



'lil' bird drop-ins

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
modestotbirdclub.org



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

THUNDERBIRDS CELEBRATE AMERICA

Sunday • July • 00:00 • No Meeting • Modesto • Hosted By No Meeting

NEXT MONTH - SUNDAY - AUGUST 9TH - 11:00 - MODESTO - MODESTO - HOST: RUBEN & KATRINA



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Howdy Fellow T-birders

Good morning and Happy Father's Day. It is a beautiful day so Mona and I are going to take "Mom's Bird" for a drive and have lunch at the Fifty's Roadhouse in Knights Ferry. June as well as the rest of the summer is full of car shows, however because of the Movie American Graffiti, the month of June is particularly fun for Modesto. It starts with a Graffiti Classic Car Show in McHenry Village and is immediately followed by a week-long series of car shows culminating with the Graffiti Parade and the two-day Kiwanis Graffiti Car Show at the West MJC Campus.

This is also a time when MACTC members bring their cars out and enjoy each other's company but more importantly we show off our cars and bring joy to all that see them. It's not only the cars that bring attention to the club, but also a pop-up canopy and banner. Our purpose is to have a good time and also introduce folks to our club and show how fun it can be.

MACTC's 45th anniversary is this year; that's an incredible accomplishment especially when you're seeing other clubs losing membership and disbanding. This is why it is important for us to be out there and driving membership. The actual celebration has not been decided yet but I think by August we should be able to get some planning started.

That's it for this edition of "Let the Pres speak"

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

President
Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS JULY



04	Patricia
19	Cheryl
19	Marilyn
21	Roger
23	Jane



No Anniversaries



PLAN AHEAD

SUNDAY

AUGUST 09 - 11:00

TBA - Modesto

Host: Needed



FOR TAKING PICTURES

Jim R., Donna, Jim M.,
Ruben, Roberta, Julie

DONATIONS

Jan - Wine

Get Ready For A FALL TOUR

OVERNIGHT

Date OCTOBER 2026

Sponsored By
The Montavon's

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[tbirdsofthecentralvalley](https://www.facebook.com/tbirdsofthecentralvalley)



modestotbirdclub.org

Let's Have Fun!

Find Info & Updates!



VICE PRESIDENT

Ruben Tellez

Thunderbirds

Celebrating Seventy Years ...

these beautiful classics are still amazing!



After a gusty meeting in May at the park (the park was nice except for the wind); it was a relief to be back at Strings in Modesto, a little on the warm side but pleasant in the shade. Thank you, Patricia and Bob E., for setting up the June meeting. It was great to see Pat and Dennis at the meeting, they came down from Oregon for Graffiti.

President Jim R. along with other MACTC members and friends attended various weeklong car shows that kicked off Graffiti week. Meeting at Jim and Mona's on a beautiful cool Saturday morning; seven little birds an Impala and a Cutlass attended the Kiwanis Graffiti Car Show at MJC's West Campus. Once the MACTC pop up and banners were set up, members enjoyed visiting over a doughnut and coffee provided to the registrants. We were told that roughly two thousand cars, trucks and rods were entered. There were no Thunderbirds chosen for an award this year. The lineup of Thunderbirds made a beautiful display. So many spectators enjoyed the line of little classics, there were many pictures being taken all day.

No meeting/social in July, this is a dark month, December's Christmas Party being the other, all 501C3 non-profits are required to have 10 meetings per year. Meetings for the rest of the year are covered except for August; call or text me to host. For those interested in hosting a meeting or tour, contact me anytime if you would like information or help.

Interested in car shows, there are still quite a few, flyers are in the newsletter. For copies of information, flyers or registrations that are not on the website, contact me or Katrina.

See you all at the next meeting in August, we're thinking it would be nice to go an hour or so earlier to beat the heat.

**T-Birding
is Better Together
Ruben**



Strings June Meeting & Social





June Winners!



STRINGS



Hosting a Meeting and Social

- 1.. A free local venue, restaurant, business or residence, with a private space/room, to accommodate 40 people
- 2.. Order off the menu with Separate checks - Gratuity included is acceptable - A limited menu is acceptable
- 3.. If possible, a full bar. (No Host)
- 4.. Decorations / treats are optional

Meetings run about two hours. Family and friends are always welcome. Please keep in mind accessibility, there are members that can no longer climb stairs/navigate uneven ground.

***NO MEETING
IN JULY***



Congratulations Holley & Tim

HOLLEY AND TIM JUST WELCOMED THEIR
SECOND GRANDAUGHTER.
MILLER MONROE
BORN ON THEIR
FIRST GRANDDAUGHTERS BIRTHDAY!
JUNE 24TH
7LBS 3OZ AND 18"





GRAFFITI WEEK

MC HENRY VILLAGE



DOWNTOWN



KIWANIS CAR SHOW



DOWNTOWN



Patricia with Mona and Jim's Grandchildren



Jim M. - Jane - Jan Ruben - Katrina - Bob E. Don - Shari

The Popup Tent is really nice



A few members and friends started off Graffiti week at a popular car show in Mc Henry Village followed by a couple of downtown events. Jim M. entered his truck in the parade and had a fun evening with the grandchildren. It was a very warm



EXTRAVAGANZA III

The Thunderbird Extravaganza III was a great success! Thank you everyone in the Sacramento and BATOC Clubs who organized and executed a fun filled weekend. Three couples attended traveling from Canada, Switzerland and New Zealand, quite an adventure for T-Bird enthusiasts! Ross estimated 80 cars participated in this event.

Friday morning June 27th five classic Thunderbirds caravanned up to Sacramento to attend Extravaganza III. Leading the way were Ruben and Katrina - '57 Dusk Rose, Jack and Janis - '57 Coral Sand, Jan and Terry in Jan's newly painted '57 Star Mist Blue, friends from Carmel, Greg and Sandy - '55 Red, followed up by Jim and Donna's '57 Inca Gold. Stopping briefly in Lodi for a stretch and snack, the complete drive went smoothly. Frank and Cecilia '55 Black, met us at the hotel.



A beautiful sight for Thunderbird enthusiasts was the stunning sea of T-Birds in all sizes, colors and years from 1955-2005. We parked our cars and headed for the hospitality room and registration tents.

Registration packets in hand, banquet tables signed up, raffle tickets deposited, and silent auction bids made.

There were several activities for the Friday arrival's to choose from. Tech sessions, poker walk, bingo and swap meet.

Jan bought a few parts, including a nice top she had put onto her car to transport home. Friday night after dinner was an ice cream social, cake to celebrate BATOC's 65th anniversary and a movie on the patio. Saturday was a beautiful sunny day, more cars had arrived and the Extravaganza was in full swing. Ruben won a round of bingo and took an interest in all of the tech sessions while the others kicked tires,



visited in the shade and watched some car games. The Saturday evening banquet and awards was nice. A slide show of the cars and fun activities of the day played while everyone relaxed and had their meal. A few awards were given for the poker walk, car games and fifty-fifty. I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend and had a safe trip home. Submitted by Katrina



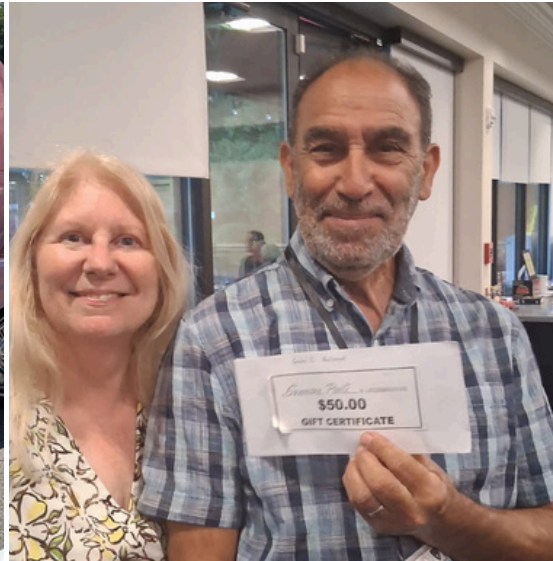
EXTRAVAGANZA III

The car games were a blast! There were four games all involving a driver and passenger while driving the car:

Sweep a ball with a broom alongside the passenger side and into the net - Timed.

A plum bob tied to the bumper, the closest to the target wins.

Bean bag toss thrown from the passenger window - two boards - then drive the car to the box - Timed.



Pit Stop - Drive up to the pit - Fill the gas tank, Wash the window, check the oil, pretend to remove a lug nut, check the air in two front tires and record each, check the thermal temp of the engine and record - race to the finish line - Timed.

Ruben was five inches from the target and was awarded a gift certificate!

Jim M. and Ruben also won raffle prizes.



Left - Jack and Janis ~ Front - Cecilia and Frank
Right - Jim and Donna ~ Back - Friends Greg and Sandy

Katrina and Terry - Ruben taking the picture. Heading to the room to freshen up for the banquet.

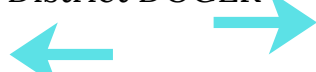


ELK'S 18TH ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW



The 18th Annual Rod and Custom Car Show at Elk's in Modesto was a great event. Where owners showed off their classics renewed, in the raw, supped up, dressed up or in general, just for fun.

Ken (with great granddaughter Hope) and Roberta were awarded a trophy for their 1956 Thunderbird sponsored by Elk's CHEA Central District DOGER



Dub and Jeanette were awarded a trophy sponsored by Jay's Trophy Shop for the El Camino above.





ELK'S 18TH ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW

NOT PICTURED: JIM R - CHERYL & GARY - RUBEN & KATRINA



DEVIN AND HIS SIDE KICK - GRANDPA BOB E.



T-BIRD FRIENDS DON AND SHARI



UNCLE SAM

JULIE AND MIKE

KEN AND ROBERTA



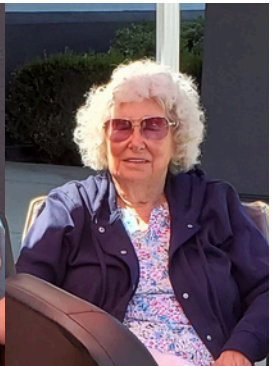
BRIAN - NICHOLE - HOPE



HOPE AND GRANDPA MIKE

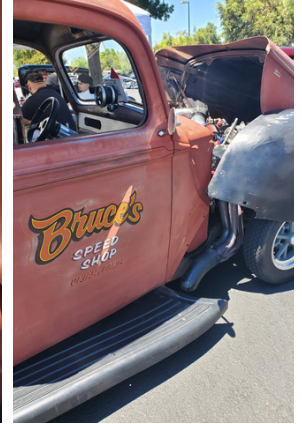


HOPE AND GREAT GRANDPA KEN





WHY WE CHOSE BRUCE'S SPEED SHOP AS OUR WINNER



The event was the 18th annual Elk's car show held on Sunday June 28th. MACTC sponsored a trophy, so myself, Ruben, Bob E. and Bobs' grandson Devin made our way around the car show grounds. Now, we all agreed that the basic criteria is to not pick a car that is for sale and to not pick sides by picking from our group, so with that in mind we each took turns choosing cars that we liked and by the end we had about ten cars to choose from. One car in particular really stood out so we decided it would be the one, nope, to late it already had a red winner card, next was another beauty but again it was also labeled with a winner card. At this point I started campaigning for who was to become our winner, nobody who didn't stop and talk to Bruce would give him a winner card after all. I had first talked to Bruce at the Graffiti Classic C.S., because I had never seen a radiator mounted in the bed of a pick-up. I talked with Bruce for a while and was just amazed at the story behind his 1940 Ford pick-up. Bruce did all the work, all the customizing, it has a 600 hp engine, tilt front end and a fuse panel in a drawer under the driver's seat. Bruce said he is too old to get on his back and work under the dash. As far as the paint goes it's just a rattle can red oxide primer because as Bruce puts it "I aint gonna pay no fourteen thousand dollars for a paint job" and I am glad because it just wouldn't be what it is. Bruce was very appreciative about receiving this award and that makes it the right choice in my book. It's not about having the money to customize a car and make it pretty, it's about good ole fashion grit and determination and American spirit that puts a truck in my winner's circle. Also, as a side note all but one of our original 10 cars received awards, so I guess we where on the right track.

Now you know why we picked "Bruce's Speed Shop" as our winner

**VICE PRESIDENT
RUBEN**

**PRESIDENT
JIM R.**

**DEVIN AND
HIS SIDEKICK
GRANDPA BOB E.**

TIFFERS DONATED BY **O'Reilly AUTO PARTS**

WESTSIDE AUTO CLUB

Open to the public **45th Annual AWARDS & PRIZES!**

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300 PLUS CARS!

July 12, 2026

Henry Miller Park • Gustine, California

Pre 2005 Vehicles and special interest motorcycles are Welcomed!

Registration 8 a.m. at the Gazebo

Gates Open 7:30 a.m. - Lunch 12 Noon

Westside Auto Club is a 501 (c) 3 Charitable Organization

All meal tickets need to be redeemed by 1pm

GIANT RAFFLE • TROPHIES • DASH PLAQUE

Prizes: Beverly Valley Children's Healthcare, Newspaper, Gasoline, Stationery, Home Video, School Bus, Stuffed Animals, Food Banks, Toys for Tots, Sport Juice, Memorial McDonald House & Coats for Kids

PRE-ENTRIES: 2005-2009 (October 7-9, 2026) REGISTRATION: 2005-2009 (July 12, 2026) 10:00am-12:00pm

LATE ENTRY: 2010-2024 (July 12, 2026) 12:00pm-2:00pm

Additional meal tickets: \$15 (includes soft drinks and water available)

WESTSIDE AUTO CLUB
770. 8th St., Redwood, CA 96088
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
800.368.3678 or 530.960.9000
Westside Auto Club is a 501(c)3
WestsideAutoClub.org

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
VEHICLE ENTERED: _____ ENGINE SIZE: _____
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ ENTRY NUMBER: _____

MODESTO F-100 ELITE

Presents the 35th Annual **Summer Bash**

Sunday, July 19, 2026

The Fruit Yard 7948 Yosemite Blvd., Modesto, CA 95337

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:00 AM

PLEASE NO POP-UPS ----- NO PETS

Open to all Makes, Models & Years ----- Parking on Grass

Proceeds Benefit

Shriners, Soroptomists & Community Hospice

HUGE RAFFLE AWARDS 50/50 RAFFLE POKER WALK

-----POKER WALK WINNING HANDS-----

1st \$150.00 --- 2nd \$75.00 --- Low \$25.00

FOOD Available for purchase at The Fruit Yard Restaurant or BRQ

For Car Show Information Call: John Walsh (209) 605-9157

For Vendor Info contact Debbie at modestof100elite@gmail.com or (209) 535-7334

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\$25.00 Pre-registration or \$30.00 Day of Event

INCLUDES POKER HAND & DASH PLAQUE (pre-registered first, then while spaces last)

Make checks payable to: MODESTO F-100 ELITE 5810 S Gratiot Rd., Denver, CA 95316

ENTRY RELEASE AND APPLICATION

NAME (PRINT) _____ PHONE _____ T-Shirt Size _____
ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
VEHICLE ENTERED _____ ENGINE SIZE _____
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ ENTRY NUMBER _____

DEL RIO COUNTRY CLUB

Join Us Under Del Rio's Historic Oak Tree "The Prize" of our area Car Enthusiasts

Sunday, August 2nd 9am-3pm

Early Registration Pick Up Saturday, August 1st 12-4pm Del Rio Parking Lot

OVER 50 AWARDS GIVEN

Del Rio Judges Award • Best of Show • Best Paint • Best Pickup • Best Foreign • Best Engine • Best Upholstery • Best Custom • Best Low Rider • True Grit • Survivor • Open Car • Convertible

Diesel • Muscle • 4X4 • Long Distance • Kids Choice

7:00 am Gates Open 7:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00am Raffle Ticket Sales (Cash Only) 11:30am Lunch

12:00pm Raffle Winners Listed 12:30 pm Awards

Additional Food Wristbands \$30 for Adults, Children under 12 FREE

Additional T-Shirts \$25

Raffle & 50-50 Raffles Tickets Sold Day of CASH ONLY

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 500 ENTRIES

Send Entry Form ATTN: Marissa Brown to: **\$90**

\$100 after July 8th - July 31st

\$110 August 1st & 2nd

REGISTRATION FEE Includes a T-shirt, Continental Breakfast, Beverages & 2 Buffet Lunch Wristbands

NAME (PRINT) _____ T-Shirt Size _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
CAR MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Checks payable to: Del Rio Country Club 801 Stewart Road, Modesto, Ca 95336
Phone: (209) 545-0725 Email: marissa@delriocountryclub.com

Liability Release: In consideration of the acceptance of the award of the right to participate in the Del Rio Phoenix Car Show, the undersigned exhibitor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Del Rio Country Club, all committees, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all known and unknown damages, injuries and/or losses that the exhibitor and/or participating agent (including family and relatives) may sustain or incur as a result of their attendance or participation. This is a full and final release, not refundable. I understand that vehicle insurance is required and that at check on August 2, 2026, I will be required to furnish proof of current vehicle insurance (insurance identification card) for the vehicle named on this entry form.

All Proceeds to The First Tee of the Central Valley

Escalon Lions 30th Annual Autumn Cruise

Saturday, September 12, 2026
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Main Street Park
Downtown Escalon

Exhibition Prizes Drawing of over \$10,000 Prizes

All Proceeds go to the Local High School Scholarship Fund

Registration Downtown Escalon 8am - 11am
Show and Shine 8am to 2pm
Car Judging 10:00am to 12:00 pm
Vendor Show and more...

Breakfast - 7am to 10:30 am
Provided by our local American Legion
Lunch 11:00am to 1:00 pm

DJ IKE
Raffles and drawings throughout the day
Goodie Bucket to the first 100 Pre-Registered Entrants

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____
Car Entry: _____ (Year - Make - Model)

Pre-Registration entry fee \$55.00 must be received by August 30, 2026.
(PLEASE CHECK THE BOX FOR 1 OF THE OPTIONS. IF A BOX IS NOT CHECKED, YOU WILL RECEIVE 2 LUNCH TICKETS.)

2 Lunch tickets -Or- 1 Shirt (M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) -Or- 1 Hat

Registration received after the cutoff date including day of the show registration is \$60. Post registrations will receive 2 lunch tickets

You can order additional items as indicated below.
T-shirts \$20 each (indicate City-M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) Total Qty: _____ x \$20 = \$_____
Ball Caps \$25 each _____ City _____ x \$25 = \$_____
Lunch Tickets \$15 each _____ City _____ x \$15 = \$_____
Total Enclosed: \$_____

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate in this event, by signing the release form, I indemnify the Escalon Lions Club and their officers and their agents plus anyone else connected in carrying the event from any and all claims for losses that may result. Further, each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all the foregoing parties in the event of any claim whatsoever.

Signature of Entrant: _____ Date: _____

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK FOR FEES TO:
ESCALON LIONS AUTUMN CRUISE
1700 Bealer Pl.
Escalon, CA 95320

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT
Mike Powers (209) 380-3190 John Salvin (209) 838-7077
Email: ELCA@autumncruise.com or visit us at Escalon Lions Club on Facebook

Autumn Cruise Pre-Show at Julea
Friday, July 12, 2026 10:00 AM - 14:00 PM
Saturday, July 13, 2026 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM

6TH ANNUAL DAN MCHOUL MEMORIAL

CAR SHOW & TOY DRIVE

CHIPS for KIDS

*** SATURDAY • SEPT 12th, 2026 ***

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1776 - 2026

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REGISTRATION FEE \$40

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Bring a new, unregistered toy (for ages 6mo to 17 years) or a monetary donation

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CLASSIC CAR SHOW
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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

9AM-3PM

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18625 Main St. Tuolumne, CA 95379

Contact Danielle Rodgers 209.743.4226

REGISTER HERE

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

3RD ANNUAL MELODY MARKET CAR SHOW

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL FIRST 15 VEHICLES ONLY \$20

PRE-REGISTRATION \$25 PER VEHICLE
SAME DAY REGISTRATION \$30 PER VEHICLE

ALL MAKES & VEHICLES WELCOME

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REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE
GET VENDOR APPLICATIONS
GET EVENT INFORMATION

Galt VINTAGE MARKET

Saturday NOVEMBER 15th, 2025

6AM - 2PM

\$5 Admission • Kids 12 & Under Free • Free Parking • No Pets

Held in conjunction with the Galt Auto Swap Meet & Car Show. Northern California's fastest growing Auto Swap Meet. Seller Spaces 10x30 on pavement. \$20 pre paid or \$25 day of.

Held at the **GALT MARKET GROUNDS**

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Vendor info, email us at sjvautoswapsmeet@yahoo.com or inbox us on Facebook San Joaquin Valley Swap Meets & Car Shows

or call 209-513-8651

Future Dates: November 15th

