



'lil' bird drop-ins

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
modestotbirdclub.org



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

HOLLY JOLLY THUNDERBIRD CHRISTMAS!

Saturday • December 06 • 11:30 • Fruit Yard - Modesto • Hosted By Club Officers

NEXT MONTH - SUNDAY - JANUARY 11 - 12:00 - H-B - OAKDALE - HOST: RUBEN & KATRINA



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Next T-Bird Fun!

FRIEND'S REVISITED

Date: May 15-17 2026 • Location: Watsonville



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Howdy - Fellow T-birders

With the holiday season upon us, I like to reflect on the car show season which has not officially ended (it never does) but has slowed to a crawl. It's been a busy one for sure, I think I managed at least one if not 2 per month. I love how car shows almost always are for charity in some way or another.

As part of the car show experience this year, we have been able to do serious advertising with our newly acquired pop up with our club logo and links to where to find us. I believe this will help in bringing in new members.

It's also time to give "moms bird" a little rest and consider a plan of attack to identify an irritating oil leak. I know, old cars leak oil that's how you know you have oil, this ole bird is excessive.

Let's see, coming up is the tour of Duarte Poinsettia Nursery followed by lunch at the Fruit Yard, then a few days later we will be having our annual Christmas Luncheon and installation of officers. This year it's "Jingle and Mingle" and will be a fantastic afternoon.

That's it for now.

We'll See Ya Around The Aviary
Jim Ridenour

President
Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS DECEMBER



- 04 Fran
- 07 Shirley
- 12 Alex
- 15 JoAnn
- 24 Frank
- 29 Andy



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Jim and Mona



PLAN AHEAD

SUNDAY

JANUARY 11 - 12:00

H-B - Oakdale

Host: Ruben & Katrina



For Taking Pictures
Jim R. and Ruben

For Donations
Keith & Elaine - Wine
Jan - Wine
Roger & Joyce - Christmas Decor

Get Ready For FRIENDS REVISITED

Destination Watsonville

Date May 15-17 2026

Sponsored By
Alan and Sandi Brown
of Monterey

Let's Have Fun!

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VICE PRESIDENT

Ruben Tellez

Seventy Years... the beautiful classic Thunderbird's are still amazing!



We had a nice turn out at Strings again. Katrina and I hosted and celebrated our Veterans. The club gained a new membership, welcome to Andy and Cheryl with their beautiful white '59 Square Bird.

If you don't have plans to continue driving your classic from now until spring, it's a good idea to winterize it while it's being stored for the next few months. I have plans to do some major work on our car this winter. The parts are here, progress reports next month.

We are looking forward and hope to see many of you at the annual Duarte Poinsettia Nursery tour hosted by Keith and Elaine on Tuesday December 2nd at 10:00. Located at 1555 Baldwin Road (off Hatch) in Hughson. Lunch following at The Fruit Yard. Family and friends are welcome to join us. Note: Duarte Nursery only accepts payment by check or cash.

Officer and chair positions have been filled for 2026. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to fill a position. Hosts will be needed for the meeting and social for the following months, February, March, April and May. June will be a dark month with no meeting/social. Then for July, August, September, October and November. December will be the Christmas Party and installation of officers.

The club officers have made the final preparations for the 2025 Christmas Party and installation of officers. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, December 6th - 11:30 at the Fruit Yard. Family and friends are also welcome, please note that Katrina has extended the R.S.V.P. date to Sunday, November 30th.

Member dues of \$35.00 are due for 2026. Pay them at the Christmas Party along with your meal, mail them in anytime to the Treasurer, Elaine or pay at the January meeting and social.

The next meeting and social will be Sunday, January 11th - 12:00 at H-B in Oakdale, hosted by Ruben and Katrina.

**T-Birding
is Better Together
Ruben**



MEETING & SOCIAL

November





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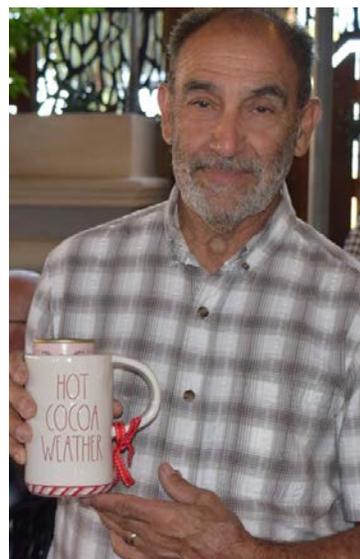
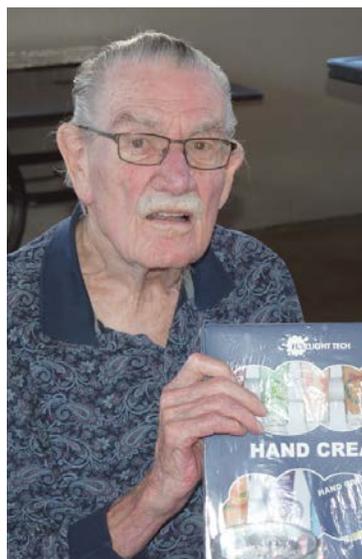
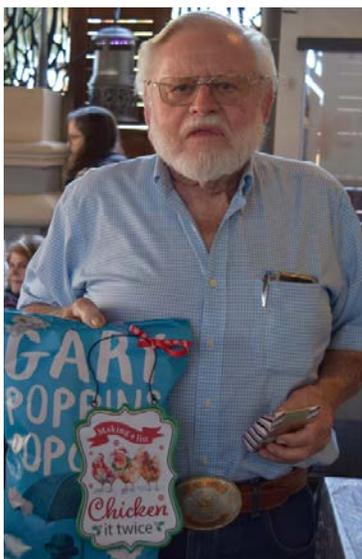
November





NOVEMBER

Winners!





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



1555 Baldwin Rd
Hughson
off Hatch

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

DUARTE
ACCEPTS
CASH OR
CHECK
ONLY

CHRISTMAS PARTY
R.S.V.P.
BY SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
30TH

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



CTCI Board Meeting Highlights Sept. 19, 2025 ~ Updated

Highlights of CTCI Video Board Meeting November 14, 2025

Welcome Bob Young: Welcome to Bob Young, who will be filling the position of Director At Large. He was appointed to fill the balance of Chris Ames' term.

Treasurer's Report: John Kledis presented the 10-month financials. In the first ten months, 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. He stressed again that CTCI needs to continue to reduce overhead expenses wherever possible and increase membership.

Member Renewals: Garrett Shropshire, through the Office Activity Report, documented Member Renewals. Last year (12/31/2024), we ended up with 3,601 active members. Between January and October of 2025, we gained 156 New Members. In addition, we gained 26 members who returned to CTCI from prior years (before 2024). As of 10/31/2025, we are now at 3,238 active members. We are pleased that we have achieved (and exceeded) our anticipated membership count of 3,200 by the end of the year. At this point, we have 487 Members who have not renewed. Of that total, we have only received 61 notices of dropouts.

Support & Administrative Services Contract: The Board was presented with a proposed contract for support and administrative services for CTCI with Attache' International, LLC. The Board wanted time to review the proposed contract further and tabled it until the next meeting set for December 12.

Office Activity: The Office Activity report showed Invoice and Merchandise sales. For 2025, CTCI has had over \$12,031.75 in Merchandise Sales, which is slightly less than last year at this time. In addition, 41 requests have been made for factory invoices.



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Election Results: The Board Certified the election results for the Board of Directors election. The CTCI Board of Directors election concluded on October 28, 2025 for Board positions effective January 1, 2026. The Certified election detailed results are as follows:

For Region 1

John Knapp.....73 (Winner)
Donna Jessie.....29
Total Votes.....105
(Empty Votes).....3
Valid Votes.....102

For Region 3

Tony Seibert.....83 (Winner)
Thomas Przedwojewski.....20
Total Votes.....111
(Empty Votes).....8
Valid Votes.....103

For Region 5

Jim McLaughlin.....89 (Winner)
Pocahontas Cole.....44
Total Votes.....140
(Empty Votes).....7
Valid Votes.....133

For Director At Large

Ross Woodman.....275 (Winner)
David M. (Mike) Mills...192
Ralph Cowell.....183
Total Votes.....716
(Empty Votes).....66
Valid Votes.....650

Total Members eligible to vote*: 3,096

Total Votes Cast 716

Percent voting: 23.13%

*members with valid e-mail (includes members who later “bounced” & “opt out”)



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Change to OP&P regarding the Officer Election: The Board approved an amendment to document the order of ALL officer elections.

2025 Joint Thunderbird Convention Report: Brian Carron provided a financial update on the 2025 Convention (Grapevine, TX) that just wrapped up. Brian presented that we made a net profit. The Board approved returning the donations received from CTCI chapters.

Proclamation of Thanks to the Brian Carron Family: The Board voted and approved a formal Proclamation to thank Brian Carron and his family for all of their efforts in planning and leadership of the very successful 2025 Convention in Grapevine, TX.

2026 Convention: The Board approved supporting the Joint TOA convention that will be held on September 8 – 12 in Flagstaff, AZ. Flagstaff was chosen to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Route 66. The Board authorized Classic Convention Productions to allocate \$8,000 to be used as “seed money” for the convention and to start the planning process in conjunction with the TOA. Additional decisions about activities (such as Judging & Tours) for the convention will be discussed at the December 12, 2025 Board meeting.

Format and Planning for Future Conventions and Shows: The Board agreed to finalize plans for 2027 as well as future conventions at the next Board Meeting. This includes discussions on future joint events with TOA.

Participation and Support at Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA: The Board agreed to table the discussion on participation at the Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA until the next board meeting.

The next Board meeting is set for December 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM Central

On Behalf of the Board,
Bob Bly, President



Keith and Elaine reports that their car is doing good

Welcome to New Members
Andy and Cheryl
1959 White Thunderbird

