



'lil' bird drop-ins

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
modestotbirdclub.org

HAPPY
FALL HALLOWEEN OCTOBER



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

THUNDERBIRDS ROLLING INTO THE FALL SEASON

Sunday • October 18 • 11:30 • 50's Road House • Knights Ferry • Hosted By Dub and Jeannette

NEXT MONTH - SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 01 - 12:00 - BROOKSIDE G & C.C. - STOCKTON - HOST: FRANK & CECILIA



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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

We have had a busy schedule the last six weeks or so. It started right after the last meeting with our annual showing at English Oaks Convalescent Hospital, this is one that MACTC has been attending for years. It was followed up by a first time (but not last) summer carnival at Dale Commons Retirement Home. Then on the second Saturday of September was the 30th annual Lions Club Car Show, there were five cars between members and friends and three received awards; Jim M., Dub and Ruben and Katrina.

But there's more, Ruben and Katrina's Dusk Rose '57 received Best of Show, it is a really big honor to get. Their car will be featured center stage at next year's show and on the poster, plaques and t-shirts. I mean - WOW !! congratulations.

And then the thing that we have been talking about since March and planning since July was MACTC's 45th anniversary. Jim and Donna had scheduled the September meeting and social at their home and converted that plan into hosting the anniversary celebration too. Jim and Donna with the help of many of our members pulled off an outstanding event. Forty people (both previous and current members) attended. There were thirteen classic and three retro birds all strategically parked on the driveway and curbs around their cul-de-sac. Lunch was catered Mexican food followed by cake and ice cream and an unveiling of our club's newest banner were all part of the celebration. The final items was a group photo staged with an antique American flag background, flanked by three red, white and blue classic t-birds. IT WAS AWESOME! The remainder of the day concluded with playing games and just plain fun and fellowship.

Let me wrap this up with some car stuff. Dub has his red '57 t-bird on the road and it's a beauty. Eric and Fran also came up from Bakersfield with their white '57 also a beauty. Fran and Eric were also the last to renew their membership in 2026 and the first to renew for 2027. It's great to have them join us. But now I wonder, can we still be called "Modesto Area" or do we need "Central Valley T-Birds" to be our name. Of course, I kid.

Remember to announce your nominees for next year's officers and chairs at October's meeting.

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

President
Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS OCTOBER



02 Jim R.
21 Bob T.
24 Jim M.
29 Bev



Stay Tuned Next Month



PLAN AHEAD

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 01 - 12:00

MEETING - SOCIAL

Host: Frank & Cecilia

*Daylight
Savings Time*

*Don't forget to set
your clocks back*

*Thank
you!*

FOR TAKING PICTURES

Jim R.

For Decorating

Jeanette

EVERYONE ... THAT HELPED
WITH SET UP AND CLEAN UP

Get Ready For An 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!



Moving into October and some of the last car shows for this season, members celebrated MACTC's forty-fifth year of friends, classic cars and fun! The September meeting and 45-year celebration was well attended with 37 members and 3 guests. Thirteen classic and three retro Thunderbirds were parked on the driveway and around the cul-de-sac along with Donna's father's flag of honor. Members Eric and Fran as well as friends of Dub's Glen and Sandy joined us. Thank you, Jim and Donna, for hosting the September meeting, social and celebration.

The celebration was kicked off by recognizing charter members, Jan, Marlon and Terry and Ken and Roberta. The day then began with a social and brief meeting. Followed by a great catered lunch of Mexican food, by La Morenita in Ceres, ice cream served alongside a raspberry filled cake decorated with Thunderbirds. Ending the day with a group photo and games of garage trivia, bingo, darts, water gun, balloon and bean bag toss and LRC. A slide show was provided by Eleaine, with an added half dozen or more memory books, and other memorabilia to puruse.

A Big Huge thank you to Jim and Donna's granddaughters Emma and Ellie and all of the members that helped with set-up and clean-up. Thank you to Jim R. for taking a bizzillion pictures to mark the occasion.

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 at the Seaside Inn and Suites then Saturday attend the car show on the Santa Cruz Wharf. For those that signed up, Jim R. has handed out packets; it isn't too late to sign up and join the trip. For those interested there are a couple of more shows this month posted in the newsletter below.

Katrina and I (still pinching ourselves) are very excited to have won best of show at the Escalon Lions Car Show. The plaque and huge trophy were displayed at the September celebration. What an honor to be able to represent our Thunderbirds and Club!

**T-Birding
is Better Together
Ruben**





MACTC 45 YEARS

EST. 1981

It was awesome to see all of the cars and all of the friends that attended the Forty-Five-year celebration of the Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club! The memory books and pictures were amazing to look back at how the club began and has moved into the future. The Q.C.'s where club members joined with other clubs, for fun weekends that culminated into everlasting friendships with members from other clubs in the greater northern California area. Pictures of trips, tours and meeting socials to look back on. Here's to a great Forty-Five-Year celebration and many more years of friendships, car shows, tours/trips and a whole lot of fun!

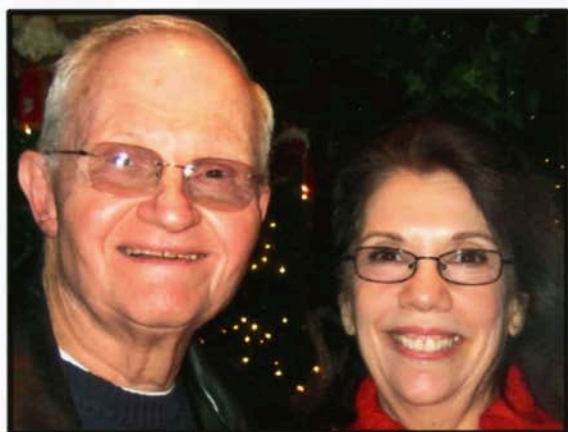




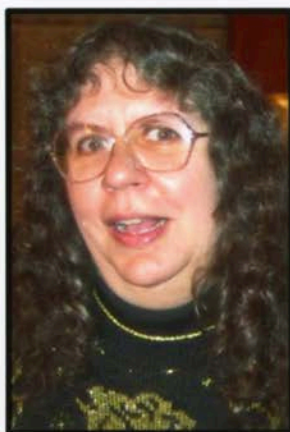
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ORIGINAL CHARTER MEMBERS



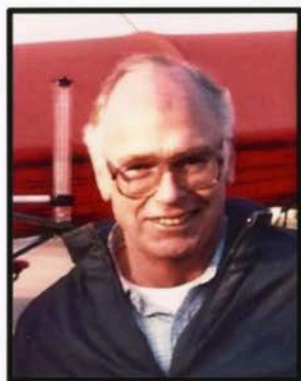
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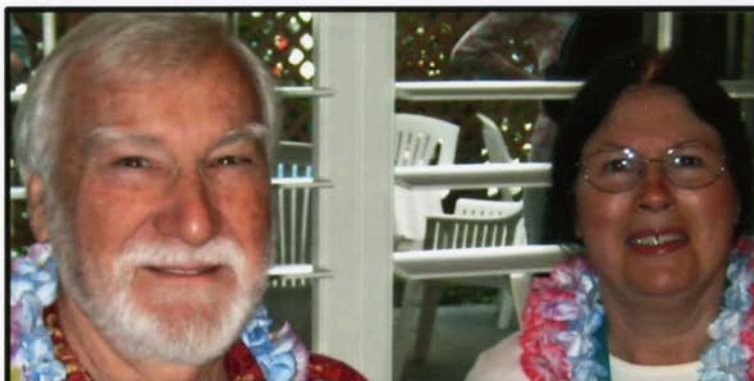
Jan Peterson



Ken and Roberta Van Dyke



Don Murrison



Marlon and Terry Helton



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CHARTER MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED

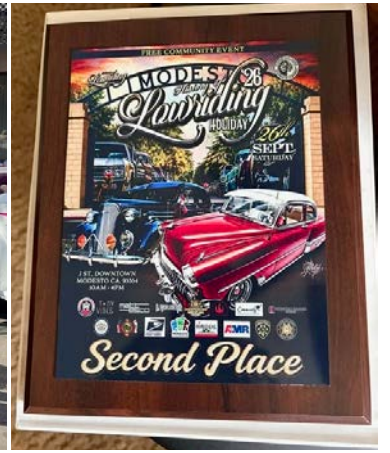
LILLIAN MURRISON

DORIS RYDELIUS



a little bit of T-Bird fun....

Jan's '57 Dessert Sky Blue - Best in Show September 19th Third Annual Melody Market Car Show at Monte Vista Chapel. Ruben and Katrina's '57 Dusk Rose - Best in Show at the 30th Annual Escalon Lions Club Car Show. Gary's 100 year old 1926 T-Bucket - Second Place September 26th Downtown Modesto Low Riders Car Show. '57's, Jim R., Ruben and Katrina on the front lawn of the Velvet Creamery. TBirds parked in front of a McHenry area mural.



Katrina, Fran,
Mona and Donna



T-Bird fun continued....



Jim R. and Ruben in the Escalon Home Coming parade with First and Second runners up.

A carnival at Dale Commons that Bob's friend set up for the residents; and invited the T-Bird Club for a small car show.

Attended by Bob E. and Patricia with her friend, Cheryl and Gary, Ruben and Katrina, Jim R., and Jim M.

Cotton candy popped corn, beverages and other assorted treats was served along with an assortment of gifts and prizes to be won playing carnival games.

Dinner was a choice of chlie dogs or yummy Lockford sausage with all the sides. A nice evening social and small car show.



hosted by *Frank & Cecilia* NOVEMBER MEETING & SOCIAL



**RSVP
AT THE
OCTOBER
MEETING**

Brookside Country Club
3603 St. Andrews Dr. Stockton, CA

Sunday November 1, 2026

12:00 Noon

- ☐ Pork Chop, roasted herb red potato, agave Chile sauce, vegetables \$30.00 (tax & grat. included)
- ☐ Southwestern achiote chicken salad (sliced chicken breast \$30.00 (tax & grat. Included)
On top of mixed greens, toasted almonds, grilled corn, poblano peppers,
jicama, olives, and orange-cumin dressing)
- ☐ Jumbo Cheese Ravioli Marinara asiago cheese with seasonal vegetable \$30.00 (tax & grat. Included)

Included: Desert, Water, Iced tea, coffee, Artisan Roll and Butter

payment: check or cash only to
Frank Souza

DATE AND TIME CHANGE

October Meeting & Social

Sunday October 18th - 11:30

**Due to the 9-10 tour to Santa Cruz
the meeting has been moved**



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

THE NEXT BIG THING

Meeting & Social

Sunday October 18th - 11:30

50's Road House Restaurant

18431 Kennedy Road - Knights Ferry

Hosted by - Dub & Jennette

Sign up - Call or Text Jennette 760.906.0896

By Thursday October 15th



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

Manteca - Stockton - Tracy

Hwy 99 / Hwy 120 / Hwy 108 - Turn left onto Kennedy Road
Turlock

Geer/Albers/Yosemite - Turn right onto West 'F'/Hwy 108 - Follow as below
Oakdale

Hwy 108 towards Knights Ferry - Turn Left onto Kennedy Road - Turn Right for the Diner



***MODESTO AREA CLASSIC
THUNDERBIRD CLUB FRIENDS
YOUR PRESENCE WE MISS
YOUR MEMORY WE TREASURE***

MAGGIE & AL ANDRADE
DWAINE & WIFE CARVER
OLLIE & GLADYS CERUTTI
DON & DARLENE COSE
JIM & EBBIE DEWILMS
JIM FENELON
GEORGE HATCHER
KEN HUCKABY
VEDA LEWIS
MARSHALL & ELLEN LEWIS
GILBERT & GILDA LONG
JIM LYON

GEORGE MATTOS
LOU & FRAN MILLER
MOGY (LLOYD) MOGENSEN
JESSE MOONEY
JERRY & VICKY MORRISON
DON & LILLIAN MURRISON
DOLLY REEDY
REED ROBERTS
GALEN & DORIS RYDELIUS
KEN SPARKS
WANDA SULLIVAN
LARRY & DELLA SULLIVAN
SID & MOURNE VOUMARD
HARRY & BONNIE WEBBER
DON WIGLE
FRED & MARY WOLFE



Club News

Hoods Up

Roberta talked to Monty and Bev. They are doing well but don't get out much.

We bid farewell to Bob and Marilyn. They are moving to Arkansas to be near their family.

Ruben and Katrina talked to Earl. He had fallen and is not able to get up and around. He was in Apple Vista Rehab. Roger shared that he had decided to go into hospice. Adendum: Roger and Joyce went to visit Earl, his son has moved him into a care home where he is in hospice care.

**Daylight Saving
Time 2026**

***Clocks Fall Back on
Sunday, November 1st***





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, %Gene Cox,
4223 Chaboya Hills Court,
San Jose, CA 95148

Entry Fees:
\$50.00 In Advance, Rain or Shine
\$60.00 Day of the Event

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
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/or the City of Santa Cruz.

Your cancelled check serves as your registration confirmation



Wheels of Woodbridge



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) 723-2178 EXT 304
WWW.CASTLEAIRMUSEUM.ORG

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

WAIVER: (THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SIGNED TO ENTER CAR SHOW) BY SIGNING THIS, I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. IN CONSIDERATION OF YOUR ACCEPTING ENTRY, INTENDING TO LEGALLY BIND, DO HEREBY FOR MYSELF OR MYSELF, EXECUTORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS, WAIVE AND RELEASE FOREVER ANY AND ALL RIGHTS AND CLAIMS OR DAMAGES I MAY ACCRUE AGAINST CASTLE AIR MUSEUM, THEIR OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, OR ANY ORGANIZATION, SPONSORS, AND/OR INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED TO THE EVENT, THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FOR ANY AND ALL INJURIES SUFFERED BY ME IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENT INCLUDING PRE AND POST CAR SHOW ACTIVITIES. ALSO GRANT CASTLE AIR MUSEUM THE RIGHT TO USE IMAGES OF ME TAKEN AT THE CAR SHOW. ALL DRIVERS MUST HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE AND INSURANCE.

I HAVE READ MY RIGHTS:

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

T-SHIRTS \$30

T-SHIRT SIZE:	SM	MED	LG	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
TROPHY SPONSOR						REGISTRATION	\$ _____
T-SHIRT SPONSORS (GOLD)						T-SHIRT	\$ _____
T-SHIRT SPONSOR (SILVER)						TROPHY SPONSOR	\$ _____
T-SHIRT SPONSOR (BRONZE)							

GATES OPEN 7:00 AM

CAR JUDGING 10AM-NOON

TROPHIES AWARDED 1:30 PM

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____



\$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.

GALT MARKET

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



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San Joaquin Valley Swap Meets & Car Shows [sjvautoswapmeets](https://www.sjvautoswapmeets.com)

or call 209-513-8651

Future Dates: November 15th



Board of Directors Meeting Highlights Video Conference September 18, 2026

Member Renewals: Garrett Shropshire documented member renewals through the Office Activity Report. Garrett shared that last year (12/31/2025), we ended up with 3,271 active members. Between January and August of 2026, we gained 121 New Members. In addition, we gained 22 members who returned to CTCI from prior years (before 2025). As of 6/30/2026, we have 2,887 active members. We are at the end of the regular renewal period. We are now sending reminders to those members. So far, 478 members have not renewed, which is comparable to prior years. Of that total, we have received only 55 dropout notices.

2026 Member Renewal Marketing Plan: Garrett outlined that with this next issue of The Early Bird, we are starting our 2027 Renewal Campaign. CTCI's New Marketing Plan will focus entirely on renewals. We encourage event sharing for "giveaways," "silent auction items," marketing materials, and other items that may help our individual chapters succeed. We feel that this is best done in conjunction with "Chapter Planned Events".

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 41 Invoice requests so far in 2026, up from the same period last year. Merchandise sales year-to-date are \$10,533.03. We are UP in merchandise sales from the same period in 2025. In addition, since we are adding very few (fast sellers) to the inventory, our balance sheet continues to improve (turning "old stale" inventory into cash).

2027 Regional Convention - SAVE THE DATE: The CTCI Board is pleased and excited to announce that there will be a 2027 Regional Convention held in Latham (Albany), New York. While we are in the early planning stages, we ask that all members "Save the Date" for June 3, 2027 through June 6, 2027. Concours Judging is planned, as well as many other exciting events.

The Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Express & Conference Center, 400 Old Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110. The hotel room rate is \$150/night and includes a hot breakfast buffet daily, an indoor pool, & a workout room. Please watch for additional information in The Early Bird as well as future member "Blasts".

First Ever Online Members Meeting: The Date is set for the CTCI Members Meeting. The meeting will be held using Zoom. It will be held on Friday, November 20, starting at 12:00 Noon (Central). The meeting will last 2 hours, and the Board plans to read the questions and answers live during the event.

Members will have the opportunity to submit questions to the Board. Please do not submit any questions at this time. Members interested in participating should watch for more information on question submission and the Zoom meeting link.

The Next Board Meeting: is set for November 20, 2026, at 10:00 AM Central, and the Members' Meeting will follow on November 20, 2026, at 12:00 Noon (Central)

On Behalf of the Board,

Bob Bly, President