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Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
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August

HOT AUGUST NIGHTS



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH THUNDERBIRDS HOT VIBRANT CLASSIC

Sunday • August 10 • 12:00 • Mi Casa • Turlock • Hosted By Jan

NEXT MONTH - SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 14 - 12:00 - MONTAVON'S - MODESTO - HOST: JIM & DONNA



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Happy August
Let's celebrate the
anniversary of Thunderbirds!



Next Tour

MODESTO AREA CLASSIC THUNDERBIRDS

Date: OCTOBER 2025 • Location: Chicken Ranch



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Howdy - Fellow T-birders



Can you believe that we are almost through 2/3 of 2025. I can because it has been a summer full of Car Shows, meetings, fishing, and home projects, I often wonder where I find the time, but I do and what a rewarding feeling you get when you finish a project or two.

Since my last letter I have attended another car show and that was the F100 Clubs Summer Bash, it was attended by about 130 cars all parked around the pond. I was there with Jan and Jane, and we were visited by Ruben and Katrina and Gary and Cheryl.

Coming up this Saturday will be the Del Rio Car Show where we will have on display for the second time our custom pop-up tent, ironically it was at this very show last year where we came up with idea (after seeing other clubs pop ups) to get one of our own. After talking to other Car Show enthusiasts, I believe we will have about 8 or more cars all parked together.

As far as memberships go, we have as of last month one new member, we also have two or three pretty, solid maybes. The membership committee has been busy getting the word out and it is starting to show.

Our next meeting will be on August 10th in Turlock. Our esteemed VP Ruben will talk more about that.

We'll See Ya Around The Aviary
Jim Ridenour

President

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club





THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS AUGUST



24 Ruben



Keith & Elaine
4th



PLAN AHEAD

SUNDAY

September 14, 2025 - 12:00

Montavon's - Modesto

Host: Jim & Donna

*Thank
you!*

To everyone that sent in pictures

Donations:

Jan - Model

Jim & Donna - Red Cap

Get Ready For FRIENDS REVISITED

Destination Watsonville

Date May 16-18 2026

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Let's Have Fun!

Find Info & Updates!



VICE PRESIDENT

Ruben Tellez



Thank you to Bob and Marilyn for hosting the July meeting for breakfast in La Grange. Several members met in the Pioneer parking lot in Waterford. After chatting a bit while waiting for everyone to arrive, we headed out. It was a nice morning drive to La Grange, with beautiful landscapes along the way, the trip back home was quite hot, a few members drove brand X to have AC. It's nice to meet for breakfast on occasion, we had a great turn out and the Odd Fellows crew was accommodating as always.

President Jim R. is asking that Officer and Chair nominations be made between now and the November meeting. Members will be voted in at the November meeting and installed at the Christmas Party in December of this year. There are ten meetings a year and the Christmas Party (no meeting in December). Officer's positions for consideration are - President, Vice President, Secretary and for members of five years in good standing, Treasurer. The chair positions are - Sunshine, Newsletter, Publicity, Give Away and C.T.C.I. which is typically the past President (but not explicitly); and two Board Members, previous officers, chosen and invited by the President. There is a description of each position in the club by-laws in the roster. If you need a copy of the club by-laws, contact Katrina. Club members that would like to full fill officer or chair positions for 2026 please contact Jim R., me, Elaine or Katrina.

By invitation only, Hosted by English Oaks, Friday August 22nd 5-7 - Hot August Nights - English Oaks - Modesto. Hot Dog meal and Root Beer Floats are free with entertainment by Elvis. A traditional evening to show off the cars for the residents of English Oaks.

Coming up in October, The Rods and Roadsters car show in Manteca at Del Webb, and a possible overnight tour, hosted by Jim and Donna.

For members interested the **2025 VTCI/CTCI JOINT THUNDERBIRD CONVENTION** is being held September 9-13, 2025, in Grapevine, Texas.

The next meeting will be Sunday, September 14th - 12:00 in Modesto, hosted by Jim and Donna. The information is in the Next The Next Big Thing below.





July Meeting & Social



Odd Fellows Lodge 100F
La Grange

Breakfast was a choice of all you can eat pancakes - biscuits and gravy with sausage and eggs, - an Omelet along with hot coffee and/or orange juice.



Lining Main Street were five beautiful MACTC Thunderbirds and two Retros. Jim R. conducted a brief meeting and the giveaway. Despite the heat, it was a beautiful drive and fun social.



July Givaway Winners!

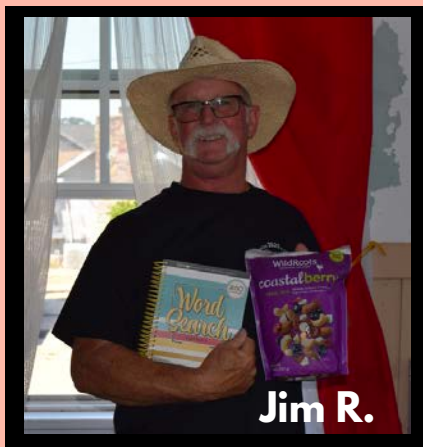
CAR CLEANING
SUPPLIES

SNACKS

CAP

GAMES

MODEL



Jim R.



Roberta & Ken



Frank



Terry



Jim M.



Margaret



ELK'S CAR SHOW

**KEN****CHERYL**

Everyone enjoyed the Elk's car show. Jim M. and Bob E. surprised Jim R. with the club's new popup. Breakfast was available and lunch was included with the entry.

Presented with awards were Ken and Roberta for their classic '57 and Cheryl for her Retro.

The '60 Thunderbird (Lucy) was a beautiful presentation, but no bites for a new owner.



SUMMER BASH FRUIT YARD CAR SHOW





WELCOME NEW MEMBER

GIL LONG'S SON - CHARLES LONG HAS JOINED MACTC



Jim R. and Julie joined the Modesto Elk's
Jim was sponsored by his friend and neighbor. Julie was
sponsored by her father-in-law Ken an Elk's member
recently honored as an Elk member of 60 years.



THE NEXT BIG THING

Meeting & Social

Sunday August 10 - 12:00

Mi Casa

624 N. Golden State Blvd. - Turlock

Hosted by - Jan

Sign up or Cancel

Call/Text Katrina - 209.480.3628



**Order Off The Menu
Separate Checks
No Host Bar
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Manteca - Stockton - Tracy

**HWY 99 South - Exit on Fulkerth Rd. head East (left) - Rt. on N. Golden State Blvd.
Modesto**

**Take either 99 Hwy or Geer Rd follow the directions above or below
Oakdale**

**S. Yosemite/Albers Rd./Geer - Rt. on Canal - Mi Casa at Canal & Golden State Blvd.
Alternate Route - Albers -Rt. on Keys - Left on Golden State Blvd.**



Thunderbird 1957



312 Engine, 3 speed overdrive manual transmission,

This is an E-code car we have a 2-4 manifold but not on car

Electronic ignition

Single 4-barrel carburetor and alternator

Aluminum radiator



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Club News

Hoods Up

Jan ran into Brandy Wallace (the daughter of a member from years ago) with her mother's peacock blue Thunderbird. After storing it for years her mother gave her the car.

Jim M. has redone the heater core on the 1960 Lucy four times; it can't be replaced. Rebuilding it is the only option. Jim recommends Exhaust Radiator on 12th street.



On the way home from Q.C. Keith and Elaine's breaks failed. Keith and his son Kevin rebuilt the brake booster. The best price for the kit was at Harmon Classic Brakes - \$240 versus \$600 for a rebuilt. <https://harmonclassicbrakes.com/>
Before the next cruise - a tune up.



welcome little one!

CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR NEW
GRANDDAUGHTER
HOLLEY & TIM

Judy Lyon is now
living at Park Merced
and is doing well.

Condolences to Mona
for the loss of her
father at 93 years old.



CTCI Board Meeting Highlights

July 18, 2025

Treasurer's Report: John Kledis presented the 6-month financials. In the first six months CTCI is showing a small net gain. Due to many of the cost saving efforts, this is the first time in many years that we have a bottom line net gain. Based upon those cost saving efforts (and meeting our projected membership number), we are projecting a small net profit by the end of the year. John did note that we still have a functional loss for the year but that is being offset by the investment income. On the Balance sheet, John discussed that we are in fairly good shape. We have moved part of the approved investment income to the operating account. We will plan to move the balance of the approved amount later in the year. He stressed again that CTCI needs to continue to reduce overhead expenses wherever possible and increase membership.

Member Renewals: Garrett Shropshire presented membership renewals through the end of 2024. Last year (12/31/2024), we had 3,601 active members. Since the first of the year, we have already gained 75 new members as well as an additional 14 members who have returned from previous years. As of June 30, 2025 we are at 3,134. We are planning on meeting our projected goal of 3,200 members by the end of the year. Meanwhile, we continue to work with members as they renew their current membership.

Co-Sharing of Membership: Garrett praised the chapters who have already sent in their chapter membership rosters. As a result, those chapters also received a listing of all members who are in the chapter area but not members of the local chapter. We are very excited by this partnership, where both local chapters and CTCI are able to expand.



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Cost Saving Ideas: We continue to include savings from the Early Bird changes, storage reduction, and reduced office hours. In addition, the office is continuing to work on other cost-saving efforts. One of those items that is helping is the change of credit card processors. We are starting to show significant savings. For example, in June of 2024 we received \$7,296 in Gross Credit Card Receipts at a processed cost of \$567.66 or 7.7%. In June of 2025 we received \$8,343 in Gross Credit Card Receipts at a lowered processed cost of \$317.62 or 3.8%. Put in another way, we saved \$331.50 by using our current processor in the month of June alone.

Office Activity: Garrett reported on Invoice and Merchandise sales. For 2025 CTCI has had over \$6,664.05 in Merchandise Sales and is slightly less than last year. In addition, 23 requests have been made for factory invoices.

2025 Joint Thunderbird Convention Update: The Convention Update was presented. The current planned date for the Convention is September 9 through 13, 2025, held at the Embassy Suites Hotel located in North Grapevine, Texas (Dallas – Fort Worth area). Interest has been so high that we have now exhausted all of the discounted hotel rooms in the block. For those members who might still need a hotel reservation, you are encouraged to find an accommodation quickly and also contact Sharon at the office to be put on a “wait-list”. All members were reminded to register on the CTCI Website.

2026 Thunderbird Convention Update: Plans for 2026 Convention were discussed. Details to be released soon.

New Format for Future Conventions and Shows: Many ideas were considered to improve future CTCI Conventions. The Board is looking at different models for future conventions that matches the CTCI membership requirements and may adjust the “Convention – Judging – Member Meeting” format. More information will be forthcoming



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Participation at Ford Nationals - Carlisle, PA: Several CTCI members attended the recent Ford Nationals at Carlisle. This was our first Ford National event. As a result, it was agreed that CTCI needs to take a much larger and visible role at Carlisle in 2026 by partnering with the other Thunderbird clubs. Garrett Shropshire was asked to investigate and report to the Board options & cost estimates to support the 2026 Carlisle event.

Schedule for Election of 2026 Board:

Date	Item
8/1.....	Last Day to send in and/or correct your resume (300 words or
9/1.....	Early Bird goes to Mail
9/15.....	Cut-off date for Election. Member must be paid & active on this date to vote
9/20.....	The Early Bird is released to members and includes candidate resumes
9/20.....	Candidate Resumes are posted to the CTCI website
10/10.....	Candidate Resumes are sent to all members via "Constant Contact - Blast"
10/16.....	Electronic Ballots are distributed via "Opa-Vote" - Election Open
10/28.....	4:00 PM (Central) Election will be closed.
10/29.....	Election will be verified and counts presented to CTCI Board President
11/15.....	Election results will be presented and documented at CTCI Board meeting
11/15.....	Individual candidates will be contacted as to final result of candidate's election
11/15.....	Election results will be posted and sent to all members in a Blast (Highlights)

The next Board meeting is set for September 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM Central

On Behalf of the Board,
Bob Bly, President

2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MACTC MEETINGS, TOURS AND CAR SHOWS				
DATE	HOST/HOSTS	PLACE	TIME	
MEETINGS				
January 12	Ruben & Katrina	H-B Saloon - Oakdale	12:00	
February 8	Jan	Grizzly Rock Café - Turlock	12:00	
March 9	Ruben & Katrina	Firenze - Oakdale	12:00	
April 13	Jim & Mona	Graffiti Museum - Modesto	12:00	
May 4/10	Mike & Julie	TBA	12:00	
June	DARK	DARK	N/A	
July 13	Bob & Marilyn	Odd Fellows - La Grange	10:00	
August 10	Jan	Mi Casa - Turlock	12:00	
September 14	Jim & Donna	Montavon's	12:00	
October 12	Bob E & Patricia	TBA	12:00	
November 9	Frank & Cecilia	Brookside Country Club Stkn	12:00	
December 7	Club Officers	Fruit Yard - Christmas Party	11:30	
CAR SHOWS	TOWN	SHOW	TIME	Flyer
August 15	Modesto	Vintage Faire Music & BBQ	5-8	Yes
August 16	Manteca	KSK 2nd Annual	7-3	Yes
August 22	Modesto	English Oaks	5-7	Yes
September 13	Escalon	Lions Club Autumn Cruise	8-4	Yes
September 20	Oakdale	Blast From The Past	9-3	Yes
October 18	Manteca	Wheels of Woodbridge	9-2	Yes
DATE	HOST	TOUR		
February 18/22	Jim & Donna	Almond Blossom Tour & Lunch	AM-Lunch	
October	Jim & Donna	Overnight - Chicken Ranch	TBA	
December	Keith & Elaine	Poinsettia & Lunch Tour	AM-Lunch	

Modesto Pharoahs Invite You to:



Truewood Car Show

SAT, AUG 16 • 10 am to 1 pm

**We are excited to host local clubs
for a car show at our community!**

Our very own resident Dennis Wister will have two of his personal cars on display. Enjoy the hotrods, live entertainment, and a barbeque lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs.



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We hope you can join us!



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