with all the backing of the Ford Motor Company. What an exciting movie. The racing scenes were spectacular. This is a must see if you missed it. Thanks Guy and Mary Cummins for organizing this event.







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## The Cobra Experience

After a day of Ford racing at the movies, the next day many club members went to the Cobra Experience in Martinez CA. This great museum is a tribute to Carroll Shelby's Cobra machines. There are a dozen or so beautiful Cobra vehicles on display. There are also many Mustang Shelby Cobras there. This is a magical place, and we enjoyed hearing the story of how Carroll Shelby got into designing race cars. After the tour, we had a delicious lunch nearby. Thanks to Nick and Judy Verhoek for planning this wonderful event.







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## BATOC Holiday Party

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

Host: Janet Booth

**Benicia Yacht Club @ 5pm**

**400 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Benicia, CA**

**Cost of Event: \$50/person**



### DINNER OPTIONS

Prime Rib ♦ Salmon ♦ Vegetarian Dish

Appetizers will be served upon arrival, and

Drinks will be available for purchase.

### TOYS for TOTS

Help make a child's holiday season happy by bringing an upwrapped toy to be donated to Toys for Tots.

### GIFT EXCHANGE

Join the fun and bring a wrapped gift valued at \$25 to participate in the Gift Exchange.

***RSVPs, Meal Selection and Event Payment due buy Nov 29<sup>th</sup>***

Send RSVPs and Meal Selections to Janet Booth @ 925-765-0863 (text or voicemail)

Send \$50/person to Maria Guthrie @ 637 Yorkshire Ct., Livermore, CA 94551

***Questions ?? Call Janet at: 925 765 0863***



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YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THIS YEAR'S

## PRESIDENT'S MYSTERY TOUR



This is NOT be an Egyptian museum tour. Or an expose of cartoon characters.  
And, it is certainly not an exploration of flying "boats".

This year's Mystery tour is a TRUE mystery that requires your participation.  
In more ways than one.

It's a real-life adventure to uncover clues and solve the puzzles that will get you to your goal.  
Your Lunch and Cocktails.

A gripping mystery that only you can solve that will have you guessing all the way.  
This will be exciting, fun, inter-active, exhilarating and a complete mystery,  
Which is, of course, the point.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
THE MYSTERY TOUR EVENT - \$35.00 PER PERSON  
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH, COCKTAILS, EXCITEMENT, FUN,  
MYSTERY AND INTRIGUE



KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH SOMETHING YOU'LL TALK ABOUT FOR MONTHS

RSVP BY DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

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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 CTCL.





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## 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 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 – Third 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](mailto:marymac1234@gmail.com)