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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners' Club (BATOC)

Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Monthly Meeting June	Sat. June 9
BATOC 60 th Anniversary Picnic	Sun. June 24
Monthly Meeting July	Sat. July 14
Francis Ford Coppola Winery and Museum	Sat. July 21
Hot Danville Sundays Car Show	Sun. July 22

Laughter is the Best Medicine



BATOC Club Monthly meeting is on the second Sat of each month at:

**The Buttercup Grill & Bar
660 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek CA
10am - noon \$20 for breakfast**

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**

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BATOC'ers GO CRUISING

Well, we cruise in our cars, but this was different - we cruised on the water. On April 29, four BATOC families (Haffners, Canfields, Jenkins/Egli and Bensons) boarded the Grand Princess in San Francisco for a seven night round trip voyage down the CA coast to Ensenada. We were also joined by Janet Booth (whom many of us know) and her sister Karen.

After a day of cruising, we stopped at Santa Barbara where some of the group took a hot rod limo tour of the area. Yes, an actual stretch hot rod. Others just wandered around. Perhaps the most group fun we had was the next day when we all took the ferry from Long Beach to Catalina. In Catalina, we rented two speedy golf carts (a primary means of transportation on the island) and zoomed around over hill and dale to see the sights – and I do mean zoomed.

We finished off the visit with pizza and beer at a waterfront dive bar.

Thursday brought us to San Diego where six of us took the Old Town Hopper Bus to see the sights. Highlights included the Del Coronado, Old Town and Alex the bus driver – what a character! Lastly we visited Ensenada where the Haffners took a four hour tour. (What is there to see in the place that takes four hours?) The Bensons whiled away the time drinking beer and Tequila at Hussong's.

Another day was spent traveling up the coast to SF and then a quick trip home – mostly by BART. As busy as the ship tried to keep us, we all had time to gather together at 7:00 for dinner, catch up on the day's events and get to know each other better.

A grand time was had by all. Too bad more couldn't accompany us.



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CALIFORNIA CRUISE CONTINUED



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PRES SAYS

IN THE LIBRARY, WITH THE CANDLESTICK



What a great time was had by all at the BATOC “Who-Dun-It” Mystery BBQ last weekend. It was all Roger’s fault and frankly, we all knew it – he has always been a bit shady...don’t cha know...lol.

If you missed this, you missed a great outing and I can’t say enough about Guy and Mary’s work and perfect orchestration of a very complex series of events. Appetizers to start, a fully costumed caravan through the streets of Livermore, wine tasting “IN” the vineyard including live (albeit poor) music (not their fault), followed by a murder mystery, house smoked ribs for dinner and lots of fun. GREAT JOB to Guy & Mary. And great job for all our members showing up for a good time and decked out in period costumes.....YEA

On a more serious front, I think I owe a brief apology to the club because I promised to “organize” a Thunderbird Appreciation Day cruise on My 19th and completely dropped that ball. In spite of my failure, I hope that at least some of you got your cars out for an afternoon cruise for the day.

I also want to thank Ed & Donna Benson for what turned into a perfect vacation for our group of world travelers as they embarked on a 7 day Princess cruise down the California coast to Ensenada. The report at last month’s meeting was glowing and everyone wants to do another cruise next year.

Next up, of course, is our fabulous 60th (count them) anniversary celebration, picnic and lawn game extravaganza, courtesy of Lisa & Eran and Nick Verhoek. That is June 24th at Tilden Park in the Oakland hills and is a fully catered BBQ feast from Back 40 Texas BBQ. How can you possibly miss this? There is a flyer inside and you need to RSVP no later than June 9. Please bring any lawn games that you have such as frisbee’s, lawn darts, badminton, croquet, etc...not to mention lawn chairs, umbrellas and your car. Don’t miss it.

Still looking for a Secretary to relieve Kim who would like to retire after her numerous (5 or 6) years of service to the club. I might have to resort to bribery...or maybe even blackmail very soon. We are also still on the prowl for a chase car for our Route 66 trip. We have had some interest in this role and I am hoping for a positive response this month. But, if this is something you and your other half would be interested in, please throw your hat in the ring and fill this very important role while having the vacation of a lifetime.

With all that said, get the car out and polish it up for a fabulous Summer season of cruising. Let’s see everyone at this month’s meeting on the 9th with the tops down and ready to enjoy the weekend.

See You All There,
Dave

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Meeting Minutes May 12, 2018

30 Attendees

Ed Benson gave a report on the Royal Caribbean Cruise that many members of the club went on. Sounds like it was a success, and they had a lot of fun!!

Guy mentioned that we have new members, Dennis and Ester Kalis from Vacaville. They have a '57 T-bird. Joann and John long time members, came today after a three year absence, welcome back!

Next Sunday May 20 is Thunderbird appreciation day. Get out and drive your cars!

BATOC will have an impromptu cruise to Cornerstone Gardens and Market in Sonoma, if your interested let Dave know.

Outings:

June 24 will be Anniversary Party and it will be held in Tilden Park in Orinda. It will be catered by Back Forty Texas BBQ. If you want beer or wine you may bring it, but that's the only liquor allowed in the park. Lisa Nadler needs to know my June 6 if your attending. We will caravan from the Safeway in Orinda, at 10am. The cost is \$25 a person Lisa will need the fee by the next meeting June 9. .

July 22 is Danville Hot summer Days. Its during the day this year and you'll go in around 9 am and stay until about 4.

July 21 is the Coppola winery outing . The wine tasting rate is \$20-25 per person. We'll cruise to Rail Road Square in Santa Rosa for dining after our visit to Coppola. We will caravan from the buttercup, details coming from Nick.

August 18 (Saturday) will be the progressive dinner, located in Walnut Creek visiting Greg Canellas, home, The Brill-Nadler home, and The Benson

August 19 will be the second Hot Danville days. It's an all day car show.

August 15-19 will be CTCI will be held in Knoxville Tennessee this year.

September 22 is Ironstone Concours. More details to follow.

September 29 is Birds on the Wharf in Santa Cruz. The members of the club will be asked to donate baskets and help them out where they need.

Sue Mathieson reports that we've already raised over \$100 from our "bring your change to the meeting". We'll decide on a charity or charity and write out checks in November.

Respectfully Submitted by Kim Dixon,
Secretary

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MYSTERY DINNER WITH A 1920'S TWIST

We were asked to dress up in our 1920's best for a fun Saturday event at the Cummins house. We gathered together at their home for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, and then drove over to a local winery, Retzlaff, parading through downtown Livermore on the way. After wine tasting, we headed back to the Cummins for a scrumptious barbecue dinner. With our bellies full, we met the actors and got the mystery information. After dinner, the show started. Some of us participated in the show, which was tons of fun. After all the deliberations and investigations, we presented our findings and gave the final sentencing. Would you believe that no one identified the perpetrator? Dessert and awards followed, and everyone agreed that this was a spectacular event.



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1920's



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BATOC Classifieds

Item	Seller	Price	Photo
Chrome tire ring '56 T-Bird Continental Kit	Dave Adams 415-269-0055	\$150	
Cherry picker	Dave Adams 415-269-0055	\$100	
Engine Stand	Dave Adams 415-269-0055	\$100	
New Headliner kit	Dave Adams 415-269-0055	\$50	
New Hardtop Front Clamp P/ N 50508 '57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$75	
Generator & Large Diameter Pulley 56-57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$125	
Cast Iron Generator Bracket 55-57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$25	
Right Angle Speedometer Drive 55-56 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$75	
Cast Iron Thermostat Housing 55-57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$25	
Original Town & Country Radio 56,57 T-bird	Bud Riley 925-373-0403	\$150	

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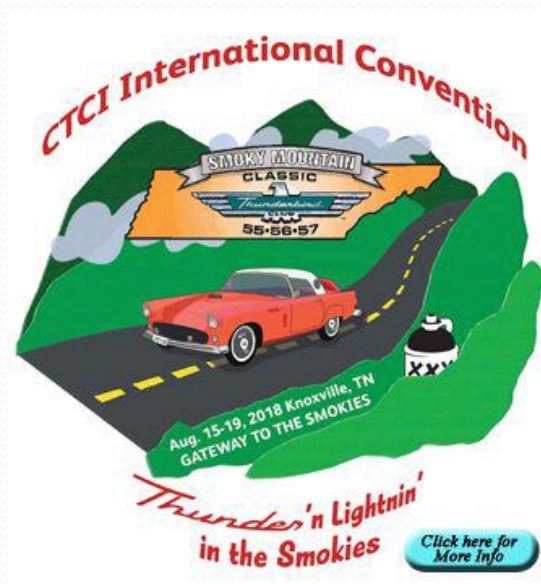
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BATOC AT THE BEACH



SANTA CRUZ SURFING MUSEUM:

Overlooking internationally renowned surfing hotspot Steamer Lane, this little gem of a museum has photographs, surfboards, and other interesting artifacts tracing over 100 years of surfing history in Santa Cruz, CA. The museum shop specializes in great surfing books and surfing related items. Plus, there is a beautiful little 1955 Ford Thunderbird from our club parked in front of it. Thanks to Nick and Judy Verhoek.



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IT'S A BATOC CELEBRATION

Join us for a fun barbeque in Tilden Park to celebrate BATOC's 60-year anniversary.

When: Sunday June 24, 2018 11am-4pm

Where: Fern Picnic Area in Tilden Park, Orinda, CA

Meet: 10:30 at Safeway in Orinda to caravan to the site.
2 Camino Sobrante, Orinda, CA 94563.

Directions will be given to the picnic site in case you get lost.

Food: Back Forty Texas BBQ

Drinks: BYOB (Beer and wine only) All else will be provided.

Cost: \$25 per person.

RSVP: Lisa Brill-Nadler 925-945-7009, sgiveret@astound.net

RSVP and payment: by June 6, 2018

A light wrap or jacket is recommended.

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COPPOLA WINE TASTING & HISTORIC RAILROAD SQUARE IN SANTA ROSA Saturday, July 21, 2018



**Join us on a trip to the Francis Ford Coppola Winery,
Geyserville then to
Historic Railroad Square in Santa Rosa for shopping and
eating.**

**Leaving from the Butter Cup, Walnut Creek at 9 AM.
We will caravan to the location on the country roads as
much as possible. We will have designated parking at the
winery.**

**See Director Coppola's movie making memorabilia and
Oscars on display at the museum.
Optional wine tasting \$20-\$25 payable on site.**

**Later we will caravan to Historic Santa Rosa Railroad
Square (15-20 minute drive) where we are on our own
for lunch, shopping, and browsing at many quaint stores
including antiques/collectables.**

**Schedule: Winery: 11 AM to 1 PM. Railroad Square: 1:30
PM to 4 PM.**

Contact Nick Verhoek at njbrv@aol.com for head count.

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BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB

PROGRESSIVE DINNER (the sequel)

SAVE THE DATE

Join your BATOC friends for another fun ***PROGRESSIVE*** dinner. As explained last year, a progressive dinner has nothing to do with insurance. It is a social occasion where different courses of a meal are eaten at different people's houses!

If you're wondering "whose house" then this is the event for you. **Gregg Cannella** has volunteered to be the first stop with appetizers. **Donna and Ed Benson** have invited us back for yet another opportunity to stain their carpet and serve the main course. To sweeten the event, **Lisa and Eran Nadler** are planning to host dessert.

The event will be held the **night of Saturday, August 18** in the **Walnut Creek** area. Details will be communicated as the date approaches.

RSVP – marymac1234@gmail.com

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Route 66 Trip in October



Tentative Schedule

Oct 5,6 Amarillo
Oct 7,8 Santa Fe
Oct 9 Albuquerque
Oct 10 Gallup
Oct 11 Winslow

Oct 12 G Canyon/Williams
Oct 13 Kingman
Oct 14 Barstow
Oct 15 Santa Monica
Oct 16 San Luis Obispo

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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club 2018 Calendar of Events

Winter – Meetings Jan 13 / Feb 10

- January 14 – President's Mystery Tour (Adams)
- February 4 – Super Bowl Party, Livermore (Guthrie)

Spring – Meetings Mar 10 / Apr 14 / May 12

- March 10 – Group Outing: Bowling (Guthrie)
- April 21 – Mel's Diner (Cummins)
- April 29 – Cruise (Benson)
- May 26 – BBQ (Cummins)

Summer – Meetings Jun 9 / Jul 14 / Aug 11

- June 24 – 60th Anniversary @ Mare Island (Haffner, Nadler, Verhoek)
- July 22 – Hot Danville Sundays Car Show #1 (TBA)
- July 21 – Coppola Winery (Verhoek)
- Aug 19 – Hot Danville Sundays Car Show #2 (TBA)
- August 15 – CTCI International Conference, Knoxville, TN
- August 18 – Progressive Dinner Party (Cannella, Benson, Nadler, Rose)

Autumn – Meetings Sept 8 / Oct 13 / Nov 10

- Sept 22 – Ironstone, Murphys, CA (Canfield)
- Sept 29 – Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz (TBD)
- Oct 5 – 17 – Route 66 Trip
- Nov XX – ??

Winter – Meeting Dec 8

- Dec 14 – BATOC Holiday Party @ Zio Fredo's (Jenkins and Lloyd)

Events in Planning

Proposed Ideas / Hosts Needed

- August Car Show - Niles
- Delta Cruise (Haffner)
- Travis Airforce Base – (Baumgartner)
- Veterans Parade



Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com

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