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Modesto Area Classic  
T-Bird Club October Newsletter

A Message From Our President:

Our September T-Bird meeting was conducted by Vice President Jim Montavon while Darlene and I and our family were in Hawaii. Monty reported that Jim did a great job. Thanks Jim.

We had a great time in Hawaii. Over the years I had accumulated a high number of credit card points that we cashed in for nine airline tickets, rented two condo's and had a week of doing the tourist stuff. Beer, wine, food, swimming, reading and buying tourist stuff.

It's good to be back See you in October.

*Happy*

*T-Birding,*

*Don Cose*



# Mark Your Calendar

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BUSINESS MEETING OCTOBER 11TH AT 11:30 AM

LACASCADA MEXICAN RESTAURANT

2704 MITCHELL ROAD, CERES



HOSTS: SANDY & JOE HOOD

99 SOUTH TO MITCHELL ROAD EXIT – SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW

*Jim Ridenour 2nd*

*Jim Montovan 24th*



*Sandy Hood 24th*

*Bev Montgomery 29th*

**Sunday December 13th**  
**Our Holiday Party**



## Scheduled Meetings and Tours

**October 11th, 11:30: Business meeting, LaCascada Mexican Restaurant, 2704 Mitchell, Ceres. Hosted by Sandy and Joe Hood. Directions: Take Mitchell Road Exit off of 99. Go through 3 stop lights, Burger King on right, restaurant is next driveway.**

**November 8th, 12:00: Business meeting, Famiglia Bistro Italian Ristorante, 2501 McHenry Avenue, Modesto. Hosted by Elaine and Keith Rogers. Directions: Take Briggsmore exit, turn left at top of ramp. Go to McHenry Avenue, turn left. Restaurant behind Well's Fargo Bank (on your left) about two stoplights.**

**December 13th, Christmas Party at Green's, 10th Street in Modesto: Hosted by Donna Montavon and Pat Mason.**

# A word from our VP, Jim Montavon

Fall is here and so is the dust from the harvesting of nuts. But that is the valley and soon we will experience cooler weather and our first rain!

There is still lots of T-bird stuff going on. We had a nice turnout for the Escalon Lion's Club Car Show; Joe & Sandy Hood with their "Grandgirls," Jim Ridenour, Roger Williams and his buddy Jack, and Joe & Sandy's friend Nancy. I was on my own for the day as Donna was conducting her annual garage sale. Of our six cars, three won awards, including Sandy's Black Chrome; Roger's Purple Vurple, and Nancy's Mercury. Congratulations!

Tweety Bird is temporarily out of commission, undergoing an engine bay restoration. Of course it turned out to be a bigger project than expected, including removal of 58 years of dirt and crud. With the help of Keith in reinstalling the power steering pump, generator, pulley and fan, she should be back on the road soon. When she does, she will be sporting a like new wardrobe under the hood. Next is air conditioning. Gotta keep spending money on these classics.

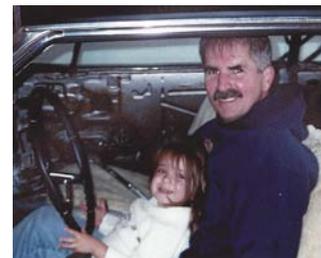


Earl Reedy, Marlon Helton, Keith & Elaine Rogers, and Joe & Sandy Hood are signed up for the Del Webb show in Manteca on October 3. Then there is the Modesto Harvest Festival Car show on Saturday, October 17th from 10 to 4. The draw is entrants will receive two lunches and two free movie tickets to the downtown Brenden. For once there is no entry fee.

I really enjoyed our club article in the Sept-Oct issue of the CTCI Early Bird magazine. Pat did an outstanding job recognizing the club and the history of American Graffiti in Modesto. Way to go, Pat!

Tentative 2016 Officers and Chairpersons are lining up as follows:

- ◆ President, Jim Montavon
- ◆ Vice President, Jim Ridenour
- ◆ Secretary, **Open**
- ◆ Treasurer, Elaine Rogers
- ◆ Board Members, Earl Reedy, Keith Rogers
- ◆ CTCI Representative, Don Cose
- ◆ Give Away, Joe & Sandy Hood
- ◆ Publicity, Katrina Tellez
- ◆ Newsletter, Pat Mason
- ◆ Sunshine, **Open**



## TECH TIP

*Jim*

Car Clinic recommends you use an engine oil with ZDDP, zinc additive. Valvoline Racing oil, 20-50 oil, has zinc additive.

PLEASE note that all club members are welcome to apply for any of the positions. Do not hesitate to contact Don Cose at [dnD65@comcast.com](mailto:dnD65@comcast.com) or myself [jmonta9944@aol.com](mailto:jmonta9944@aol.com) with any comments and recommendations.



**This new website not only lists car shows by state, it has a listing of car clubs. Our club has been added. Check it out [www.safari.com](http://www.safari.com)**

### Welcome Jim Darwin

A warm welcome to our newest member,  
Jim Darwin.

Jim recently purchased a blue 1957 T-Bird and is anxious to get involved in our club. Jim states he retired from John Deere and JM Equipment where he worked in the farm equipment and material handling.

Jim is single, has three sons and a stepson, and his hobby is radio controlled air planes.

Jim's contact information is as follows:

2717 Amir Drive, Modesto 95355

209 380-5269 [Jim.darwin@hotmail.com](mailto:Jim.darwin@hotmail.com)



### FOR SALE 2004 RETRO T-BIRD

Merlot exterior, tan leather interior, immaculate, like new! Two tops including new canvas top. 107K miles, asking \$16,999

Call Sandy or Joe 209 883-1122

### News From Ruben & Katrina



Their daughter Kristina as a Coast Guard Reservest, is advancing from Boatswain Mate First Class to Chief Petty Officer. She will be officially pinned on October 16th at CG Station Rio Vista, CA.

Their Son Andrew whom is in the Air Force, has been promoted from Airman First Class to Staff Seargent. He is stationed in Ramstein, Germany and currently on six month deployment in Qatar, The United Imerates.



Alina Amador, 9, listens to Big Earl and the Cyril's Shams during the Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival on Saturday.

### Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival today

**S**aturday's celebration of the harvest continues today at the annual Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival. Vendors, food, arts and crafts, a farmers market, car show, kids zone, live music and more could be found in downtown Hughson on Saturday. Today, many of the same events as well as live music from noon to 4 p.m. by Greg Scudler and the Beer30 and a Firemen's Muster at 1 p.m. will help round out the weekend's festivities. The admission-free festival continues today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, go to [www.hughsonfruitandnutfestival.com](http://www.hughsonfruitandnutfestival.com).

**It is always great when one of our cars, or at least part of the car, makes the local newspaper. Such was the case with Sandy Hood's "hood" at the Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival, September 19th.**



## **CAR OF THE MONTH**

*How We Met Our T-Bird*  
*By Bev and Monty Montgomery*

Monty & I have owned several old cars in our lifetime. The cars included a 1965 Chevy El Camino (which now belongs to our son, Dan), a 1928 Model A Ford and a 1947 Ford Convertible (which we towed home from Springfield, Illinois). We belonged to the Early Ford Club for a few years and drove the 1947 Ford to Canada once ...just once!

Our interest in obtaining a T-Bird was encouraged by Earl and Dolly Reedy, and Don and Darlene Cose. Earl called one day and said there was a 1956 T-Bird for sale at the Good Guys Show at the Alameda Fair Grounds. We went over and looked at it and found it was owned by the preferable “little old lady from Pasadena” (actually it was Hayward). She had purchased it new from a dealership and we knew the guy who sold it to her. It had been stored for years. We bought it and drove it home. It was solid black so Monty had the top painted white. He was retired but still wanted to drive a black & white. Perfect for an X-CHP.

In 1998 we were on our way to Birds on the Wharf, making a stop in San Francisco to see a play, when a white pickup cut in front of us as we were getting on the Bay Bridge. We did a 360 degree turn trying to stop with regular factory brakes. All four car fenders hit the concrete divider. Monty, with his many years of driving skills, managed to keep from hitting anything else. Monty was hospitalized overnight with a broken nose and cheekbone. I had a broken finger and a bump on my head (but I’m blond so they weren’t too concerned about that). Unfortunately, our sweet little Bird was totaled!

We ended up buying it back from the insurance company and it spent two years in a Turlock shop being restored from the ground up. While in the shop there was a fire, but they got the car out before the car incurred any damage. We were beginning to think this car was not meant to be for us. Finally when it was ready to paint there was a decision to be made, go back to black & white or change. I wanted Peacock Blue but I got “out voted.” We decided to paint it the color of a T-Bird we had seen in the Bay area. Because the paint shop could not find the formula for the original T-Bird color, it became our “mission” to find it. Ted Antognelli in Fresno had a T-Bird the same color, so we drove to Fresno and spoke with he and his wife. They were wonderful and Ted offered us one of his fender skirts so we could match the color. We are forever grateful to them for their help.

Over the years Monty has made several safety and comfort changes to our car. The first was disc brakes, followed by an electric fuel pump, electric fan, electrical ignition and air conditioning. The air conditioning was completed at Don Cose’s garage with an assembly line made up of Don Cose, Earl Reedy, Larry Sullivan and Monty installing units into all four T-Birds. All four units worked!

We joined the Modesto T-Bird Club in 1997 and have thoroughly enjoyed the many outings & friendships we have made over the years.





**Sandy Hood and grand-daughter, Hanna**



# Escalton Car Show, September 12th



**Jim Ridenour's Lil Bird**



**Roger William's 1960 T-Bird  
an award winner**



**Sandy and Joe Hood**



**Hanging out, talking, eating,  
people watching.**





The Early Birds of Southern California and the Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego will be hosting the 2016 convention in San Diego from September 13-18 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Special events include: A tour and lunch on the US Midway, Trolley tour with 11 stops for shopping, Viejas Casino trip, and Botanic Gardens Tour.

There is a registration form, as well as the schedule of events in this newsletter.

Future car shows and CTCI registration forms will be available with the creation of our new website in December of this year.

## >>> Monthly Newsletter

Members of the Modesto Classic T-Bird Club are encouraged to submit articles or informational items for our monthly newsletter. Items for sale or trade must be relevant to our T-Birds. Announcements or stories of family events, as well as special pictures are always welcome. Pictures can be submitted electronically in jpg format, or sent to the editor to scan (all pictures will be returned). Editorial discretion always applies. Submissions for the newsletter are due by the 25th of each month.

### CTCI WANTS YOUR CAR!



The CTCI office is now accepting photos of your car for the photo gallery on the home page of their website. All pictures should be in **JPG** format and submitted electronically via e-mail to [ctci2@msn.com](mailto:ctci2@msn.com)

# Minutes From September Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by club Vice President Jim Montavon at Angelinos in Manteca, CA. There were 31 members and 1 guest in attendance. Thank you to Earl and Dolly Reedy for hosting the meeting. The center pieces were beautiful and the fall decorated candies were delicious.

Our one guest is now a member. He is Jim Darwin who owns a '57 that he is working on. Welcome aboard Jim.

Secretary Report – Jim Ridenour: There were no reported errors in the meeting minutes from August. Joe Hood made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jan Peterson, and approved.

Treasury Report – Elaine Rogers: Expenses for August were \$213.20, and income \$75.00.

Sunshine Report – Shirley Mattos: There were two birthdays in August and no anniversaries. Shirley commented on Jesse Mooney, aka Corky, and shared the program from his service.

CTCI – Monty Montgomery: No CTCI report; however, Monty said the fuel consumption bill SB350 had not passed the State Legislature (at least not for now).

Meetings and Tours – Jim Montavon: Joe and Sandy Hood will be hosting our October meeting at La Cascada Mexican Restaurant in Ceres. A signup sheet was passed around and those who did not sign up need to call Sandy or Joe. Several members attended the theater presentation of Music Man in Columbia. Terry Helton said they had a very nice time and the dinner was excellent. Jim Ridenour reported on two car shows he attended at Old Fisherman's Club and at English Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital. Jim's '57 T-bird received a second place ribbon at English Oaks. Sandy Hood reported on the Del Rio car show and Hot August nights. Roger Williams reported on The Autumn Cruise in Escalon where he and Sandy both received awards. Upcoming car shows are The Hughson Fruit & Nut Festival,, The Fruityard Car Show, a car show in Coulterville, Birds on the Wharf in Santa Cruz, Del Webb in Manteca and the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Harvest Festival in downtown Modesto.

News Letter – Pat Mason: The club received the Silver Award from CTCI for our newsletter. Way to go Pat. Pat also talked about the criteria used for judging newsletters. Pat is asking for thoughts about an image change for our club, a new website, new newsletter name, and updating of logo. Submit any thoughts or ideas to Pat. And lastly please send Pat any pictures of cars shows.

Publicity – Katrina Tellez: Katrina said that she has submitted meeting information to The Modesto Bee; some members said that had not seen anything in Bee lately. Katrina will follow up with the Bee.

ACCC – Keith Rogers: Keith had a copy of the latest Defender. In it is an article about the Senate proposal to raise taxes on gas, Road access tax, a tax on labor and an increase in DMV fees. Keith also mentioned there is an article about removing ethanol from our gasoline. Contact Keith if you would like a copy of the article.

Hoods Up: Donna Montavon's Tweety Bird is having its engine bay re-done. Don Morrison said his bird got the flu and he took it to "Cal Auto Repair" on 8<sup>th</sup> street in Modesto. Jim Montavon had his valve covers cleaned at "The Shining" in Riverbank.

Old Business – Elaine has club patches and license plate frames available for sale.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m. **Respectfully submitted** *Jim Ridenour* **Secretary**

## Give Away Winners

**Don W ~ Rubin ~ Mona ~ Gil ~ Pat J ~ Monty ~ Dolly ~ Keith ~ Janis ~ Bobbi ~ Jim F**

**FUN FUN FUN IN THE CALIFORNIA SUN  
2016 CTCI Convention Registration  
Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego  
September 13-18, 2016**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Your CTCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Other/Guest: First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

Children attending (Under 18): Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Convention? \_\_\_\_\_ Your local chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be interested in a car detailer? \_\_\_\_\_

# Judging \_\_\_\_\_ May your car be used for Judging? \_\_\_\_\_ Bringing a hauler/trailer? Size/length for parking purposes \_\_\_\_\_

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**Let's Have Some Fun!**

		\$/Each	#	Total \$
People	Couple/Family (Children under 18 included)	\$65.00		
	Individual, Guest or Adult Children (per person)	\$35.00		
	Late Registration (if postmarked after 8/15/16 add)	\$20.00		
	<b>Registration Deadline for Cars is 8/15/16 - NO EXCEPTIONS</b>			
Vehicles	Concours I (Trailer or driven with undercarriage judged)	\$50.00		
	Concours II (Driven with undercarriage not judged)	\$50.00		
	Touring Class (Must be driven to/from the event)	\$40.00		
and	Display Class ('55-'57 T-Birds on display; not judged)	\$30.00		
Vendors	Secured Parking (Other year T-Birds & collector cars; not judged)	\$30.00		
	Trailer(s)/RV - secured lot (less than 50' total rig length)	\$20.00		
	Trailer(s)/RV - secured lot (over 50' total rig length = 2 vehicles)	\$35.00		
	Vendor Table(s) - 6' x 30", with tablecloth	\$20.00		
	Swap Meet (Sat. 9/17 6a.m.)			
	<b>Please input # people attending (or cars where indicated-incl. no cost events)</b>			
	Board Meeting Wednesday 9/14, 1p.m.			
	Membership Meeting (Wednesday, 9/14, 2p.m.)			
Tours	Ask the Experts Tech Session (Wednesday, 3p.m.)			
	Welcome Party (Wed., no host bar 6p.m.) Pool side 7-10p.m. sign up			
and	U.S.S. Midway Museum with lunch on board at the bow ( <b>Thurs. 9/15</b> )	\$55.00		
	Rd. trip Bus Transp. for Midway (1 <sup>st</sup> bus leaves at 9:30a.m. - <b>signup sheet</b> )	\$18.00		
Events	Sightseeing Trolley (Fri, 9/16, 10a.m.-5p.m.) Pay when you get to Old Town			
	Casino Tour 9a.m. ( <b>35 people min.</b> for Casino provided shuttle 5 hr. min. stay)	\$6.00		
	Driving to Corvette Diner (Fri, 9/16 6p.m.) (Dinner on your own) per car	\$7.00		
	Driving Tour of Scenic Coast to Botanic Gardens (Touring Class 10 extra pts)- <b>Sat. 9/17, 8:30a.m.</b> (fee includes Garden Tour for 2) Admission per car	\$14.00		
	<b>Please indicate how many people will be going on the Garden tour</b>			
	Awards Banquet (Saturday - no host cocktails at 6p.m. dinner at 7p.m.)	\$45.00 ea		
	Roast Pork Loin _____ Chicken Tuscany _____ Mushroom Ravioli _____			
	<b>Apparel order deadline is 8/15/16</b>			
Apparel	Convention T-Shirt S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2 XL _____ 3XL _____	\$20.00		
	Men's Conv. Polo S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2 XL _____ 3XL _____	\$30.00		
	Ladies Conv. Polo S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ (Ladies Polo Shirts tend to run small)	\$30.00		
			<b>TOTAL</b>	

Please mail this form, with a \$U.S. check payable to EBSC 2016  
Thunderbird Convention to:  
Carole Owens, 1051 Burlinghall Dr, Long Beach, CA 90807  
**NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATION AFTER 8/15/16**

For the Crowne Plaza Hotel Reservations call: (619) 297-1101,  
(800)-227-6963 or cp-sandiego.com. Mention "2016 Thunderbird  
Convention" for the \$124 rate. Cancellation policy is 48 hours before.



**FUN FUN FUN IN THE CALIFORNIA SUN**  
**The 2016 CTCI International Convention**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego, California - September 13-18, 2016**  
**Co-Hosted by**  
**The Earlybirds of Southern California (#7)**  
**Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego (#24)**

**CONVENTION AGENDA**

Tuesday, Sept. 13	Wednesday, Sept. 14	Thursday, Sept. 15	Friday, Sept. 16	Saturday, Sept. 17	Sunday, Sept. 18
	Registration Desk 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.	Registration Desk 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.	<b>Owners/Judges Meeting</b> 8:00a.m. - 9:00a.m.	Swap Meet 6:00a.m. - 8:00a.m.	
	Hospitality Room Open 8:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.	Hospitality Room Open 8:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.	Hospitality Room Open 7:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.	Hospitality Room Open 7:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.	Farewell Hospitality Room 6:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.
Cleaning Cars Noon - 5:00p.m.	Cleaning Cars 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.	<b>Judges Training</b> 8:00a.m. - 12:00Noon  U.S.S. Midway with lunch 9:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.  See program for bus schedule  Judges buses: 11:45a.m & 12 Noon who are signed up to go to the Midway. <b>You will not be left out.</b>	<b>Concours d'Elegance</b> 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.  Trolley Tour (11 stops for Shopping, Sightseeing - Hotel Shuttle to Old Town 10:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m.  Viejas Casino 9:00a.m. 35 min. for Casino shuttle  Judges Lunch 11:30a.m. - 1:30p.m.	<b>Touring Class</b> Extra 10 Points All are welcome <b>Scenic Coastal Drive to Botanic Garden</b> Lunch on your own  Line up 8:15a.m., first 15 cars leave at 8:30a.m. We have preferred parking from 10:00a.m. to 12 Noon, then open to public.	<b>Have a nice trip home and Drive Safely</b>
Registration Desk Open Noon - 5:00p.m.	Hospitality Room Open 1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.	Hospitality Room Open 1:30p. - 4:00p.	Hospitality Room Open 1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.	Hospitality Room Open 1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.	
	CTCI Board Meeting 1:00p.m. - 2:00pm. Membership Meeting 2:00p.m. - 3:00p.m. Ask the Experts' Seminar 3:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.  <b>Welcome Party Pool Side</b> (no Host Cocktails) 6:00p.m. - 10:00p.m.	5:00-6:00p.m. shirt exchange 6:00-6:30p.m. leftover shirts for sale  Rest of the Evening on your own.	<b>Corvette Diner</b> 6:00p.m. - 10:00p.m. <b>Challenge Corvette club</b> newspaper/TV involved	No Host Cocktails 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. <b>Awards Banquet</b> 7:00p.m. - 10:00p.m.	