



'lil' bird drop-ins

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH THUNDERBIRDS FLY INTO FALL DAYS

Sunday • October 12 • 12:00 • Strings - Modesto • Hosted By Patricia M. & Bob E.

NEXT MONTH - SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 9 - 12:00 - BROOKSIDE C. C. - STOCKTON - HOST: FRANK & CECILIA



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SAN LUIS OBISPO CLASSY THUNDERBIRDS

Date: May 16-18 2025 • Location: San Luis Obispo



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Howdy - Fellow T-birders



Good early Sunday morning, although I am pretty much up early every morning this morning finds me in front of an early football game. This is one of many from across the pond as they say, in Dublin Ireland. This also means that I am not at a car show today. I was at a car show on September 13th; it was the Escalon Lions Autumn Cruise. Again, this year "Mom's Bird" was honored with a sponsor trophy, in addition to a trophy I was asked to drive "Miss Escalon" in their upcoming homecoming parade. Of course, I said yes. This was an honor I also had last year when I drove "Miss Congeniality" in the home coming parade. This is what owning a classic car is all about, get 'em out and show 'em off. People love these old cars. While we're talking about car shows, we have what should be a good one coming up and that is the first annual Car Show at the Graffiti Museum Sunday, October 5th. After that is another club favorite, Wheels of Woodbridge in Manteca which supports the Second Harvest food bank. Let's not forget "Birds on the Wharf" in Santa Cruz the weekend in between the other two. For me awards are great when you get one but it's the organizations that get funds from these shows that are the real winners.

Membership continues to hold steady this year and the membership committee will be having a meeting this coming up Wednesday.

Membership involvement is what helps and keeps clubs and organizations like ours going strong. I was thinking that on our chair positions that if it helps, team up with a fellow member so we can keep fun things like the 'give away' going. Please consider this.

OK that's it for this letter, enjoy your day and we'll see you all soon.

We'll See Ya Around The Aviary
Jim Ridenour

President

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club





THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS OCTOBER



02 Jim R.
21 Bob T.
24 Jim M.
29 Bev



NO ANNIVERSARIES



PLAN AHEAD

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 09 - 12:00

Brookside Country Club

Host: Frank and Cecelia

*Thank
you!*

For Taking Pictures
Jim R. and Elaine
Roberta, Julie, Jane

For Donations
Keith & Elaine - Wine
Keith & Elaine - Candle Set



Get Ready For FRIENDS REVISITED

Destination Watsonville

Date May 16-18 2026

Sponsored By
Alan and Sandi Brown
of Monterey

Facebook and Instagram
[tbirdsofthecentralvalley](https://www.facebook.com/tbirdsofthecentralvalley)



Let's Have Fun!

Find Info & Updates!



VICE PRESIDENT

Ruben Tellez



Thank you to Donna and Jim for the meeting - social and potluck at the Graffiti USA Museum. Sporting eight classics and two retro's the line-up in the parking lot was impressive. On display inside the museum was the Kendal's '57 Gun Metal Grey. Rick and Linda joined the club for lunch and are considering returning to MACTC. Donna and Jim put up a very nice display of trophies awarded this year as well as past/present years from the Graffiti Car Show. Thank you to Katrina my incredibly talented, supportive and beautiful wife, for filling in as V.P. while I was helping our son move. Be seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Now is the time for members interested to plan for the last few car shows of the season, either as an entrant or spectator. Graffiti USA Museum's first annual car show October 5th, Birds on the Wharf in Santa Cruz October 11th and Wheels of Woodbridge in Manteca October 18th.

Coming up October 8-9 MACTC overnight tour to Chicken Ranch Casino and Resort, hosted by Donna and Jim. Sign up as soon as possible for the tour and surrounding area activities. Make a reservation at the Chicken Ranch Resort with MACTC's discounted room rate. The tour is open as well to MACTC friends and family, pick and choose the activities that fit your schedule. These tours have always been a hit with members, see the flyer in this newsletter and sign up for some fun, the more the merrier!

Thank you, Terry, for volunteering to be the Sunshine chair in 2026, if a member could volunteer to chair the 'Give Away' that would be helpful.

This year we have been honoring the 70th anniversary of the 1955 Thunderbird, next year we'll be for the 1956, the year after that the 1957. Seventy Years and these classic cars are still on the road, wowing people!

The next meeting will be Sunday October 12th - 12:00 at Strings in Modesto, hosted by Patricia and Bob E. If you didn't sign up at the meeting, contact Patricia. The information is below in 'The Next Big Thing'.

**T-Birding
is Better Together
Ruben**





SEPTEMBER MEETING & SOCIAL





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Jane, Holley & Tim, Jan, Keith & Elaine, Bob T., Donna & Jim, Frank & Cecelia, Jack & Janis and Jim R.



MODESTO AREA CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB HAS RECEIVED AWARDS AND TROPHIES OVER THE YEARS... HERE ARE JUST A FEW

Below - Trophies from the Kiwanis Graffiti Car Show awarded over the years to club members. Marlon & Terry '57 Black in 2005, Donna & Jim Tweetie - '57 Inca Gold in 2015, Holley '57 Red in 2022, Patricia '57 Star Mist Blue in 2023, Ruben & Katrina '57 Dusk Rose in 2025.

Also displayed are trophies awarded this year to Jim R., and Jan and Jane.

Jack and Janis displayed their past Q.C. plate from 1996 and Mugs from 2002.

Congratulations to all of the receivers and thank you Jim and Donna for the beautiful display!





SEPTEMBER WINNERS

000...
Photo Bomb!



Marlon



Made by
Jim R.



Elaine



Katrina



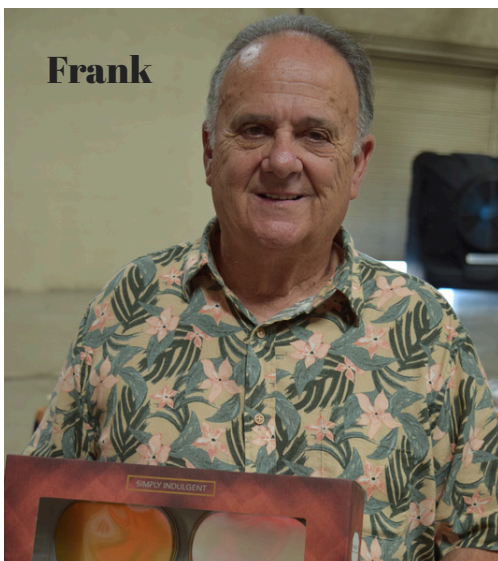
Kelly



Jan



Tim



Frank



Patricia

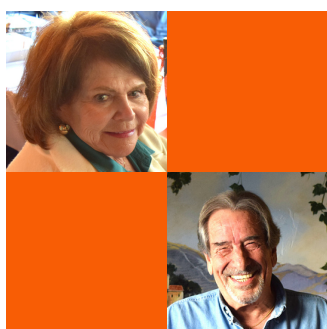
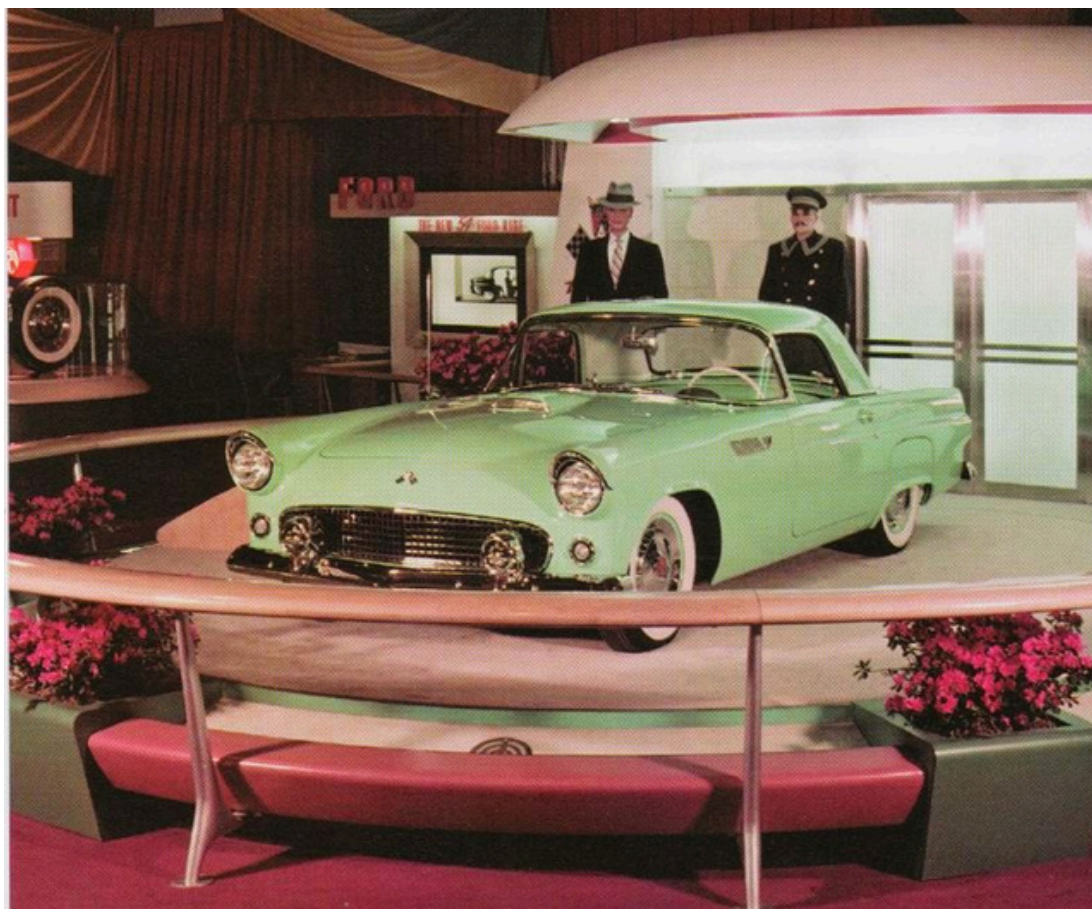
FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS

Five little pumpkins
sitting on a gate
The first one said
"Oh my, it's getting late!"
The second one said
"There are witches in the air"
The third one said
"But we don't care!"
The fourth one said
"Let's run, let's run!"
The fifth one said
"Isn't Halloween fun?"

Then WHOOOOO went the wind
And OUT went the lights
And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight



55 Thunderbird 70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



THE NEXT BIG THING

Meeting & Social

Sunday October 12th - 12:00

Strings - Modesto

2601 Oakdale Road

Hosted by - Patricia and Bob E.

Sign up or Cancel

Call or Text Patricia 209.204.8282



No Host Bar
Order off the Menu
Separate Checks
Gratuity Included

Manteca - Stockton - Tracy

Hwy 99 Turn off on Standiford/Sylvan turn Left/go East - Turn Right onto Oakdale Rd
Oakdale

Yosemite/Albers - Right on Claribel Rd - Left on Claus - Right on Floyd
Turlock

Geer/Albers Left on Santa Fe - Left on Yosemite - Right on Claus - Left on Floyd
Strings is in the shopping center by McDonald's



ENGLISH OAKS HOT AUGUST NIGHTS CAR SHOW



Members attending this event
Jane, Jim R., Jan, Ruben & Katrina, Cheryl & Gary and Bob T.





ENGLISH OAKS HOT AUGUST NIGHTS CAR SHOW

Cheryl was presented with a barbeque basket for her beautiful Red Retro. Check it out next time you see it. Gary added some very cool interior bling!





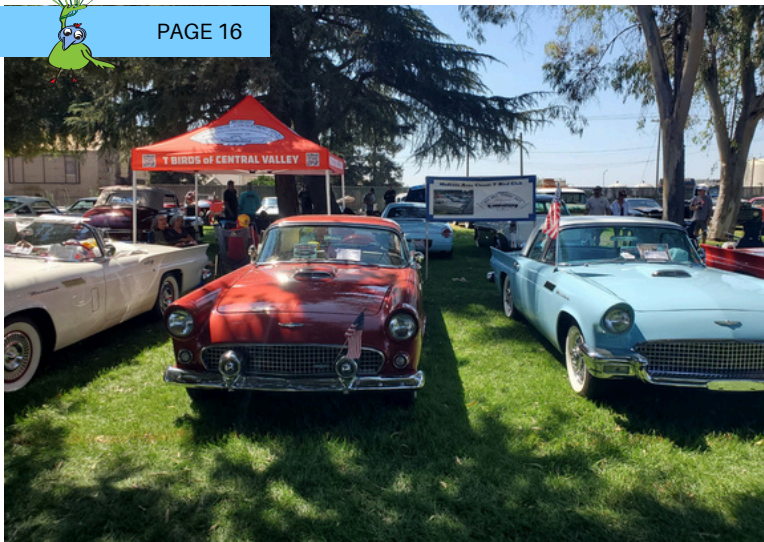
THE ESCALON LIONS CLUB 29TH ANNUAL



2025 Autumn CRUISE

MAIN STREET PARK







ESCALON ELK'S AUTUMN CRUISE



Jim R. was asked to drive Miss Escalon in the Homecoming parade.



Lunch Time!



CTCI Board Meeting Highlights Sept. 19, 2025 ~ Updated

Member Renewals: Garrett Shropshire presented membership renewals through the end of 2024. Last year (12/31/2024), we ended up with 3,601 active members. Between January and August of 2025, we gained 112 New Members. In addition, we gained 16 members who returned to CTCI from prior years (before 2024). As of 8/30/2025, we are now at 3,183 active members. We are nearing the end of the last "follow-up" Renewal Cycle. At this point, we have 496 Members who have not renewed. Of that total, we have only received 61 notices of dropouts.

Co-Sharing of Membership: Garrett praised many of the chapters that have already sent in their chapter membership rosters. This co-marketing effort is to persuade all Non-CTCI members, part of a chapter, to join the membership of CTCI. We have already reached out to over 200 prospects who are current members of a chapter.

Cost Saving Ideas: We continue to include savings from the Early Bird changes, Storage changes, credit card processing, and reduced Office hours. We are excited by positive operating statements. At this point, we are continuing to show better than our financial plan.



Office Activity: Garrett reported on Invoice and Merchandise sales. For 2025, CTCI has had over \$8,797.95 in Merchandise Sales, which is slightly less than last year. In addition, 31 requests have been made for factory invoices.

2025 Joint Thunderbird Convention Preliminary Report: Brian Carron provided an initial update on the 2025 Convention (Grapevine, TX) that just wrapped up. The Joint Convention had 336 registrants and 109 cars on the "show field." There were 61 "first timers," with participation from 28 states as well as Sweden. Brian also mentioned that we received donations from 16 chapters of both VTCl and CTCI. In addition to the many chapters, we received tremendous support from our vendor, sponsors, advertisers, and volunteers.

Future Considerations for Joint Thunderbird Events: President Bob Bly, who, along with Brian Carron, is one of CTCI's representatives to The Thunderbird Owners Alliance, reported on the Joint activities. Bob stated that we are proud to partner in the Joint Convention (VTCl & CTCI) that took place last weekend in Grapevine, TX. Our many thanks go to Brian Carron for his leadership in bringing the Convention to fruition. Overall, the Joint Convention was well received by both clubs, and while there are still a few items to iron out, the Joint Convention was a positive experience for most of the participants.

To expand those efforts, we also invited Bart Bartasavich (President of ITC) to join VTCl and CTCI on a Zoom call to continue our discussions on future joint events. Unfortunately, Bart was unable to participate. There is genuine interest within both CTCI and VTCl members to expand this partnership, and we are working on future events with or without ITC involvement. We have left an open invitation for Bart (and ITC) to be included in future discussions. In the meantime, we are moving forward with VTCl on upcoming activities.

New Format for Future Conventions and Shows: The Board continued their discussions on how to improve future CTCI Conventions. The Board is looking at different models for future conventions that includes adjusting "Convention - Judging - Member Meeting" format. More information will be forthcoming.

Election Schedule for Election of 2026 Board (Balance of Schedule):

Schedule for Election of 2026 Board:

Date	Item
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 November 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM Central

On Behalf of the Board
Bob Bly - President



Club News

Hoods Up

Gary added a little bling to Cheryl's dash and arm rests. Check it out the at next meeting.

Tweety has a new aluminum radiator. What was supposed to be a swap out turned out to be \$75.00 in parts later, and not an exact fit after all - but it works now!

President Jim R. - Did a little research on the American Graffiti era. Besides graffiti being free spirited artwork, it was also an era of the rebellious attitude of the 1960's teenage life - Car culture and general walk of life.



Holley and Tim
Congratulations on your new
granddaughter!

T-BIRD OVERNIGHT FALL TOUR

HOSTS ~ JIM & DONNA
A FUN FILLED EVENT
FOR MEMBERS - FAMILY & FRIENDS

OCTOBER 08-09, 2025

CHICKEN
RANCH
RESORT

INDIGENY
RESERVE
SONORA

FALLON
HOUSE
COLUMBIA

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8

10:15 MEET IN OAKDALE SAVE MART SHOPPING CENTER

10:30 CARAVAN TO INDIGENY RESERVE

PICNIC LUNCH WITH OPTIONAL TOUR / TASTING

TURKEY/HAM/ROAST BEEF - CHIPS - COOKIE - BEVERAGE

BOX LUNCH 15.00

CHECK IN AT CHICKEN RANCH CASINO RESORT

GROUP RATE WITH MACTC

\$169.00 STANDARD KING / \$199.00 BALCONY KING

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

RESTAURANTS AT THE HOTEL OR THE LOCAL AREA

THURSDAY OCTOBER 9TH

BREAKFAST/LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

FALLON HOUSE COLUMBIA

11175 WASHINGTON ST, COLUMBIA

SHOW STARTS AT 2:00 - TICKETS \$30.00

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	Graffiti Museum - Modesto	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	Modesto	Truewood Car Show	10-1	Yes
August 16	Manteca	KSK 2nd Annual	7-3	Yes
August 22	Modesto	English Oaks	5-7	Yes
August 22	Oakdale	Classic Car Show	4-6	Yes
September 13	Escalon	Lions Club Autumn Cruise	8-4	Yes
September 20	Oakdale	Blast From The Past	9-3	Yes
October 05	Modesto	Graffiti Museum	9-3	Yes
October 11	Santa Cruz	T-Birds Santa Cruz Wharf	9-3	Yes
October 17	Modesto	Museum Mixer Fundraiser	4	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 8-9	Jim & Donna	Chicken Ranch, Indegeny, Play	Overnight	
December	Keith & Elaine	Poinsettia & Lunch Tour	AM-Lunch	