



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC)



CTCI Chapter 4

Upcoming Events



Event	Date
Monthly Meeting	March 14, 2020
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	March 17, 2020
Monthly Meeting	April 11, 2020
Drive to Occidental	March 21, 2020
Day at the Races Sonoma Raceway	April 18, 2020
Pacific Coast Dream Machines Half Moon Bay	April 26, 2020

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

**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 March, to keep us on
budget!**



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2020

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Goldenberg, Secretary

- Dave has a new air horn to get everyone's attention.
- Guests / New Member
 - Gary Brauch - Currently shopping for a light blue 1957
 - Doesn't currently have a toy and needs a new one.
 - Dave found a new member request from 10/1998 on his desk.
 - Unfortunately, he passed away shortly after the mailing.
- Outstanding Feb newsletter from Jean
 - We should submit it to CTCI for consideration for the best newsletter award.
- Board meeting was held last month at Maria and Jim's.
- This year's Super Bowl party was attended by 41 or 42 people.
 - We may need to look for a larger place if the event continues to grow.
 - Susan Mathieson won both pools and donated half to BATOC charities.
 - Guy's ribs were the big winner.
- The President's Mystery Tour to the Red Door Escape Rooms was a big success. We should do it again.
- New Activities Chairmen - Lisa D and Chris P
 - Developing a list of new activities
 - Skipping Ironstone this year and replace it with Evergreen Lodge.
 - Looking for event sponsors - Chairpersons will provide training on how to plan an event.
 - Looking for opportunities to invite other Thunderbird clubs.
 - 2020 Event Option list was published in the Feb newsletter.
 - Lisa and Chris will be sponsoring A Day at the Races.
 - Sonoma Raceway - Sat April 18th
 - Looking for volunteer to help with the Anniversary Party.



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



Meeting Minutes Con't

February 8, 2020

- Upcoming Events
 - A Day at the Races - April 18th
 - Pacific Coast Dream Machines @ Halfmoon Bay - April 26th
 - Need to register for the event as soon as possible.
 - Wine Tasting and blind tasting @ the Benson's - May 30th
 - Dave to sponsor an event in March to Occidental / Guerneville.
 - Fall Colors Car Show in Bishop - 10/2 thru 10/4
- Historian
 - There is currently a large effort going on to digitize all of the club's historical materials.
 - We hope to have the majority of them available online in an editable format by mid-year. Stay tuned for updates as the effort progresses.
 - Hoping to have a list of missing Newsletters available next month. So that we can ask you all to dig into your personal archives and either loan or donate them to use for archiving.
 - We also have over 10 years of Early Bird magazines as part of the archives. We will be providing a list of these as well. If you're interested in donating additional issues, we will be more than happy to take them. The archive will be available to the club for check out.
- Tech Sessions - Paul G
 - Brakes
 - Fuel Leaks
 - Car Safety inspection event in San Francisco - Paul
 - Respond to Paul
 - Date to be determined
 - Ed shared a gas leak story.
- BATOC Bucks Updates - published in the January newsletter.
- New BATOC Menus will be available starting in March for use during the monthly club meetings at Buttercup.



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



PRES MESS

Oip-----OK, OK, OK.... I'M LATE, AGAIN

So, on top of my usual crazy life schedule and stupidly volunteering to put on the March club event to Occidental and trying to put together a quiet weekend for Susan and I....the world sadistically decides to heap a short month on top of me, which makes Jean nuts while having to tap her foot while waiting for me....Is there no mercy?

So, in the absence of said mercy....In case you missed it, we had a very lively, fun meeting in February with a new member or two, lot's of crazy fun and laughter, a few new items of business and even a little impromptu "presentation" from our new activities chairs, Lisa and Chris.

The highlight of that presentation was three-fold (is that possible...a single highlight being three-fold?

But I digress) Highlight #1 – we have lots of fun, NEW ideas on the event calendar. Highlight #2 – Putting on an event is not nearly as complicated or time consuming as most people think and, in fact, is quite rewarding (BATOC Bucks notwithstanding) and Highlight #3 – They are here to HELP you put on an event and make it a fun endeavor – and notice the distinction there – here to help YOU put on an event. The point being that we are encouraging our diverse membership to help "expand" our slate of activities with a diverse slew of new ideas and new approaches to our outings. New people bring new ideas, which brings new approaches and new energy. In short.... Show us YOUR fun.

Another item of interest. Beginning with the March meeting, we will be introducing the new breakfast menu designed to make order taking easier on our favorite server, Carlos, and designed to keep our overall breakfast tab down to a more manageable level. Which is to say that the ordering of high-ticket menu items and drinks has gotten a little out of hand and it has had a somewhat negative effect on our balance sheet.... LOL.

On a fun note, the BATOC calendar has now gone global with our first international order from Ireland. A very nice letter from a car collector in Ireland who owns one of only 2 Baby Birds in the entire country. In addition to his Thunderbird, he owns 5 other collector cars and felt that our calendar would make a fabulous addition to his classic display. How fun is that?

And finally, you won't want to miss the March cruise to the North Bay, Occidental, Russian River and the coast beyond. It will be a gorgeous drive through the trees and along the coast as we journey to Negri's Family Italian Restaurant in Occidental for an amazing family-style late lunch / early dinner. I don't have all the details yet but put it on your calendar for March 21 and be sure to get the car out of hibernation and enjoy the scenery. The beautiful back roads and towns of the North Coast. We haven't been up that direction in many years. See flier in the newsletter.

So there ya have it...all the news that's fit to print. See you all sooooooon.

Dave
aka: F.A.F.



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



BATOC Caravanning Tips

All of the rules of caravanning come down to two things – safety and keeping us all together. So, use your head in this regard and follow these tips:

- Keep up with the group and always stay in a tight group – particularly through towns, traffic and lights. Try not to allow enough space for other cars to get in and split up the group.
- When pulling out of driveways, parking lots, etc. signal the car behind you that it is safe to pull without stopping. This eliminates the need for each car to pull up, stop, look and then proceed. This is a major step in keeping the group together.
- If we lose the back of the group, we will slow down and/or stop if it can be done safely to allow you to catch up. So, please do catch up as quickly as possible.
- Lane changes should ideally happen from the rear of the group. If you are bringing up the rear and know that we must change lanes up the road a bit, move over and allow space for the person in front of you to move over in front of you, etc. on up the line. So always pay attention to the car BEHIND you.
- Avoid cruising in the slow land of the freeway. Unless there are only two lanes, cruise in the second lane to avoid the merging of traffic from on and off ramps.
- VERY IMPORTANT – do not go through the fast track lane of bridges. Many people do not have Fast Track for their birds. Stay in a line with the group and go through the toll lanes – your Fast Track will still work. If you are paying cash, have your cash ready and your window rolled down.
- If you need to stop for any reason, please call or radio the leader of the caravan. We will then stop at the next appropriate spot. Don't be shy here – if you need to stop, just say so.
- Caravanning etiquette is: Little Birds followed by Retro Birds followed by X- Brand.
- When using Walkie-Talkies, hold the radio at least 6" away from your mouth and speak normally – do not yell.
- It is very important that the rear car and the lead car have Walkie-Talkie radios – along with a few in the middle so that messages can be relayed.
- And I repeat, **Keep up with the group and stay close to the car in front of you.**

We have lots of planned trips this year, so let's keep these tips in mind on our journeys.



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



BATOC 2020 Officers

Name, Office	Email	Phone
Dave Adams, Pres	davehome@sbcglobal.net	415-269-0055
Guy Cummins, Vice Pres	guy@guycummins.com	925-357-7877
Mark Goldenberg, Secretary	mgoldenb@gmail.com	510-813-0815
Maria Guthrie, Treasurer	jmguthrie57@gmail.com	510-305-3048
Jean Riley, Editor & CTCI Rep	bjriley12@aol.com	925-487-0697
Lisa Derby & Chris Patterson, Activities Chairs	ekderby@Hotmail.com Chris.patt@gmail.com	510-220-1759 (L) 510-282-2572 (C)
Paul Grech, Tech Director	p_grech@comcast.net	415-286-6752
Marianne Grech, Susan & Matt Goldenberg, Historians	p_grech@comcast.net stgoldenb@gmail.com	415-286-6752 925-864-1214
Don Perry, Calendar	don@pmc-appraisal.com	925-785-8016
Suzanne Mathieson, Philanthropy	swimmath@yahoo.com	510-318-2517
Lita Schaffer, Sunshine	tomandlita@comcast.net	925-595-5469
Nick Verhoek, Car Shows	njbrv@aol.com	510-207-5034
Jim Guthrie, Raffle	jmguthrie57@gmail.com	510-305-3048

Please keep us informed of any roster changes you might have.
Email your changes to Jean Riley at bjriley12@aol.com



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



LEAKING THUNDERBIRDS BY Alan Leibel

Reprinted from Feb 2002 WNIB

As we all know TBirds leak in the rain. I have often said that anyone who says that his or her bird doesn't leak is either lying or never driven in the rain. One of the most common leaks and most proficient is at the dog leg at the top front of the doors. Although there is a drain hole in the door and a gasket type seal it just doesn't work. So what most of do is put either a garbage sack or a kitchen size (13 gallon) sack with one edge covering the hole and the seal and the remaining sack on the inside of the door in the passenger compartment. Only a small portion of the sack is in the dog leg.

The concept is to have the lip of the sack between the door and door post collect the water and have it drain into the sack. All but the portion in the door of the sack should be open on the inside of the car. I usually have just a bit of the sack edge showing from the outside of the car. The sacks are large enough that the bottom of the sack sits on the floor. You should not have to hold the sack as it collects water. Then empty the sack from time to time, usually when you stop for fuel etc. Hopefully these directions are clear. If not, email me for clarification.

Another suggestion. I carry one of those super absorbent sponges. The sponge soaks up a lot more water than a normal sponge and will pull water out of the carpet. It won't dry your carpet but it will be damp instead of wet. They should be available at most hardware stores. One of our members bought one at Home Depot a year or two ago.

PS. Make sure you soak the sponge the night before a trip. When the sponge dries it gets hard like a brick. It needs to soak several hours before its usable. The very first time you may need to soak for 12 hours or so. Once fully wet I wring it out and put in a zip lock bag. It will be good for a week or so without having to soak it.

Hope this helps.



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



BATOC Classifieds

The Riley's Silver Bullet is for sale. They are downsizing and have no room for it. It made it on Route 66 without Bud and Jean, thanks to the rest of the gang who drove it back for us. It has very low miles, 22,168. The year is 2004, Silver exterior, two tops, Black interior. We are asking \$12,000 but will entertain offers. Call Bud at 408-507-5722 or email bjriley12@aol.com



OEM Hood Release Cable Assembly,
Used, Good Condition \$20
Shiny stainless steel
Call Bud at 408-507-5722 or
Email bjriley12@aol.com



56, 57 Outside Door Handle Pair
including Push Buttons, Gaskets,
and Screws, NIB \$100
Call Bud at 408-507-5722 or
Email bjriley12@aol.com





WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

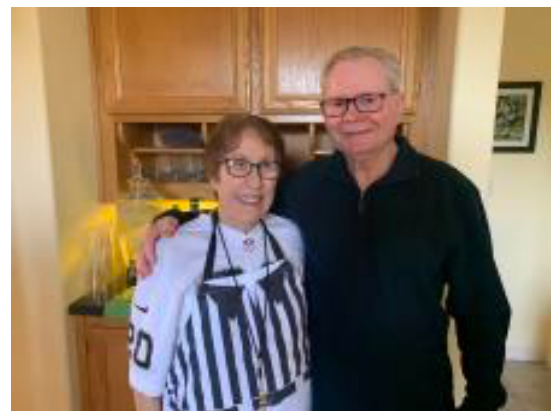
VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



Super Bowl Festivities – So Close, But No Victory

Most of us were hoping that we could have another Forty-niner Super Bowl Victory, but Patrick Mahomes just wouldn't give up. Kansas City stole the victory right out from under us. Except for the game outcome, the rest of the party was just fabulous. Jim and Maria Guthrie always put on such a wonderful party for us. The food was delicious, as usual, especially Guy Cummins' fantastic Barbecue Ribs. We enjoyed Tony Lloyd's birthday cake too! Well, there is always next year. Sue Mathieson won halftime and final in the pool, but she very generously donated \$50 of her winnings to our Charity Fund. Thanks, Sue!



Hosts the Guthries





WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



Super Bowl Con't





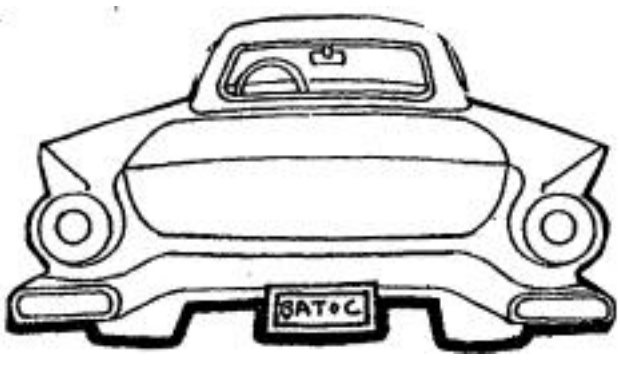
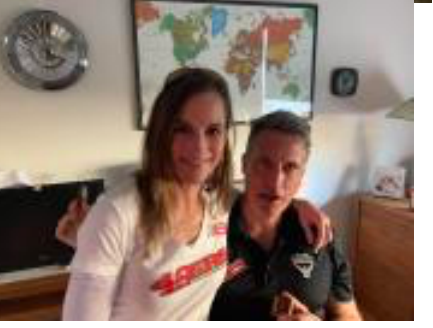
WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



Super Bowl Con't





WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



Join us for an impromptu St. Patrick's Day Lunch on:

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

1PM

O'Mel's Diner Livermore

(otherwise known as Mel's Diner)

1116 E Stanley Blvd

Livermore CA

Parking provided

Green Milkshakes will be available!

RSVP to guy@guycummins.com if attending



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



EVENT FLYER

What a Great Day

What a Great Drive

What a Great Little Town

Saturday, March 21

A Beautiful Day Cruise Through the Country.
Russian River, Valley Ford, Occidental, Family Italian Food,
And Back Down the Coast to Jenner By the Sea,
Bodega, Smoked Fish, and Historic Towns.

R.S.V.P Today

DaveHome@sbcglobal.net

415-269-0055

By March 14

Leaving from Buttercup Grill
10:00 AM – March 21st – Rain or Shine
Don't Miss It



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



A Day at the Races

- ☐ See 200 vintage race cars up close in the paddock and at speed on the track
- ☐ Take a Lap on the track in *your* Bird (if >20 Birds attend)
- ☐ Special Thunderbird only parking corral
- ☐ Arrive between 8am and 10am, lap on track at ~1pm

Saturday, April 18, 2020 8am – 5pm

Sonoma Raceway (aka Sear's Point)

RSVP: ekderby@Hotmail.com



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



BATOC Dream Machines event information



It's quite simply the **"Coolest Show on Earth"**. This year's spectacular 30th annual show will be held on **Sunday, April 26**, a one-day mega-show, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Half Moon Bay Airport**.

The registration fee is \$40 (\$50 for entries postmarked after April 15) and includes a dash plaque and admission for the registrant plus one passenger (must be together in the registered vehicle). *We prefer T-Birds, but I know that others in the club have some very nice other vehicles, so go ahead and bring them.*

Web site for registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/30th-pacific-coast-dream-machines-show-the-coolest-show-on-earth-tickets-84356377195>

- Click on the green "tickets" box to go to the vehicle registration form.

Check-in will open at 6:30AM at Half Moon Bay Airport on the day of the show. Registrants should be in place on the field by 9:30 AM and are expected to remain on the field until 4PM. Spectators wish to see all of the machines.

Caravan information: We have to be there early and go in as a group in order to be able to park together. For those wishing to caravan, I suggest you meet at Buttercup, Walnut Creek at 6:30 AM. We will meet at Pillar Point Harbor parking lot at no later than 7:30 AM, earlier is better.

Dinner is planned after the event at the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company so I will need a head count. Please sign up if you plan to go and be sure to register your car in advance on your own.

Contact Nick Verhoek at njbrv@aol.com or phone: 510-207-5034



WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



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.





WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

VOLUME 62, ISSUE 3

MAR 2020



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

April 11 – Monthly Breakfast at The Buttercup

April 18 – Vintage Races at Sonoma Raceway
(Patterson)

April 28 – Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half
Moon Bay, (Verhoek)

May 9 – Monthly Breakfast at The Buttercup

May 30 – Wine tasting at the Bensons (Benson)

SUMMER:

June 13 – Monthly Breakfast at The Buttercup

June ?? – 62nd Anniversary Party (Need
Planners!)

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)

