



# The Wing



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Northern California Vintage Thunderbird Club

**Tour Reminder**

**October 2020**

## 2020 VTCA **NON**-EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location	Clubs
10/24/2020(Sat)	Clayton Get together	Clayton Park	Hosted by the Kinseys
11/29/2020(Sun)	Tree Trimming Potluck	Sacramento	<b>Unknown if event is being held</b>
12/13/2020(Sun)	Holiday Party	Alameda (?)	VTCA

**NOTE:**

Finally an excuse to see all of you again. Marilyn and I have missed our monthly get togethers. Not for just the cars but for the friends we have made in this club. This event, step up and hosted by the Kinseys, is our first step in getting back to "normal". Just to make sure that everyone reads this brief note, the Cars will be distributing our year jam gift early to help make everyone feel a little better for the holiday season coming up. Remember bring last years jars if you have any.

Tim Van Raam found a site that would put a picture of his Thunderbird on a Hawaiian shirt. They run small so order a size larger. They have numerous styles and colors. They are also located in China so when you order don't be surprised when you see the billing.

[https://trendysweety.com/products/personalized-car-collection-art-hawaiian-shirt-and-beach-short?fbclid=IwAR0NZr-RxF3vhpocWKRkDn4Y\\_hwnaalxgbkoQYtyodled8-1o\\_VzJQ-hySY](https://trendysweety.com/products/personalized-car-collection-art-hawaiian-shirt-and-beach-short?fbclid=IwAR0NZr-RxF3vhpocWKRkDn4Y_hwnaalxgbkoQYtyodled8-1o_VzJQ-hySY)





# Northern California Vintage Thunderbird Club CLUB MEET OCTOBER 24, 2020 12:00pm



City of Clayton's downtown park "The Grove"

6101 Center Street, Clayton CA 94517

Join Bill & Julie Kinsey for some long-overdue automotive fellowship

Masks & social distancing will be necessary, but that shouldn't stop us from having some fun

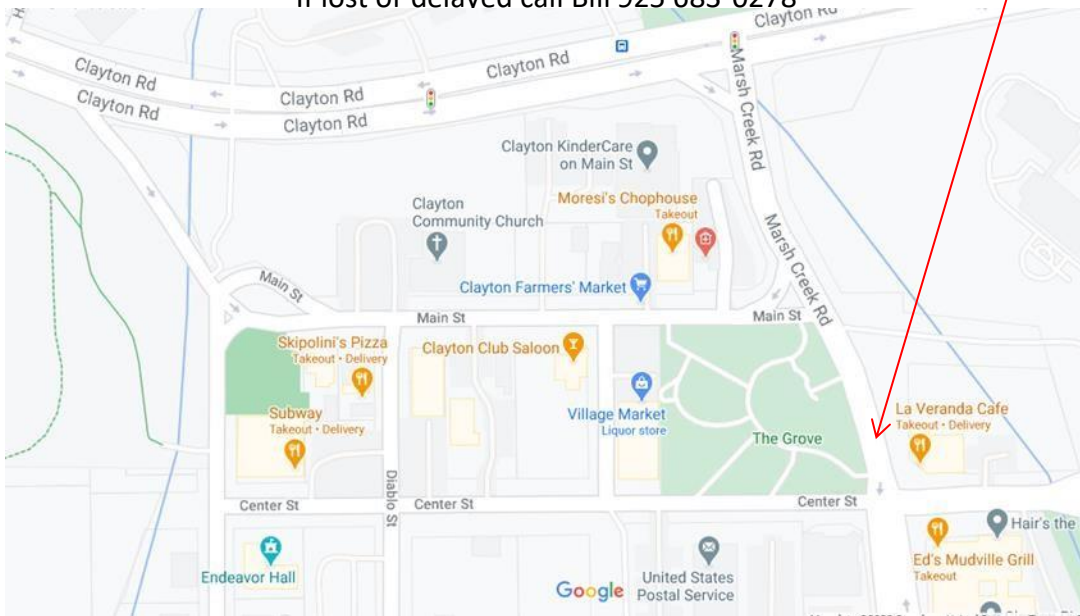
Bring a lunch or enjoy take-out dining from one of the local restaurants

Where's Clayton? In central Contra Costa County, east of Concord at the base of Mt. Diablo:

- From the West: In Concord, take Clayton Road east, right turn on Marsh Creek Rd.
- From the East: Marsh Creek Road west to Clayton, left turn on Center St.
- From the North: In Pittsburg take Kirker Pass Rd south, left turn on Clayton Rd., right turn on Marsh Creek Rd.
- From the South: In Walnut Creek, Ygnacio Valley Rd north, right turn on Clayton Rd., right turn on Marsh Creek Rd

Parking: plenty of spaces on Main Street, we'll arrange group parking upon arrival

If lost or delayed call Bill 925 683-0278



## GEARHEAD UNDERGROUND

Bill Kinsey

Greetings clubmates, it's hard to hold car folk down. The scheduled fun events have been cancelled, public facilities closed, hang up your keys and pick up a book cuz yer stayin home. Got it.

And yet, things are going on out there. In the realm of the unscheduled and informal, word on the street is that car guys are doing car things, and they're doing them together. Social distancing and masks to be sure, but the gearheads are meshing and some of it is pretty interesting.

A few weeks into the lockdown on one of my essential trips to the hardware store I was passed by a squadron of tricked out late model Chevy Camaros at full roar. Social distancing and having fun with your pals and your cars, those guys figured it out. Here and there in these parts you'd see some nifty car in an empty parking lot accompanied by a couple of guys masked and unmasked, keeping their distance and enjoying the car and the camaraderie. In normal times around here on a typical weekend the hotrods and classics emerge from garages for a spin in the sun. This year, as the weeks in March and April wore on we saw more and more individual classics and hotrods on weekdays doing errands, and more thumbs-up and waving out the driver's window as car people encountered one another at the intersection and on the boulevard.

By May and into early summer, small groups were forming on Saturday evenings in vacant strip mall parking lots, generally organized via social media. The first one or two of these we went to were marked by a mild nervousness about getting in trouble for attending a public gathering during lockdown, and exposure to the virus of course. But along with those concerns were genuine expressions of happiness at being able to be out with people doing something fun. "Good to see you again," "It's great to get out," and the like. To my knowledge no one got in trouble and I hadn't heard of a local spike in virus cases.

One August night, with or without those concerns, hundreds of cars and people converged on Concord's Clayton Road, eventually settling in a block-long shopping center parking lot. Hotrods, classics, customs, choppers, many from two large social media groups. Unscheduled and unstructured, but mostly orderly and polite, with masks and distancing and a low-key police presence. There was a bit of a cruise, some motorcycle wheelies, an attempted stop-light drag race, but mostly it was car people getting together with their cars for the first time in a while. Other such events have taken place around the county.



Things are officially loosening up now, and businesses here are again hosting car nights and Cars & Coffee Saturdays, masks and distancing mandatory. Julie and I recently enjoyed milkshakes and Hot Concord Nights at Mel's on Treat Blvd., now a weekly event.



Not the same as going to Good Guys or the races or our traditional club events, but we're learning how to have fun again with our pals and our cars  
See you down the road,  
Bill



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SINCE THE LOCKDOWN – CLAYTON  
PARK THIS MONTH.  
GEARHEAD UNDERGROUND  
BY BILL KINSEY***