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Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH THUNDERBIRDS ON A SPRING FLING!

Sunday April 14 • 12:00 • Montavon's • Modesto • Hosted By Jim & Donna

NEXT MONTH MAY 5 - 12:00 - TBA - OAKDALE - HOST: BOB & MARILYN TAYLOR



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Next QC:

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Date: May 17-19 2024 • Location: Modesto



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Good Early Morning My Fellow T-birders



It is a dark rainy morning as I sit to write my Presidents letter. We had a few days of spring like weather with the days getting into low 70's and how appropriate it was since the first day of spring was just 3 days ago. I hope some of you had a chance to get your cars out for a little drive.

I have signed myself up for some repairs and a lot of improvements on Mom's Bird, starting with replacing the ignition cylinder and then replacing the glass in the driver door and the final task is repainting the interior, all of this will be put out in a separate article.

The March meeting was held at The Grizzly Rock Café in Turlock, thanks to Jan Peterson for hosting this meeting. It was set up in

the bar area and was well attended by a little more than 20 of our club friends. Also joining us was a young lady named Katharina who owns a 2003 retro bird. Katherina heard about our club through Marilyn who struck a conversation with her outside of Bev-Mo in Riverbank.

In other news about events, an updated list of meetings and car shows has been made available online. Through efforts of many of our members word is getting out about our club, I am getting a phone call a week of interested parties. This is the kind of involvement that keeps our club strong.

On a final note, we are looking for meeting hosts for July, August, November, and for the Christmas Party in December, also we do need a vice president.

OK, that's a wrap for this month and as always, I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at meetings and car shows.

Thanks

Jim Ridenour

President MACTC



Patches Available
\$6.00 each
See Elaine



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS APRIL



- 09 Ronna Lubker
- 19 Mike Van Dyke
- 21 Paul Lubker



*To Love and Laughter
and Happily Ever After*

28
Marlon and Terry Helton



PLAN AHEAD

May 5, 2024
Meeting & Social - 12:00
TBA - TBA
Host: Bob & Marilyn



Donations
Wine - Lisa

Ruben, Elaine,
Jim & Donna and Jim R.
for taking pictures

Get Ready For
QC
Forty Six

Destination Modesto
Date May 17-19 2024

Hosted By
Modesto Area Classic
Thunderbird Club

Let's Have Fun!

The Modesto Bee



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VICE PRESIDENT

Hello MACTC Members

I come to you now as the interim VP, I would very much appreciate someone seizing the opportunity to be VP. As I mentioned in our last meeting the VP's job is to get sign-ups for meetings and track tours and car shows. It is not a pre step to becoming President, if after a year of being VP you simply want to stay VP or not stay VP is completely up to you. In the meantime I will gladly take on the role of being the interim VP.

Our last meeting was held at the Grizzly Rock Café, it was hosted by Jan Peterson. The meeting was held in the main bar area, service and food was great. The tables were set with cups of snacks and candy, we even had a cupcake to celebrate Katrina's (39th) birthday. It was also nice to see Shirley return with her daughter and guest of Marilyn Taylor, Christine Cota who has a 2003 retro bird that is her daily driver.

Upcoming car shows and events, are way too many to mention here, but you can access the list through our website. Also, with the upgrading of our Facebook page and the addition of Instagram we are getting the word out that the Modesto Thunderbird Club exists. It shows with the increased number of contacts we are getting. So, thanks to all of you who are driving this.

The next meeting is on April 14th, hosted by Jim and Donna Montavon, at their residence in Modesto and is always a great time.

Happy T-birding everyone and I'll see ya around the aviary

Jim Ridenour

Interim VP MACTC



APRIL MEETING AND SOCIAL



Beautiful Day to Check out Katharina's 2003 Retro



APRIL MEETING AND SOCIAL





WINNERS

Roger

Cecelia

Ruben

Paul

Jim R.

Cecelia

Earl P.



Meeting Minutes

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:22 paused 12:28 Opened at 1:13 pm by President Jim Ridenour. Jim thanked Jan for hosting the meeting and social at Grizzly Rock Cafe, in Turlock, and thanked Jan for the candy on the tables. There were 19 members and 5 guests in attendance. Lynn B., Shirley's daughter, Katherina, guest of Marilyn and Bob Taylor, Earl P. and Lisa C. guests of Jan and Bob E. with Patricia Mason.

Secretary - Katrina Tellez - Inquired about any corrections or errors found in the February meeting minutes as reported in the March newsletter? None reported. A motion was made by Keith Rogers and seconded by Jim Montavon to approve the February minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried. Any members needing a donation form to procure items for the QC raffle, contact Katrina.

Treasurer - Elaine Rogers reported the following for February: Expenses: Give-Away \$45.17, Taxes \$150.00, DOJ (taxes) \$25.00, Swap Meet \$100.00. Total Expenses \$320.17. Income: Give-Away \$100.00, Dues \$95.00. Total Income \$195.00.

Sunshine - Frank Souza reported sending out birthday and anniversary cards for the month of March. No Anniversaries.

Publicity - Patricia Mason/Holly Coppetti - Putting together Facebook and Instagram. Send pictures and videos.

CTCI - Keith Rogers - Nothing to Report

Meetings, Tours and Car Shows - Jim Ridenour interim V.P. - Meetings - Next meeting April 14, 2024 -12:00 - Montavon's, Modesto - Host Jim and Donna. Signup sheet circulated. May 5 Meeting - TBA - Time TBA - Hosts Bob and Marilyn. **Car Shows** - See the website calendar for upcoming car shows. June 1st, Gallo company picnic and car show. To sign up see Jim R. June 6-9 Graffiti Week. **Tours** - None. Jim and Donna's Almond Blossom Tour was beautiful and Donna had everyone that went on the tour sign a thank you card to Henry. If anyone know about a Cars and Coffee get together let Jim R. know.

Old Business - Committee meeting update. See the update below.

New Business - Jim Montavon will be looking into have more dash plaques printed. Katrina has post cards if needed to place on T-birds, a recommendation was made to keep some in your regular driver.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm Respectfully Submitted:

Katrina Tellez

Giveaway Winners: Roger - Earl P. - Cecelia - Ruben - Paul - Cecelia - Jim R.



QC XLVIII

American Graffiti

Hello MACTC Members

Well folks we're getting close to the launch of QC '24, yep, its only 53 days from now. That means it's time to start changing thoughts into actions, what I mean is, submit your registration form, gather, and put together your raffle gift, and sign up to help our chairpersons with their tasks. And I thank all of you in advance for your help.

Now here are some notes from our last committee meeting:

Meeting started at 1510 hours on 3-6-2024

Attendee's where:

Jim R., Katrina, Keith and Elaine, Julie and Mike, Pat, Bob E. and Jim and Donna.

Registration: 6 registrations forms have been received and 10 rooms have been reserved.

Hospitality and Raffle: A shopping list of needed items has been created and some of our parts distribution companies have been contacted for gift card/certificates.

Meet and Greet: Donna and Pat will do the shopping on 5-15, Donna has 4 people that have volunteered to help, and Donna will check out the patio and BBQ area at the hotel, she will let us know if anything like ice chests are needed to be loaned out. (this goes for the hospitality room also) Jim will have a short welcome and intro ready to present at the meet and greet.

Show and shine: Mike has everything under control for this, cars chosen for awards will be voted for by registered guests of QC. Awards are being hand crafted for a more personal touch by Mike and Ruben.

Poker Run: This is a work in progress, Jim has received lots of input and is taking all suggestions into consideration when choosing our route. The 4 stops have been determined and lunch will be at the Graffiti Museum.

Banquet: Catering is set, center pieces and decorations are set, we are waiting for the number of participants to choose our banquet location. Someone suggested a round of bingo at the banquet, this is being considered.

Lanyards: The lanyards have arrived.

One last request: And it is a Biggy, we need someone to be a photographer. This means having the ability to be at all the events and be able to take photos to be printed that same day and have prints made to be given to all participants at the banquet. I know it's a big ask, however committee members already have a lot to do. This individual does not need to be a member.

Thanks
Jim QC '24 Committee chair



APRIL MEETING & SOCIAL

Pizza Party
\$18.00 Each

2508 Van Derk Circle
Modesto



Call or Text Donna
209.402.1968
by Sunday April 7th

*At the
Montavon's
April 14
12:00*





Alex was not able to attend as his father was not well

Ruben - Had a radiator leak repaired and installed a high efficiency water pump.

Earl and Dolly were not able to attend as Dolly lost a tooth the night before the meeting.

Pat Jefferies is doing much better and planning on attending QC.

Marlon and Terry were not able to attend as Marlon was not feeling well.



Sent to Jim Ridenour Passing on to the membership

Gallo Family Picnic

Hello Jim!

Happy New Year! I spoke with you about a month ago at Regal theater that maybe your club might be interested in coming out for our annual Gallo Picnic Saturday Jun 1st. Our theme is American Graffiti.

I would like to place a few cars on the picnic grounds, and we are also hoping to have a car show in front of the Administration building as guests arrive, we usually have about 5,000 attending all employees and their immediate families.

The Picnic Hours are 10-3. I would like to have all the cars placed onsite from 7-9 am.

I have two guest entries and would like to have three cars parked at each entry that best represents the movie T-bird, Yellow Roadster, and '55 Chevy.

I will be doing a walk through on the grounds with the team in March to talk layout for other placements with other vehicles. I'm thinking about 15-20 vehicles on the picnic grounds and any others can be at the show area.

Also, we will be offering a free Lunch for those who are interested I will just need a count of those attendees, plus any of the rides and carnival games and activities are at your disposal, all free for our employees and our guests.

Let me know if you have that date available and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thanks,
Rusty Inglet
Creative Stylist

Let Jim Ridenour know if you would like to attend
Signed Up So Far
Keith & Elaine - Ken Van Dyke



Raffle Prizes



Coffee or Tea Basket – Cups, Coffee/Tea/Snacks

Movie Night – Movie, Pop Corn, Pop Corn Popper/Containers



Tool Basket – Assortment of tools, Tool kit

Car Cleaning Supplies – Towels, Wipes, Dust Mop



Gift Certificate – Nothing local, it needs be usable in any town



Games, Movies, Books

Garden Basket – Items for the garden/yard/porch



Donate something from home that is brand new and still in the box

These are a few ideas

Whatever you can think of - Make it your own

Keep it manageable for transportation



If you would like I can come and pick up your raffle items

Call/Text Katrina - 209.480.3628

Thank You Thank You Thank You





MACTC Meetings, Tours and Car Shows				
	HOST/HOSTS	PLACE	DATE	
MEETINGS				
March	Jan Peterson	Grizzly Bar, Turlock	3/10/2024	
April	Jim&Donna	Montavons home	4/14/2024	
May	Bob&Marilyn	TBA - Oakdale	TBA	
June	N/A	DARK	N/A	
July				
Aug.				
Sept.	Pat Mason	TBA		
Oct.	Ken&Roberta	TBA		
Nov.				
Dec.				
CAR SHOWS				Flyer
April	Knights Ferry	Knights Ferry	4/6 10 to 3	
April	Oakdale Saddle Club	Oakdale Parade	4/13 9am	Yes
April	Empire School	Fundraiser Car show	4/13 10 to 1	Yes
April	Bombs Away	11th Annual Spring car show	4/20 9 to 4	Yes
April	Ripon Rotary	Chili Cook-Off & Car Show	20-Apr	Yes
April	Parkview Estates	Modesto Parkview car show	27-Apr	
April	Hughson	Fruit and Nut Fest	4/28 9 to ?	
May	Ceres street fair	Ceres	5/4 7 to 3	
May	Copperopolis	Hot Copper	5/4 8 to 3	
May	Tracy-Clutch Burners	Tracy-Clutch Burners	5/4 8 to 4	
May	Stanislaus Sheriff	The House Church	5/11 10 to 4	Yes
May	MACTC	QC 2024	5/17,18&19	
June	Gallo family Picnic	Pivate show / invitation only	6/1 10 to 3	
June	Mid Valley Chevy	American Chevrolet	6/3 4 to 8	
June	Mid Valley Chevy	Century Center	6/4 6 to 8	
June	Mid Valley Chevy	Cool Hand Lukes	6/6 5 to 8	
June	Graffiti USA	Modesto Parade	6/7 5 to 9	
June	Graffiti USA	Graffiti Car Show	6/8&9	
June	Waterford Sportsman	WSC 3rd annual	6/22 11 to 4	
June	Escalon	Lorinas Garden	6/29 8 to 1	
July	Gustine	Linguica Run	7/13 7:30 to 4	
July	Ripon Spring Creek	Graffit at the Creek	7/20 3 to 5	