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## BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC)

### CTCI Chapter 4

#### Upcoming Events

Event	Date
April Events and Meeting	Cancelled
Monthly Meeting	May 9, 2020
May CTCI Convention Florida	Cancelled or Postponed
Thunderbird Appreciation Day	May 17, 2020
Wine Tasting at the Benson's	May 30, 2020

Note: This Schedule is tentative,  
pending the epidemic status.

#### SPARE CHANGE FOR CHARITY

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

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

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

**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

**A new limited selection menu will be  
used starting in May, to keep us on  
budget!**



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## PRES MESS

### WELL, WHAT IS THERE TO SAY....????

.....Other than I hope everyone is safe, healthy and Covid-Free. And as they say, "What a difference a day makes", Hgh? One day all is well and the next, we are all prisoners in our own homes. But here's to better times ahead and getting back together with friends and family. My only words of wisdom.....No one in this club should be going anywhere near a Costco.but, if you've got extra T.P. feel free to share....LOL.

Obviously, there really isn't much to say officially either. No activities, no meetings, no conventions, no dinner parties and nothing from any of the other clubs. So, hopefully we are all finding lots of time to attack the myriad of back burner projects that you've put off for years. I know I have, and Susan is happy about that. It feels pretty good to get them off the plate - although I am a bit concerned about setting an unrealistic expectation for the future...LOL. So, in that regard you may want to consider other hobbies such as board games, on-line game nights with friends, movie nights and puzzles...which brings to mind an interesting thought. We are all looking for ways to protect our investments and, of course, if you've got spare cash around this is the time to really make money...some stocks are collapsing but others are flying high...but it seems that it might be in unexpected places. I understand that puzzle companies are cleaning up. On-line meeting companies like Zoom are soaring. TV Streaming companies are getting rich and will change the movie industry forever. Not to mention toilet paper companies...LOL. So, get out there and buy some stocks...in the unexpected places.

On the car front. Make use of this time to attack that big project on your baby. Since you won't be using it anytime soon, get out there and get 'er done and support our parts dealers. If you don't want to do it yourself, I recently came across a great resource in Orinda in the form of Orinda Classic Car Center, which is part of Orinda Motors that has been in Orinda for many years. They have created a complete separate division dedicated solely to classic cars. It is a fairly large facility and they had many cars in the shop being repaired and restored. Check them out. <https://www.orindaclassiccarcenter.com>

So, in conclusion. Please stay safe, stay away from crowded spots like Costco and go to a smaller local store. Pay a little more and stay safe. And please, if there is anything you need help with, don't be afraid to ask. Your friends, neighbors, club members and family are all there to help. We love you all and look forward to seeing you and hanging out together again soon.

That's all the news that's fit to print.

Dave & Susan



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## We Are Hunkering Down by Guy Cummins

Let's get through this thing. For Now, life is not a Cabernet, it's a Quarantini (that drink you sit at home and drink) Hey, we've had some great times together. Let's do some not so great times together and we'll do more great ones later.

Take care of yourselves, and each other. Remember you mother's common sense rules (she probably went through the Spanish Flu, we didn't), and a few she may have missed.

Stay at home - Wash your hands - Try not to, but you will touch your face, a little sanitizer on there might help too - If you have to go out, wear a mask - If you don't have a mask, [make one](#) -

Wear gloves, those nitriles in the garage will work fine by the way - When you get home, don't bring it into the house. Spray the mask with [bleach or alcohol](#), put your clothes in the washer -

If you have to go out, and can pick up stuff for a neighbor, do it, but leave it on their porch (maybe better to worry about settling up later) - remember the six-foot rule always, maybe make it 10 - If you need help, ask. - (your nearby fellow club members are here to help too). - If you have questions, ask [Wikipedia](#), not Facebook – stock up on food, not toilet paper

The government guidelines are well intentioned but might not be enough for you. Use your good judgment but error on the side of caution. (your Mom probably told you that too)

Angela Merkel of Germany gave a well thought out and articulated talk about the virus. I found it well worth reading (attached) or [watching](#). You might too.

There are lots of ideas on [how to have distance get togethers](#). There are ideas on how to [make use of this time at home](#). Try them out.

Any way you can, show gratitude to your health care providers, our first responders and the staff in the stores trying to keep the shelves stocked. But remember they will all be overwhelmed, frightened and exhausted, soon if not already. Use them when you need them.

PS-Costco is open for seniors only 8-9AM Tuesday and Thursday

Stay Home and Healthy, Guy, Your Vice President at BATOC



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## Paul's Corner

### When The Going Gets Tough The Tough Get Going

By Paul Grech

Paul thought this article would be more appropriate rather than car talk this month.

I'm 77 years old, have been an auto mechanic for 60-plus years and ran my garage for 44 years in downtown San Francisco. During that time, seven things occurred that caused business to slow to a crawl, though none as severe as this one. My first thought when they occurred was, "Thank God I live in America during these downturns."

This latest one is very similar to when the Pearl Harbor attack happened. The country was in a total state of shock, but it didn't last too long. We were able to attack the Japanese fleet in May 1942 in the Battle of Midway, inflicting serious damage and sinking four of their aircraft carriers.

There was a recent article in the March 22 edition of the *San Francisco Chronicle* about how quickly we went into war mode. On March 2, 1942, Bechtel Corporation was approached by the war department to submit a proposal to build a shipyard on the West Coast. Within 24 hours they submitted a plan and signed a contract on March 12 to build and deliver 35 ships by the end of 1943. The first keel was laid on June 2, 1942, and first ship was launched in September 1942. That is the country you and I live in. I remember the times our economy got hammered with bad news, including the gas crunch in 1974 and the interest rates that skyrocketed in 1980. They went to 17 percent for a car or home loan. Then there was the big recession in 1987, followed by the San Francisco earthquake, the Gulf War in 1991, September 11, and the financial collapse in 2006-2008. We were able to recover from all of those by not hitting the panic button. When these things occur, we have two choices: panic or calm down, and assess the situation and make the correct decisions on what to do.

What I did was to use that time to clean and freshen up the building and think about the coming changes that I would have to deal with. What new equipment I would have to buy in order to stay up with the changes? During the gas crunch, I bought out my partner. It was February 1974. It was pouring rain, the roof leaked like a sieve so much so that I could've taken a shower in it.

The 1989 earthquake really stopped business for a while. But, again, I didn't hit the panic button. My customers would ask me, "How is business?" I could have said it was bad, and I can't pay my bills. This would have made them put a tighter grip on their money belts. I came up with a better response, "It's not too bad, but it could be better."

I had a lot of repeat customers at the time and it wasn't a negative response. It made them stop and think. They liked me and remembered how I had helped them out over the years, such as providing credit if they needed it. They would say, "While you got it, rebuild the engine and do the brakes, because I am going to give it to a relative."

The Gulf War slowed business for about six months. I bought a couple of cars from people that didn't want to fix them. I used the slow period to repair them and sold them later on. I did this because I realized that if I did nothing during this slow time, I would never recover the lost revenue.

It was good for employee morale, too, and I didn't have to lay them off or cut their pay. This got me through the 9/11 crisis. The same thing would get me through this crisis if I were still in business.

They will find a cure for this virus most assuredly. In the meantime, the government is doing things that will help small businesses. We'll get through this challenging time, too.



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## Historians' Report

The Historians have been hard at work sifting through and scanning all of the BATOC archives. We just completed the initial scanning of all of the What's New In Bird-Lands that we have on file. We have identified a number of issues that we are currently missing, and we will be publishing a list in next months newsletter so we can ask all of you to dig into personal archives to help us fill some of the gaps we have. We are still working on how to make the complete digital archives available to everyone. So stay tuned for future updates. We still have quite a bit of the archives to go through, organize and digitize. So stay tuned.

I personally would like to give many thanks to my wonderful husband Mark for helping with this big task at hand. I am very grateful for all the time he has helped me get everything in place. It is nice to see the old boxes which needed a desperate replacement from falling apart over time (since 1958) slowly going away as the new clear see through boxes are being made to with stand over time and weather better.

The Historians Marianne, Mark, Susan & Matthew

## Friendly Reminder

Don't forget to pay your BATOC dues, if you intend to stay a member of the club. The cutoff is now.

Please send a check made out to BATOC for \$40 to:

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## CTCI Meeting Summary

Cathy Stubbs, Region 3 Director

The CTCI Annual Board of Directors Meeting was held February 21-22, 2020, at a location near Gatlinburg, TN. All of the current directors were present. The purpose of this communication is to summarize the more important topics that were discussed at the meeting. As I write this I am trying to remain as unbiased as I possibly can, but at the same time share with you the facts as I have interpreted them. (as edited by Jean Riley)

1. Financial Repot – CTCI is still strong financially, but still our numbers are down from 2019. We are losing more members than we are gaining. Our revenues are still to the good, but not as much as we would like. The implementation of the new website was costly.
2. Sale of facility of Signal Hill building – the facility has been placed on the market. There are a few concerns about the legality of this without member approval. If you have any concerns about this please let CTCI know as soon as possible
3. Paper ballots will no longer be made available to members. All votes will be by email address only. In the future, members without email addresses will not receive ballots. If you have a problem with this, please contact CTCI.
4. New website – The new website is up and running. Some members have complained of the difficulty of accessing certain secure information as well as the member database. Please contact CTCI if you need assistance with the new website.
5. May Convention – Reminders were made to have members register for the convention in Florida. (This was before the convention was cancelled or postponed)
6. Future conventions – No club has volunteered to host the next international convention nor any regional events. There was a discussion on having some driving tours to museums or other sites of interest in various areas throughout the country. This type of event will be discussed and perhaps a prototype could be organized.
7. Retro Birds – this topic was not discussed.
8. Officer Selection – the 2020 officers were selected: President Bob Witt, Vice President Jim Rodgers, Secretary Sharon Jurkonie and Treasurer John Kledis.



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## Funnies

Nick saw this while driving around. Talk about confusing!



Route 66 Mask by Judy







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Spring  
Is  
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## Thunderbird Appreciation Day

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*Let's Show Off Our T-Birds!*

Photo courtesy of Dennis Potter



Over four million Thunderbirds were produced but they are still a rare sight on our roads. Join other Thunderbird owners around the world as members of the Classic Thunderbird Club International and Vintage Thunderbird Club International celebrate these iconic cars.

Just take your Thunderbird out into the public. Attend a cars-n-coffee, picnic in the park, stop at a diner, join in on a cruise. Any place you go people will want to talk about your Thunderbird. Thunderbird Appreciation Day is the day to show other folks that they can be part of the Thunderbird family. Share some photographs of you and your Thunderbird with Early Bird magazine, various clubs and Facebook group pages.

Once again CTCI will waive the new member Initiation Fee for any new member who joins in the month of May! Show off your cars and let's sign up some excited new members on

*May 17, 2020*



[www.CTCI.org](http://www.CTCI.org)



[www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net](http://www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net)





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### Wine Tasting at the Benson's

**Saturday May 30, 4pm – 8pm**  
**\$ 20 Donation, Eight Wines – Easy Judging,**  
**Bring an Appetizer for 6 to 8, a Simple Dinner will be Served**

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## Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club 2020 Calendar of Events



### WINTER:

*Please note: no breakfast meeting*

January 11 – President's Mystery Tour (Adams)

February 2 – Super Bowl Party, Livermore (Guthrie)

February 8 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP

### SPRING:

March 14 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP

March 17 – St. Patty's Day Lunch (Cummins)

March 21 – Day trip to Occidental, CA (Adams)

April 11 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP

April 18 – Vintage Races at Sonoma Raceway  
(Patterson)

April 26 – Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half  
Moon Bay, (Verhoek)

May 9 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP

May 30 – Wine tasting at the Bensons (Benson)

### SUMMER:

*Please note: no breakfast meeting*

June 13 – 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Party (Perry, Guthrie,  
Derby, Patterson)

### SUMMER: (continued)

July 11 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP

July 19 – Danville Car Show #1

July ?? – PeeWee Golf (Guthrie)

Aug 8 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP

Aug 16 – Danville Car Show #2

Aug ?? – Sutter Creek Weekend Trip -  
Mine & Machine Shop (Riley)

### FALL:

Sept. 12 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP

Sept 19-20? – Yosemite/Evergreen trip (Adams)

Sept 26-27 – Ironstone, Murphys, CA

Oct 3 – Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz

Oct 2-4 – Fall Colors Car Show, Bishop, CA (Perry)

Oct 10 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP

Nov 14 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving at the Cummins'

### WINTER:

*Please note: no breakfast meeting*

Dec 12 – BATOC Holiday Party

Dec 25 – Christmas at the Cummins'



Ready to plan an event?  
Let Lisa know! (ekderby@hotmail.com)

