



'lil' bird drop-ins

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.

modestotbirdclub.org



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

1956 THUNDERBIRD - CELEBRATES SEVENTY YEARS

Sunday • September 20 • 11:00 • Montavon's • Modesto • Hosted By Jim and Donna

NEXT MONTH - SUNDAY - OCTOBER 11 - 12:00 - RIVERS EDGE - KNIGHTS FERRY - HOST: DUB K & JEANETTE T



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Next T-Bird Fun!

BIRDS ON THE WHARF!

Date: October 9-10, 2026 • Santa Cruz: Overnight



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Howdy Fellow T-birders

Good morning, it's a beautiful day at 0730 hours and I have a lot to do today including rebuilding my portable work bench that goes over the trunk of mom's bird. This allows me some extra work space for projects, but honestly seems to gather stuff most of the time. This work bench is set up with a set of wheels that can lower down for support but be locked up to move easily when I need to get mom's bird out for a drive. It has worked out very well but needs to be a little sturdier. Anyway, enough of that, because MACTC has been busy and we have a great schedule that started two days ago and will continue to mid-October.

Allow me to explain. Last Friday we had our (I am not sure) 15th annual Hot August nights at English Oaks, this has been a well-attended show. This coming Thursday we have a 1st annual at Dale Commons; both are retirement homes and the people that live there love to see all the old cars. Moving forward we have the Escalon Lions car show followed a week later with a meeting and 45th celebration. Then I go on my annual Guys Only campout and fishing trip which is a four-day event. Then in October we have an overnight tour to Santa Cruz culminated with a Birds on the Wharf Car Show and a meeting on October 11th in Knights Ferry. So yeah, a busy time, but this is why we have classic cars.

I am going to wrap this up with something I should have brought up at the last meeting however it did not make it on the agenda and frankly we just ran out of time anyway. The topic is membership, and more than just membership it is about involvement. It is the time of year that we start getting nominations for executive positions. The positions are described in our little black membership book along with our by-laws. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to familiarize yourself with these two subjects. We are a social club that has a vested interest in classic cars and particularly in the classic Thunderbirds, our membership is run by volunteers and is successful only by our members being involved with these board positions. Your membership does not require this level of involvement but is very much appreciated. So far, our current board has been in place for four or more years, so we would like to see some fresh faces and hear some ideas.

That's a wrap for now.

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

President
Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS SEPTEMBER



07 Janis
17 Elaine
23 Julie
23 Terry
27 Jack



21
Paul and Ronna



PLAN AHEAD

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11 - 12:00

MEETING - SOCIAL

Host: Dub K. & Jeanette T.



FOR TAKING PICTURES

Jim R., Ruben, Donna,
Cheryl and Jane

DONATIONS

Jan - Wine
Keith & Elaine - Wine

Get Ready For OVERNIGHT TOUR

SANTA CRUZ
BIRDS ON THE WHARF
Date OCTOBER 9-10 2026

Sponsored By
Jim and Mona

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



Let's Have Fun!

Find Info & Updates!



VICE PRESIDENT

Ruben Tellez

Thunderbirds

**Celebrating Seventy Years ...
these beautiful classics are still amazing!**



Hot August is officially over for another year and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a somewhat if not a much cooler September. Thank you, Jan, and Jane for hosting the August meeting at Mi Casa in Turlock. We had a good turn out and a beautiful line up of cars.

Congratulations to Gary and Dub on their Del Rio Awards. There was an excellent turn out for MACTC at the English Oaks Car Show. Instead of the traditional hot dog box meal, guests were treated to taco truck and of course entertainment by Elvis and an assortment of treats and prizes were given out.

Saturday, September 12th for those members attending the Escalon Lions Annual car show. We'll meet at the Marval parking lot 1900 McHenry Ave. in Escalon at 6:00 a.m.

The meeting for September has been moved to Sunday September 20th and will be a combined meeting, social and MACTC celebration of 45 years. The Montavon's have volunteered their home for the event. The club is covering the cost up to \$1k. Any expenses over that will be covered equally by the members attending. Come and celebrate the Modesto Thunderbird Club's 45-year celebration at Jim and Donna's.

October 9-10 is an overnight tour hosted by Jim and Mona. The trip will be a drive to Santa Cruz, stay over Friday night and attend the car show on the Santa Cruz Wharf Saturday. For those that signed up, stay tuned for all the details. It isn't too late to join the fun!

**T-Birding
is Better Together
Ruben**



AUGUST MEETING AND SOCIAL





AUGUST WINNERS



JANIS



ELAINE



JANE



MARGARET



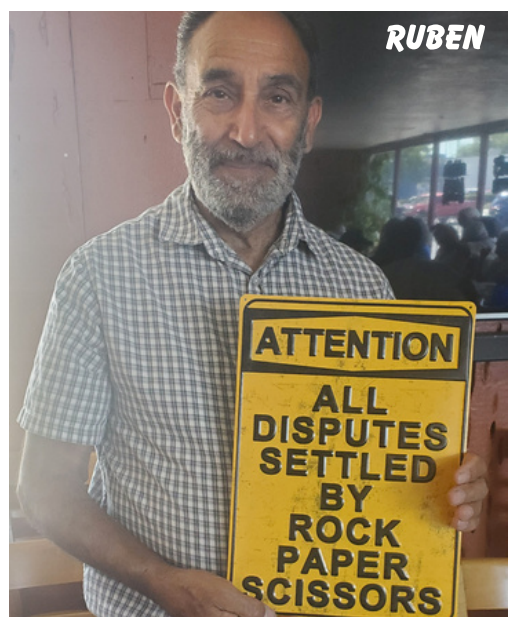
JAN



ALEX



BOB



RUBEN



Gary's T-Bucket

Gary's T-Bucket celebrates 100 years this year. Gary and Cheryl have attended several car shows this season. Gary was awarded three awards for showing his T-Bucket. He received the Kids Choice Award at Del Rio, an award at Casa Verde and a trophy from Welbe Health. Congratulations Gary!



This is one of the **Hottest Hot Rod** styles ever—
The Ford T-Bucket !!

With its exposed engine, open front wheels and windowless cabin you will truly feel like you're riding pure horsepower!

Please...

Look, dream and enjoy

this part of American Hot Rod History, but...

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH!

1926 FORD T BUCKET

327 CI SBC Engine

Vintage Weieng Team G Tunnel Ram / 2 Holley 450 CFM Carburetors

Sanderson Street Rod Headers

TH350 Turbo Automatic Transmission

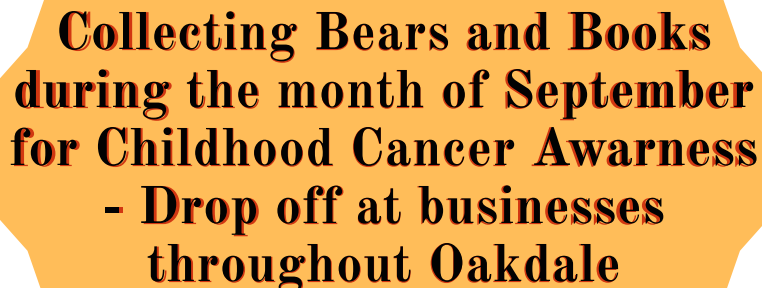
B&H Auto Shifter

9" FORD Rear End

4 Wheel Disc. Brakes

WELD RACING PROSTAR Aluminum Rear wheels with:
Mickey Thomas Sportsman 31X18.50-15LT Tires

Wire Chrome Spoke Front wheels with:
SHIMKO 110/90 -16 Motorcycle Tires





a little t-bird fun...



Dennis And Pat 1956



Cheryl - Raffle Winner!



A & W Celebrating 75 years
had classic cars, 65 cent hot
dogs and bands so we went.



Dub Kyle Honored With Bart Bartoni Award

SUBMITTED BY JIM M.



During this year's Del Rio Car Show, Dub Kyle was honored to receive the Bart Bartoni award, a prestigious award given by the Del Rio Car Show committee, in recognizing a person who has contributed greatly to our local area classic car culture and nostalgia. Mr. Bartoni was a local jeweler and custom car builder in concert with Gene Winfield and other custom car legends.

Dub's fascination with cars dates back to his early teenage years, and continues today through his continuing devotion. He currently is restoring a beautiful 1957 Thunderbird to go along with his stable of very special classic vehicles, all of which have earned numerous awards, and newsworthy features.

Dub's life work has been devoted to auto service, beginning with work at various auto dealers, followed by his own very successful businesses, primarily Kyle's Jeep and 4 Wheel Drive Parts business at Yosemite Avenue for over 50 years, now owned and operated by a son.

Throughout the years, Dub has come to be recognized for helping an endless number of folks with and endless number of minor and major fixes on cars and trucks. A common theme in today's classic car discussion is "ask Dub."

On behalf of the entire MACTC membership, CONGRATULATIONS Dub, well deserved!



REMEMBERING MACTC FRIEND DON WIGLE



2020



English Oaks

Don was Modesto Area
Classic Thunderbird
Club President in 2018

**PLEASE JOIN US
TO CELEBRATE
THE LIFE OF
DONALD WIGLE
1953 -2026
SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13
AT 12:00
FOR A PICNIC
AT
GRACEADA
PARK PICNIC
PAVILLIN**



P Wexford's



H-B Oakdale



Georges - Modesto



Papavalos



Georges - Modesto

**RSVP
JAN.WIGLE@YAHOO.COM
OR
CALL/TEXT 209.581.3967**



Club News

Hoods Up

Dub K. was awarded the Bart Bartoni Award at the Del Rio car show.

**Gary won the Kid's Choice Award for his
100 year old T-Bucket at the Del Rio car show**

**Custom Coasters By Alex - 209.556.3803
Order table coasters engraved on slate with a Thunderbird for \$40**

Jim and Donna had another great time at Hot August Nights in Reno

**Jan and Jane had fun on a very hot day at the Gustine Linguisa Run
Another fun day at the F-100 Elite car show at the Fruit Yard
and at the Kid's Day for school supplies in Turlock**

**Jan's Black E-Model is running.
Jan also had one of these when she was younger.**

**Tweety Bird officially has AC
After three diaphragm changes with the help of Dubs shop
Still needs to be charged.**

**Dub's car too officially has AC
Which took time because the same mechanic as above missed two wires!**

Escalon Lions 30th Annual Autumn Cruise
 Saturday, September 12, 2026
 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Main Street Park
 Downtown Escalon

At Proceeds for the Lions 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...

DJ IKE
 Lunch 11:00am to 1:00 pm
 Raffles and drawings throughout the day
 Goodie Bucket to the first 100 Pre-Registered Entrants

Breakfast - 7am to 10:30 am
 Provided by our local American Legion
 Lunch 11:00am to 1:00 pm
 Raffles and drawings throughout the day

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 City: \$ _____
 Ball Caps \$25 each, City: \$ _____
 Lunch Tickets \$15 each, City: \$ _____
 Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Signature of Entrant: _____ Date: _____

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK FOR FEES TO:
 ESCALON LIONS AUTUMN CRUISE
 17000 Boulder Rd.
 Escalon, CA 95320

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT
 Mike Powers (209) 380-2190 John Salvin (209) 838-7877
 Email: ELCAutumnCruise@escalonlions.org or visit us at Escalon Lions Club on Facebook
 Autumn Cruise Pre-Show at Baller
 Fridays - June 12, July 10, Aug 14, 2025 6:00 to 7:30 PM

TUOLUMNE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS PRESENTS
HEAT STREET SHOWDOWN

CLASSIC CAR SHOW
 CHILI COOK-OFF
 MUSIC
 BEER AND WINE
 FOOD TRUCKS
 SILENT AUCTION
 CORNHOLE

**SUNDAY
 SEPTEMBER 13, 2026**

9AM-3PM

WEST SIDE MEMORIAL PARK

All Proceeds Support Youth Sports Foundation of Tuolumne Co.

18625 Main St.
 Tuolumne, CA 95379

Contact Danelle Rodgers
 209.743.4226

REGISTER HERE

6TH ANNUAL DAN MCHOUL MEMORIAL

CAR SHOW & TOY DRIVE **CHIPS for KIDS**

*** SATURDAY • SEPT 12TH, 2026 ***

JAMESTOWN
 CALIFORNIA

JOIN US ON MAIN STREET

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF UNITED STATES
250
 1776 - 2026

For more info and entry forms
 Contact Jennifer 209-840-8418
 or Donna 209-743-7247

REGISTRATION FEE \$40

BENEFITING CHIPS 4 KIDS

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

SAVE THE DATE!
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

3RD ANNUAL MELODY MARKET CAR SHOW

ALL MAKES & VEHICLES WELCOME

HOSTED BY THE **TURLOCK CHRISTIAN Music Department**

SHOP • EAT • ENJOY

10:00 AM 1619 W. MONTE VISTA AVE 3:00 PM
 TURLOCK, CA 95382

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
 FIRST 15 VEHICLES ONLY \$20
 PRE-REGISTRATION \$25 PER VEHICLE
 SAME DAY REGISTRATION \$30 PER VEHICLE

VENDORS NEEDED!
 Be a Part of the Fun!

AWARDS TOP CLASSES • RAFFLES • LIVE MUSIC • VENDORS • FOOD & DRINK • TASTY TREATS

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE, GET VENDOR APPLICATIONS, GET EVENT INFORMATION

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CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM
2nd Annual Car Show
SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH, 2026

FAMILY FRIENDLY! FREE FOR SPECTATORS!

TOUR THE MUSEUM'S PROGRESS!

SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!

\$45 PER ENTRY

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Must PRE-REGISTER
 online or in person

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 Phone: (209) 409-8617

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Thunderbirds on the Wharf
 1956 - 1957 - 1960 - 1964 - 2002
FORD THUNDERBIRDS

Santa Clara Valley Thunderbirds
 Invites All
 Classic '55-'57 Vintage '58-'66 & Retro '02-'05 Thunderbirds

to the 27th Thunderbirds on the Santa Cruz Wharf
 Saturday, October 10th, 2026
 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 Rain or Shine
 Goody Bags, Raffles & Awards
 Spectacular Ocean and Mountain Views
 Restaurants, Shopping on the Wharf & Santa Cruz Boardwalk

Please Complete and Return By, September 14th, 2026 to:
 SCVT, 1/6 Gene Cox, Entry Fees:
 4223 Chaboya Hills Court, \$50.00 in Advance, Rain or Shine
 San Jose, CA 95148 \$60.00 Day of the Event

Name: _____
 Address: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 City: _____ Email Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Club Affiliation: _____
 Car Information: Year/Color _____ / _____
 * Signed: _____
 * Date: _____

* Participants accept and assume full responsibility for any injury or loss to themselves or family or property and agree to release from any and all liability the Santa Clara Valley Thunderbird Club and the City of Santa Cruz

Your cancelled check serves as your registration confirmation

WHEELS
 Second Harvest Food Bank

16TH ANNUAL RODS, ROADSTERS AND CRUISING SHOW
 Saturday, October 10th, 2026
 Manteca, CA, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 All proceeds after expenses go to Second Harvest Food Banks.

Entries will be parked on mowed grassy areas alongside FREEDOM WALKWAY!!!

Entries' line up at 1461 Cobblecreek Street at 8 AM for parking directions.
 From Union Road turn west onto Del Webb Boulevard. At the second street turn right onto Pepper Tree Lane which becomes Cobblecreek Street. Guests will find nearby street parking on Cobblecreek, Steeple Run Lane or Glen Echo Lane.

TROPHIES AWARDED FOR 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD IN ALL CATEGORIES, plus BEST OF SHOW & PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

BRATWURST & HOT DOG SANDWICHES, CHIPS, SOFT DRINKS, AND ICE CREAM FLOATS on sale.

Second Harvest volunteers will hold raffle for about 40 gift baskets.

CAR SHOW REGISTRATION FORM
"2026 FALL BLITZ"
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
 \$35 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CUT-OFF OCTOBER 8, 2026
 REGISTRATION AFTER OCTOBER 8th \$ 45

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CASTLE AIR MUSEUM
 MAIL TO: 5050 SANTA FE DRIVE ATWATER, CA 95301

CONTACT INFORMATION:
 GIFT SHOP (209) 723-2182
 OFFICE (209) 723-2176 EXT 304
 WWW.CASTLEAIRMUSEUM.ORG

NAME _____ PHONE # _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 E-MAIL _____ CLUB/AFFILIATION _____
 AUTO/PLANE INFO: YEAR _____ MAKE _____
 MODEL _____ COLOR _____

MAVER: THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SIGNED TO ENTER CAR SHOW BY SIGNING THIS CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE. NO REPRESENTATION OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY, AUTOMATICALLY RELEASES US FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY, DAMAGE, LOSS, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO YOUR VEHICLE OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE OR PROPERTY. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO YOUR VEHICLE OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE OR PROPERTY. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO YOUR VEHICLE OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE OR PROPERTY.

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 SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE:	SM	MED	LG	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
T-SHIRT SPONSOR	\$ 130						
T-SHIRT SPONSORS (GOLD)	\$ 1500						
T-SHIRT SPONSOR (SILVER)	\$ 1000						
T-SHIRT SPONSOR (BRONZE)	\$ 500						
GATES OPEN 7:00 AM							
CAR JUDGING 10AM-NOON							
TROPHIES AWARDED 1:30 PM							
REGISTRATION	\$ _____						
T-SHIRT	\$ _____						
TROPHY SPONSOR	\$ _____						
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____						

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
 610 Chabolla Ave., Galt CA 95632. Centrally Located
 between Stockton & Sacramento right off Hwy 99

Vendor info, email us at sjvautoswapmeets@yahoo.com or inbox us on
 Facebook San Joaquin Valley Swap Meets & Car Shows www.facebook.com/sjvautoswapmeets
 or call 209-513-8651

Future Dates: November 15th