



'lil' bird drop-ins

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH THUNDERBIRD APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday • May 17 • 12:00 • The Dog House • Ceres • Hosted By Ruben & Katrina

NEXT MONTH - SUNDAY - JUNE 07 - 12:00 - STRINGS - MODESTO - HOST: PATRICIA & BOB E.



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Howdy Fellow T-birders

Mom's Bird and I along with Mona met up with two other club members at the Velvet Creamery on McHenry Ave. a little more than a week ago. This was an ice cream social put on by the local Chevy Club and was very well attended. One of two other club members, our most recent members to join MACTC was Dub and Janet, this brings a total of two new members for this year so far. I believe that the addition of our pop-up has contributed to at least one of the new members who found us at the Escalon car show last September. Other things are in the works for building interest in our club, new business cards and post cards as well as some shirt choices that can be worn by club members at car shows and events. I also think that by getting our cars out and on display will help more than anything.

In June there are three car shows that usually bring the T-Birds out, those being the Graffiti Classic in McHenry Village on Sunday June 7th, Graffiti USA parade starting Friday the 12th and car show Saturday and Sunday the 13th and 14th and finally the Elks Car Show on Sunday the 28th. I hope to see as many members and friends as possible attending these shows. More discussion will come at our next meeting.

That's it for now.

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

President
Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS MAY



12 Joyce



10
Bob and Marilyn
16
Roger and Joyce
23
Jack and Janis



PLAN AHEAD

SUNDAY

JUNE 07 - 12:00

Strings - Modesto

Host: Patricia & Bob E.



FOR TAKING PICTURES

Jim R. and Ruben

DONATIONS

Terry - Spring Surprise Gift Bag

Get Ready For EXTRAVAGANZA

SACRAMENTO

Date JUNE 26-28 2026

Sponsored By
The Sacramento Club
BATOC Club

Facebook and Instagram
tbirdsofthecentralvalley



Let's Have Fun!

Find Info & Updates!



VICE PRESIDENT

Ruben Tellez

Thunderbirds

Celebrating Seventy Years ...

these beautiful classics are still amazing!



A chilly day for a meeting at Strings, hosted by Jim and Mona. Thank you Jim and Mona for the potted plants that brought a spring atmosphere to the tables. Great hoods up conversation, and we welcomed guests Dub and Janet who also plan to join the club. With rain threatening the sky there were no classics in the parking lot.

For members that are interested in car shows now is the time of the season to begin choosing which shows to attend and send in the registration. At the meetings look in the blue binder and on the table for car show fliers and registration information. If anyone needs information on a particular car show or printable copies that weren't available let me know.

Meetings are covered except for August and October. Please contact me if you're interested in hosting or sign up at the next meeting. If it will be your first time and/or you would like help hosting a meeting or tour, contact me.

Find below information and reservation form for the upcoming Extravaganza June 26-28th in Sacramento. This is a fun filled weekend packed with classics and T-Birders from all over the country, also a swap meet and raffle as an added bonus. Hosted by the Sacramento and BATOC Thunderbird Clubs.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again at the next meeting and social. Sunday, May 17th - 12:00 at The Doghouse Tap Room in Ceres, hosted by Katrina and I. We'll be celebrating Thunderbird Appreciation Day with a trip to a sweet shop nearby after lunch; fiends and family are always welcome. You'll find the details in The Next Big Thing below.

**T-Birding
is Better Together
Ruben**



April Meeting & Social



Dub & Jeanette



Cheryl



Janis

Donna

Jeanette



Bob



Dee



Jan

Jane

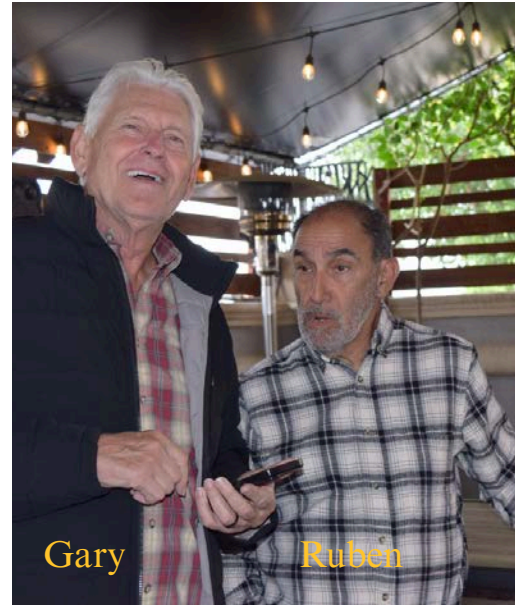


April Meeting & Social



Earl

Joyce



Gary

Ruben



Jim R.





April Winners!



Jane



Terry



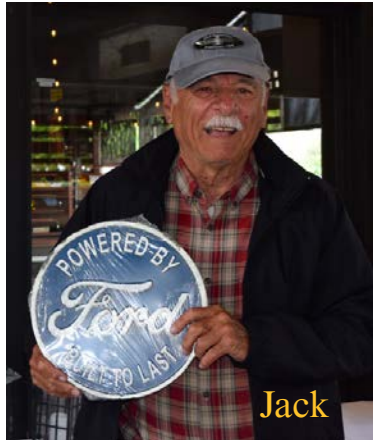
Elaine



Marlon



Dan



Jack

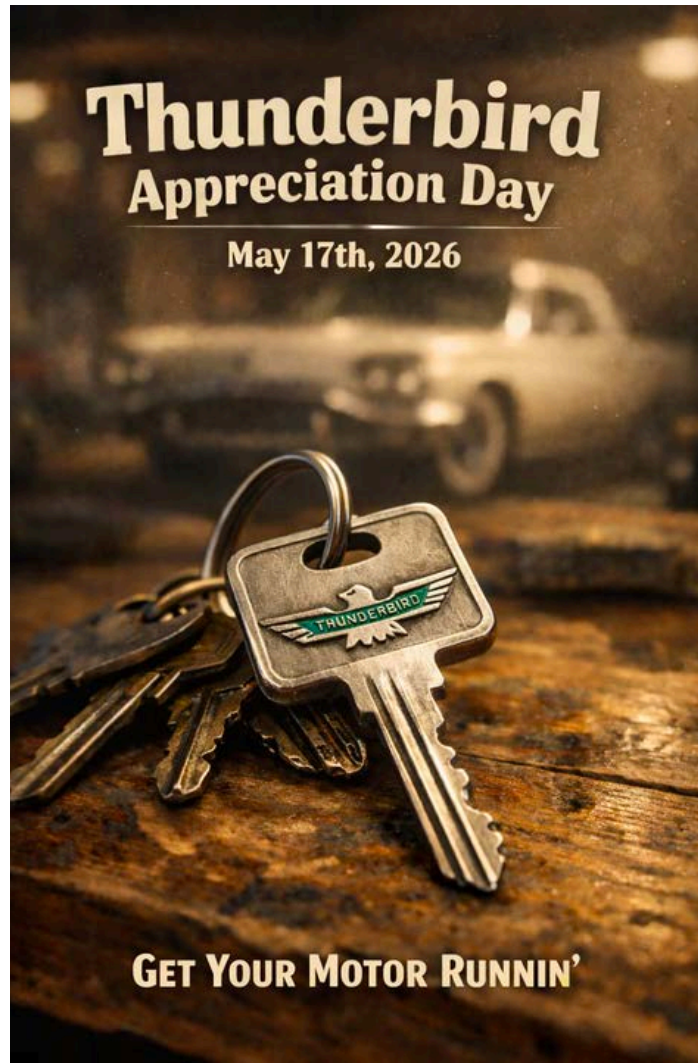


Gary



Donna





THE NEXT BIG THING

Meeting & Social

Sunday May 17th -12:00

The Doghouse Tap Room

2723 Central Ave. - Ceres

Hosted by - Ruben and Katrina

Sign up - Call or Text Katrina 209.480-3628



**Dining on the patio
Dress accordingly
Thunderbird
Appreciation Day
Drive your classic**

**No Host Bar
Available
Beer/Wine/Soda
Food Truck
order individually**

Manteca - Stockton - Tracy - Turlock

Hwy 99 E. Whitmore Turn off - Right on Central Ave.

Turlock Alternate

Geer Rd. - Left on Santa Fe - Left on Whitmore (in Houson) - Left on Central Ave.

Oakdale

Yosemite/Albers/Geer towards Turlock - Right on Whitmore in Houson - Left on Central

The Doghouse is at the end of the street right side/corner



Jan and Jane attended Tech Day at the Sacramento River College. Ten little birds attended and received good grades. There was pizza for lunch to top off a fun day. Sadly, on the way home the '57 Merlot was hit by a young lady and had to finish the day with a ride on a tow truck. The car wasn't totaled but was crushed pretty good.

Jim M. found a white wall anecdote
Can you repeat that at the next meeting, please?
Sorry - My notes are sketchy

Ruben needed to complete the replacement of their roof then he could start putting the engine in the '57 back together. It should be ready in time for the May trip to Watsonville.

Welcome
New Members Joining in May
Dub K. and Jeanette T.





Submitted by Roger

Now this is some ugly front grill on a 55T-Bird
Find the complete article and pictures at [Bring a Trailer](#)



BluePrint 306-Powered 1955 Ford Thunderbird 5-Speed

... The body was stripped and modified with Desoto headlight trim, '56 Mercury taillights, an extended hood scoop, shaved doors, a filled gas filler, and Eldorado-sourced side vents. The dual exhaust system has Glenwood Marine aluminum through-transom ports, and the bumpers were smoothed and re-chromed. The paintwork is claimed to be Galaxy Blue, and it has a white soft top and a color-coordinated hardtop, and the trunk opens from a pull handle under the lip.

The one-off grille was fabricated by a previous owner using 1/2" aluminum, the parking lights were relocated and are now integrated into the headlights.



Sacramento Classic Thunderbird Club
 Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club



Thunderbird Extravaganza III

June 26-28, 2026

At the Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., McClellan Park, CA 95652

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____
 SPOUSE/OTHER: _____ GUEST: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ COUNTRY: _____ ZIP: _____
 HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____
 LOCAL CLUB NAME: _____

PEOPLE		COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
	COUPLE/FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL WITH DISPLAY T-BIRD	\$50		
	COUPLE/FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL WITH OTHER DISPLAY CAR	\$50		
	COUPLE/FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT DISPLAY CAR	\$40		

For planning purposes, please register by May 30, 2026

VEHICLES				
	THUNDERBIRD #1 YEAR: _____ COLOR: _____	N/A	N/A	N/A
	THUNDERBIRD #2 YEAR: _____ COLOR: _____	N/A	N/A	N/A
	THUNDERBIRD #3 YEAR: _____ COLOR: _____	N/A	N/A	N/A
	OTHER DISPLAY CAR YEAR: _____ MAKE/MODEL: _____	N/A	N/A	N/A
	TRAILER Secure Parking (less than 50' total rig length)	N/A		N/A
	TRAILER Secure Parking (greater than 50' total rig length)	N/A		N/A

For planning purposes, input below the number of people attending (including no-cost events)

ACTIVITIES AND TOURS				
	EARLY WELCOME DINNER, Thursday, 5:30 p.m., (self pay-Chevy's)	N/A		N/A
	EVENT CHECK-IN begins Friday at 8 a.m. Indicate your estimated arrival day & time: _____ and departure day & time: _____	N/A	N/A	N/A
	EVENT DINNER, The Officer's Club Restaurant, Friday, 5 & 6:30 p.m., (self pay)	N/A		N/A
	ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS/ICE CREAM SOCIAL, Friday, 7:30 p.m., FREE!	N/A		N/A
	Outdoor Movie Night, Friday 9 p.m. FREE!	N/A		N/A
	SWAP MEET SELLER, Friday & Saturday, all day, 8'X 20' space max including trailer (one per registrant)	N/A		N/A
	Other fun activities, Friday & Saturday, various times, FREE!	N/A		N/A
	Tech Sessions Friday & Saturday, 9 & 10:30 a.m. FREE!	N/A		N/A
	Car Games, Friday & Saturday, 1:30 p.m., FREE!	N/A		N/A
	AEROSPACE MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA TOUR, Saturday, various times, \$15 admission at the museum (self pay)	N/A		N/A
	Buffet (includes tri-tip/chicken/vegetarian), Saturday, 6 p.m. (per person)	\$50		

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Please register and pay online at sactbird.org or mail this form, with a U.S. \$ check payable to SCTC, to:
 Ross Woodman, 9515 Delburns Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758

**~ Make your Lions Gate Hotel reservations SOON due to limited availability!~
 Phone Lions Gate Hotel at 916-640-0835 (indicate Thunderbird Club Group)
 IMPORTANT: When calling, you must mention Thunderbird Club Group to get the best room discount.**

QUESTIONS? Contact Ross Woodman at 916-768-3305 or RossLW@juno.com or Dave Adams at 415-269-0055, davehome@sbcglobal.net

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)



Sign up Online.
PAY by Debit,
Credit Card or
Cash!

\$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

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

To register, complete and mail the form below to: Clutch Burners Car Club, Inc. P.O. Box 1630, Tracy, CA 95378 or online at WWW.CLUTCHBURNERS.COM For information, contact Ernie (209) 348-3289 or Aaron (209) 348-5540

Spring & Fall TURLOCK

Auto Swap Meets

C 10 PALOOZA

SUNDAY MAY 3RD 2026



41st Annual!

FREE PARKING + PREFERRED IN-SWAP PARKING

6am-2pm 2026

ADMISSION \$10 ENTRY KIDS FREE

STANISLAUS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
900 N. BROADWAY, TURLOCK, CA

INFO: (209)201-8491 SFTURLOCK.COM

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

25TH ANNUAL LAKE TULLOCH LIONS CLUB

IN COOPERATION WITH CV DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Hot Copper CAR SHOW

SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2026
8:00AM to 3:00PM RAIN OR SHINE!

ALL CARS, TRUCKS & MOTORCYCLES

HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

WELCOME!



ONE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST CAR SHOWS!

Great Food & Drinks—Live Music—Raffle—Vendors—Awards

THE SQUARE @ COPPER VALLEY
100 Square Road, Copperopolis, California

For more info call or text (209) 213-3038 or visit our website at www.HotCopperCarShow.com

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND PROJECT FUNDS

MODESTO AREA STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

Graffiti Classic

AT THE McHENRY VILLAGE




2026

JUNE 7th - Sunday - 9am to 3pm
1700 McHenry Ave. or McHenry Village • Modesto, CA
ModestoAreaStreetRod.com • info: ray.lee@gmail.com

Includes logos for sponsors like American Muscle, Summit, Greddy, and others.

2026 GRAFFITI CLASSIC

at McHenry Village

JUNE 7, 2026 • SUNDAY • 9AM TO 3PM

\$50.00 The Entry (Includes May 2026) • No need to reserve after May 31st • (\$50.00 Late Entry)
Early Registration Packet Pick Up on Saturday, June 6th, 2026 • 4:00pm, McHenry Village Park Parking Lot
Participants will also be able to late register this date.

Poster to the First 250 Pre-Registered Cars
Collectible to Go, Chip & October All Participants (\$9 Per Entry)

FREE DRAWING FOR PARTICIPANTS ONLY!
Prizes: 1st Prize \$250, 2nd Prize \$150, 3rd Prize \$100

OVERGO AWARDS AND MAJOR AWARDS GIVEN

DRAWINGS AND DOOR PRIZES GOING ON ALL DAY!

OLDSMOBILE BUICK CORRAL
Celebrating Olds/BUICK Muscle Cars
Includes: NEVILLE BROS. AUTOMOTIVE, LARRY NEVILLE

PLEASE Enter on Briggsmore Avenue - Just Follow The Signs!
NO CLASSIC to Spectators • Car Registration Open at 6:30am • No Early Entry into Show Area
Pre-Registration Strongly Advised • Limit: 250 Cars • Classic Cars must be in place by 9am to be eligible for awards.

GRAFFITI CLASSIC ENTRY FORM - OPEN TO ALL YEARS

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Owner's Name _____
Street Address _____
City / State / Zip _____
Year of Car / Make / Model _____
Club Affiliation (if any) _____
Email Address _____ Phone () _____

Application MUST Be Signed _____

Prize Registration Fee: \$25.00 (All Event T-Shirts \$25.00) • Pre-Registration: \$50.00
All Event T-Shirts \$25.00 • Pre-Registration: \$50.00
S M L XL XXL XXXL • Adult Ticket: \$25.00 Each • Kids Ticket: \$10.00 Each

SATURDAY June 20, 2026

MODESTO F-100 ELITE

Presents the 32nd

Graffiti 2026

at The Fruit Yard 7848 Yosemite Blvd., Modesto, CA 95357

Proceeds Benefit

SHRINERS, SOROPTOMISTS & COMMUNITY HOSPICE

Open to all Makes, Models, & Years

ALL VEHICLES PARK ON GRASS - PRE-ENTRY ADVISED - TO PARK TOGETHER COME TOGETHER
PLEASE: NO POP-UPS...NO PETS

Registration Begins at 7 am

50/50 Raffle Music Vendors Awards Bucket Raffle
Dash Plaques for the first 100 entries and then while supplies last
Food available at the restaurant or store.

For Information Please Call
John Walsh (209) 605-9157
For Vendor information contact Debbie at modestof100elite@gmail.com or (209) 535-7334
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at Modesto F-100 Elite

\$50.00 Pre-registration \$55.00 Day of Event

First 100 Entries Will Receive
1 Free T-Shirt and a Dash Plaque

Make Checks Payable To: MODESTO F-100 ELITE 5810 S Grifton Rd, Denair, CA 95316

ENTRY APPLICATION AND RELEASE

Entry Number _____
NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

VEHICLE ENTERED _____ ENGINE SIZE _____

1 T-Shirt For First 100 Registered: M - L - XL - XXL - XXXL Circle Size Needed

Pre-Entry Fee \$80.00 Day of Event \$55.00

Sacramento Classic Thunderbird Club (SCTC) & Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club (BATOC)

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Thunderbird Extravaganza III

June 26-28, 2026

Lions Gate Hotel

3410 Westover Street, McClellan Park, CA 95652
(located in the Sacramento area)

Car Displays - Vendors - Secure Parking - Event Dinner
Raffles & Prizes - Swap Meets - Tech Sessions
Car Games - Aerospace Museum of California Tour,
And MORE!



~ All Year Thunderbirds Welcome ~

See the event details and registration form on the following pages.

For more information contact
Ross Woodman, 916-691-6626, RossLW@juno.com or
Dave Adams, 415-269-0055, davehome@sbcglobal.net

Thunderbird Extravaganza III

DETAILS

LIONS GATE HOTEL: 3410 Westover Street, McClellan Park, CA 95652
The hotel is located in the McClellan Business Park in the Sacramento area. Since the hotel is located in a business park, other nearby hotel and restaurant options are limited. Book your Lions Gate Hotel reservations soon by phone at 916-640-8835 (indicate Thunderbird Club Group).

~ BOOK EARLY DUE TO LIMITED AVAILABILITY, ROOMS ARE GOING FAST! ~
If the Lions Gate Hotel is full, try the Wyndham Sacramento on Date Avenue or the La Quinta on Madison Avenue.

LIONS GATE

Discounted Room Rates:
Queen Standard \$137/night
Double Queen \$154/night
Queen Bedroom Suite \$169/night
King Suite \$162/night

*Excluding taxes & fees, Continental breakfast included, \$10 if not a hotel guest) 7-10 a.m.

Example of Queen Standard Room. The Official's Club Restaurant will be open daily during the event for lunch & dinner. Large outdoor seating area.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
Early Welcome Dinner, 5:30 p.m.: Dinner at Chevy's Restaurant on the River (self pay) to welcome folks who arrive on Thursday.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
Event Check-In begins at 8 a.m.: When you arrive at the hotel, signs and SCTC volunteers in red shirts will direct you to the appropriate area to park depending on if you arrive in your display car or your daily driver. After parking, go to Check-In Booth to pick up your name badge, display-car plaque, and to sign up for activities and tours.

Thunderbird Extravaganza II

DETAILS (Cont.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 (Cont.)
Event Dinner, 5 & 6:30 p.m.: Catch up with other Thunderbird owners in the hotel's Officer's Club Restaurant dinner (self pay, order off menu). In order to spread out the number of people eating at the restaurant at the same time, choose from the two time slots when you arrive at Event Check-In.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS/ICE CREAM SOCIAL 7:30 p.m.: Join the Sacramento Classic Thunderbird Club and Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club for their mutual anniversary celebrations on the hotel patio for an ice cream social.

Outdoor Movie Night, 9 p.m.: Don't miss Movie Night to be held on the hotel patio after the anniversary celebrations. You're bound to see some classic Thunderbirds!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 26 & 27
Swap Meets, all day each day: Find that critical yet elusive car part you've been seeking at the Swap Meets! Got T-Bird parts to sell? Be sure to complete the SWAP-MEET SELLER line on the registration form.

Tech Sessions, 9 & 10:30 a.m. each day: Increase your T-Bird knowledge by attending these valuable sessions.

Car Games, 1:30 p.m. each day: Come test your driving skills at challenging games like brass and ball or T-Bird bean bag toss and more.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
Aerospace Museum of California Tour, various times: Admission \$15 at the museum (self pay).

Planes of U.S. military significance from World War II to the present day are on display.

Buffet (includes tri-tip/chicken/vegetarian), 6 p.m.: In the hotel's conference room, \$50 per person.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
Continental Breakfast (for those staying at the hotel), 7-10 a.m.: Meet at The Officer's Club Restaurant for our final farewells.