



'lil' bird drop-ins

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
modestotbirdclub.org

Thunderbird Appreciation Day
May 19, 2024



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH THUNDERBIRD APPRECIATION

Sunday May 5 • 12:00 • Firenze • Oakdale • Hosted By Bob and Marilyn

NEXT MONTH JULY 14 - 11:30 - MEDLIN'S RESIDENCE - OAKDALE - HOST: BOB & MARILYN



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Hope your month is absolutely **amAyzing**



and Pilled with awesome Thunderbirding

Next QC:

MODESTO CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Date: May 17-19 2024 • Location: Modesto



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Howdy Fellow T-birders



It has been some kind of crazy lately, but that does not mean bad crazy. Since my last letter I have completed my interior work of replacing the glass in the driver's door, replaced the ignition and both door locks, removing the panels from both doors and removing all the components and repainting them all. I used a vinyl paint and it really turned out nice. Not completely done with the interior but good enough for now because it is car show season.

For the month of April, I have attended 3 car shows and only missed 1 because of weather. Speaking of car shows, as I mentioned it is car show season and I think there are more this year than I have seen before, they are stacked up with multiple shows everyday of every

weekend from now through at least October. As a club we have our QC coming up in May, a lot of planning has gone into this, and it will be an event to remember.

We have some very good potential for new members, one of things driving this is live postings of events and car shows being sent out on social media platforms such as FB (Facebook) and IG (Instagram) as they happen. It has given us some enhanced visibility. As president I have been very pleased with how involved some our newer members have become. Having members step up and help with ideas and planning is a huge benefit to the success of our club.

I could keep going on and on, but I still have two other articles to write.

So, I'll see ya all around the Aviary

Thanks

Jim Ridenour

President MACTC

Thunderbird
APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 19 - 2024



**SHOW YOUR
THUNDERBIRD**



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS MAY



12 Joyce Williams



*To Love and Laughter
and Happily Ever After*

10
Bob and Marilyn
16
Roger and Joyce
23
Jack and Janis



PLAN AHEAD

July 14, 2024
Meeting & Social - 11:30
Medlin's - Oakdale
Host: Bob & Marilyn

*Thank
you!*

Donations
Mystery Gift - Terry
Porch Sign - Patricia

Elaine, Jim M. 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

The Modesto Bee



facebook.com/calitourguide



Let's Have Fun!

Find Info & Updates!



VICE PRESIDENT

Hello MACTC Members



I would like to start by thanking Jim and Donna Montavon for opening their home and backyard so that about 36 members, friends and guests could enjoy a beautiful afternoon. It is truly always a great setting, this time we had pizza, salad and beverages, there was also sweet treats and cookies.

Next month will be hosted by Bob and Marilyn and will be held in Oakdale. We should maybe try to caravan out there (maybe practice for our upcoming poker run two weeks later) I kid.

Thanks to everyone that has signed up to host a meeting, we do still have two months available, they are November, and December.



Monday - May 27, 2024

Do not forget that any and all help is appreciated when it comes to bringing to my attention information about Car Shows and Tours. This helps me keep a more accurate list. We already have an idea for a meeting/tour combo in La Grange thanks to Bob and Marilyn.

Saturday, June 1st Gallo Winery has invited the Thunderbird Club to come and show off their cars for their Graffiti themed picnic. No need to register and lunch will be provided. But you do need to contact, Jim Ridenour, so he can let the Gallo Planner know how many we have coming. Refer to the invitation in this newsletter for the details.

So Far Keith and Elaine have volunteered to represent the "Graffiti" Thunderbird and Ken, and Jim will also be showing their cars.

Remembering the Fallen

Happy T-Birding Everyone
Ruben Tellez



APRIL MEETING AND SOCIAL

Wow!

What An Awesome Turnout!



FRANK & CECILIA



JOAN & CATHERINA



BOB T.



APRIL MEETING AND SOCIAL





APRIL MEETING AND SOCIAL



JACK



LISA & MARGARET



JANIS & JIM M.



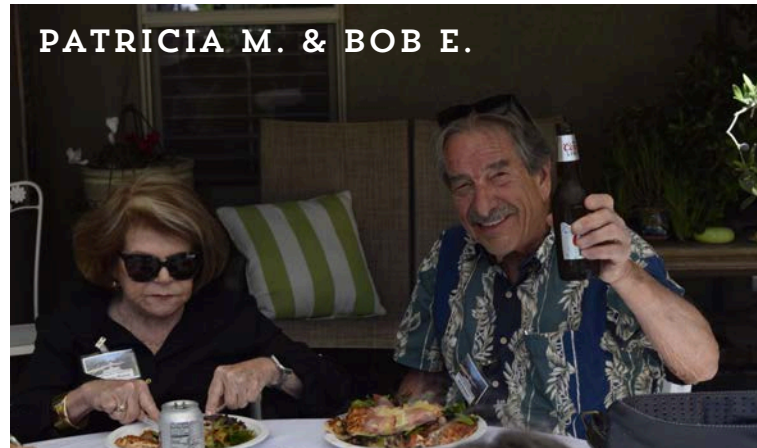
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KEN & ROBERTA



APRIL MEETING AND SOCIAL



PATRICIA M. & BOB E.



PAUL & RONNA



JAN & EARL P



ELAINE & KEITH





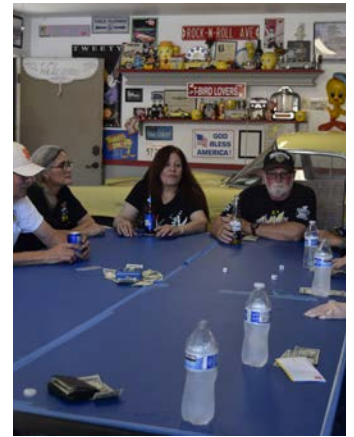
What a Blast!



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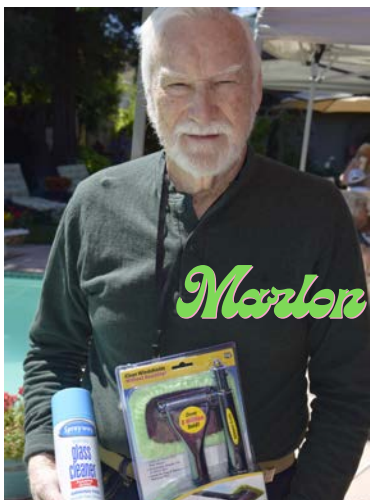
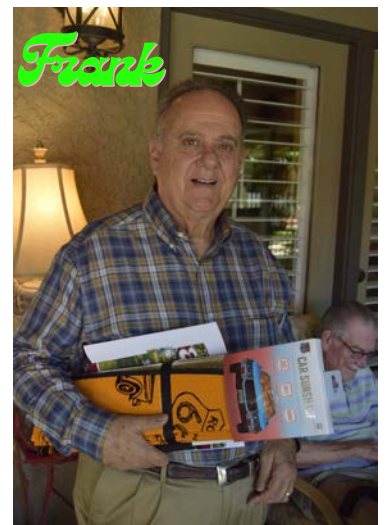
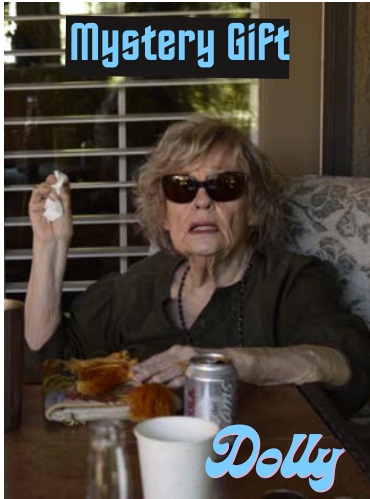


so much fun!





WINNERS





Meeting Minutes

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:52 pm by President Jim Ridenour. Jim R. thanked Jim and Donna for hosting the meeting and social at their home, in Modesto, and complimented Donna on the beautiful tables and lunch. There were 25 members and 9 guests in attendance. Returning Bob Ertassi, Margaret Bowden, Lisa Camarillo, Earl Pillow, Catherina Cota, guests of Jim and Donna Chester and Robin Graham and Mike and Joan Nolan.

Secretary - Katrina Tellez - Inquired about any corrections or errors found in the March meeting minutes as reported in the April newsletter? None reported. A motion was made by Keith Rogers and seconded by Earl Reedy to approve the March minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer - Elaine Rogers reported the following for March: Expenses: Give Away \$42.70. Income: Give-Away \$90.00.

Sunshine - Frank Souza reported sending out birthday and anniversary cards for the month of April. Donna reported that Bobbie Murrison is now living at Bethel on Scenic and Jim Darwin has moved to a local retirement facility also.

Publicity - Patricia Mason/Holly Coppetti - Posting to Facebook and Instagram. Holley is working on a web page to look up car shows.

CTCI - Keith Rogers - C.T.C.I. sent a care package with handouts to help with new memberships.

A.C.C.C. - Keith Rogers - Keith has not renewed the membership as there has been no response for the last couple of years. There is legislation being proposed to raise the tax for classic cars and limit their use.

Meetings, Tours and Car Shows - Jim Ridenour interim V.P. - Meetings - Next meeting May 5, 2024 -12:00 - Firenze - Oakdale - Host Bob and Marilyn Taylor. Signup sheet circulated. Bob is planning a meeting for August 11, to drive to La Grange for breakfast, meeting & social and a short tour. Three months still need hosts, July, November and the December Christmas Party. **Car Shows** - June 1st, Gallo company picnic and car show, if you have not signed up and would like to attend contact Jim Ridenour. The following have signed up to attend: Keith & Elaine, & Ken. June 6-9 Graffiti Week. See the calendar below for upcoming car shows. **Tours** - None.

Old Business - Committee meeting update. Plaque for the dash/window. The cost for 24 more plaques is \$182.00/\$7.50 each. Do we want to order more to have on hand for new members? No response from members, will be brought up at another meeting.

New Business - No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm Respectfully Submitted: *Katrina Tellez*

Giveaway Winners: Roberta - Marlon - Ronna - Janis - Dolly - Ruben - Jan - Frank & ???



QC XLVIII

American Grappiti



Hello MACTC Members

The planning is about to payoff. We have had a monthly meeting every month starting in August of 2023, so much goes into this, but like I said the payoff will be coming soon. As of April 22nd, we have 52 registered guests, our drop dead cut off for registering is May 6th. This will give us time to finalize counts with our caterers and with head counts for tours on Saturday May 18.

The Hospitality room hours will be Friday 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm (guests will be able to get packets at the Meet & Greet as well). Saturday from 8:00am to 2:00pm and if needed Sunday starting at 8:00am.

Get your Raffle prizes completed and get them to the next meeting, so we know what we have.

The meet and greet is set, two of our committee members will do the shopping on May 15th and will need help getting everything set up on May 17th for a 5:00 start. Help will also be needed for clean-up.

Show and shine is all set.

The Poker run is still a work in progress, but it is 90% ready. We do need to finalize dealers.

Our banquet facility will be decided on May 2nd. We will need lots of help Saturday afternoon moving raffle prizes from the hotel to the Banquet facility, we will also need help with set up and clean up (don't forget about cleanup).

And we desperately need a photographer, this individual needs to be able to take photos at various locations but mostly at the designated location for portrait shots that will be developed that afternoon and delivered to the banquet hall.

And - and - and that's it

Thanks
Jim R.
QC '24 Committee Chair



A Mother
is
Like a
FLOWER
 each one is
BEAUTIFUL & UNIQUE

HAPPY
Mother's
Day

LIFE
doesn't come
WITH A MANUAL
it comes
 with a
MOTHER

MAY 12, 2024



THE NEXT BIG THING

Meeting & Social
Sunday May 5 - 12:00
Firenze - Oakdale
502 N. Yosemite

Hosted by - Bob & Marilyn
Sign up or Cancel - By Friday May 3rd
 Call Bob & Marilyn 209 - 848-8746



Order Off The Menu
 With Separate Checks

Manteca - Stockton - Tracy
Hwy 120 - (through Escalon) to Oakdale - The restaurant will be on the Right next to the park and pool
Turlock - Modesto
 Albers/Geer/Yosemite - Through the main light in Oakdale about six blocks.
 Firenze will be on the left.



Get well wishes to Pat Jefferies after having surgery

Our condolences to Fran with the Bakersfield Club for the loss of her brother

Bobbie Murrison has moved to Bethel in Modesto

Jim Darwin has moved into a home for seniors

Jim R. has completed the repairs on his car and has been attending local car shows

Ruben has had the radiator repaired, adding an upgraded water pump, flushed the engine and will be reinstalling the heads after they have been redone



Just For the Technician In You

At the meetings a couple of members have mentioned issues with fuel. Here is an article that I found on Gil's Garage. Many of his articles are available on the C.T.C.I. website under Gil's Garage.

From another one of Gil's articles, he says that some parts are still available through Napa Auto Parts. "Many CTCI members are not aware that some Classic T-Bird service parts are still available through NAPA Auto Parts. The type of parts available are ignition points, condensers, bearings, gaskets, seals and engine rebuild parts to mention a few." Included in the article are tips on how to find the proper part numbers.



If you own an Early Thunderbird 1955/56/57 sooner or later you will experience oil or Fuel or both leaking from the vent holes in the center body of the pump, photo # 1. If the leak through the vent holes is fuel the lower pump diaphragm is split allowing fuel to seep to the top of the diaphragm and exit through the vent holes.



If the leak through the vent holes is oil the Diaphragm shaft seal, photo # 2 is worn or the seal retainer is dislodged from the housing which allows oil to pass the seal into the vent cavity



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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 - Jim Ridenour



FORMALLY OWNED

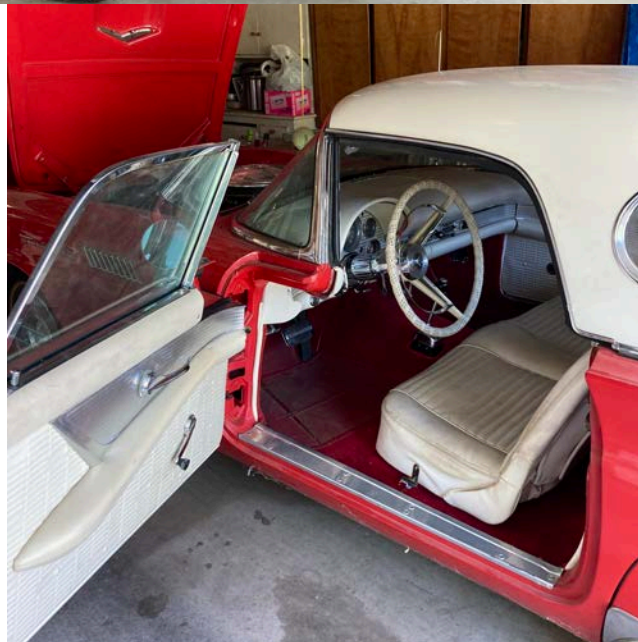
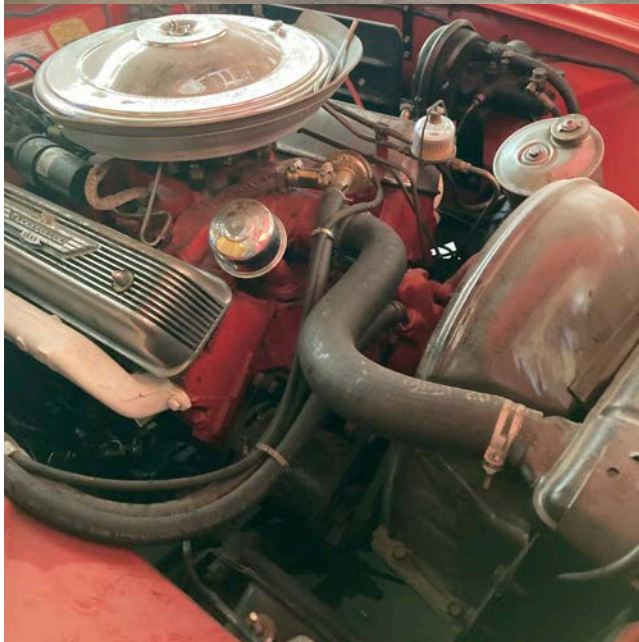
'57 FOR SALE

BY NASCAR FELIX SABATAS

A Beautiful Clean Car ... Minus The Dust From Storage

Have repair and service records - Fuel tank replaced in 2009
Will need tires, the engine will need some TLC after being stored
Was running excellent before being stored - No dings or dents
Original miles 29,582.9

Will consider a reasonable offer - In Turlock - Contact Gene 209.634.1836





2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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	Firenze - Oakdale	5/5/2024
June	N/A	DARK	N/A
July			7/14/2024
August	Bob & Marilyn	La Grange	8/11/2024
September	Pat Mason	TBA	9/8/2024
October	Ken & Roberta	TBA	10/13/2024
November			11/10/2024
December			12/1 or 8/2024
CAR SHOWS			
April	Hughson	Fruit and Nut Festival	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
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