



'lil' bird drop-ins

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

THUNDERBIRDS AND FALL FRIENDS GATHERING

Sunday • November 01 • 12:00 • Brookside C.C. • Stockton • Hosted By Frank & Cecelia

NEXT MONTH - SATURDAY - DECEMBER 05 - 11:30 - FRUIT YARD - MODESTO - HOST: CLUB OFFICERS



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Come November The Earth Was
Covered in A Cobbler Crust Of
Brown Sugar And Cinnamon



Next T-Bird Fun!

TBIRD FRIENDS REVISITED

Date: May TBA, 2027 • Harris Ranch: Overnight



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Howdy Fellow T-birders

I am freshly home from our October meeting; this was our 3rd caravan in the last ten days. A good caravan of five or more classic birds draws a lot of attention and is something I absolutely enjoy. I'll circle back to this in a minute. Going back to last week's caravan, it started at about 11 am on Friday Oct. 9th, we left Mona's house with two classics and a retro behind us. From there we added Jan and Jane in one of Jan's classics, we continued to Hwy 5 where we met up with Frank and Ceclia. This made for a caravan of six cars as we made our south on I-5 to Hwy 33. From there we hit Hwy 152 toward Casa De Fruita, this was our first real stop for snacks and restrooms. We relaxed and stretched our legs for about half an hour and then it was back on the road towards Hwy 156, 101 and 1 and eventually Santa Cruz. The entire trip took about four hours, and no one got lost or broke down. We had dinner as a group and then it was on to Santa Cruz Boardwalk for the Birds on the Wharf Car Show. There were 54 t-birds on the wharf and the weather was perfect. Later that day we headed for Modesto; this time Ruben and Katrina led the group of eight cars safely back home. Now back to where we started, our group of eight classics met in Riverbank and made our way to the 50's Roadhouse in Knights Ferry where we had lunch and a meeting. It was a great trip.

In other news there were four of us in Atwater at the Castle Air Force base Car Show, this one was particularly interesting because it included (of course) airplanes both big and RC. It was great fun. There were also cars and coffee in Turlock and Modesto in which club members attended.

We have also added new members, Greg and Sandy from Carmel, which is always good.

Now looking forward we only have two and half months left of 2026, there's a meeting in November where we'll be caravanning to Stockton and hanging out at the Country Club. This is also where we will be taking nominations for board and chair positions and voting for those nominations. December is when we do the installments.

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

Okay, that'll do for now. So until next time...

I'll See Ya Around The Aviary
Jim Ridenour

President
Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS OCTOBER



14 Bob E.
19 Monty
25 Donna



November 7
Ken and Roberta
November 9
Mike and Julie
November 19
Monty and Bev



PLAN AHEAD

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 05 - 11:30
Christmas Party and
Installation of Officers
The Fruit Yard
Host: Club Officers



FOR TAKING PICTURES

Jim R.
Donna
Jane

For Give Away Prizes

Elaine - Fall Decor
Fran - Travel Tumbler

*Daylight
Savings Time*
*Don't forget to set
your clocks back*



Let's Have Fun!

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Find Info & Updates!



VICE PRESIDENT

Ruben Tellez

Thunderbirds

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



With a little heat left in the beginning of fall, November should cool off nicely and maybe bring some rain. President Jim R. recapped the last of the car shows for this year.

The October meeting and social at the 50's Roadhouse in Knights Ferry was well attended with twenty-two members. Thank you Dub and Jeannette for hosting and for leading a caravan of eight classic cars and a brand X, from Riverbank to Knights Ferry; also a big thank you to Jeannette for her outstanding brownies for dessert!

In the life of a classic Thunderbird.... Jane had some trouble with vapor lock on the way up to Knights Ferry. Thank you to Bob E. and Jim and Donna for stopping and keeping her safe. During lunch it was decided that I would drive her car back down the hill after the meeting to try and detect the problem. We made it down to Oakdale with only one hiccup, it died on me once and started right back up. After we left Jane with her car, Katrina and I went into the restaurant for a cold one. Jan and Jane, had the same idea. and the four of us ended up visiting over a cold drink. Before we left mine and Katrina's t-bird had rolled out of the parking and hit a ladies Lexus. No one was injured, but our bumper crunched the back passenger door of her car. Later when Jan and Jane were leaving Jane's t-bird wouldn't start, so she had to call for a tow. I suspect a dead battery, and fuel pump issues, but that remains to be discovered. Stay tuned for more in the life of a Thunderbird!

Congratulations on the trophies that were won by Glen and Sandy on their Red 1955, Jim and Donna on their Goldenrod 1957 and Cheryl on her Red 2004 Retro, at Birds on the Wharf in Santa Cruz. Three beautiful trophies and three beautiful cars!

Our Thunderbird friends Bob and Marilyn have moved to Arkansas to be with family. They now live in Dover, a little over an hour outside of Little Rock. Best wishes to a new start in a new location and to adding a new chapter in their lives. Bob grew up in the Knights Ferry/Orange blossom area; he and Marilyn are looking forward to making new Thunderbird friends in, around and nearby Dover.

Welcome back Eric and Fran, from Bakersfield, 1955 Colonial White with Black top and welcome to new members Glen and Sandy, 1955 Red from Carmel.

Hosted by the Officers, the yearly Christmas Party, will be Saturday, December 5th, 11:30 at The Fruit Yard, Yosemite Blvd. and Geer Rd. in Modesto. 'Let's Celebrate Together' all things Thunderbird and classic cars. Friendships made over the years, new ones to be made and remembering those friends that were once a part of our life with cars. Friends and family are welcome; find the information in the invitation below.

**T-Birding
is Better Together
Ruben**





OCTOBER

**Thunderbirds
Ten Little
Classics
All In A Row**

Meeting & Social

50's Roadhouse - Knights Ferry

**Our Hosts
Dub & Jeannette**



**Meeting up to caravan
out to Knights Ferry**



Ken & Roberta



Knights Ferry 50's Roadhouse



Frank & Cecelia



OCTOBER

WINNERS!





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



Bob, Jan, Jane, and Jim R. spent the day at Castle Air Force Base, attending the car and air show. They had a good time on a very warm sunny day.



T-Bird fun continued...

An overnight tour to Birds on the Wharf in Santa Cruz started off at Jim and Mona's home - with their car in the lead, followed by Bob and Patricia, Ruben and Katrina and Cheryl and Gary. Along Crows Landing Road Jane and Jan popped on and at I-5/Fink Rd., Frank and Cecilia joined. The caravan traveled through Santa Nella and over Pacheco Pass to Casa de Fruta where Jim and Donna were waiting. The six little birds and one retro arrived at the hotel, and a couple of hours later met at Jack Oneil's on the wharf for fine dining with an ocean view.

SANTA CRUZ - BIRDS ON THE WHARF



Trophy Winners!
Cheryl - Jim & Donna - Greg & Sandy (No Picture)





T-Bird fun continued....





T-Bird fun continued....

Saturday morning Dub and Jeannette arrived as Dub's car had an issue that prevented them driving over on Friday and Greg and Sandy came up from Carmel; after their arrival our group was complete. With the birds lined up on the wharf, the guys shined them up and settled in for some car show fun.



As the pictures project, the day was sunny and clear. A little windy as is expected on the water, but an outstanding day for a car show on the wharf.

To begin the day doughnuts and coffee were served and Holley from SCVTC set up a great silent auction and raffle, with many prizes taken home. It was heard this might have been the last of the car shows for Birds on the Wharf, being it's such a big undertaking.

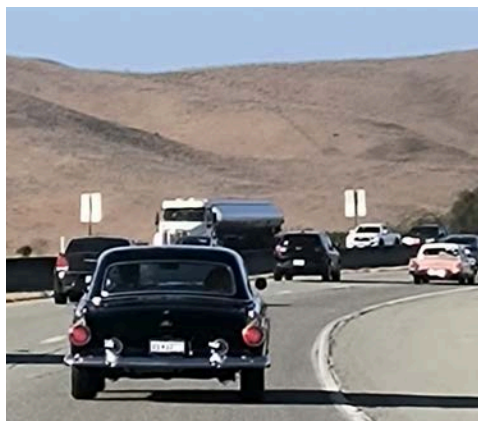
There were 54 classic and retro cars, from 1955 thru 2005. Members from various clubs made the rounds voting for their favorite cars in each of the categories by year. On the car walk a lot of stories are shared by enthusiasts, one can gather a few new ideas and find answers to solve a problem.

Trophies handed out, with three for our club, Greg and Sandy's 1955 Red, Jim and Donna's 1957 Goldenrod Yellow and Cheryl's 2004 Red Retro. Congratulations!

The day ended with Ruben leading the caravan, backover the hill.

Everyone arrived home safely and with that the trip was a success.

Thank you Jim and Mona for a fun Thunderbird overnight tour.





hosted by *Frank & Cecilia* NOVEMBER MEETING & SOCIAL

Last Name

Choose your lunch
Write your name(s)
in the box(s)
Return The Card to
Frank & Cecilia

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 1, 2026
12:00

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



Name (s)



Pork Chop - roasted herb red potato, agave chile sauce, vegetables

\$30.00 (tax & grat. included)



Southwestern Achiote Chicken Salad - sliced chicken breast on top of mixed greens, toasted almonds, grilled corn, poblano peppers, jicama, olives and orange-cumin dressing

\$30.00 (tax & grat. included)



Jumbo Cheese Ravioli Marinara - asiago cheese with seasonal vegetable

\$30.00 (tax & grat. included)

Included: Water, Iced Tea, Coffee, Artisan Roll w butter and Desert

Payment
Check or Cash only
Paid to
Frank Souza



I/We Will Not Be Attending



Choose your meal
Pay to Frank
Check/Cash

THE NEXT BIG THING

Meeting & Social

Sunday November 01st -12:00

Brookside Country Club

3603 St. Andrews Dr. - Stockton

Hosted by - **Frank & Cecilia**

Sign up/Cancel - Call or Text Frank 209.992.2402

By Sunday October 25th



\$30.00
Per Person
Must Pre-Order
to attend

To Caravan

Meet at Autozone on Pelendale at 10:30 am

Manteca - Oakdale - Modesto - Turlock

Hwy 99 / Cross Town - Hwy 4 West / I-5 North - Exit 496 March Lane West

Let's Celebrate Together!

JOINS US FOR 4

SATURDAY

DEC 05 11:30AM

Friends
and family
are
Welcome

Christmas **LUNCHEON**

AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

NO HOST BAR - LUNCH PLATE - DESSERT

INCLUDED - DINNER SALAD

ROASTED BABY BAKER POTATOES

SAUTEED VEGETABLES

WATER - ICED TEA - COFFEE

\$48.00

Charbroiled
Chicken
Breast
w Marsala
Jerusalem

\$62.00

New York Steak
Topped w
Brandy-
Peppercorn
Sauce

\$64.00

Alaskan Salmon
Grilled w Lemon
& Tartar Sauce

OPTIONAL - DONATIONS

Toys For Tots - Bring an unwrapped toy

Food Bank - Any amount of pantry items/Cash

DUES \$35.00

Dues can be paid at anytime or at the luncheon - By Cash/Check

THE FRUIT YARD

7948 Yosemite Ave. & Geer Rd. Modesto

RSVP or cancel your choice of meal by November 28th to

Katrina 209-480-3628 Call/Text

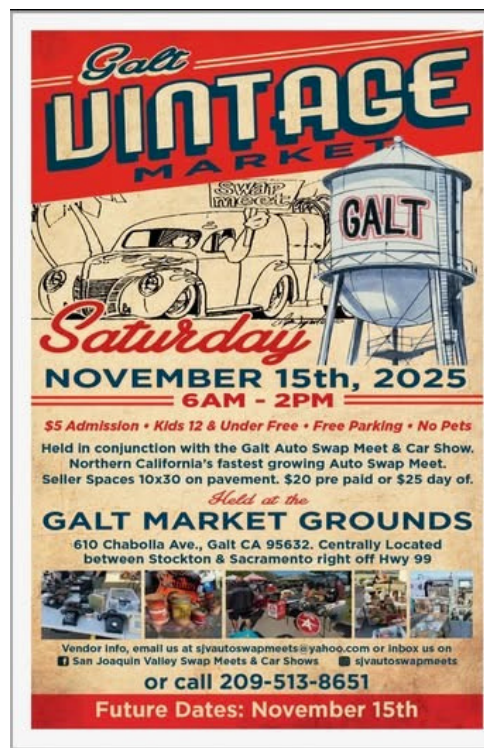


Earl is in hospice care at 1309 Oakwood Dr. in Modesto. As far as we know he is able to receive visitors and cards are probably welcome as well.

Welcome new members Greg and Sandy, from Carmel/Modesto - 1955 Red.

Eric and Fran were the last to renew their membership and the first in 2027. Did you ever leave? No? Anyway, Welcome Back! It was great to see you in September and thanks again for the help!





Combining an electric fuel pump (used as a pusher or primer) with a mechanical (manual) engine-driven fuel pump is a common setup on older carbureted vehicles, tractors, or classic trucks. However, doing it safely requires careful planning to avoid overpressure, flooding, or safety hazards.

Key Recommendations for Dual Setup

Pressure Regulation:

1. Older carbureted systems typically require only **2 to 3 psi**.
2. If an electric pump outputs too much pressure (e.g., 5 to 7 + PSI), it can overpower the carburetor's needle and seat, causing severe flooding and washing down cylinder walls. Use a low-pressure electric pump or install a dedicated fuel pressure regulator.

Flow-Through Design:

1. The electric pump must allow fuel to pass through freely when it is turned off. If the mechanical pump has to pull fuel through a restrictive, non-operating electric pump. It will starve the engine under load.

Manual or Intermittent Control:

1. Do not leave a secondary inline electric pump running constantly alongside a mechanical pump unless it is specifically designed and plumbed for it.
2. It is best practice to wire the electric pump to a **momentary or toggle switch** so it is used strictly for **cold-start priming** or recovering from **vapor lock**. Once the engine starts and the mechanical pump takes over the electric pump can be switched off.

Safety Shut-off Switches:

1. Electric pumps should not continue running if the engine stalls or if the vehicle is in an accident.
2. Install a safety interlock such as an **oil pressure safety switch** (which cuts power if oil pressure drops to zero) or an **inertia switch** (which trips in a collision) to prevent the pump from feeding a fire if a fuel line ruptures.

Mounting and Plumbing:

1. Mount the electric pump **low and close to the fuel tank**, as electric pumps are “pusher” pumps and struggle to pull fuel over long distances.
2. Replace old rubber lines with modern, ethanol-resistant fuel hose (such as SAE 30R9) and use proper clamps or AN fittings to prevent leaks.



Region 1 Convention June 3-6, 2027 - Albany New York Registration is Open!



Dear CTCI member,

Please join us for Cruisin' the Capital June 3-6, 2027

Register by mail with downloadable/fillable pdf forms for [Members](#) & [Non-members](#) or [Register online](#) and we look forward to seeing you in 2027!

The headquarters hotel is:

Holiday Inn Express & Conference Center

400 Old Loudon Road, Latham NY 12110

Phone: (518) 783-6161 Room Block code: CTC

Hotel registration online: <https://bit.ly/4k3hOtB>

The hotel is just minutes from the ALB airport and offers free shuttle service.

Watch for updates and additional information in the *Early Bird* and on the CTCI.org website: <https://www.ctci.org/2027-ctci-convention/>

The hotel is located 15 mins from downtown Albany, 20 minutes from historical Saratoga Springs, 45 mins to Lake George and 30 mins from Bennington VT. Take a driving tour, bus tour or adventure on your own across the glorious Upstate NY Region and enjoy Cruisin' the Capital!!