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BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC) CTCI Chapter 4

Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Monthly Meeting	Aug 8, 2020
Monthly Meeting	Sept 12, 2020
Orinda Classic Car Show	Sept 12, 2020
Ironstone Concours	Sept 26, 2020

Note: Please stay tuned for emails, announcing details for upcoming meetings and events.

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 when we reconvene, to keep us on budget!



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PRES MESS

TO MEET OR NOT TO MEET...THAT IS THE QUESTION????

You would think that running a club that doesn't actually have any meetings or official business or activities or interaction with its National brethren would be a "Walk in the Park". But the reality is that the "Walk in the Park" part of that equation is the actual problem and the one that makes running this club quite challenging right now. Here's why and how you can chime in.

As President, my primary function is to hold this club together and to encourage, motivate, excite, humor, entertain, moderate (or mediate as the case may be) and in general, be the driving force and glue that keeps us growing and moving forward while keeping you and our club safe in these Covid times. How's that for a job description?

But in the age of "RONA" (as a friend of mine puts it – as in Ca-RONA), this puts the club (and me) in quite a quandary. We want to get the club together and keep our momentum and comradery together, but we certainly don't want to promote irresponsible behavior or unsafe environments. I battle with this every day.

Currently on the schedule is our regular monthly meeting next Saturday, August 8th at 10:00 AM. This is planned as another 45-60 minute Flash Drive, followed by a very strict, socially distant gathering at Hap McGee Park in Danville that will include a catered box lunch paid for by the club and provided by Togo's Sandwiches (or something of the sort). You are welcome to join in for both parts of the day or for either / or depending on your comfort level. BUT either way, I want your input and / or your R.S.V.P.'s.

Should we get together under these strict protective rules or should we NOT and stay in the "virtual" world of Zoom, greeting cards and phone calls?

If you think we should - and can - do this safely and you would like to participate, please RSVP to me right away and we will finalize the tentative arrangements and make it happen. Conversely, if you don't think this is a good idea, please respond and let me know your thoughts. Your input and your safety – and your feelings – are paramount to me and keeping the club together and moving forward is tricky in these times. So please give me your thoughts.

Moving on to a little business. If you are a member of CTCI you should have received a survey via email from CTCI. This very important survey is just the beginning (hopefully) of a more engaged and responsive CTCI and the start of other great things to come. AND, I am proud to say that the survey and the renewed enthusiasm from CTCI is a direct result of our very own Ed Benson. As will be announced in the next Early Bird, Ed has been appointed CTCI's new "Director at Large" and he has hit the ground running with many great ideas that he is moving along at the board level – starting with the survey.

To that end...if you have not completed the survey, please do so right away. It is VERY important to CTCI's future and it will be closing very soon – like next week. So, dig it out or your email trash and please participate. It only takes a few minutes.

With all this said, we hope to see you all soon and please know that we are watching out for you and your safety, while keeping our club active and moving forward.

Thanks for Listening

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Paul's Corner

Hello fellow members,

Long time no see for reasons well known. Here is this month's tip of the month. If you have not started your car in awhile, you may be in for a surprise when you do. I have had a couple of calls lately relating to a no start problem. If the car has not been started, even for a rather short period of time, even a couple of months, a rather unique problem can develop. The cause, I believe, is ethanol in modern gasoline. What happens is the chemicals in modern gasoline can cause the needle, in the needle and seat assembly to stick shut. The needle has a rubber tip in it to seal tighter when the valve is closed by the float assembly. The rubber can somehow stick to the seat assembly and prevent the gas from flowing into the carburetor. The simple fix is to remove the air cleaner and lightly tap on the gas line right where it goes into the carburetor on a 1957 model. On a 1955-56 model the area to tap is right above where the fuel line enters the carburetor, about 2 inches above there is a large round cap with a screw driver slot in it for a screw driver. Tap on the cap lightly with a screw driver handle or a small wrench. This should loosen the stuck valve and allow gas to fill up the float chamber with gasoline. A friend of mine called me with a no start problem on a carburetor on a 1968 Oldsmobile 442. It wasn't getting any fuel out of the carburetor. He replaced the fuel filter and it did not solve the problem. He replaced the fuel pump and it still did not solve the problem. He was lucky, I ran into that symptom on a couple of old cars that had sat for awhile without being started. I told to him tap on the carburetor just above where the fuel line went into the carburetor. He thanked me profusely because he had been working on the car for two days with no luck. One of our members had a no start condition on a 1957. I went to his house to try to get it started. It had spark and the fuel filter bowl was full, and I could see bubbles as you cranked the engine. It would start if I added propane and run for a moment. So I tapped on the fuel line where it entered the carburetor and it started and continued to run. Modern gas with ethanol in it causes the rubber components in the fuel system to deteriorate. There is a power valve in Ford carburetors that can rupture and cause a rich running condition. There are updated parts made with a different material that can hold up to ethanol. If you have to replace a rubber hose in your fuel system, use fuel injection hose, it can handle the ethanol, The fuel line from the frame to fuel pump inlet has vacuum on it, not pressure. So, it isn't a problem like a fuel line that has pressure in it while the engine is running. Also remember to use engine oil with zinc in it, or a zinc additive called ZZDP. It is available at Napa Auto Parts. Failure to do so can cause your camshaft to go flat, because it is a flat tappet type of camshaft and you would have to pull the engine to replace it.

Happy trails to you, until we meet in person!

PAUL



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Historians Need Old Newsletters

Please look in your drawers and files and see if you have any of these copies of What's New In Birdland. If so, please contact our Historians, Susan Goldenberg and Marianne Grech. Thanks so much

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 - Dec

1969 - Dec

1979 - Jun, Aug, Oct, 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, Jul, Aug

1996 - Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Nov

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

1998 - Jan

2001 - Sep

2002 - Jun

2005 - Jul

2006 - May, Jul, Aug, Sep, Dec

2007 - Mar

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

2009 - Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jul, Sep, Oct

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

2011 - Mar, Apr, Jun, Dec



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BATOC Classifieds

1957 Ford Thunderbird, estate sale, in family 40+ years. Owned by former President of the Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club, Al Seeman. Inca Gold with B&W interior, two tops, skirts, D code, automatic, power steering, very nice car in and out, drives beautifully, ready to enjoy. \$37,500 or b/o.

Tel: (925) 831-0846 Linda Seeman





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BATOC Classifieds

Auto Storage Space Available in Concord

4 spaces are available. Prices are reasonable. Normal to small cars cost \$200/month. Large cars (like Imperials or Cadillacs) are \$225/month. It is very secure. Gated w/24 hour video security at the main gate. Sprinklered and insulated. Ceiling fans and lighting.

All cars must be insured, titled and running. No repairs or projects can be done on the premises.

Small services are available, such as tire inflation or battery-charging when needed for no charge.

Electrical hookups available for battery maintainers for monthly electrical fees of about \$20.

The storage has entry available daily with advanced notice, 7 days a week. Not open to the public

If interested call John Jung at 925-451-6325



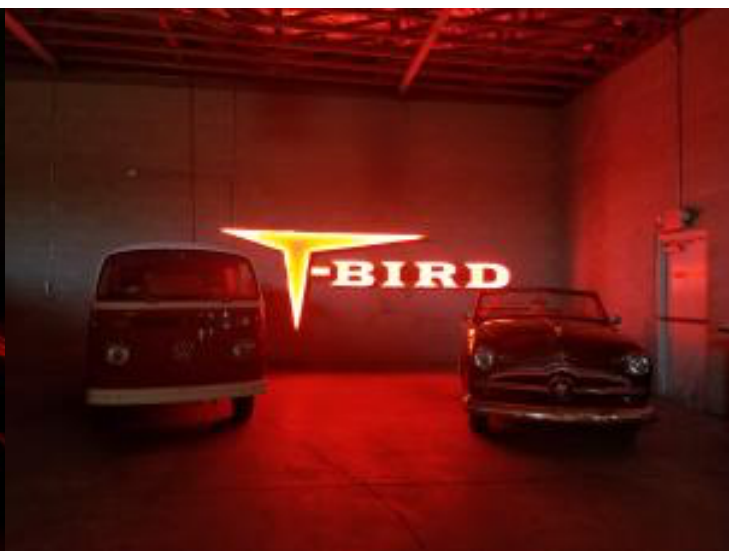
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BATOC Classifieds



Anyone needing a large neon T-Bird sign for their garage or man cave is in luck. This sign came from a popular hangout in Las Vegas, Nevada. It is approximately 17 feet long and 6 feet high. The sign is priced at \$4500. Please contact Michael Fecchino, Vice President of the Las Vegas Antique Automobile Club of America at: chevyfordply@gmail.com



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Web Based Visits of Auto Museums

So we are stuck at home with nothing to do. How about just visiting some of the top car museums online. No need for travel, tickets or walking. This might be ok. Here is a list of some to try:

www.thehenryford.org

www.gilmorecarmuseum.org

www.Petersen.org

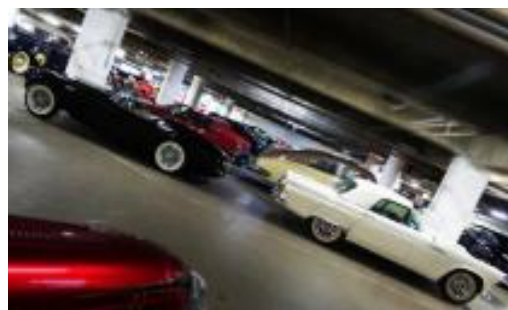
www.lanemotormuseum.org

www.aacamuseum.org

www.mullinautomotivemuseum.com

www.//war-eagles-air-museum.com

Thanks to Lloyd Powell from the Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico for giving us this idea!





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Reproduction Thunderbirds

Compiled by David Tulowitzky, Trail Birds of Southwest Florida

In the seventies and eighties there were quite a few companies that made replica Thunderbirds. Most of these company's stayed in business for only a few years. Many did a good job of duplicating the body but not one could duplicate the dashboard and instrument panel to equal the original. Here is information on some of the more successful companies that had their hand at trying to make a success at reproducing the classic Thunderbird.

Sweet T-Bird Reproductions - Started in 1981 this company built only 39 of their 1955 T-Bird reproduction kits before the business was sold.

Classic Thunderbird Motor Car Reproduction Corp - This company was charged with false advertising and unlawful practices and penalties of up to \$3 million before it got into full reproduction. No record of any cars being sold to the public.

Shay - The Shay company, located in Michigan, was founded in 1978 and made the replica Model "A" Ford, then in the early 1980's started production on the 1955 Thunderbird. In 1982 after producing 200 units, Shay sold out to Camelot Motors in Indiana.

Veebird - This was actually a fiberglass body '57 Thunderbird kit car to be mounted on a Volkswagen Beetle chassis., powered by a VW air-cooled engine. The Company, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, was selling these in 1978 and stated that the original '57 body was modified in length to allow easy mounting onto the shorter wheelbase of the VW Beetle Chassis.

Daytona Bird - This Company started in 1975 with the idea to build a replica Thunderbird and offer a certificate of origin with Ford warranty worldwide. The development of the first car cost over \$200,000 and two full years of work. However, many problems arose, and it was hard to satisfy Ford, EPA and DOT.



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Camelot - Camelot Motors in Indiana made a reproduction '57 Thunderbird in the early 1980's. The Indiana Thunderbird club visited Camelot Motors at that time and took one of the cars for a test drive. The company was owned by Paul Housey who had worked as a designer for Harry Shay in the late 1970's. Mr. Housey purchased the Shay assets in 1983 and formed his own company, Camelot Motors. He moved his facility to a building in Marshall, MI that he rented from the city of Marshall. In 1985 Mr. Housey was working on an \$18 million contract with Budget Rent-a-Car. He attended the Budget Rent-a-Car meeting in Maui, Hawaii, to finalize the contract. When he returned home from that meeting, he had a notice on his desk from his insurance company stating that his product liability insurance coverage would increase from \$355,000 annually to \$3 million. He could not purchase product liability insurance at a reasonable price, so he was forced to go out of business.

Regal Roadsters - This company was located in Madison, Wisconsin. Since 1986, Regal Roadsters LTD has been producing Award Winning '55 - '57 T-Bird reproductions that in many ways are far better than the original. Regal T-Bird clients are those who want to enjoy ownership of a modern-day classic with power rack and pinion steering, power disc brakes and air conditioning. Several chassis configurations are available that allow the builder to go anywhere he wishes. From a stock or a mild custom with a small block, to a slammed fire breathing big block, you can have it all. Whether an authentic style interior with bench seats or a more custom interior with buckets, console and a smoothed dash...it's your choice. Base price starts around \$80,000. They are still in business today.



REGAL ROADSTERS, LTD.



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



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August BATOC Meeting & Gathering



BATOC MEETS AGAIN

Saturday, August 8th 10:00 AM

FLASH DRIVE

FREE INDIVIDUALLY BOXED LUNCH

“CIRCLE OF FRIENDS” MEETING

SOCIAL DISTANCING – STRICTLY ENFORCED

We will meet at Buttercup Grill at 10:00 AM

We will do a 45 – 60 minute Flash Drive

We will end up at Hap Magee Park in Danville around 11:00 AM

We will form a “Circle of Friends” with LOTS of Social Distance

We will provide a free individually boxed lunch from TOGO's Sandwiches
(or bring your own)

We will hang out, catch up, talk a little business and make some future plans

We WILL have fun and see our friends

YOU MUST RSVP TO DAVE BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH
EMAIL davehome@sbcglobal.net or CALL 415-269-0055

ALL COVID RULES STRICTLY ENFORCED
NO MASK, NO ENTRY –NO SHARING – NO KISSING – NO HUGGING
SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES STRICTLY ENFORCED

WE ALL KNOW THE RULES
AND WILL ALL LIVE BY THEM TRULY



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Orinda Classic Car Show – September 12, 2020



Participant Online Entries Are Open for the 2020 Tour.

Enter Now! Bring your Classic car or motorcycle to this year's Tour – entries are limited to the first 100 vehicles, so enter yours today.

<https://www.orindacarshow.com/bring-your-classic-to-the-show/>

The Tour will begin on Saturday September 12th at 10:30 AM from the ORINDA VILLAGE, and will conclude by approximately 12:00 Noon. A gourmet box lunch will also be included at the end of the Tour.

This is the same day as our normal monthly meeting, but contact Nick Verhoek from BATOC if you are interested njbrv@aol.com



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The Ironstone Concours Board of Directors has confirmed there **WILL BE** an event on **September 26, 2020** as scheduled.

Our traditional gathering and concours format will not be possible due to COVID-19 distancing protocols and therefore the event will be converted to a one-day rally/tour format highlighted by a drive over the Ironstone stage to receive a ribbon and gift basket commemorating our day when "Every Car is a Winner".

The event will be available for **REGISTERED ENTRIES ONLY**.

Tickets

Concours d'Elegance

Individual - \$25

Couple or Family of 2 adults and 2 children - \$45

Children Under 14 - Free

Group Pricing - info@ironstoneconcours.org

Patrons' Pavilion

\$125 per person

Tour del Oro - Entrants Only (Friday, September 25, 2020)

Cars & Stars Dinner (Friday, September 25, 2020)

Individual - \$75

Buffet Luncheon (Saturday, September 26, 2020)

\$30 per person

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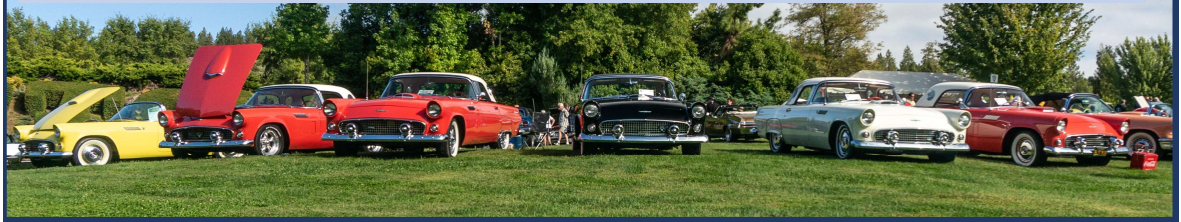


Contact Dave Adams if interested in attending
davehome@sbcglobal.net



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 – ~~62nd 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)

