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Mark Your Calendar

Business Meeting August 13 at 5:00 PM

Angelano's Restaurant

1020 North Main Street

Manteca, California

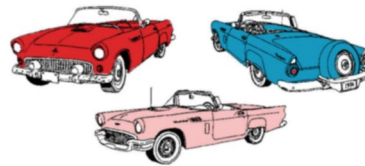
Host: Michelle and Greg Stitt



HOT AUGUST NIGHTS AT ENGLISH OAKS AUGUST 18TH

We received a personal invitation to Hot August Nights at English Oaks. We usually have an excellent showing at the short, but fun car show. This year's event is on Friday August 18th from 5:00-6:30 at 2633 West Rumble Road, Modesto.

Rob Ely will be returning as Elvis. The free menu will include hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and other goodies. RSVP to Keith Rogers.



Del Rio Classic Car Show

August 13th

Entry form on our website

Our September meeting will be hosted by Katrina and Ruben Tellez on Sunday, September...in Long Barn! See details on page 8. T-Birds and a Taco Truck...what a great combination.



Keith & Elaine Rogers 4th

Bill & Joan Graham 6th

Earl & Dolly Reedy 25th

Joe & Sandy Hood 31st



Fran Miller 1st

Ken Huckaby 9th

Domini Mills 20th

Ruben Tellez 23rd

President's Message

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Howdy fellow T-birders,

How's this for a newsflash, it's still danged hot outside. I start this letter providing the obvious, because that did not stop six or seven of our classic birds, plus one retro, from enduring the heat to caravan from Modesto to the east of Stockton. Our July meeting was in the little town of Waterloo.



My hat and jacket are off to you folks who braved the heat, because unlike you I left my T-bird at home and enjoyed the air conditioned comfort of my brand X.

It's mostly been a get outside early and get the chores done before it gets to hot kind of a summer. However; with that being said, I did drive a Modesto City Council member in the Modesto 4th of July parade in my T-Bird. It was cool enough that morning to make the trek through down town and not get all heated up. It was actually a nice experience.

Now on a more personal note, I started a new job in early July and unfortunately my schedule does not allow for me Sundays off. So for the next three months our Vice President, Don Wigle, will take the reins and conduct our meetings. I am sure Don will do a fine job. I will not be able to attend the next two meetings, one in Manteca at a nice Italian restaurant and the other a caravan up the beautiful sierra Nevada mountains for a meeting in Long barn.

I keep this letter nice and short and talk with ya all next month.

Jim Ridenour



August Tour to Sciabica's Olive Oil

August 15th at 10:00 A.M.

2050 Yosemite Blvd, Modesto.

Lunch following tour at Strings Restaurant, 2601 Oakdale Road, Modesto.

RSVP to Jim or Donna Montavon at 522-8830 if you are planning to attend.

WHEELS OF WOODBRIDGE RODS, ROADSTERS AND CRUISING SHOW

Saturday, October 14th from 10 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Spectators welcome.

Entrance at intersection of Shady Pines Street and Chestnut Grove Drive. (North/East corner of Del Webb.) Spectators welcome.

Registration fee is \$33 and limited to the first 150 entries. Only Pre-registrants receive a T-Shirt. Contact Earl Reedy at more information. Registration form on our website.



VICE PRESIDENT'S

Thoughts....and reflections

A subject that has come up in the past and is likely to come up in the future, is whether to include 2002-2005 Thunderbirds in our club. When this was addressed last year, members were mostly against the idea. After the turnout at the QC this year, I'm wondering if we should rethink our policy.

I don't think the major goal of the club should change, the focus should always be on the 1955-57 Thunderbirds since that's what started the club and they are an American icon. As the by-laws stand now, ownership of a 55-57 Thunderbird is mandatory for membership (Article 2, section 1), while Article 1 section 4 states that the club should be comprised of owners *or those interested in 55-57 Thunderbirds*. It seems to me that most Retro-bird owners have them because, while they have an interest in the originals, they also need a more modern, reliable car, or like some of our members, they have both.

Opening our club to Retro-bird owners would be a way to allow our club to grow, and with more members, more activities. Plus, some might get the bug to own a real classic.

However, on drives, it should always be 55-57 first followed by Retros, followed by others.

Don Wigle

TECH TIPS

Have you done some work on your T-Bird lately and want to share the information with our club...we are always open to tech tips. Contact Don Wigle and he will be glad to help you share the information with our club.



Member's Recommendations

For Repair Work

Costa's Automotive/Machine: 272 Button, Manteca 823-0781/823-6414. Owners: Jim and Jess Costa. Recommended by Earl Reedy.

Hall's Classic Auto Body: 412 North Walnut, Manteca, 824-0239/914-3874. Owner: Forrest Hal. Recommended by Earl and Don Cose.

McCoy Tire: 1226 9th Street, Modesto, 578-1422. Recommended by Galen and Keith for tires, brakes and front end work.

The Shining Custom Metal Polishing: 6043 Creek Bend Drive, Riverbank, 988-9708. Owner: Tim Dalton. Recommended by Pat Mason and Sandy Hood.

Danny's Rod Shop: 427 7th Street, Modesto, 530-9750, ask for Rick Lee. Recommended by Keith, Galen and Jim Montavon for exhaust work.

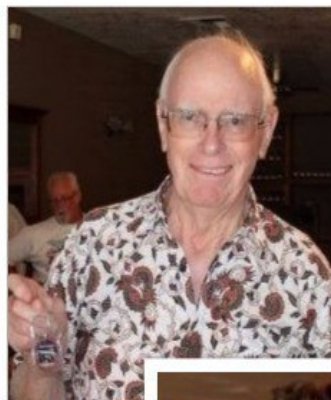
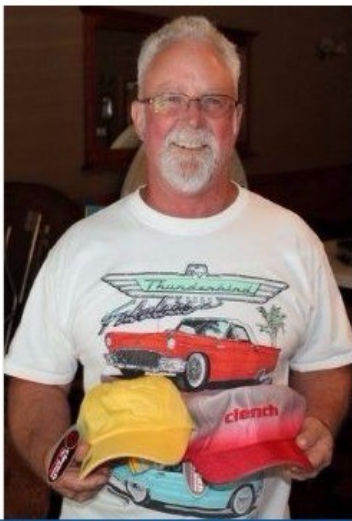
Jim's Transmission: 814 North Carpenter #D, Modesto, 578-0122. Owner: Jim Jackson. Recommended by several in our club for transmission work on T-Birds.

Billy D's: 1319 Mitchell Road, Modesto 537-0797. Owner: Billy. Works on classic cars, anything mechanical.

Gary Cooksey: Oakdale 605-1772 Auto body repair, restoration, auto painting. Recommended by Pat Mason, Sandy Hood and Jim Montavon.

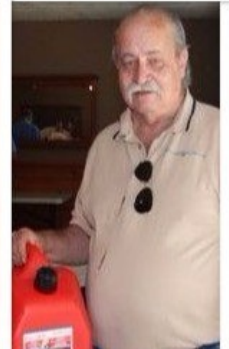
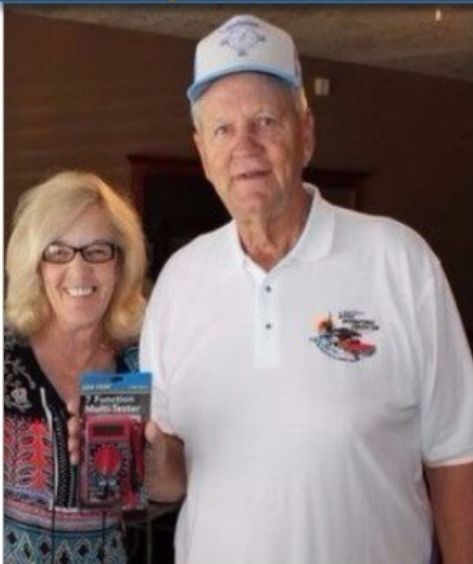
Car's Etc. 2332 S Paulson Road, Turlock. 634-2244. Auto Body and upholstery. Recommended by Sandy and Joe Hood.

Truck Toggery: 1300 Rockefeller Drive, Suite 2, Ceres 538-1286. Owner Angel. Upholstery for classic cars. Recommended by several club members including Pat Mason and Sandy Hood.



WATERLOO WINNERS!

Jim R - Roger - Don - Bill - Sandy - Joe
Jan W - Shirley - Corrine - Jan P - Jim D



EVERY CLASSIC CAR HAS A STORY. WHAT IS YOURS?

First dates, Sunday drives with dad, epic cross-country road trips, a painstaking 10-year restoration. At the center of some of the best stories of our lives are the classic cars we've grown to love. Chances are you have a great classic love story to tell.

So Hagerty is giving you a voice. They have created a website to share your stories about how classics have made a difference in your life. It would be great if you would leave your story, and read the stories left by others who fall in love with classics over and over again.

Whether you write a novel or simply upload your favorite photo, Hagerty wants to hear your story about classic cars.

They may even feature your story in *Hagerty* magazine, their annual wall calendar, or *Hagerty Classic Cars* weekly e-newsletter. Submit your story, and read stories of other classic cars on <https://www.hagerty.com/yourstories>. Be sure to mention you belong to the Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club!

July Meeting at the Waterloo



**Thanks Jim Darwin and Judy Brighella
for hosting our July meeting**



**Keith Rogers and Jim Montavon,
twins, separated at birth?**

SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING - 12 NOON

HOSTED BY RUBEN AND KATRINA TELLEZ

AT THE VAN DYKE'S CABIN - LONG BARN

CATERED TACO TRUCK

\$15.00 PER PERSON

CHOICE OF TACOS WITH TOPPINGS

BEANS AND RICE, DRINK AND DESSERT



IF YOU MISSED SIGN UP PLEASE RSVP BY
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH
KATRINA 209.480.3628

MEMBERS WHO SIGN UP FOR THE MEETING
AND DO NOT CANCEL OR ATTEND MUST STILL PAY FOR LUNCH

July 2017 Meeting Minutes

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc. Minutes

Waterloo—Stockton, CA - July 9, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Jim Ridenour at 1:40 pm

Thank you Jim Darwin and Judy Brighella for hosting the meeting and for the festive Independence Day theme. There were 28 members and 1 guest present. Thank you to Katrina Tellez for the CTCI article. There is an article featuring MACTC in the Graffiti Magazine. During the Graffiti parade a picture was snapped, and posted in the Modesto Bee of Keith and Elaine Rogers in their colonial white '57. There were 1200 vehicles in the parade, which took 2 hrs. to complete 1 lap, Modesto has been trying to make a longer circuit, but Caltrans maintains that McHenry Ave. is a Hwy and thus will not give clearance. Beautiful day for the Graffiti car show, potluck was fun and Jim Montavon won an award for his 57 truck. Possible new members, Brandy and Brandon from Turlock, '56 Peacock, a couple from Hughson, '55 Tweedy Bird, Todd Jolliffe, who bought Mogy's '56 white and Dennis Murphy whom Jim Montavon has been in touch with. It was a nice morning in down town Modesto at the 4th of July Parade attended by Jim Ridenour and Sandy & Joe Hood. MACTC once again won the Kay Carmichael Award, 18 of the 40 years of QC now. QC 2018 May 17-20, hosted by the Visalia Club.

Reports

Treasure: Elaine Rogers – May Expenses: Newsletter (2 months) \$41.73 Give Away \$58.00. – Income: Give Away \$110.00. License plate holders and patches available see Elaine.

CTCI: Jim Montavon – Nothing to report. Katrina reported that the MACTC page with CTCI has been updated.

Secretary: Katrina Tellez – As no errors or corrections were reported a motion was made by Keith Rogers, seconded by Donna Montavon to approve the May minutes as printed in the June newsletter; passed.

Sunshine: Shirley Mattos – Birthdays and Anniversaries for the month of July were announced. Don and Jan Wigle celebrate 38 years. Terry Helton is doing well recuperating from heart surgery. Bev Montgomery is in physical therapy for her knee.

ACCC: Keith Rogers – Nothing to report. See www.acccdefender.org for information not covered here.

Newsletter/Publicity: Patricia Mason – Absent. Pat will not be Newsletter Publisher next year as she will be busy volunteering and traveling. Anyone interested contact Jim Ridenour.

Meetings/Tours: Don Wigle – **Meetings:** August 13, 5:00 p.m., Angelano's in Manteca, Hosted by Greg and Michelle Stitt— sign up sheet circulated, **Tours** – August 15, 10:00 a.m. to Sciabica's on Yosemite in Modesto, lunch at Strings, Oakdale Road, Modesto sign up sheet circulated **Car Shows** – July 29 Graffiti in The Street 3-6:30, Contact Bill Graham for information - August 18 English Oaks, by invitation only, free barbeque and car show, rsvp to Keith Rogers - August 11 and 26 free Car shows and barbeque by invitation see email from or contact Don Wigle. English Oaks and a couple of other car shows listed are by invitation only and will not be posted on the web-site or in the newsletter. Don Wigle will have information available, please let him know if you will be attending as they would like a head count for the barbeque (s). Park View car show for 2018 is April 29th. See MACTC website for more info.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Jim Fenelon, seconded by Don Murrison to make a one time concession to hold the August meeting in the evening. Motion passed. The reason being - several members including Greg will be attending the Del Rio car show earlier in the day, with longer daylight hours no one should have to drive in the dark.

The Kay Carmichael award is to be expanded by 20 years, Katrina and Elaine volunteered to expedite this task, expense will be divided by the six clubs.

President Jim Ridenour has started a new job with Bronco Wineries in Ceres; not knowing what days he will have off due to the crush season, Vice President Don Wigle may be filling in for a meeting or two.

2018 Chairs and Officers: Now is the time to be thinking about volunteering or nominate a member; if considering nominating please contact that person prior to.

Meeting concluded and closed at 2:21 pm. Respectively submitted by Secretary: **Katrina Tellez**

Give Away: Joe Hood, Jim Darwin, Jan Wigle, Roger Williams, Don Murrison, Bill Graham, Jim Ridenour, Corrine Herrera, Jan Peterson, Shirley Mattos.



August 2017 and Beyond

Calendar of Events

Date and Time	Event	Place
Wednesday Nights at 6:00 through August 30th	Velvet Grill & Creamery Cruise In	Velvet Grill & Creamery McHenry Avenue, Modesto
August 13, Sunday 10-4	Del Rio Premiere Car Show	Del Rio Country Club, Entry form on website
August 13 th , Sunday 5:00 PM	August Business Meeting Hosts: Gregg & Michele Stitt	Angelanos, 1020 North Main Street, Manteca
August 15 th , Tuesday 10 AM	Tour of Sciabica's Olive Oil and lunch at Strings on Oakdale Rd.	RSVP Jim or Donna Montavon
August 18, Friday 5-6:30 PM	English Oaks Car Show	RSVP Keith Rogers
August 19, 10-3	Fallen Heros Car Show Sheriff's Regional Training Center, Modesto	Entry form on our website
September 2nd 8 to 2	Toys for Tots 3 rd Annual Car Show	Toys R Us, 2700 Sisk Road Entry form on our website
September 9, 8-4	Escalon Lion's Club Car Show	Entry form on our website
September 10, Noon	September Business Meeting Hosts: Ruben & Katrina	Long Barn, see details in August newsletter.
September 16, 11-4	Classic Car Show, downtown Hughson, live entertainment	Call Gene Adams 883-9291, or Paul Postma 605-1539
September 30 Saturday, 9-3	T-Birds on the Wharf	Entry form on our website
October 7 th , 9 - 2	Sierra Foothills Community Church Car Show	1040 West F Street, Oakdale Entry form on our website
October 8, Noon Caravan from Oakdale at 11:15 Optional continental breakfast at Pat Ma- son's at 10:00.	October Business Meeting Sandy/Joe Hood/ Pat Mason	The River's Edge, 17525 So- nora Road, Knights Ferry. Details in September news- letter
October 14, 10 to 2	Del Webb Car Show, N/E Corner of Del Webb Manteca	Limited to first 150 entries Entry form on our website
November	November Business Meeting Hosts: Roger & Joyce	TBA.
November 11 to 12tn	Good Guys 28 th Autumn Get Together	Alameda County Fair- grounds, Pleasanton
December 10 th , 12:00 Noon	Christmas Luncheon Elaine Rogers & Katrina	TBA