



# 'lil' bird drop-ins

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.  
[modestotbirdclub.org](http://modestotbirdclub.org)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
*Christmas Party  
The Fruit Yard  
Saturday  
December 6th  
11:30*

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

### THUNDERBIRDS AND VETERANS GRATEFUL CELEBRATION

Sunday • November 09 • 12:00 • Strings - Modesto • Hosted By Ruben & Katrina

NEXT MONTH - SATURDAY - DECEMBER 06 - 11:30 - FRUIT YARD - MODESTO - HOST: CLUB OFFICERS



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### My Other Car Is On Jackstands



*Next QC:*

### 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**

As the year nears an end it is time for nominations for Board and Chair positions. At our next meeting nominations will be announced and voted on. The chosen few will then be installed at the clubs Christmas party. Invitations with lunch options will be coming out soon. As far as memberships go, we have done well this year and will possibly have a new member from last month's meeting and a new guest that said she wanted to join and will be attending our November Meeting.

A few of us gathered for a caravan to Del Webb in Manteca last weekend, there were actually 10 in total (5 baby birds, 1 '60 bird and 4 others) it was a great day and even better when Roger Williams took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the electric category. It's always great attending these car shows because of the people that we all help. It was announced that Wheels of Woodbridge made more than \$5000 dollars which will go to Second Harvest food bank.

That's it for this month.

**We'll See Ya Around The Aviary**  
**Jim Ridenour**

President

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club



# THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS NOVEMBER



- 14 Bob E.
- 19 Monty
- 25 Donna



- 07 Ken & Roberta
- 09 Mike & Julie
- 19 Monty & Bev



## PLAN AHEAD

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 09 - 12:00  
Strings - Modesto  
Host: Ruben & Katrina



For Taking Pictures  
Jim R., Elaine, Ruben

For Donations  
Pat J. - Coffee Cup Koozies  
Jan - Blanket

## Get Ready For FRIENDS REVISITED

Destination Watsonville  
Date May 16-18 2026

Sponsored By  
Alan and Sandi Brown  
of Monterey

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**Let's Have Fun!**

**Find Info & Updates!**



# VICE PRESIDENT

**Ruben Tellez**



Thank you, Patricia and Bob for hosting the October meeting and social at Strings in Modesto. The table decor set up by Patricia was festive for the fall season. The owner of Strings mentioned that someone took a video with a drone of all the cars parked out front from the May meeting at Strings. She said it was posted on a social media site if anyone comes across it, she would like a copy.

October 8-9 the overnight tour to Chicken Ranch Casino and Resort and surrounding area activities was enjoyed by everyone attending. A beautiful day to picnic at Indigeny with boxed lunches, fun dinner and social at Chicken Ranch Resort and the play 'Of Mice and Men' at Fallon House in Columbia was excellent. A really great tour, thank you Donna and Jim.

Following the tour, Katrina and I enjoyed a weekend away while we visited family in Watsonville and attended Birds on the Wharf in Santa Cruz. The weather was perfect as we spent the morning with my family looking at the many different years of Thunderbirds. On the way back coming down Pacheco Pass my son's friend caught us speeding home! See the pictures he took somewhere in the newsletter.

The World of Wheels at Woodbridge in Manteca was another perfect weather day for a car show. Cars from the newest to the oldest were very nicely parked and displayed along a walkway at the North end of the complex. Out of the six Thunderbirds none were chosen for an award, but Roger won a trophy for one of his three tripods.

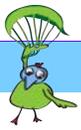
There will be a short parade and ceremony in Oakdale to honor our local veterans on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. See the details in the newsletter.

All officer and chair positions have been filled for 2026. The club officers have made the final preparations for the Christmas Party Luncheon and installation of officers. Save the date for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 at the Fruit Yard. Katrina will be including the invitation, be sure to R.S.V.P.

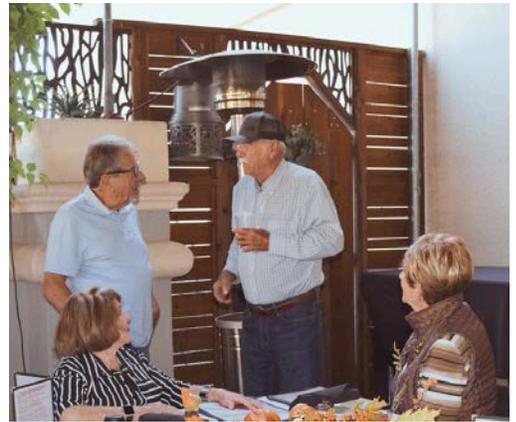
The November meeting venue has been changed due to Frank having surgery on the Friday before. Frank and Cecilia will be back for the Christmas Party in December.

The next meeting will be Sunday November 09<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 at Strings in Modesto, hosted by Ruben and Katrina.

**T-Birding  
is Better Together  
Ruben**



# OCTOBER MEETING & SOCIAL



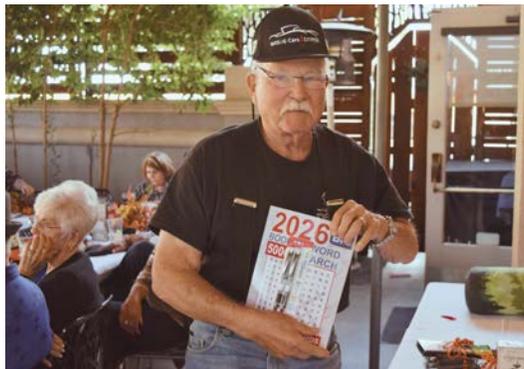
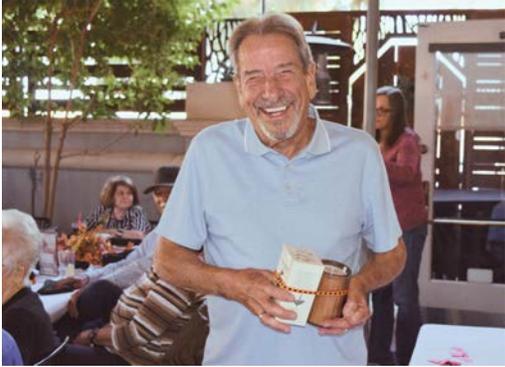


# OCTOBER MEETING & SOCIAL





# OCTOBER WINNERS!





Meeting on a beautiful morning in Oakdale, Jim and Donna kicked off the Chicken Ranch overnight tour with goodie bags and doughnuts. In the MACTC group were Keith and Elaine, Bob and Marilyn, Jack and Janis, Jan and Terry, friends Bobby and Bobbie and Tom and Loretta. Ken and Roberta joined in from the highway along the way, and Ruben and Katrina went up ahead to pick up lunch.

The caravan following Jim and Donna up to Indiginy arrived after Jim's wrong way detour up Lyons Bald Mountain Road. Following a little behind Ruben and Katrina caught up with Keith and Elaine stranded on the side of the road. After a little adjustment Ruben had them back on the road and arriving at Indiginy for a very nice picnic lunch, tasting and self-tour of Indiginy's Reserve.

Ken and Roberta along with kitty cat *Teddy* went up to their cabin in Long Barn. Bob and Marilyn stayed at Black Oak and everyone else checked in at Chicken Ranch Casino and Resort. Gambling has some great perks as Jan and Terry had their room upgraded to a VIP Suite! If we had been a little younger, the ladies would have had a party on their hands!

After a day of activity, we dined at the casino's TWLV Restaurant for a relaxing and fun evening. The next morning a few of the group returned to the TWLV Restaurant for a fun social and brunch. The hotel was very accommodating and arranged for a late check out that didn't go smoothly, but by 12:30 we found our way to Fallon house in Columbia for the play *Of Mice and Men*.



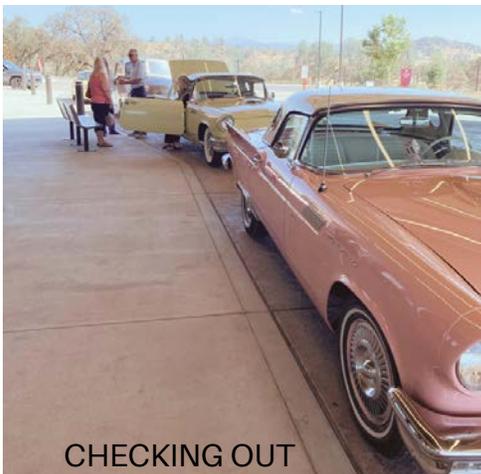
JIM M. - TOM - JACK  
PARKING GARAGE AT CHICKEN RANCH



RANDOM FELLAS  
HAVING A LOOK



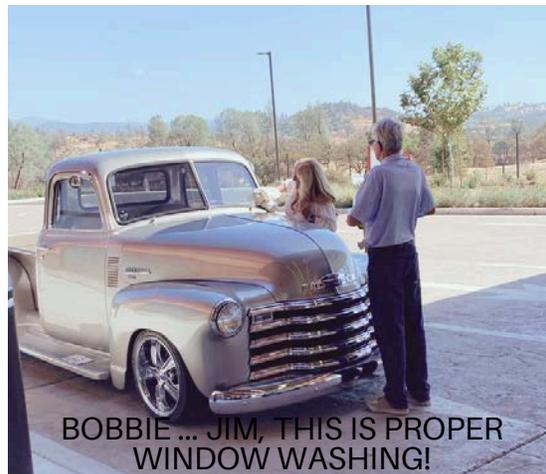
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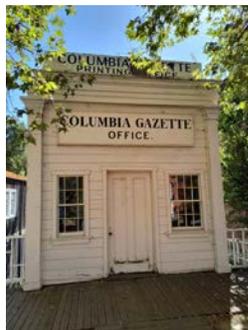
CHECKING OUT



JAN & TERRY



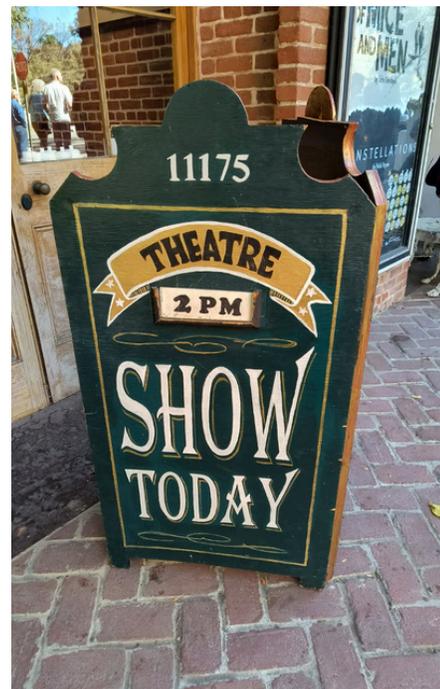
BOBBIE ... JIM, THIS IS PROPER WINDOW WASHING!



Keith and Elaine, Jan and Terry, Tom and Loretta and Bobby and Bobbie set off to home or other prospective destinations.

Jim and Donna, Jack and Janis, Bob and Marilyn and Ruben and Katrina attended the play *Of Mice and Men* at Fallon House; quite a raw and moving story performed by an excellent group of actors. Of course, a visit to Columbia also means to top it off with a trip to the ice cream shop! Yummy!

The day was beautiful and driving home into the sunset was gorgeous. Thank you, Jim and Donna for planning and executing a great overnight trip for the Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club! You're awesome!





# BIRDS ON The Warf



**1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD**  
 First year of production  
 Restored to its original condition  
 Original color matches the vehicle ID plate and engine part numbers match manufacturer's part numbers  
 8-cyl. 292cid/198hp  
 Ford-O-Matic automatic transmission  
 Removable hardtop





# BIRDS ON the wing

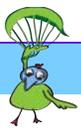




# Del Webb



Great day for a car show at Del Webb. Many cars, trucks, hot rods, and you name it, was on display, new and old and classic. Live music to entertain, polish or hot dog with the trimmings for lunch and root beer floats to boot. No Thunderbird winners, but Roger and Joyce were awarded a trophy for one of their three tripod scooters. Congratulations you two! Earl and his son Dennis were out and about on their bikes, checking out the line up. Second Harvest raised \$5,000.00 for the food bank. A very productive day!



# Dell Web



**Jane**



**Jan**



**Jim R.**



**Holley & Tim**



**Ruben & Katrina**



**Jim M.**



\$35.00  
**DUES ARE DUE**  
**FOR 2026**  
 Pay Anytime - The next Meeting  
 Christmas Luncheon - Snail Mail  
 Cash or Check made payable to MACTC



**December Tour Duarte Poinsettia Nursery**  
 Family and Friends Are Welcome  
 Tuesday - December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10:00 am  
 Duarte Poinsettia Nursery  
 Lunch Following at The Fruit Yard  
 Hosts: Keith and Elaine



**No Host Bar**  
**Order off the Menu**  
**Separate Checks**  
**Gratuity Included**

**THE NEXT BIG THING**  
**Meeting & Social**  
**Sunday November 09th -12:00**  
**Strings - Modesto**  
 2601 Oakdale Road  
**Hosted by - Ruben & Katrina**  
**Sign up or Cancel**  
 Call or Text Katrina 209.480.3628



**The day should be in the 70's - They do have patio heaters - Dress warm**

**Manteca - Stockton - Tracy**

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

Hwy 108/Main (West) - Atchison - Left on Oakdale Road to 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

To all who served,



**WE ARE  
THANKFUL  
FOR YOUR  
SERVICE**

Happy Veterans Day

JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON  
AND  
INSTALLATION OF  
OFFICERS  
HOSTED BY CLUB OFFICERS



*Jingle & Mingle*  
*Family & Friends are Welcome*

SATURDAY      **6**      DECEMBER  
2025

11:30 AM

THE FRUIT YARD  
7948 Yosemite Blvd., Modesto

NO HOST BAR - LUNCH PLATE - DESSERT

INCLUDED - DINNER SALAD  
ROASTED BABY BAKER POTATOES  
SAUTEED VEGETABLES - DINNER ROLL

\$48.00  
CHARBROILED  
CHICKEN BREAST  
W MARSALA

Water  
Coffee  
Iced Tea

\$62.00  
NEW YORK STEAK  
W BRANDY  
PEPPERCORN SAUCE

OPTIONAL

GIFT EXCHANGE \$20.00 MIN

LADIES BRING A LADY'S GIFT CLEARLY LABELED LADY

MEN BRING A MAN'S GIFT CLEARLY LABELED MAN

DONATIONS

"TOYS FOR TOTS" - AN UNWRAPPED TOY

FOOD BANK - ANY AMOUNT OF PANTRY ITEMS/CASH

\$35.00 Dues

Dues can be paid anytime or at the  
Christmas Luncheon - Cash/Check

RSVP your choice of meal by  
Sunday November 30th  
Call/Text Katrina 209.480.3628



# Club News

## *Hoods Up*

A friend of Ruben's son snapped a couple of pictures of us as we sped down the east side of Pacheco Pass!

We had a beautiful weekend visiting with family and spending a day on the Santa Cruz wharf looking at the various years of Thunderbirds and visiting with the members of other clubs.



**Ruben & Katrina**

Keith isn't sure what happened to the car on the way to Indiginy. Elaine said it sounded like microwave popcorn popping and then it shut off. Maybe the fuel filter, bad gas, vapor lock. Thank you to everyone who helped get it going. It did fine on the way home.

Jim and Donna say Thank You to everyone that joined in for the Overnight.

# 2025

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



*Meetings*



*Tours*



*Shows*