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Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH THUNDERBIRD CHEER IN A NEW YEAR

Sunday • January 11 • 12:00 • H-B Saloon - Oakdale • Hosted By Ruben & Katrina

NEXT MONTH - SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 08 - 12:00 - TBA - TBA - HOST: TBA



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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

Good Sunday morning December 21, 2025. As you can see by the date of this letter it's only three days from Christmas Eve. So Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

2025 has been a good year and has been a bad year as well, we have had many laughs and good times at meetings, outings and car shows and we have had to say goodbye to a few friends.

Things were good for the club, with membership being up, (not by a lot but up). I attribute that to the membership committee, who have met a few times and discussed ideas to improve membership. More to come in 2026.

The club's Christmas Party / Officer Installation went well and was also very well attended. The Fruit yard was an excellent choice; the food and service were great. Thanks to all that made it possible. I have also received very good feedback, with requests to have a repeat location in 2026.

I really like typing 2026, I look forward to being the club's President yet again and have some really good ideas to bring us next level recognition and improved membership.

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas

**Will See Ya Around The Aviary
Jim Ridenour**

President
Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS DECEMBER



01 Dean
 19 Ken
 27 Charles
 29 Eric



08
 Frank and Cecelia



PLAN AHEAD

SUNDAY
 FEBRUARY 08 - 12:00
 TBA - TBA
 Host: TBA



For Taking Pictures
 Jim R. and Ruben

Get Ready For FRIENDS REVISITED

Destination Watsonville
 Date May 15-17 2026

Sponsored By
 Alan and Sandi Brown
 of Monterey

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VICE PRESIDENT

Ruben Tellez

**Seventy Years - Thunderbirds ...
the beautiful classics are still amazing!**



The Jingle and Mingle Christmas Party and Installation of Officers at the Fruit Yard was very nice. Attendance was good even though several members had a conflict with the date and could not attend.

Member dues for 2026 of \$35.00 are due. Pay at the meeting, or mail it in anytime to the Treasurer, Elaine. Pay by cash or make a check payable to MACTC.

The past club officers have been re-installed for the 2026 season. I am looking forward to being the Viced President again this year. Please pass along any information or flyers for car shows or events you come across this year. Email is preferable but they can also be sent to Katrina's phone so that she can post it to the website and make copies as needed.

Please visit the club's website for meeting dates, upcoming events, newsletters, etc. It can also be a useful tool to refer potential new members too.

The calendar for meetings, tours and car shows will be circulated at the January meeting. Jim R. put out a challenge to members that have not hosted to participate this year, next up is Sunday February 8. Ready to host? Call with the details and be prepared to share the information at the meeting. Need help or would like to co-host call me, Katrina or another member.

I have started the process of removing the transmission from our car. This should stop the leaking mess, and we'll have a reliable running transmission for years to come. Katrina has kept me full of coffee and apple pie during the process!

Looking forward to the meeting and social Sunday, January 11th - 12:00 at H-B in Oakdale, hosted by Katrina and I.

**T-Birding
is Better Together
Ruben**



Christmas PARTY



Jingle Mingle





Christmas PARTY



Jingle Mingle



Thank You 2025 Officers & Chairs



President - Jim R.
Secretary/Newsletter
Katrina



President - Jim R.
C.T.C.I. - Keith



Vice President - Ruben



Treasurer - Elaine



Past Board - Marlon & Jim M.



Publicity - Patricia & Holley



Give Away
Mona



Thunderbird friends!







2026 DUES ARE DUE

\$35.00

**Pay at the Meeting
or
Mail to the Treasurer**

**Cash
or
Check made payable to MACTC**

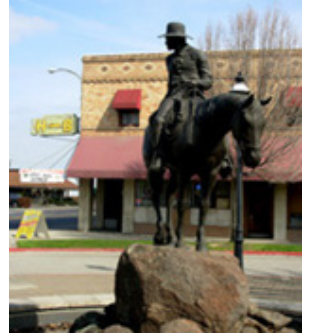


**No Host Bar
Limited Menu
Separate Checks
Gratuity Included**

THE NEXT BIG THING

**Meeting & Social
Sunday January 11th - 12:00
H-B Saloon - Oakdale
401 East 'F' Street**

**Hosted by - Ruben & Katrina
Sign up - Call or Text Katrina 209.480.3628**



Manteca - Stockton - Tracy

Hwy 99 - Hwy 120 - Through the main light in Oakdale - Left on East 'G' - Left on Sierra
Modesto

Milnes - Albers/Yosemite Ave. - Right on East 'G' - Left on Sierra
Turlock

Geer/Albers/Yosemite - Right on East 'G' - Left on Sierra



CTCI Board Meeting Highlights December 12, 2025

Special Meeting – Approval of New Contract: The Board reviewed and approved a new contract with Attache' International. This contract covers Member Services; Administrative Services; Merchandise, Factory Invoice & Records Storage; and Design, Layout, & Publication of The Early Bird Magazine. The new contract includes significant savings for CTCI from the previous contract.

The next Special Board meeting (Officer Elections) is set for January 5, 2026, at 10:00 AM Central.

The next regular Board meeting is set for January 16, 2026, at 10:00 AM Central

**On Behalf of the Board,
Bob Bly, President**

CTCI Board Meeting Highlights January 5, 2026

CTCI Elects New Officers for 2026

On Jan. 5, 2026, the CTCI Board met to elect the officers who will lead CTCI in 2026.

The newly elected officers are:

President – Bob Bly

Vice President – Marsha Hash

Treasurer – John Kledis

Secretary – Bob Witt

The board also made the following appointments to the Board

Ex Officio – Chuck Thompson

Director Emeritus – Darcy Knapp

Newly elected President Bob Bly thanked 2025 Secretary Brian Carron for his service. He has asked Brian to continue in his role of liaison with the TOA Joint Convention.

No other business was conducted.

The next regular Board meeting is set for January 16, 2026, at 10:00 AM Central

**On Behalf of the Board,
Bob Bly, President**



**SEE YOU ALL
IN FEBRUARY!**