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BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC) CTCI Chapter 4



Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Monthly Meeting June	June 8, 2019
Anniversary Party/Mystery Dinner	June 15, 2019
Monthly Meeting July	No Meeting (Jul 13, see below)
Delta Cruise and Lunch	July 13, 2019
Progressive Dinner	August 3, 2019

SPARE CHANGE FOR CHARITY

Don't forget to bring your spare change to all meetings and outings!



Lazy Summer Days

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

Facebook Group Page: Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club

Website: batoc.org

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Meeting Minutes May 11, 2019

30 attendees

Our illustrious president, Dave Adams, called the meeting to order stating that we have a small meeting because of all the world travelers this month; so, that the rest of us are stuck here. Guy and Mary Cummings are off for a month on the French Riviera and London. The second day there, their car got broken into, so they got stuck there for five days with insurance claims and police reports and this and that. They didn't even get a replacement car. They were told to put some tape over the windows and go. Jean and Bud Riley and Maria and Jim Guthrie are leaving Wednesday for China, and Sue and Jack Mathieson just came back from China; and we have two club members going to Flagstaff for the convention - CTCI roundup. A big thank you to Kim Dixon for Whale Watching last month. It was a fabulous trip. We had a nice day and saw lots of sightings.

Dave introduced to our newest members, Michael, and his son, Adam. Michael has a 1956 Thunderbird, Fiesta Red. He got it from a friend who got it from his stepdad. Michael got it a year ago and just started tinkering with it. His son Adam just got his license and will be driving it for the first time this afternoon. He heard about us through his repair shop mechanic who told him to do himself a favor and google his local Thunderbird car club, and he did, and found us. Michael lives in San Ramon and is a native of San Francisco.

Dave told us what was going on with CTCI in accepting retro cars into the club. A vote went out and we will hear what has been voted on after the convention. Our BATOC club has always accepted retro cars and voted them as full members several years ago.

Dave also gave us an update on what happened to our deceased member, Richard Porter's Thunderbird. It was found in Dave Adams shop. All three of Richard's car will be up for sale. Dave, our president, will keep us informed as to when and at what prices.

Outings and Events

• Our 60th Anniversary Party

It is a Murder Mystery Luncheon

with a fifties theme, so dress up for a fun time! It is June 15th, 1PM to 5PM at Beeb's Bar and Grill at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore.

It is \$40.00 per person. Money must get to Maria by June 2.

Also, Maria has our 60th anniversary pins to pass out. They will first be given out at the Anniversary Party. Each paying member will get 2 pins.

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The Haffner's Sugar Barge Cruise is Saturday, July 13th.

It is also our meeting date and we will have our meeting on the boat.

The cruise is in Discovery Bay on the Rosemarie. We will leave at 9:30AM and cruise to Bethel Island. It is \$65.00 per person and lunch will be at the Sugar Barge.

Payments to Maria by July 1.

- Jean Riley reported on the Hearst Castle Outing. It will be on Friday, August 23rd to Sunday August 25. Overnight trip, staying at the Apple Farm in San Luis Obispo. We will be visiting an Air Museum in Paso Robles, having lunch there, and wine tasting. We will go on the Hearst Castle Tour on Saturday. Tour cost is \$33.00.

We will have Sunday brunch at the Madonna Inn. We will go 101 both ways.

- Danville Car Shows (Hot Sunday Afternoons)-July 21st and August 18th. We have preferred parking on the shady side of the street.

\$30.00 entry fee. Dave Adams, chairperson.

- Ironstone-signup due Sept. 1.

- Birds on the Wharf-Oct. 5

- Ed Benson's Cruise- September 30 - Oct 6

Leave from Vancouver to LA.

Those that attended Cinco de Mayo in Livermore on May 4th had a great time.

Organized by Jean and Bud.

Paul Grech talked about his brake pedal. It did not feel as hard as it should. He could lift the pedal up a good inch. It was not resting against the upper stop, so he just assumed it was out of adjustment because the rod is adjustable, but he couldn't take up all the slack with the adjustment screw, so he asked Thunderbird Headquarters if there was supposed to be something on the end of the rod and they said yes, a plastic button. Installing the plastic button made all the difference in the world.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08.

Respectfully submitted by Marianne Grech, Secretary

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PRES SAYS



Huān Yíng Huí Jiā OR Bienvenue à la maison

And extra points for the proper translations....and if our world travelers don't know the answer, we are sending back from where'st they came. LOL We are truly happy that our galivant-ers have returned safely and didn't set off any world conflicts or nuclear missiles.

On the home front, summer is here and there is lots to do and lots to plan for. Of course, this month is our Anniversary Murder Mystery and tickets are still available. Don't miss it. June 15th at Los Positas Golf Course. Call Guy & Mary or Maria and reserve your space.

On a business note – as you know, CTCI presented a By-Law change vote this last month which would have made 2002-2005 Thunderbird owners full voting members of the club. This was a contentious subject that had strong feelings and arguments on both sides. Unfortunately, a By-Law change in the club requires a 2/3's majority vote to pass and the vote fell short of that as follows;

Yes votes for the By-Law change 1,288 votes (60.66%)

No votes for the By-Law change 835 votes (39.33%)

Keep in mind that this does NOT mean that Retro Birds are not welcome in CTCI. In fact, all CTCI events, regionals and conventions welcome the Retro's and encourage full participation in the activities. The only thing at issue here was the voting rights for officers and By-Laws, etc. And, keep in mind that you can, in fact, pay your dues and be a member of the club and receive the many benefits of that membership and have a great time in the club. CTCI is well worth the \$40.00 a year...even for Retro's.

On another business front – Get out those old-fashioned analog photo albums and find those historic pictures of your T-Bird for this years calendar. A picture of your car in 1965 in front of the Golden Gate bridge or maybe even being driven off the showroom floor in 1957. Send you picture to Guy and let's start getting this years calendar together.

Happy Summer and get that car out and about.

Happy T-Birding

Dave

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World Travelers

Cummins, Guthries, Mathiesons, Rileys



Shots from Monaco, Grasse, France, London, England, Forbidden City, Pandas, X'ian, Yangtze River, and Great Wall

Technical Tidbits

Many of us purchased the great booklet of Technical Tips From Thunderbird Land compiled by Robert DePaola. For those of you who haven't purchased it, or are too busy to study it, we will be highlighting many of the great writeups that are included in this booklet. Here is a tidbit valve cover gasket replacement.

VALVE COVER GASKETS

By Bob Koltvedt

The author recommends to use the cork gasket that is sold by the Thunderbird parts suppliers. You can also get the same cork gasket from NAPA or other good parts stores. Some stores sell a rubber gasket, but it is much harder to install properly.

When you install the cork gasket, you can use some RTV placed in the groove of the valve cover. You do not need to use a lot, only enough to help hold the gasket in place. I do not recommend that you use any adhesive. Gasket adhesive will work, but it will also make it difficult to save the gasket, if you need to remove the valve cover again for valve lifter adjustments. To insure a good assembly, I would also use some masking tape to help hold the gasket. You can loop the tape around the gasket in two places along its length - on both the top and bottom of the gasket. Loop it so that two or three inches of the tape will extend outside the cover when you put it on the engine.



Club Officers

Office	Club Member
President	Dave Adams
Vice President, Webmaster	Guy Cummins
Secretary	Marianne Grech
Treasurer	Maria Guthrie
Activities Director	Mary Cummins
Editor, Historian, CTCI Rep	Jean Riley
Technical Director	Pete Lefevre
Sunshine Director	Lita Schaffer
Apparel Director	Lisa Brill-Nadler
Philanthropy Director	Sue Mathieson
Recognition Director	Kathy Ramos



Cinco de Mayo Festivities!

Well, there wasn't much planned in May, so we had an impromptu gathering on Cinco de Mayo weekend. This group is always ready to party! We met at Mexico Lindo Restaurant in Pleasanton and had a delicious dinner of Margaritas, Chips, and various Mexican specialties. It was a fun evening.



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CTCI Convention Report

by Kathy and Tony Lloyd

We departed for Flagstaff on Sunday May 12th (Mother's Day). We spent the first night in Needles, CA. After breakfast we hit the road once again arriving in Flagstaff around 4 pm. We checked into Little America and got settled in. Tuesday we were on our own and we did a little exploring on our own. We also checked in for the convention.

On Wednesday May 15 Kathy took the bus trip to Sedona and had fun exploring all the little shops. Tony stayed behind and washed the car. On Thursday, May 16 it was time to get serious putting the final touches on the car. We once again entered the Touring class. I cleaned on the car for four hours and was quite pleased at how the little bird looked. We went back to our room to clean up for the Welcome Party. Tony was having a little problem with his mobility and I was lucky the hotel had a wheelchair that we could use. We got to the welcome party a little early as I wanted to be sure we got a seat. Tony was not doing well and a member of the Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club who is also a Nurse Practitioner told Tony he was suffering from Altitude Sickness. We left the party early as I had to tuck him into bed for a good night sleep. I left Tony in bed on Friday morning and proceeded to the judging. After the car was judged there were no other activities for me to participate in so I made my way back to our room as I was feeling a little tired. We both took afternoon naps. That evening was the Western BBQ which featured hamburgers, chicken, sausage, numerous salads plus dessert.

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I was not feeling very hungry. After dinner we were on our way back to our room when I had to step outside for fresh air. Unfortunately I ended up getting sick. This time it was Kathy's turn to be tucked in bed. Unfortunately I ended up getting sick. This time it was Kathy's turn to be tucked in bed.

On Saturday, May 18 I told Tony that I really felt awful and we missed the driving tour and found our way to the local hospital. We were both diagnosed with altitude sickness. Kathy was a little worse than Tony. After promising we were going to leave Flagstaff, the Doctor finally released us. We got back to the hotel where the banquet was just getting started. We took third place in our touring class.

First thing Sunday morning we packed up the car for the trip home. We made it to Barstow, CA and settled in at the Hampton Inn. Monday morning we were back on the road and made it to Bakersfield where we stopped for gas. Tony was not able to get the car started as the starter took a crap. I found a 2014 copy on the CTCI Roster in the trunk and started calling anyone I could find in Bakersfield to answer the phone. That's when we found our guardian angels, Michael and Kathi Parks. This was around noon. Michael had what was necessary to get the starter removed. He took Tony to a rebuilder. Kathi kept Kathy company. Thanks to their help the car was fixed and we were once again on the road home.

The one thing we learned this trip is we do not do well in altitude. We do best at sea level.



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61st Anniversary Party & Murder Mystery Luncheon

Saturday, June 15; 1pm - 5pm

Enjoy Murder Mystery Theater
with a Buffet Luncheon & no-host bar

Find your poodle skirt and start hopp'n.
This year's murder mystery has a
50's Sock Hop theme

50's attire encouraged!

Beeb's Bar and Grill at
Las Positas Golf Course
915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore

\$40/person

due by June 1, 2019

(No refunds after June 1)

NOTE: The club is subsidizing this event

RSVP to Guy & Mary Cummins by June 1:
marymac1234@gmail.com or 409-559-3190

Mail your payment to Maria Guthrie:
637 Yorkshire Ct. Livermore, CA 94551



Sugar Barge Lunch Cruise

Discovery Bay to Bethel Island

Saturday, July 13th



RSVP to our hosts John and Darlene Haffner (925 330-9930)

Submit \$65/person payment to Maria Guthrie by July 1st

JOIN US FOR A FULL DAY OF RELAXATION, SIGHTSEEING, AND FOOD

The BATOC DELTA CRUISE aboard the **ROSEMARIE** will depart DISCOVERY BAY at 9AM, cruise to the SUGAR BARGE RESTAURANT on BETHEL ISLAND for LUNCH at 11:30, and return to DISCOVERY BAY at 3 PM.



**AT 9AM MEET AT
THE BOARDWALK GRILL**
(5879 MARINA RD., DISCOVERY BAY)

THE DAY WILL START WITH A MANDATORY SAFETY BRIEFING PRIOR TO BOARDING (with MIMOSAS and BLOODY MARY'S to blunt the pain).

While you relax with your favorite drink (No-Host Bar onboard) and listen to Captain Morgan's playlist featuring everything from Reggae, Blues, Country, Classic Rock, to the Sounds of the Caribbean, we will navigate past the *Discovery Bay Lighthouse*, under the *Orwood Railroad Bridge*, and past the famous *Forbes Island Lighthouse* formerly located at Pier 39 in San Francisco. Traveling further up the river you will experience spectacular sights from the top deck of the *Rosemarie*. We will then cut across the south end of Frank's Tract to arrive at the *Sugar Barge Restaurant and Bar* around 11:30 am for lunch.

Lunch includes:

- Choice of 1/2 lb burger w/fries, fish & chips, or grilled chicken caesar salad.
- Soft drink and dessert (alcoholic drinks sold separately)

Tax and tip for lunch is included in the cruise fee.

THE \$65 COST INCLUDES THE CRUISE, LUNCH, AND RESTAURANT GRATUITY
(THE SHIP HAS A TIP JAR AVAILABLE IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE AN ADDITIONAL GRATUITY.)

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JUL

**DANVILLE 2019 HOT
SUMMER SUNDAYS**

CAR SHOW

11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

18
AUG

\$25.00 Pre-Registration | \$30.00 Day of Show

Staging from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Danville Boulevard.
680 Freeway, Exit El Cerro. Follow the signs to Danville
Boulevard. Turn Left. All cars must enter by 11:00am.

Pre-Registered Cars Are Guaranteed Entry to the Show.



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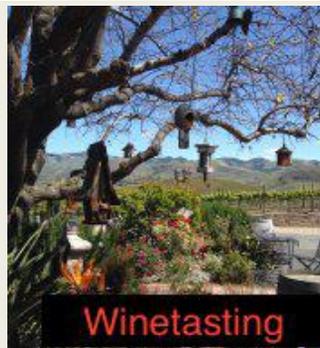
Vendor and Volunteer Opportunities Still Available
Please Call David at 925-437-3649 or by email ezasugo@yahoo.com

HEARST CASTLE WEEKEND AUGUST 23-25 2019

Paso Robles



Hearst Castle



Join us for a weekend of beautiful sights and fun times.

Leave Friday, Aug 23 and return Sunday, Aug 25

On the way down, we will stop for lunch in Paso Robles and then visit the Estrella Warbirds Museum. Then we will head to the Apple Farm Hotel in San Luis Obispo.

Rooms are reserved as follows: Block ID 925862 Phone 800-255-2040

Main Inn: King Rooms (single king) in the Main Inn at a rate of \$239/night

Trellis Court: King (single king) Trellis Court Rooms or Queen Trellis Court Rooms with a patio hot tub at a rate of \$169/night

Cost of Hearst Castle Tour \$33 Reservations have not been secured yet.

After the tour, we can do some winetasting in San Luis Obispo and dinner at the hotel. Sunday, we are looking into brunch at the Madonna Inn then a leisurely drive home.

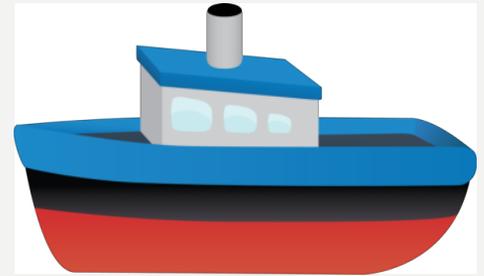
Please let Bud and Jean Riley know if you are attending. We will need a count for Hearst Castle by June 24: bjriley12@aol.com or 925-373-0403

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Join your BATOC buddies and enjoy a six day Vancouver, BC to Los Angeles cruise on NCL's newest ship, Norwegian Bliss.



Bask in the lively charm of the west coast leaving September 30 for six days arriving in Los Angeles on October 6.

The cruise stops at Victoria, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Current cost per person is \$479 for inside, \$749 for ocean view and \$799 for balcony plus port taxes and tips. Estimated airfare is around \$400.

This is a heck of a good deal on a brand new ship! If you want to go, get on it now, and make your deposit. You can cancel later if you change your mind. Space is going fast, and our confirmed reservation just jumped \$100 overnight. Last year's BATOC cruisers had a great time.

Ed Benson (ebensonbwa@aol.com, 925-943-7011) is our sponsor, and he's working with Randi Schultz of [cruisentours4u](http://cruisentours4u.com), his long time cruise travel agent.

If you're interested, please sign up. If you have questions contact Randi Schultz or Ed at 925-943-7011, ebensonbwa@aol.com

Further information can be found on NCL's website:

<https://www.ncl.com/cruises/6-day-pacific-coastal-from-vancouver-BLISS6VANSEAVICSFOLAX/schedule?embarkationport=4294953420&destinations=4294961384&numberOfGuests=4294953449&state=null&sailmonths=4294942320&itineraryCode=BLISS6VANSEAVICSFOLAX&customerStoriesCurrentPage=1&customerStoriesPageSize=3>

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Plan Ahead for 2020 CTCI Convention In Sarasota, Florida

CTCI 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

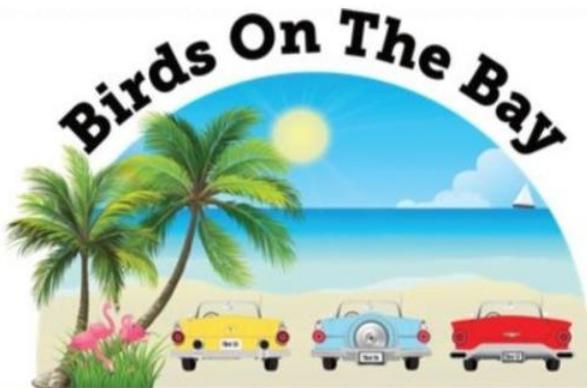
Hosted by the Trail Birds of Southwest Florida

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.



Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club



2019 Calendar of Events

Winter – Meetings Jan 12 / Feb 9

January 19 – President's Mystery Tour (Adams)

February 3 – Super Bowl Party, Livermore (Guthrie)

Spring – Meetings Mar 9 / Apr 13 / May 11

March 9 – Bowling (Guthrie)

March 16 – St. Paddy's Day 1st St. Alehouse (Cummins)

March 17 – Oakland Aviation Museum Open Cockpit Day (Verhoek)

April 14 – Whale Watching (Dixon)

May 15-19 – CTCI Western Classic Roundup
Flagstaff, AZ

Summer – Meetings Jun 8 / Jul 13 / Aug 10

June 15 – Anniversary Party/Mystery Dinner (Cummins)

July 13 – Delta Cruise (Haffner)

July 21 – Danville Car Show #1

Summer (continued)

Aug 3 – Progressive Dinner Party
(Benson, Cannella, Nadler, McIntyre)

Aug 18 – Danville Car Show #2

Aug 23 - 25 – Hearst Castle (Riley)

Autumn – Meetings Sept 14 / Oct 12 / Nov 9

Sept 14 – Alameda Car Show (Mathieson)

Sept 28 – Ironstone, Murphys, CA

Sept 30 – Oct 6 – Cruise: Vancouver to LA (Benson)

Oct 5 – Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz

Oct XX – Tbird Calendar Meeting (Adams)

Nov XX –

Winter – Meeting Dec 14

Dec 8 – BATOC Holiday Party (Booth)

TBD – Tesla Factory Visit (Lloyd)



Updated 3/30/19

Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com