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BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB

(BATOC)

CTCI Chapter 4



Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Super Bowl Party	February 2, 2020
Monthly Meeting	February 8, 2020
Monthly Meeting	March 14, 2020

SPARE CHANGE FOR CHARITY

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

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

A new limited selection menu will be used starting in March, to keep us on budget!



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PRES MESS

HAPPY VALENTINES-SUPERBOWL-BOARD MEETING-ANNIVERSARY, SWEETIE

Busy month here. We all know that it is Valentines month...so you'd better do something. We all know it is Superbowl...so you'd better be at our annual Superbowl party. We all know we had our annual BATOC Board meeting...so you should be excited about all the new ideas, hard work and plans that we have made. This is not only a great month, but it will be a great BATOC year.

With that said, we did have a great board meeting last week that netted some outstanding ideas from your very dedicated board members. You will read about some of those ideas in the pages that follow, but some of the highlights include our newest "board member", Paul Gretch as our new Tech Director, some fabulous news ideas from our new Activity Chairs Lisa Derby & her side kick Chris Patterson, our new initiative to connect with other CTCI Clubs, changes to our breakfast meeting menu and BATOC Bucks program, and Paul's renewed quest for Tech events and tech support by the club....How's that for a run-on sentence? The point being, BATOC is the greatest club around and our dedicated board members are working hard on new ideas and great things for the future.



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So, tooting my own horn. If you missed January's President's Mystery tour, you missed one of the great ones. Our mystery was a trip to the Red Door Escape rooms in Pleasant Hill and a fabulous lunch at Back Forty Texas BBQ. If you haven't done an escape room, get out and have some fun and adventure. We all had a GREAT time and some of our "teams" proved smarter than the others...but, of course, that was not the point. The point was a great time, at a brand-new adventure, with our really great friends.

On a business note, our 2020 calendar sales are mostly complete and what a great year it was. Thanks to Don Perry for the great work and a huge thanks to all of the other CTCI clubs who helped us promote the calendar around the world. We are excited about the picture submissions we are receiving from other clubs and excited about the calendar that we will produce for 2021. Get your camera out and get those great shots of your own car....because just like you, it will never look quite as good as it does right now. LOL

So, here's to a great Superbowl today and Go Niners. I will see you all soon, and I am off to do about 10 hours of work in the next 3 hours that I have.

Happy T-Birding

Dave



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Don't forget to pay your BATOC and CTCI 2020 Dues!



Maria Guthrie
637 Yorkshire Ct.
Livermore, Ca.
94551

MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE

If you have already paid your dues, please ignore this invoice
If you have any questions please call Maria Guthrie at;
925-292-7643

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$ 40.00

Make Checks Payable To:

BATOC
C/O Maria Guthrie
637 Yorkshire Ct.
Livermore, Ca. 94551

DUE MARCH 30, 2020

Unpaid members will lose their membership on April 1, 2020

***** 2020 CTCI MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – NOW AVAILABLE *****

This is a full 2020 calendar year membership **RENEWAL** to the Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI)

Each membership includes a subscription to the bimonthly, award-winning, *Early Bird* magazine along with member access to CTCI events, publications, Original Ford Invoices, the CTCI Website and Member Store, an on-line roster of your fellow Thunderbird enthusiasts, and individual technical support, just to name a few of your benefits.

A calendar year Membership for renewing members is only \$37.50

<https://www.ctci.org/shop/ctci-membership-1-year-renewal/>



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BATOC BUCKS PROGRAM

BATOC Bucks are handed out to members according to participation in club activities. Don't set them aside and forget about them. **BATOC Bucks** are as good as cash and should be redeemed. Their value is 1:10 meaning 10 bucks are worth \$1.00.

The bucks will now be distributed as follows:

- Attending a meeting.....10 per family
- Attending an outing.....40 per family
- Driving your TBird to a meeting or outing.....10 per car
- Wearing your badge or jacket.....5 per person
- Bringing a raffle prize to the meeting.....30 per prize
- Hosting an event/outing.....200 per event
- Bringing in new member.....100 per member

Bring in 200 bucks and you've earned a free meal at the meeting. Also, they are redeemable for items of apparel i.e.: T-shirts, jackets, hats, etc. You're missing out if you don't redeem your bucks so don't stash them away and forget about them. Keep them handy and bring them in.





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Meet New Technical Director, Paul Grech



Hello fellow T-birders,

My name is Paul E. Grech, and I have been asked to write about my background. I have been an auto mechanic for over 60 years and have owned my '57 T-bird for 57 years. I have worked on all types of cars. My first choice has always been and always will be a baby bird. First, because of its style. Second, because of it's simplicity of repairing and restoring it. Third, the availability of any part. Fourth, the ease of altering any design deficiency in it. And lastly, because it attracted my wife to me, and we ended up married despite all odds.

I have not had much experience on the retro birds, but there are web sites that have a lot of information and tips about them. The mechanical systems are the same as other cars. I am available for any advice and information you will need to keep your baby on the road and to enhance your enjoyment of the car. I can also mentor you if you want to do it yourself. Working on a car can be very rewarding, fulfilling, relaxing and ecstatic. It can also be very dangerous, if you are not well informed. I mean, like burning your house down. I don't mean to scare you, but to caution you about certain simple things to watch out for. I also want to advise you about the different quality of parts that are out there, and quality of tools to use that can make your repair experience more fulfilling and much less painful. I am looking forward to working with all of you. If you have any questions, give me a call or email me. I will share any interesting information that can benefit everyone in a new column, Ask Paul.

Paul

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A big thank you to Pete Lefevre for being club Technical Director for many years. We appreciate all you have done for the club.



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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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Escape Route! President's Mystery Tour

Dave and Susan outdid themselves this year, taking us to such a unique place. Maybe they were trying to lose us? Well, most of us had never heard of escape rooms, so it was a very fun activity. It took lots of teamwork, ingenuity, and conniving to get our groups out of the rooms – which included a carnival, a casino, a jail and a terrorist camp. One group was able to escape within the allotted 60 minutes, but the rest all came close. After such hard work, we really enjoyed our lunch at Back Forty Texas Barbecue. Thanks, Dave and Susan, for a terrific outing.





President's Mystery Tour Con't

The Winners!





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Movie Stars
with their
Thunderbirds

Can you guess
who they are?



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POWER STEERING FLUID by Ken Smizinski Published in Technical Tips From Thunderbird Land by Robert DePaola

The power steering systems for the 1955-1957 Thunderbirds were designed to run on Type A transmission fluid. Since Type A transmission fluid is no longer available, many Thunderbird owners and their mechanic have used power steering fluids in their Thunderbird steering systems. Power steering fluid will work in your car's system, but by using regular power steering fluid your system is subject to developing leaks. This is due to the fact that power steering fluid is thinner than Type A transmission fluid. The thinner fluid is able to leak out of the seals, central valve and cylinder. The solution to this problem is to once again use transmission fluid in your Thunderbird's power steering system. Though Type A transmission fluid is no longer available, Type F or FA transmission fluid is available and is an acceptable substitute.

The author recommends that to ensure that the system has not been damaged or compromised, the power steering system should be drained completely, inspected and refilled using the above recommended transmission fluids. Since draining the system completely introduces air into the system which can render your system inoperable if not removed completely, this complete change in fluid should only be done by a qualified mechanic. This is not a job for someone to do yourself.

As an alternative to complete replacement, the less preferable option is to start using the above transmission fluids as you need them. Remove as much of the power steering fluid as you can from the reservoir and replace it with the appropriate transmission fluid. As you run low on fluid, continue to add transmission fluid. Power steering fluid can be mixed with transmission fluid. If you're lucky, you will eventually have enough transmission fluid in your system to stop any leaks caused by using power steering fluid. This fluid change over, however, will not fix any leaks in your system caused from old, hard seals, worn out pumps, and other problems associated with an ageing system. If your car, however, has a new power steering system, yet you have leaks, this tip may solve your problem. Good luck and remember your own mechanical limitations.



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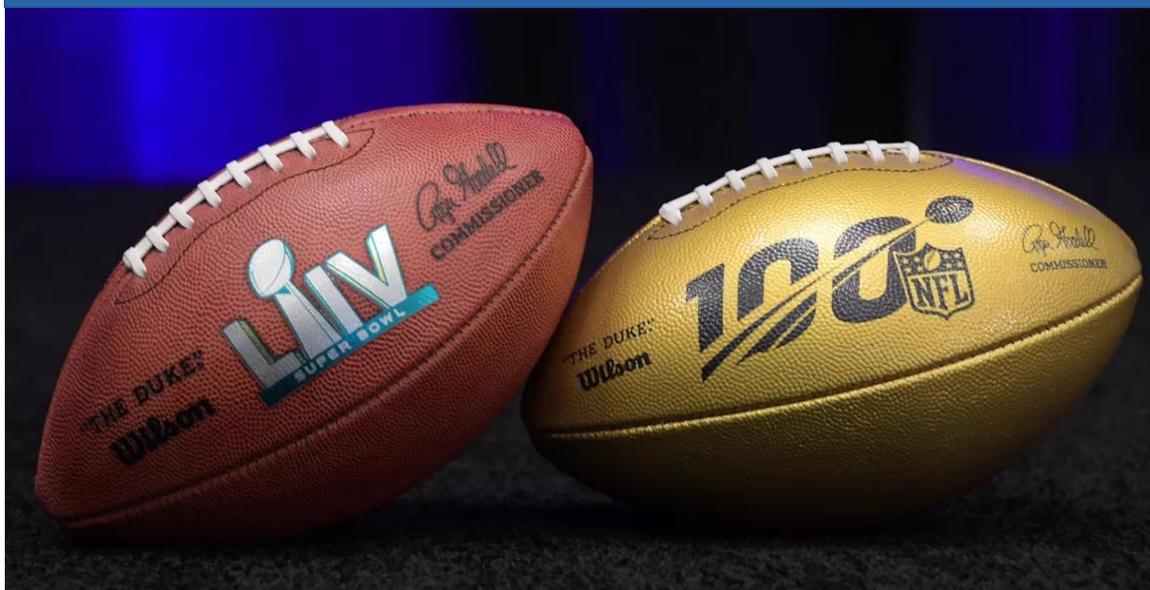
The Famous Guthrie

Annual Super Bowl Party

Is Almost Here!!

RSVP Now!!

Call: 925-292-7643 or email: jmguthrie57@gmail.com



Join the fun!

- Festivities start at 2pm
- Bring a favorite dish and beverage to share
- Hang out with friends and cheer your team

Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 2PM
637 Yorkshire Court Livermore, CA



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Classic Sports Racing Group - Vintage Racing Since 1968



A Day at the Races

- See 200 vintage race cars up close in the paddock and at speed on the track
- Take a Lap on the track in *your* Bird (if >20 Birds attend)
- Special Thunderbird only parking corral
- Arrive between 8am and 10am, lap on track at ~1pm

Saturday, April 18, 2020 8am – 5pm

Sonoma Raceway (aka Sear's Point)

RSVP: ekderby@Hotmail.com



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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.





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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
- April 11 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP
- April 18 – Vintage Races at Sonoma Raceway (Patterson)
- April 28 – Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay, (Verhoek)
- May 9 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP
- May 30 – Wine tasting at the Bensons (Benson)

SUMMER:

- June 13 – Monthly Breakfast at The ButtercuP
- June ?? – 62nd Anniversary Party (Need Planners!)

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
- Nov 26 – Thanksgiving at the Cummins'

WINTER:

- Please note: no breakfast meeting
- Dec 12 – BATOC Holiday Party
- Dec 25 – Christmas at the Cummins'



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





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2020 BATOC Adventure Options

- Tesla Tour
- Apple Tour
- Half Moon Bay
- Alice's Restaurant
- Progressive Dinner
- Memorial Day BBQ
- Altamont Windmills
- Moss Beach Distillery
- Mystery Tour Oakdale
- Jenner Drive - Chowder/Oyster lunch
- Chabot Space Observatory & Planetarium Show
- Bodega Bay Day Drive for lunch (The Birds Cafe & Birds "Museum" in Country Store)

- Apple Hill (in Fall - Friday and possible overnight)
- Land's End/Sutro Baths/Cliff House Lunch
- Pescadero/Pigeon Point/Duarte's Tavern
- Overnight stay on San Quentin Death Row
- Empire Mine State Park - Grass Valley
- Island Mansion Sacramento
- Winchester Mystery House
- Mystery Spot - Santa Cruz
- Livermore Lab Tour
- Del Valle Lake Tour
- Tech Meeting Day(s)
- Filoli Gardens
- Poker Rally
- Delta Tour
- Casino



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