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T-Bird Club November Newsletter

“Lil” Bird Drop-Ins

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A Message From Our President

We have a couple of important issues that must be resolved at our November meeting. We will be voting on the new officers for 2016. A listing of nominees are on page 2 of this newsletter.



We also need to decide if we want to modernize our web page. I would like to see us come to a final decision on this issue. The proposal is on page 10 of this newsletter. Sandy Hood drove her restored Black 1956 T-Bird to our October meeting. Sandy took a “so-so” 56 and turned it into a show car. Congratulations Sandy! Jim Montavon unveiled Tweety Bird’s engine bay restoration. Nice work Jim. It is nice to see our members continuously upgrading these beautiful cars.



Happy
T-Birding

Don





2016 Dues

Dues will be due soon. You can pay at the November meeting, or at the Christmas Party. CTCI dues are \$35 and Club dues are \$25. You can make one check for both dues and Christmas Party.

2016 Officers

The following individuals have been nominated for office. Election of officers will be held at our November business meeting, with installation at our Christmas Party.

President—Jim Montavon

Vice President—Jim Ridenour

Treasurer—Elaine Rogers

Secretary—Katrina Tellez

CTCI Representative—Don Cose

Board Members—Earl Reedy, Keith Rogers

Newsletter/Publicity—Pat Mason

Sunshine— Shirley Mattos

Give-a-way—Sandy & Joe Hood



Notes from our VP, Jim Montavon

Hello T-Birders,

Cool weather has arrived! Holiday time with goblins, pumpkins, and preparation for Christmas keeps us all busy and young!

In keeping our birds out and about, the club dominated at the Modesto Harvest Festival in downtown Modesto on October 17, with Keith, Pat, Joe and Sandy, Don and Bobbi, Roger, Jim R., Jim D., and Jim M. along with 7 T-birds, Joe's Galaxy convertible, and Roger's something that does not resemble a T-bird. Terri and Donna stopped by to add to the fun, and so many of the festival goers enjoyed our cars and our members. Way to Go club!!!!

Donna and I and the family will be in Hawaii in early November so we will miss our last business meeting (November). I want to THANK again all of you who contributed to a busy, fun filled year by hosting our meetings and events. I look forward to another fun filled year in 2016.

Jim



SALE/TRADE/FREE

Know someone who has a T-Bird for sale? Do you have T-Bird parts you want to sell, trade or giveaway? Have you recently tackled a technical or mechanical issue, made changes to your car and wish to share information that could be of benefit to our members, then submit it to our editor by the 25th of the month.

Mark Your Calendar

NOVEMBER 8, AT 12:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING

AT FAMIGLIA BISTRO ITALIAN RISTORANTE,
2501 MCHENRY AVENUE, MODESTO



HOSTS: ELAINE AND KEITH ROGERS

Happy Birthday

Joan Graham 2nd

Galen Rydelius 9th

Monty Montgomery 19th

Donna

Montavon 25th



Happy Anniversary

Ken & Roberta VanDyke 7th

**Rod & Jeanette
Voumard 15th**

**Monty & Bev
Montgomery 19th**



Christmas Party Reminders

Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift for our gift exchange. The value should be \$15, and clearly marked as a gift for male or female.

Members are encouraged to bring donations of canned goods and/or unwrapped toys for a club designated charity.



Duarte Nursery Tour

Jan Peterson is hosting a tour of the poinsettia greenhouse at Duarte Nursery, followed by brunch at the Fruityard, on Sunday, November 15. Seeing over 60,000 poinsettias in one greenhouse is breathtaking. Members will meet in the parking lot of Wal-Mart in Ceres, corner of Hatch and Mitchell, at 9:45 AM for a 10:00 arrival at Duarte's. Details and signup at the November meeting.





Del Web Car Show, October 4th



Look at our Lil Birds



Jim Montavon & Tweedy Bird



Terry and Marlon Helton



**Earl Reedy and his
winning trophy**



Del Web Car Show



Keith Rogers and Sandy Hood, won the drawing



New member, Jim Darwin



Keith Rogers



Pat Mason get your foot off the car



Don & Bobbie Murrison



Hey Roger Williams, where's your T-Bird?



Jim Ridenour is always patriotic!

Modesto Harvest Festival



Car of The Month

Each month we like to feature one of our member's cars and the story of how the car was acquired. If you would like to have your car featured then I need two or three photographs of the car, as well as the story about the car. I am happy to help you write your story.

All pictures returned. **Pat**

Don's Tech Tips

Don Wigle has graciously accepted the challenge of writing a tech tip column for our newsletter. If you have an idea for a tech tip, or need advice on care and repair of our little T-Birds, please drop

Don a note or give him a call.



Bakersfield Classic Thunderbird Club QC+XXXIX

June 9 – 12, 2016

Triple crown '55 '56 '57

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 901 Capital Hills Parkway, Tehachapi

Hotel Reservations 1-800-465-4329 – Rate \$99 per night, plus tax

Conference Registration fee is \$50 if paid by May 19, 2016

Registration forms will be available at our November meeting



The Earl Birds of Southern California and the Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego will be hosting the 2016 International Convention in San Diego September 13 to 18, 2016, at the Crown Plaza Hotel. Special events include: A tour and lunch on the US Midway, Trolley tour with 11 stops for shopping, Vegas Casino Trip, and Botanic Gardens Tour. Registration forms were included in the October newsletter and are available online at CTCI. www.ctci.com

October Business Meeting



Thanks Joe and Sandy Hood for hosting our October meeting.



Ken & Roberta VanDyke and Roger & Joyce Williams at the Balloon Festival in New Mexico!



Our club signage is an important part of our participation in local car shows. Our banner on J & 10th streets in Modesto, October 17th.



Donna Montavon and Tweety Bird with the "Top on" ready for winter!

Minutes for October Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:44 am by club President Don Cose at La Cascada Mexican Restaurant, in Ceres CA. There were 27 members in attendance. Thank you to Joe and Sandy Hood for hosting the meeting and providing the Halloween decorations and candy.

Secretary Report – Jim Ridenour: There was no reported errors in the meeting minutes from September. Earl Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Keith Rogers, and approved.

Treasury Report – Elaine Rogers: Keith Rogers gave the Treasurer report in Elaine's absence. For the month of September we had Expenses of \$704.01, and income of \$811.50.

Sunshine Report – Shirley Mattos: Shirley was not present. Keith Rogers reported that Galen was back in the hospital and was very weak. We all wish Galen a speedy recovery.

CTCI – Monty Montgomery: No CTCI report.

Meetings, Car Shows and Tours – Jim Montavon: Meetings: Keith and Elaine Rogers will be hosting our November 8th meeting at the Famiglia Bistrot Ristorante in Modesto. If you did not sign up at the meeting, and you plan to attend, please contact Keith of Elaine. Car Shows: Earl Reedy reported there were 4 T-Birds at the Del Webb Car Show; Earl received a trophy for the 5th year in a row, while Jim Montavon and Marlon Helton won raffle prizes. Upcoming car shows are the Modesto Harvest Festival in downtown Modesto on October 17th; Turlock Swap Meet in November and Good Guys Car Show in Pleasanton in November. Our club's Christmas party will be at Green's in Modesto on 10th Street December 13th at noon. Tours: QC 2016 in Tehachapi is scheduled for June 9-12, and CTCI International Convention is September 13-18, 2016. Don Cose gave Jim Montavon a well deserved thank you for a job well done this year. More information on these and other events can be found in our newsletter.

News Letter – Pat Mason: No report, Pat just asks that she gets pictures from Car shows and tours to put in the news letter.

Publicity – Katrina Tellez: Katrina said that she did get in touch with somebody at the Bee and will continue to contact the Bee to be sure our add is placed in the paper.

ACCC – Keith Rogers: No ACCC report.

Hoods Up: Jan Peterson had a new engine put in her '56. Jim Montavon completed Tweety Bird's engine compartment detailing. Both T-birds were available for viewing after the meeting. Jim and Judy Lyon are finally seeing some results in their T-bird's new paint job.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Pat Mason presented a proposal for a new web design for our club. The proposal is for \$345.00 to design the web site (a onetime fee) and then \$30.00 a month for maintenance of a 5 page website. Additionally we will continue to pay \$15.00 annually to maintain our domain name. Monty Montgomery asked what the benefit of having a web site would be; several people gave their opinion of benefits. Two items that stood out is: Club recognition and the draw of new members that a good website could attract. Jim Montavon made a motion to table this item for the November meeting and have a vote on it at that time.

Elections for 2016 – Jim Montavon: The following have volunteered for position for officers and chair persons: President- Jim Montavon, Vice president- Jim Ridenour, Treasurer-Elaine Rogers, Board Members- Keith Rogers and Earl Reedy, CTCI – Don Cose, Give Away-Sandy and Joe Hood, Publicity- Katrina Tellez, News Letter – Pat Mason, and Sunshine – Shirley Mattos. We are still looking for a volunteer to accept the Secretary position. Nominations will be held in November and elections will be in December.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m. **Respectfully submitted** Jim Ridenour **Secretary**

Give-a-way winners: Jim R ~ Jim D ~ Joan ~ Larry ~ Ruben ~ Don C ~ Earl



*You are cordially invited to attend
The Modesto Classic T-Bird Club's
Annual Christmas Luncheon
and Installation of Officers
Sunday, December 13, 12:00 PM
Green's On Tenth
953 Tenth Street, Modesto
Cost is \$35 per person
Private Buffet
No-host bar
Family members/guests are welcome*

*Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift
for the gift exchange valued at \$15. Clearly
label your gift as appropriate to your
same sex.*

*Members may opt to bring canned goods
and/or an unwrapped toy
for our donation box.*

The following proposal to replace our current website will be voted on at our
November 8th Business Meeting

Present Situation:

1. Vendor contract with “ipage” expires at the end of year.
2. Current website is “minimal” and no one wants to assume responsibility to maintain it.

Recommendation:

Hire Eileen Forte (webdesignjustforyou.com) to build a new website at cost of \$259. Katrina negotiated a 25% discount from her rate of \$345.

Retain Eileen to be webmaster at rate of \$30 per month. This includes the fee for hosting the website which is a savings of \$140 per year.

What We Will Receive:

1. 5 page website.
2. Active links to CTCL, car show events, and affiliated sites.
3. Website will be maintained each month with updates posted in 24 hours.
4. Website will be “mobile” friendly for smart phones, Website will shift to accommodate the size of phone, vertical/horizontal.
5. Maintain a repository for our newsletters for easy reference.
6. Slideshow of our members and their cars.
7. Current calendar of events, tours and meetings.

Cost Comparison:

We presently pay an annual fee to “ipage” of \$140 to host our website.

New annual fee would be \$360, with initial one time build fee of \$259. Annual fee is for hosting AND maintenance of website.

Why Do We Need a Website:

1. Provides potential members a resource to “check out” our club and club contact information.
2. Resource tool for our members who need forms for car shows, CTCL registrations, etc.
3. Visibility to the community, car clubs, organizations, chamber of Commerce, etc. Positions us to be “included” in events and provides club contact information.
4. Houses a CURRENT calendar of events/meetings for the use of our members as well as potential new members.