



# 'lil' bird drop-ins

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



*Seventy Years  
1956 Classic*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

### THUNDERBIRDS - TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Sunday • April 12 • 12:00 • Strings - Modesto • Hosted By Jim & Mona

NEXT MONTH - SUNDAY - MAY 17 - 12:00 - TBA - TBA - HOST: RUBEN & KATRINA



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*National Beer  
and Grilled Cheese Day*  
April 7th & 12th



*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**

I hope these early chilly mornings find you well....

Saturday, March 21st was my first car show of the season with another planned for early April. Saturday was a first for Stockton, it was held at the Stockton Metro airport. Our caravan of seven cars (three club members and four friends) was 7 of about 70 in attendance and we received 3 of the 35 awards, it was a great show. In two weeks, April 4th, I will head to Knights Ferry for my 3<sup>rd</sup> year in row for this show. Speaking of car shows and tours, there are a lot of both coming up. Included in the ones that I am attending there are several car shows in the MACTC area (for a list of car shows please check our web site at <https://modestotbirdclub.org>) and remember that we have a tour over to Watsonville for a t-bird rally in May and the Extravaganza in Sacramento, in June.

In unrelated news, Mona and I are past the halfway mark of our remodel project at home. Seeing as how we are both still working it is a slow process. The entirety of it is new paint, flooring, and doors in all but the two front rooms. This includes fixtures, molding, furniture, and decorations. It will look fantastic when complete, which we hope to be the end of April.

Alright well I could probably add more but I need to wrap this up and get some project stuff done.

**Will See Ya Around The Aviary and Until We Meet Again  
Jim Ridenour**

President  
Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club



# THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS APRIL



09	Ronna
19	Mike
21	Paul



20  
Eric and Fran



## PLAN AHEAD

SUNDAY

MAY 17 - 12:00

TBA - TBA

Host: Ruben & Katrina



FOR TAKING PICTURES

Jim R. and Ruben

DONATIONS

Jan - Wine

## Get Ready For FRIENDS REVISITED

Destination Watsonville

Date May 01-03 2026

Reservation Information Below

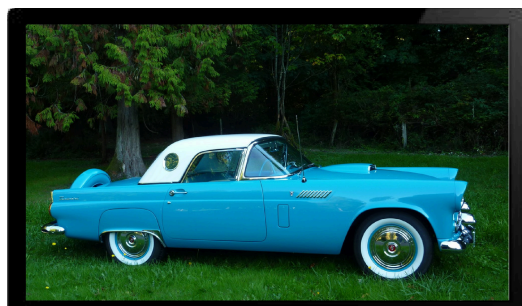
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Monterey Club

**Let's Have Fun!**

Facebook and Instagram  
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[modestotbirdclub.org](http://modestotbirdclub.org)

**Find Info & Updates!**



# **VICE PRESIDENT**

**Ruben Tellez**

**Thunderbirds**

**Celebrating Seventy Years ...**

**these beautiful classics are still amazing!**



A great meeting at Mi Casa in Turlock, hosted by Jan. Thank you Jan for the treats and for sharing your collection of tin toys among them a Thunderbird station wagon. A lot of great hoods up conversation, Jim M. sold the 1960 'Lucy' bird. With the help of Jane, Jan brought three of her Thunderbirds to show, nine cars in all.

Plans are being made to attend upcoming car shows. Jim R. will be attending the Knights Ferry car show again this year on April 4th. Find information regarding upcoming car shows and events on the club's website and social media pages. Web Site [modestotbirdclub.org](http://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.

Meetings have been covered except for August. Thank you to everyone that signed up to host. If it will be your first time hosting and/or you 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. Get your reservation in by April 5<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the Thunderbird rate.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again at the next meeting and social Sunday, April 12th - 12:00 at Strings in Modesto, hosted by Jim and Mona. 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**



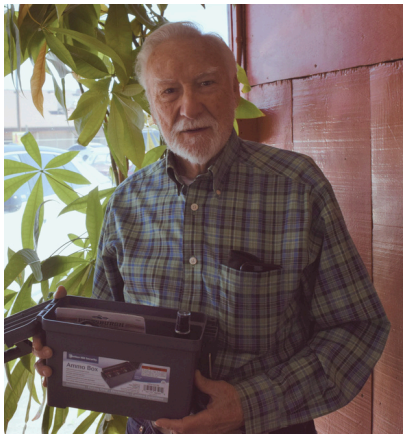
# March Meeting & Social





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*March  
Winners!*



# Earth Day April 21



## TBIRD FRIENDS REVISITED

WHEN - MAY 1-3

WHERE - HAMPTON INN & SUITES

BY HILTON - WATSONVILLE

BOOK BY APRIL 5TH

[HTTPS://WWW.HILTON.COM/EN/ATTEND-MY-EVENT/WVIWBHX-TBM-40A6766E-6681-4F36-9A14-DD10E3002E12/](https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/wviwbhx-tbm-40a6766e-6681-4f36-9a14-dd10e3002e12/)



**We'll be dining on the patio  
Dress accordingly**

## THE NEXT BIG THING

**Meeting & Social**

**Sunday April 12th - 12:00**

**Strings Italian Cafe**

2601 Oakdale Rd. - Modesto

**Hosted by - Jim and Mona**

**Sign up - Call or Text Jim 209.505-3512**



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

**Manteca - Stockton - Tracy - Turlock**

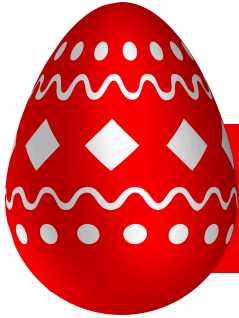
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**Turlock Alternate**

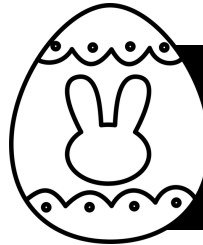
Geer Rd. - Left on Santa Fe - Left on Yosemite Blvd. - Right on Claus Rd. - Left on Floyd  
**Oakdale**

Hwy 108 or Yosemite/Albers to Right on Patterson Rd. - Left on Oakdale Rd.

Strings Italian Cafe is at Floyd and Oakdale Rd.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
EARL REEDY CELEBRATED HIS  
90TH!!



Jan - The black 'E' bird is running with the help of Paul and Bob. Also switched out tail pipes and mufflers with glass paks



Jim & Donna Tweety has a new electronic ignition and points. Now it starts right up.



Jim R. - You'd think that most people check their oil and other fluids, but I forgot to check my battery!



Jim M - Sold 'Lucy' bird to a nice family in Manteca. Been saving up for their first classic car.



Ruben - The transmission is in. In the process of putting the parts back on the engine.



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## Board of Directors Meeting Highlights Video Conference March 20,2026

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Treasurer's Report: John Kledis presented the Year-End Financials for 2025. This report will become the basis for our Yearly Form 990, which is the Federal tax filing. He explained that our balance sheet is strong with over 1,300,000 in Assets. On the Revenue and Expenses report, John explained that the club showed a small "Functional" (Club Operations) loss. This was balanced with our dividends and interest from our Investment Account. Therefore, the club showed a positive net income of over \$35,000. This is significantly better than 2024. John reminded the Board that we needed to continue to increase membership and thus revenue in 2026.

Member Renewals: Garrett Shropshire, through the Office Activity Report, documented Member Renewals. Garrett shared some great news that between January and February of 2026, we have already gained 30 New Members. In addition, we gained 8 members who had previously returned to CTCI (before 2025). We are right in the middle of the renewal period, so it is difficult to know exactly what the trends are. It is also not possible for us to tell how many members we may lose as a result of the discontent. As of 2/28/2026, we have received only 33 dropout notices.

2026 Member Renewal Marketing Plan: Garrett Shropshire, through the Office Activity Report, outlined the ongoing Marketing Plan. He remarked that we will put some effort into continuing marketing to members who did not renew in 2023, 2024, and 2025. Second, we will continue working with chapters willing to share their rosters. Third, we are going to directly market to those Modern Classic – Retro owners who live within a 300 to 400-mile radius of Flagstaff, AZ. Our goal is to encourage these members to "be a member for the day." We continue to work with chapters that have sent the names of all CTCI members in the chapter area who are NOT members of a local chapter. The goal is to persuade all CTCI members who are not part of a chapter to become active members of the local chapter.



Office Activity: The CTCI Activity Report & stats for the Factory Invoices and Merchandise Sales for the whole year of 2025 and year to date for 2026 are included for your review. We have assisted the invoice committee in processing 12 Invoice requests so far in 2026, up from 8 at the same time last year. Merchandise sales for the year to date are at \$ 3,506.10. We are UP in merchandise sales from the same period in 2025. In addition, since we are NOT adding to the inventory, our store balance sheet continues to improve (turning inventory into cash).

Board Appointment: The CTCI Board appointed Pocahontas Cole to fill the open Region 5 Director position.

Joint Convention 2026: The CTCI Board discussed the current progress of the 2026 Joint (TOA) Convention. At this point, only the hotel contract has been finalized. No other details have been agreed. In addition, the schedule, tours, and programs, along with their related pricing, have not yet been determined. The Committee will work over the next few weeks to complete planning and finalize some of these details. It is the committee's hope to have all registration details finalized by April 15.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee outlined improved procedures to help the membership gain a clearer understanding of each candidate's background and qualifications to assist the CTCI Board.

Club Liaison / Membership Committee: This committee gave its report to the Board. They outlined the goal of increasing communication and cooperation with each local chapter. Several ideas were provided, including "Test Drive" packages for each club and assistance from CTCI with local club events (such as giveaways and other promotional materials).

The next Board meeting is set for May 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM Central

On Behalf of the Board,  
Bob Bly, President

# CARS & COFFEE!

AT MONKEY'S SMOG CENTER  
217 West F Street, Oakdale, CA

**BRING OUT THE HORSEPOWER!  
It's Rodeo Weekend!**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12th**  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

NO BURN OUTS OR SPEEDING! SAFETY FIRST!

- \* COFFEE & DONUTS! (While Supplies Last)\*
- \* COMMUNITY & FUN!
- \* ALL VEHICLES WELCOME! (Show off your Ride)
- \* SMOG SERVICE AVAILABLE\*

217 W F Street, Oakdale, CA

**MONKEY'S SMOG CENTER**  
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## SAN JOAQUIN CHAPTER

Manteca Golf Course  
305 N Union Rd. Manteca Ca.

**SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026**  
**8AM-3PM**  
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7:30AM

**\$30.00 ENTRY FEE**  
IF RECEIVED BY APRIL 12TH

**\*\*\$35 DAY OF SHOW\*\***

- Music by DJ Wayne Pierce
- Raffle Prizes
- Trophy Girls
- Cool Cars
- & MUCH MORE!

Raffle Donations Will Support:  
Gone But Not Forgotten Veterans  
of Manteca and Tracy

For More Information CALL MIKE ZANOLI  
**(209) 637-9504**

\*WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE  
FOR ANY THEFT OR DAMAGE  
TO VEHICLES\*

Mail Check & Entry form to:  
Mike Zanolli  
27039 Lillegard Court  
Tracy, CA 95304

Checks Payable to:  
Northern Cal  
F100 Elite

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Make /Model / Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Raffle Donations (Appreciated): \_\_\_\_\_

# MOTORS ON MAIN

Victor Medeiros Memorial

## 5TH ANNUAL

Car & Motorcycle Show

Trophies!

D.J. • Live Band • Photo Booth • Food Trucks  
50/50 Raffle • Raffle

**April 25, 2026**

Main Street in Downtown Gustine  
Registration 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. | Car Show Noon to 5:00 p.m.  
Vehicles enter at 5th Avenue & Hwy. 33  
T-Shirts, Dash Plaques & Goody Bag for the first 30 Preregistered entrants

*Open to the Public*

**For Information Call 209-652-5223**

All Proceeds to Benefit Local Organizations

**\$60 REGISTRATION FEE**  
Motors on Main is a 501 (c) 3 Charitable Organization FEIN #87-369734

# BOMBS AWAY!

Car Show

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2026**  
AT CASTLE AIR MUSEUM IN ATWATER, CALIFORNIA

REGISTER ONLINE

# Hughson Fruit & Nut Festival

## Classic Car Show

Scan here to Register

**April 26th, 2026**

## CLUTCH BURNERS

34th Annual  
*Picnic in the Park*

**Saturday**  
**May 2, 2026**  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Dr. Powers Park  
900 N. Lowell Ave  
Tracy, CA  
(Tracy Blvd. & Lowell)

\$25 pre-register  
\$30 at the show  
(Entry includes dash plaque,  
donuts, & coffee for the first 300)

Event T-Shirts  
available online and at the show

To register, complete and mail the form below to: Clutch Burners Car Club, Inc. P.O. Box 1630, Tracy, CA 95278 or online at [WWW.CLUTCHBURNERS.COM](http://WWW.CLUTCHBURNERS.COM) For information, contact Ernie (209) 346-2289 or Aaron (209) 346-5540

**May 2, 2026 "Clutch Burners Picnic in the Park" Registration | Return by April 29th** All Makes & Models Welcome.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Car Type) Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**TROPHIES & AWARDS TO WINNERS**  
**FOOD - MUSIC - VENDORS - RAFFLES**

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants, participants and spectators by executing this registration form, release and discharge the City of Tracy and their officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives and servants and the Clutch Burners Car Club Inc. and their officers, directors and members and anyone else affiliated with the management of the "2009 Clutch Burners Picnic" of all known and unknown, damages whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant by his presence or property. Further, each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing entities, persons and holders of and from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of entrants or any participant attending or participating with entrant and under the direct control of entrant.  
NOTE: ALCOHOL PROHIBITED IN THE PARK PER TRACY MUNICIPAL CODE 41.18.0505 Event will be held rain or shine.  
Signature Required: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Spring & Fall

## TURLOCK

Auto Swap Meets

**C10 PALOOZA**  
**SUNDAY MAY 3RD 2026**

**41st Annual!**

**FREE PARKING**  
**6am-2pm** **2026**

**PREFERRED IN-SWAP PARKING**  
**ADMISSION \$10 ENTRY**  
**KIDS FREE**

**FUTURE DATES**  
**SUN. AUG 2nd**  
**SUN. SEPT 20th**  
**SUN. NOV 1st**

**900 N. BROADWAY, TURLOCK, CA**  
**INFO: (209)201-8491 SFTURLOCK.COM**

These flyers will all be in the binder at the next meeting  
**Ruben**