



'lil' bird drop-ins

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
modestotbirdclub.org



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

THUNDERBIRDS - WAKE UP SPRING IS HERE!

Sunday • March 08 • 12:00 • Mi Casa - Turlock • Hosted By Jan

NEXT MONTH - SUNDAY - APRIL 12 - 12:00 - STRINGS - MODESTO - HOST: JIM & MONA



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*Happy
Saint Patrick's Day
March 17th*



Next T-Bird Fun!

FRIEND'S REVISITED

Date: May 01-03 2026 • Location: Watsonville



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Howdy Fellow T-birders

Spring is right around the corner and today I am signing up for my first car show. I still have some work to do on Mom's Bird and sometime amongst the current remodel I am doing at home I will get it done. I say "still have work to do" because a few weeks ago Keith was nice enough to allow me to use the lift in his shop to work on an oil leak, Ruben and Jim M. also joined us for a look at the greasy underside of Mom's Bird. And it was greasy, years of oil blow back coated the frame and required scraping and degreaser to clean it up. After that was done, we were able to locate a bigger than usual oil leak and that was on the passenger side valve cover that was loose. Keith dug through some containers of bolts and nuts and found enough to properly secure the valve cover. Now it is time for the annual maintenance then car show, car show, car show.

Now, I would like to address the issue that seems to have consumed way too much time of our last two meetings and that is the CTCI's improper removal of dully elected area directors. We have already covered what it is and why it happened and the current suit that has transpired. Enough is enough, I reflected on the last meeting and realized that this is not an issue that everyone is concerned about or may not understand. My commitment to the club is to keep any updates to a minimum, anyone wanting more information can ask Jim M., Keith or myself for more info. The last thing I will say, and I mentioned it at the last meeting is that the group of five are asking effected clubs for assistance in financing. I would like to get a mind set on this, so we don't use too much time at the meeting regarding this topic.

Thanks for your time and understanding.

Will See Ya Around The Aviary
Jim Ridenour

President
Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS MARCH



02	Roberta
09	Earl
11	Katrina
23	Pat J.



13
Gary & Cheryl



PLAN AHEAD

SUNDAY
 APRIL 12 - 12:00
 STRINGS - MODESTO
 Host: JIM & MONA

March 8th



FOR TAKING PICTURES

Jim R. and Ruben

DONATIONS

Holley & Tim - Wine
 Holley & Tim - Gift Cert
 Jim & Mona - Car Shade



Time to
Spring Ahead

Get Ready For FRIENDS REVISITED

Destination Watsonville
 Date May 01-03 2026
 Reservation Information Below

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Let's Have Fun!

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Find Info & Updates!



VICE PRESIDENT

Ruben Tellez

Thunderbirds

Celebrating Seventy Years ...

these beautiful classics are still amazing!



Another full house meeting held at Firenze in Oakdale. Thank you to Jane for hosting, it was fun to have the traditional valentine themed decor and treats. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting, it's really great to see everyone. Monty joined us and shared some highlights of his good friend and longtime member Don Cose's life and brilliant career as a developer in Tracy.

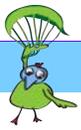
Fliers for car shows are beginning to circulate. Find information regarding upcoming car shows and events on the club's website and social media pages. Web Site modestotbirdclub.org Face Book/Instagram [tbirdsofthecentralvalley](https://www.facebook.com/tbirdsofthecentralvalley). Thank you to Patricia and Holley for providing this information through social media. It is a good way to get our club out into the public eye.

There are two months, May and August available that are in need of a meeting host(s). Thank you to everyone that have signed up to host this year. If you are new to the process and/or would like help hosting a meeting or tour, please contact Katrina or myself.

Reservation link for the Friends revisited weekend May 1-3 is ready for booking.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again at the next meeting and social Sunday, March 8th - 12:00 at Mi Casa in Turlock, hosted by Jan. Friends and family are always welcome. You'll find all of the details in The Next Big Thing below.

**T-Birding
is Better Together
Ruben**





MEETING & SOCIAL

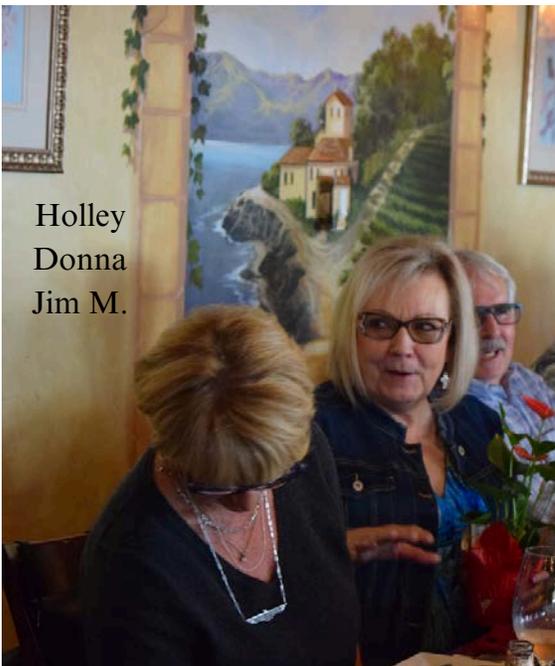


Monty - Roger



Tim
Holley
Donna
Jim M.
Monty
Marlon
Terry

Dan - Dee - Roger



Holley
Donna
Jim M.



Jan
Cecilia
Frank
Earl
Jane
Bob T.
Marilyn



MEETING & SOCIAL



Dee - Elaine  Keith - Ghost?



Ruben - Jim R. - Keith 



Bob T. - Jack - Janis - Ken
Bob E. - Mike  Roberta





Coming SOON

March 8th



Time to Spring Ahead



Put on your green shirt and your green hat, Green is the color of the day and it's how leprechauns know to give wishes to you.

TBIRD FRIENDS REVISITED

WHEN - MAY 1-3

WHERE - HAMPTON INN & SUITES

BY HILTON - WATSONVILLE

BOOK BY APRIL 5TH

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THE NEXT BIG THING



Meeting & Social
Sunday March 08th - 12:00
Mi Casa

624 N. Golden State Blvd. - Turlock

Hosted by - Jan

Sign up - Call or Text Katrina 209.480.3628



No Host Bar
Order off the Menu
Separate Checks



Manteca - Stockton - Tracy

Hwy 99 Fulkerth Turn off - Left on Fulkerth - Right on N. Golden State Blvd.
Left on E. Canal Dr. - Immediate Right into the parking lot

Modesto

Sante Fe - Right onto Geer Rd. - Right onto N. Golden State Blvd. - M. C. on the right
Oakdale

Yosemite/Albers/Geer to Turlock - Right onto N. Golden State Blvd. - M.C. on the right



Club News

Hoods Up

Welcome back Monty
Bev says Hello to everyone

Check out the porthole of Cheryl's
retro for her new bling.

Jim R., Ruben and Jim M. met Keith at his shop and did a thorough job scraping oil from underneath Jim R.'s car. Discovered lose wing nuts on the valve cover and a lose alternator belt. Then, checking out 'Tweetie Bird' found a small gas leak. Thank you - Keith for the use of your shop.

Jan recommends using a new thicker valve cover gasket not the original cork gasket. Find it through Hills or Casco.



Roger - It is weird Jan would never...!

Weird Custom Thunderbird For Jan

an article in January Bring A Trailer - found by Roger



High Bid USD \$39,013
(Reserve Not Met)
Auction Ended
Friday, January 16
at 1:01pm
Bids 12



CUSTOM 1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD "MOON ROCKET" 3-SPEED

This 1955 Ford Thunderbird was purchased new by San Francisco-based hot rod builder Jerry Anolik and modified prior to winning the People's Choice Award at the Oakland Roadster Show in January 1957. Custom front bodywork was constructed following a crash, and the car was reintroduced at the 1959 Oakland Roadster Show where it was dubbed "Moon Rocket" by fellow builder George Barris. The car was subsequently toured across the continental US and Puerto Rico, profiled in period publications, driven cross-country by Anolik, and raced in NHRA events. Following an engine fire at Bonneville Speed Week in September 1960, the car was partially disassembled and stored until 2010 when it was reassembled by Anolik. It was purchased by the seller later that year and subsequently underwent a multi-year restoration. The car is finished in silver and red over black and white upholstery. Power comes from a 331ci Cadillac V8 topped with a GMC blower and quad Stromberg carburetors mated to a LaSalle-sourced three-speed manual transmission. Equipment includes a C1 Corvette-sourced shifter, power-assisted drum brakes, an electric cooling fan, a dual-exhaust system with Smitty mufflers, a chrome rollbar, dual spotlights, a power-adjustable bench seat, and an AM radio. This modified Thunderbird is now offered with period photos, posters, awards, press coverage, correspondence, literature, refurbishment photos, and a clean California title in the seller's name.



CUSTOM 1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD "MOON ROCKET" 3-SPEED

According to a July 2010 Hot Rod profile, the car was rebuilt three times between late 1954 and early 1959. The car underwent a color change from silver to blue in 1959 at the request of a promoter who offered Anolik \$5k plus expenses to repaint the car and drive it to a roadster show in Springfield, Massachusetts. It retained the color scheme until the 2010s refurbishment.

The car was disassembled, placed on a rotisserie, and refinished in its 1959 silver and red color scheme during the refurbishment. Thirty-one coats of lacquer paint were reportedly applied, a replacement windshield was installed, and the brightwork was re-chromed. Custom bodywork performed by Anolik in the 1950s included enlarged rear wheel openings, shaved tail fins, a reshaped trunk lid, and a louvered tail panel constructed from 1941 Chevrolet truck door skins. Custom nerf bars are fitted front and rear, and additional equipment includes dual spotlights, faux side-exit exhaust pipes constructed from 1936 Ford driveshafts, a roll bar, 1959 Buick taillights, and Hilborn velocity stacks serving as exhaust outlets. The fuel filler was relocated to the trunk, and the car is not equipped with a top.

Staggered-width 15" chrome wheels are mounted with BFGoodrich Silvertown whitewall bias-ply tires up front and Bruce's Slicks whitewall rear tires that reportedly date to the 1950s. The front suspension incorporates chrome springs and control arms with drilled lower units as well as hydraulic shocks sourced from a 1934 Ford. The live rear axle retains hydraulic shocks and leaf springs. The power-assisted drum brakes were overhauled and feature red drums.

The four-way power-adjustable front bench seat was retrimmed in black upholstery with white pleated inserts and blue and red accents during the refurbishment. Matching upholstery extends to the door panels, and a black dash pad is fitted along with color-coordinated carpets. The dashboard retains a Ford push-button AM radio, a clock, a locking glovebox, engine-turned trim, and a Thunderbird badge. A C1 Corvette-sourced floor shifter was installed in the 1950s.

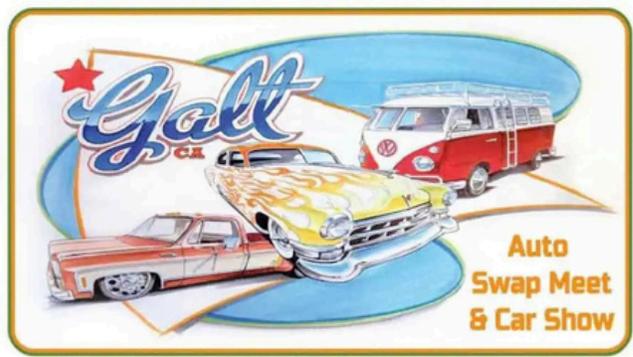
The two-spoke steering wheel frames an Astra Dial instrument cluster housing a 150-mph speedometer, a 5k-rpm tachometer, and gauges for fuel level and coolant temperature. Cracks are visible on the Astra Dial glass panel. A custom engine-turned pod housing Stewart-Warner gauges and a toggle switch is mounted beneath the dash. The five-digit odometer shows 54k miles, and approximately 20 miles were added under current ownership.

The 331ci Cadillac V8 was reportedly built by Anolik and the San Francisco Shifters car club in 1958 and features Offenhauser finned valve covers, ported 1956 Cadillac cylinder heads, Forged True pistons, boxed connecting rods, a Herbert roller camshaft, a Joe Hunt Vertex magneto, custom pulleys, and a Cragar blower manifold. Induction is handled by a quartet of Stromberg carburetors with chrome stacks atop a GMC 4-71 blower that was reportedly sourced from a Greyhound bus mechanic in the 1950s. An electric cooling fan was installed during the refurbishment, and it is controlled via a switch on the dashboard.

Power is sent to the Ford-sourced rear axle via a LaSalle three-speed manual transmission. The frame was refinished in black during the refurbishment, and an overhaul of the dual exhaust system at that time included rebuilding the Smitty mufflers.

A July 2009 letter from George Barris to Jerry Anolik sharing his recollections of "Moon Rocket" is pA collection of included period photos, press clippings, posters, and car show trophies can be seen in the gallery, along with the July 2010 Hot Rod profile on the car, presented above.

A collection of photos taken during the 2010s refurbishment, including several featuring Jerry Anolik, can be seen in the gallery. For the article and 250 more pictures use the link below.



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Hi, My name is Tyler Wilson, and I am a Junior proudly representing Davis High School's ASB Leadership program. I am reaching out to share information about our upcoming Annual Davis High School Car Show, which will take place on March 14th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the Davis High school campus.

This event is one of our big fundraisers of the year. All proceeds directly support our leadership program by helping cover the cost of school supplies, student activities, and future campus events that benefit the entire Davis High School community.

We would truly appreciate your support in promoting our event. Additionally, we welcome anyone who would be interested in showcasing their vehicle at the car show. It's a great opportunity for car enthusiasts to connect with the community while supporting a meaningful cause.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. We would be grateful for the opportunity to partner with you and help make this year's car show a success. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like more details.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Bridgit Moore at (209) 535-2580 or moore.bri@monet.k12.ca.us Thank you!

Sincerely - Tyler Wilson