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BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC) CTCI Chapter 4

Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Monthly Drive/Lunch	Sept 12, 2020
Orinda Classic Car Show	Sept 12, 2020
Ironstone Concours	Sept 26, 2020 – Sold Out

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

AND THE BEAT DRAGS ON

Well, I wish there was more to say, but as we all know things just keep dragging on and interrupting anything that remotely looks like life as usual.

To that end, I think our "Flash Drives" have been great successes and I think we all had fun last month cruising the back roads of Lafayette and Happy Valley. Unfortunately, the group got separated early on and about half the group was able to enjoy the drive and participate in our "Situational Awareness Challenge. But we did all have a great time, a nice drive and a great lunch provided by the club at Hap McGee Park in Danville.

So.....let's keep the momentum going and do it all again this month on September 12th. Susan and I have mapped out another beautiful drive around the back side of Mt. Diablo through Morgan Territory and ending up in Livermore for another Socially Responsible picnic lunch from our favorite Buttercup Grill. So, get out the car, the picnic basket, the picnic chairs and the umbrellas and join the fun. Details and a flyer for the event to follow via email and be sure to RSVP as soon as possible.

We do need to start thinking about the Holidays and our annual Christmas party. We certainly don't want to forgo that event and will need to get creative about how to handle that. Please jump in with your thoughts and ideas on the subject.

On a positive note, I want to take this opportunity to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to Jean Riley for continuing to be our club backbone by religiously creating a fabulous newsletter with very little to work with for all the obvious reasons. Without our newsletter, we wouldn't have a club right now and it is Jean that is keeping us all connected and together as a club.

THANK YOU, JEAN

With that said, Please...everyone be safe and please join us for this month's Flash Drive on the 12th. Have a great day, week and month. We will see you all soon.

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Paul's Corner

This month's tech tip is about cars with power steering. Inside the power steering reservoir is an oil filter that needs to be changed periodically. It filters the oil that circulates through the power steering system. After a very long period of time, this filter can actually deteriorate to the point that it can fall apart. This is something that needs to be brought to your attention.

Another item that tends to wear and cause looseness in your car is something called an idler arm. It is bolted to the inside of the frame on the right side. The center link goes back from the pit arm on the steering box to the idler arm and moves from left to right, back and forth as you make a turn. The tie rods are attached to the center link and attaches to the spindle the wheel turns on. The idler arm is only supposed to swing left to right. There should be no upward movement of the idler arm as the assembly moves back and forth to turn the wheels. If there is some up and down movement of the idler arm you will feel this as slack in the steering system. You will notice that the car will wander in it's lane. You will constantly be moving the steering wheel to stay in your lane. It can also get loose enough to cause the steering wheel to shimmy in your hand if you hit a deep pot hole. You can check it at a dead stop. Turn the steering wheel back and forth and there should be no play in the wheel or looseness. It is little things like this that will make driving your classic more pleasurable.

Light Show on the Dashboard

I frequently went through the Caldecott tunnel on my commute to work. I used to drive my thunderbird on occasion as my commuter car. When bore number 4 opened up I noticed something rather fascinating when I drove through the new tunnel. The lighting system was much brighter than the other tunnels. I noticed that the lights reflected off of all the chrome bezels on my dashboard gauges. It was quite fascinating to watch the reflection of the lights bouncing off of the chrome bezels especially off the chrome horn ring on my 57. I also realized the lights have the same effect with the top on or off. You may want to experience this in your own car. Word of caution - don't watch too long remember you are still driving.

PAUL



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News From CTCI



Announcement of New Directors

We want all of the members to know that we have filled all of the vacancies on the CTCI Board.

We now have two new Directors serving. Darcy Knapp is representing Region 1, and **Ed Benson** (member of BATOC) is our new Director at Large. I join all of our members and welcome Darcy and Ed to the Board. I know they will bring their excitement and dedication in representing the members of CTCI. Our new directors will be profiled in the upcoming issue of *Early Bird*.

Financial Status of CTCI

CTCI's financial report through July 31, 2020: We are pleased to report a profit year-to-date in spite of these difficult times.

CTCI Board of Directors
Bob Witt, President



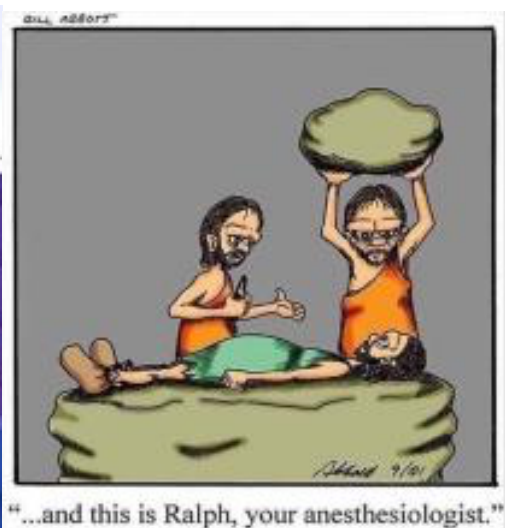
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Funnies from Larry Burke, President, Central Coast Classy Birds



**DOES ANYONE KNOW
WHICH PAGE OF THE
BIBLE EXPLAINS HOW TO
TURN WATER INTO WINE?
ASKING FOR A FRIEND.**



**If you boil a funny
bone it becomes
a laughing stock.
That's humerus.**





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In Memoriam



Dave was a former BATOC member, mechanic for several club members, and a sales associate at Thunderbird Headquarters In Concord. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



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BATOC Classifieds

- CLASSIC T-BIRD TRANSMISSION FLUID TYPE F AVAILABLE
- I recently acquired a quantity of Type-F automatic transmission fluid (aka ATF) which is the type recommended for use in our classic Thunderbirds. They're available to anyone for \$2 each or 3/\$5. I'll bring some to our next gathering or if someone needs some sooner they could always pick some up at our place in WC.
- John Villanueva
- 925-395-6140
- forejv@yahoo.com

Catching Up With A Former BATOC Member

On our BATOC Facebook page we heard from Lynn Paisley Lane. She and her husband Rich were BATOC members from 1967-1975. They were the organizers of the CTCI Western Regional Convention at Morro Bay in 1970. In 1975 they moved to Arizona where the Thunderbird did not like the heat, so they sold it for a nice pool in their yard. They said they have regretted it ever since. They remember Skip Riggs and Ann and Don Gregory. If you are interested in contacting them, Lynn is listed as Lynn Paisley Lane in Facebook.



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Covid-19 Drive, Picnic, Monthly Meeting

On our regularly scheduled monthly meeting date, President Dave Adams and partner Susan Busby, planned a great drive through the East Bay countryside, ending at an idyllic park in Danville. There was even a contest along the way, identifying the order of various points of interest. Once at Hap Magee Ranch Park, everyone spread out under the shady trees and we enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch. Thanks Dave and Susan for organizing such a wonderful outing. We know how much effort this took, and it was well appreciated. Congratulations to Lita and Tom for winning the contest!





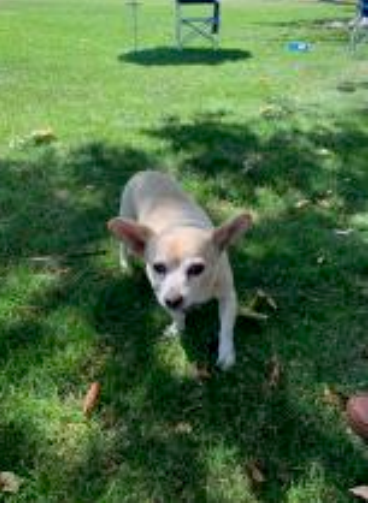
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Thanks Susan
And Dave!
Rocco was
Great too!



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Contest
Winners
Lita and Tom!





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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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Orinda Classic Car Show – September 12, 2020



The 16th Annual Orinda Classic Car Show Weekend

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 is 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

**This event
Is sold out**

**IRONSTONE
CORONA
CONCOURS**



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

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



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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 – 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 – Hap McGee Park
socially distant gathering @ 10Am

FALL:

Sept. 12 – Monthly Breakfast – Meet at Buttercup
@ 10am for 10:30am departure for drive and picnic

Sept. 12 – Orinda Classic Car Tour @ 10:30am
(Verhoek)

Sept 26-27 – Ironstone, Murphys, CA

Oct 3 – Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz

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

Oct 10 – Monthly Breakfast - TBD

Nov 14 – Monthly Breakfast - TBD

WINTER:

Please note: no breakfast meeting

Dec 12 – BATOC Holiday Party - TBD



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

