



# WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

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## BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC)

### CTCI Chapter 4

#### Upcoming Events

| Event                        | Date                                  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| May Monthly Meeting          | Cancelled                             |
| May CTCI Convention Florida  | Postponed                             |
| Thunderbird Appreciation Day | May 17, 2020                          |
| Wine Tasting at the Benson's | May 30, 2020 (Cancelled or Postponed) |

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 when we reconvene, to keep  
us on budget!**



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## PRES MESS

### MARCH, APRIL, MAY.....?????? WHERE DOES IT END?

So, we've all figured out how to be effective "Shut-ins"...Something we always said we would never be and now it is required by our government. LOL The "good news", however, is that it appears that it is fading away and 2 or 3 weeks from now no one will be sheltering in place. I'm not saying that is right, but the natives are getting restless and the ground swell is leaning in that direction. But really....Gyms and massage parlors are the first things you officially open back up....really?

Anyway. I hope everyone is well and that you are finding ways to stay busy. I know I did. For those of you who may not of heard, I had a little too much time on the internet and managed to buy myself a "Barn Find" 1964 Thunderbird Roadster that has kept me busy for the last few weeks. And even though I managed to drive it out of the barn and get it home (with Chris Patterson's help...thank you) it has required much work to correct a lifetime of neglect and bad previous work with missing parts. But tomorrow (Sunday) I am looking forward to its' maiden voyage.

On the club front, we are probably still at least a couple of months away from being able to have meetings or go on outings together. To that end, it is important that everyone do their very best to stay in touch with one another and to maintain contact. Have fun with it and maybe set up a cocktail hour via Zoom with your BATOC friends or get together with 2 or 3 couples at a high school football field or park for a "Socially Distant" picnic lunch. With a little thought, we can make this fun and keep our wonderful club and friends together and safe.

I'd also like to encourage you all to tell us what's happening in your life so that we can share with the club and maybe have a little "What's Happening" column in the newsletter. Send us fun things you've done, creative ideas for staying in touch, pictures of stupid jigsaw puzzles that you've done or pictures of you latest big project. Again, have some fun with it.

Below are few pictures of my project....I'll show you mine if you'll show me yours...LOL.



DAVE





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## Paul's Corner

### Zinc Additive By Paul Grech

Hello fellow T-birders,

Here is my tip of the month for May. Just a very important reminder; if you changed your oil in your cars during this shelter in place, you MUST put an additive to your oil. It is called ZZDP or zinc additive. Your Thunderbird has what is called, a flat tapper camshaft in it. The zinc that used to be in oil is no longer added. It was removed because it was determined that if your car burns a little oil the zinc in it can reduce the efficiency of your catalytic converters. All new cars burn a little oil in normal use. This is because they reduced the piston ring tension on the cylinder walls. They did it for better gas mileage. The valve train in your engine opens and closes the valves. This lets the fuel mixture in and lets the exhaust gases out. The components of the valve train are as follows; timing chain, camshaft, valve lifters, pushrods and rocker arms. The camshaft is a shaft with lobes on it. The camshaft has 16 lobes, one for each valve on a V 8 engine. The lobe is like an egg. It has a base circle and lift area that opens the valve through the push rod and the rocker arm as the camshaft rotates.

Think of the rocker arm like a seesaw in a park. There are two types of valve lifters that rub against the camshaft. One type is called a hydraulic lifter. This type of valve train system has no clearance in it that requires periodic checking and adjusting. The hydraulic type also spins or rotates as it goes up and down in its bore hole. The flat tapper type does not rotate as it goes up and down. It also has a small amount of clearance in it's valve train. This is for more power. The zinc is what lubricates the contact area where the lifter rubs against the camshaft lobe. The high point of the lobe can wear down rather quickly, thus reducing the amount of time the valves are held open to let fuel charge in and the exhaust gases out of the cylinders. In other words, the engine can not breath properly. This can happen very rapidly after an oil change. This is a very big repair job that needs to be done to correct a flat camshaft. The engine will have to come out to do this job on a Y block Ford motor, which is what your car has. Hope this information prevents a major disaster to your car. All the parts stores carry this product. You also may want to carry an extra can in your car in case you have to add oil between oil changes.

PAUL



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## Historians' Archive

The Historians have been hard at work sifting through all the club's historical archives. We have successfully scanned and digitized all of the unscanned "What's New in Bird-Land" newsletters. The following is a list of the remaining issues that we currently do not have on file. If any of our members are packrats and have any of these missing issues in their personal archives, would you be willing to 'loan' them to us for scanning, so we can fill in some of the blank spots in the archives. If they are online, that is even better.

1958 - Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov

1963 - Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec

1964 - Aug, Nov, Dec

1965 - Jan, Feb, Mar, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec

1966- Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec

1967 - Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May

1968 - Jun, Dec

1969 - Dec

1978 - Jun

1979 - Dec

1980 - Aug

1981 - Jan, Dec

1984 - Mar, Aug, Sep

1985 - Jan, Mar, Oct, Dec

1986 - Jan, Feb, Mar, Jun

1987 - Jan, Mar, May, Jun, Jul

1988 - May, Jun, Jul, Aug

1996 - Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Nov

1997 - Jan, Feb, Apr, May, Oct, Nov, Dec

1998 - Jan, Jun

2001 - Sep

2002 - Jun

2005 - Jul

2006 - Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec

2007 - Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul

2008 - Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec

2009 - Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec

2010 - Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec

2011 - Feb, Mar, Apr, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec

We are still working on identifying a suitable online location where all of the archives will be available for our members to view. We will keep you all updated as the search continues.

Again, we would like to give many thanks to Mark Goldenberg for all his hard work and dedication for making this all possible.

SUSAN, MARIANNE, AND MATT





## Car Projects BATOC Members Are Working On

Nick Verhoek wants to give a shout out to Paul Grech who recently sold him some wheel bearings he needed. He gave him the garage sale price. Nick has been doing work on his T-Bird and thought to check and bleed brakes. He also checked his wheel bearings and noticed one of them was galled. The brake shoes and drums were good. (See attached photos). Nick checked with Paul to see where best to purchase them. CASCO had a good price, but Paul said he purchased a set of bearings for the Route 66 trip and didn't use them so he sold them to Nick. Thanks Paul.



Bud Riley has been rebuilding his carburetor. The reason for this was because there was a gas odor coming from the engine compartment into the cab. He couldn't find any leaks of gas anywhere else so he decided it must be the carburetor. He replaced the gaskets, accelerator pump diaphragm, and the power valve in the carburetor which eliminated the gas odor. He also replaced the main metering jets in the carburetor with two sizes smaller which will improve the gas mileage.



Jim Guthrie has a potential new idea for cooling our little Thunderbirds. It needs to be tested out in the hotter climate. Keep an eye out for the results.



# Homebound Humor

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| Until further notice, the days of the week are now called thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today and nextday! | If you thought toilet paper was crazy ... just wait until 300 million people all want a haircut appointment. | 2020 is a unique Leap Year. It has 29 days in February, 300 days in March and 5 years in April. | Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to prevent COVID-19 but to stop eating. |
| This cleaning with alcohol is total b.s. NOTHING gets done after that first bottle.  | If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidentally touch your face.                            | Kinda' starting to understand why pets try to run out of the house when the door opens.         | You think it's bad now? In 20 years our country will be run by people home schooled by day drinkers....        |







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## Scenes From Livermore During April

Photos by Barry Zupan





## Honoring The Men and Women Who Saved Our Lives Then and Now







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### *Thunderbird Appreciation Day May 17, 2020*

Well, we can't have a normal gathering, but perhaps we can each go out and drive our cars around for everyone to see and enjoy them. Hopefully, next year will be a different situation.



Danville Hot Danville Nights 2017



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**(Cancelled or Postponed)**



### 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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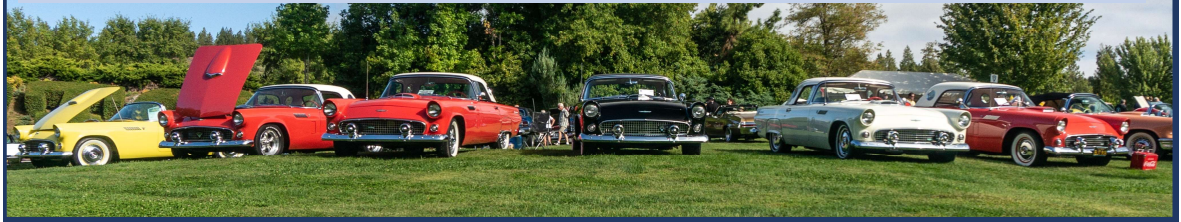






Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club

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*
- TBD – ~~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

WINTER:

- Please note: no breakfast meeting*
- Dec 12 – BATOC Holiday Party



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

