



'lil' bird drop-ins

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
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Happy Thanksgiving

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

AUTUMN LEAVES & THUNDERBIRDS OH-YEAH

Sunday November 12 • 11:30 • Grizzly Rock Cafe • Turlock • Hosted By Jan

NEXT MONTH DECEMBER 03 - 11:30 - H-B - OAKDALE - HOST: OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS



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TAKE ME ON A ROAD TRIP TO AUTUMN



Next QC:

MODESTO CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Date: May 17-19 2024 • Location: Modesto



OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

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Sunshine: Donna Montavon
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Give Away: Keith & Elaine Rogers
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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Hello TBird Lovers



The leaves are turning from green to orange, yellow and red, and beginning to fall. So, summer is leaving, and Fall has arrived. The cooler weather is feeling good and is also a good time to drive our cars.

If you were unable to attend our October meeting, you missed a real treat. Frank and Cecilia hosted our group at the Brookside Country Club in Stockton, and it was great. The room was all decked out in Fall colors with a Halloween/Fall theme. Thanks to their granddaughter,

for decorating all the beautiful pumpkins. Thank you, Frank and Cecilia, we all loved being there.

Election of officers will take place at our November meeting. Thank you for stepping up and filling these positions.

Officers for 2024 will be:

- President - Jim Ridenour
- VP - Julie Van Dyke
- Secretary - Katrina Tellez
- Treasurer - Elaine Rogers

Chairpersons for 2024 will be:

- Sunshine - Frank Souza
- Publicity - Pat Mason
- Give Away - Keith & Elaine Rogers
- CTCI - Keith Rogers

Our November meeting will be hosted by Jan Peterson at The Grizzly Rock Cafe in Turlock. Remember the meeting is on Sunday November 12. Arrive between 11:30 and 12:00. Hope you can make it.

Coming up are several car shows, check the website for dates and locations.

See you at the next meeting
KEITH

MEMBERSHIP DUES

2024 Dues \$35.00

January Thru December 2024
Pay at the November Meeting
or Christmas Party
CTCI Dues Pay on your own



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS NOVEMBER

Happy Birthday

19 Monty Montgomery
25 Donna Montavon



To Love and Laughter and Happily Ever After

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



PLAN AHEAD

December 3, 2023
Christmas Party
and Installation of Officers
H-B Oakdale - 11:30
Host: Officers & Board members

THANK YOU

For Pictures
Elaine
Julie
Jim Montavon

Donations
Tim & Holley - Backpack, Hat & T Shirt
Mike & Julie - Wine



Get Ready For QC MMXXIV

Destination Modesto
Date May 17-19 2024

Hosted By
Modesto Area Classic
Thunderbird Club

The Modesto Bee



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Let's Have Fun!

Find Info & Updates!



VICE PRESIDENT



Howdy Fellow T-Birders,

Even though fall's arrival was on September 23rd the weather still hung on to the summer type temperatures. Until now that is, finally in the last few days it has cooled off to what we expect fall weather to be. As I mentioned in last month's VP letter the weather is not a deterrent to our attending car shows. Most notably was the Second Harvest car show at Del Webb in Manteca. This is a smaller car show with this year's event having cars parked along a walking trail that meanders through the Del Webb community. The weather was good and as a bonus, (with the proper eye wear) we were able to see the Full Hunter's Moon lunar eclipse. But that is not all, at the awards ceremony Del Webb announced that \$2,700.00 was earned and donated to Second Harvest food bank. We had 11 in our group with 5 classic birds, 2 retro's and 4 of our friends with their classics.

Of course, that is not it for car shows for 2023, please see a list of car shows on our web site at Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club.org. I like the fall cars the most of all and it's not because of the cooler weather, it's because they tend to be all about helping with Christmas and warm clothing and blankets. There is a Toys for Tots drive on Nov. 2nd at the Graffiti Museum in Modesto from 10am to 2 pm and on Dec. 2nd there is a Coats and Jackets for Kids also at the Graffiti Museum from 10 am to 2 pm both of these are sponsored by West Coast Customs Car Club. In addition to those there is another Toys for Tots at the Regal Theater in Modesto on Dec. 2nd, usually 10 am to 2 pm.

Moving forward we are covered for all meetings this year and we have a full complement of officers and volunteers for 2024.

**I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on
Sunday November 12th, Info is in this Newsletter
Thanks - Jim**



September

Meeting



and Social



Katrina





September

Meeting and Social

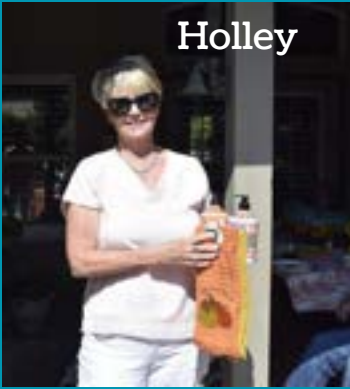




September

Winners

Holley



Roberta



Ken



Jim M.



Julie



Jim R.



Elaine





Meeting Minutes

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
Meeting Minutes for **September 24, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 pm by President Keith Rogers. Keith thanked Jim & Donna for hosting the meeting and social at their home, in Modesto, California. There were 27 members and 2 guests in attendance. Welcome back to Bob Ertassi, friend of Pat, and to Margaret, daughter of Terry Helton.

Secretary - Patricia Mason absent, Keith asked if there were any corrections to the August meeting minutes as reported in the September newsletter. No corrections or additions were noted. A motion was made by Jim Ridenour and seconded by Jim Montavon to approve the August minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer - Elaine Rogers reported the following for August: Expenses: Sunshine \$25.20. Total Expenses \$25.20. Income: Give-Away \$85.00, Bank Reward \$500.00 - Transfer Fees \$-55.00 - \$445.00. Total Income \$530.00.

Sunshine - Donna Montavon reported sending Anniversary and Birthday cards for the month of September. Thinking of you cards to Bev and Jim Fenelon. Paul and Ronna celebrated their 38th anniversary. Mona is having a hip replacement in October.

CTCI - Jim Montavon reminded of the CTCI Regional in Florida coming up October 24-29. CTCI is looking for a club to host an International meet next year. The board has no intention of dissolving and needed to send a letter to satisfy the IRS. There are approximately 200 people who vote by paper ballots and even though those members pay an extra \$5.00 in dues to cover the expense, CTCI would like to discontinue the use of paper ballots.

Meetings, Tours and Car Shows - Jim Ridenour - Meetings - Next meeting Sunday October 8 - 12:00 - Brookside Country Club in Stockton \$22.00 per person - Hosted by Frank & Cecilia Sign-up circulated, Saturday November 11 - 12:00 - The Great American Grill in Hilmar - Hosted by Jan. **Car Shows** - October 14 Second Harvest - Manteca, October 15 Tamale Festival - Stanislaus Fair Grounds, October 21 Mariposa Yosemite Hot Rod Custom Car Show, October 21 Oakdale Chamber Fall Festival 10-4 pm, October 21 Ripon Chamber Ripon Main Street Day Car Show, November 4 West Coast Customs American Graffiti Museum 10-2 pm, December 2 Toys for Tots hosted by West Coast Customs at the American Graffiti Museum 10-2 pm. December 2 Coats and Shoes for Kids. Mike commented that the car show in Valley Home was nice and suggested that it be put it on the callender for next year. See the Modesto T-Bird Club Facebook page for more events. QC, May 17-19, 2024. Christmas Party TBA.

Old Business - Nominations were opened at the last meeting. The following positions for 2024 are President - Jim Ridenour, Vice President/Meetings & Tours - Julie Van Dyke, Treasurer - Elaine Rogers, Secretary - Katrina Tellez, Sunshine - Frank Sousa, Publicity - Pat Mason, Newsletter - Katrina Tellez, Give Away - Keith & Elaine Rogers. Jim Montavon recommended we send a letter to the Kiwanis Club thanking them for Graffiti 2023. Jim will draft a letter for the appropriate signatures. Jim Montavon reported that members who are still with CTCI watch for an email asking members to vote on a change. Jim encouraged a "No" vote on the changes.

New Business - No New Business

Next meeting is Sunday, October 8th at The Brookside Country Club Hosted by Frank & Cecilia Sousa

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm Respectfully Submitted: *Katrina Tellez*

Giveaway Winners: 986*Holley - 990*Roberta - 982*Roberta - 978*Jim R - 979*Elaine - 989*Dolly



Meeting & Social





Meeting & Social

Hosts: Frank & Cecelia



Bob & Marilyn



Earl & Dolly



Jack & Janis



Bob E. & Pat



Ken & Roberta



Marlon & Terry



Ruben & Katrina



Mike & Julie



Earl P.



Jan



Jim & Donna





Winners
Winners



Winners



Bob E.



Jim M.



Roberta



Dolly



Earl P.



Marlon





Meeting Minutes

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.

Meeting Minutes for **October 8, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by President Keith Rogers. Keith thanked Frank & Cecelia for hosting the meeting and social at Brookside Country Club, in Stockton, California. Keith thanked Cecilia for the beautiful table decorations that she and her granddaughter made. There were 20 members and two guests in attendance. Welcome back to Bob Ertassi, friend of Pat, and to Earl Pillow friend of Jan.

Secretary - Patricia Mason asked if there were any corrections to the September meeting minutes as reported in the October e-mail. No corrections or additions were noted. A motion was made by Ken Van Dyke and seconded by Katrina Tellez to approve the September minutes as printed in the e-mail. Motion carried.

Treasurer - Elaine Rogers reported the following for September: Expenses: Sunshine \$17.56, Give Away for May, July, August & September \$152.55, Repay Keith & Elaine to open new account \$600.00 Total Expenses \$770.11. Income: Give-Away \$90.00, Bank Reward \$500.00 Total Income \$590.00.

Sunshine - Donna Montavon reported sending Anniversary and Birthday cards for the month of October. Get well card to Mona recovering from hip surgery. Jim Fenelon is in a memory care home in Stockton.

CTCI - Jim Montavon stated that CTCI front page featured a picture of a line of classic Thunderbirds, and one Retro T-Bird. This is a first for CTCI and an indication they are wanting new members. The Florida Regional is on the 28th and 29th. There is presently a "recommendation" allowing voting only by e-mail. If you are still a member, Jim recommends a NO vote on this recommendation.

ACCC - Keith Rogers - Nothing to report.

Meetings, Tours and Car Shows - Jim Ridenour - Meetings - Saturday November 11 - 11:30 - The Great American Grill in Hilmar - Hosted by Jan, sign-up circulated. December 3 - 11:30, Christmas Party, H-B Saloon in Oakdale, See Invitation in this newsletter. **Car Shows** - Sponsored by West Coast Customs Car Club at The Graffiti Car Museum, November 2 10-2 Toys for Tots (unwrapped toy) and December 2 10-2 Coats and Jackets for Kids. Regal Theater, December 2 10-2 Toys for Tots (1 Toy entry, minimum \$25.00). After discussing the difficulty of finding a venue for the Christmas Party, a suggestion was made to return to the H-B Saloon in Oakdale, a fancy place is not necessary. Ideas were discussed regarding the gift exchange; the conclusion was to leave it as is. Mike commented that the car show in Valley Home was nice and suggested that it be put on the Callender for next year. See the Modesto T-Bird Club Facebook page for more events. QC, May 17-19, 2024.

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Next meeting is Saturday, November 11th 11:30 at The Great American Grill in Hilmar, Hosted by Jan

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm Respectfully Submitted: *Patricia Mason*

Giveaway Winners: Bob Ertassi, Jim Montavon, Pat, Roberta, Dolly, Earl



DEL WEB CAR SHOW

Jim R., Bob T, Ruben, Jim M., Earl, Bob E. and Frank & Cecelia attended the Car Show. \$2,700 was raised for charity. Was a Beautiful day.





It Comes With Extras

- Step Side
- Work Vice
- Carbon Monoxide Monitor
- Replaceable Wood Front Bumpers
- and much more

HOSTED BY

Duarte Nursery Tour

Keith & Elaine

Cash or Check Only

A Self-guided tour at ...
 Duarte Poinsettia Nursery
 Tuesday November 14 at 10:30
 1555 Baldwin Road - Hilmar
 From Hwy 99 - Exit Hatch Rd
 (turn on Baldwin, before / West of Santa Fe)
 Lunch following at The Fruit Yard
 7948 Yosemite Blvd. - Modesto

Purchase holiday poinsettias, choose from the many pre-made arrangements, or just browse. Cost of Poinsettia plants average \$12.00. Bring your camera, great place for photo ops.



THE NEXT BIG THING

Business Meeting and Social
Sunday November 12 - 11:30

The Grizzly Rock Cafe
4905 N. Golden State Blvd., Turlock

Hosted by - Jan
Sign up or Cancel

By Wednesday November 8
 Call/Text 209 - 480 - 3628



Order off the menu tax & gratuity included.

Manteca - Stockton - Tracy

HWY 99 North & South Exit Taylor Road, Left on Golden State Blvd.

Oakdale - Geer Road, Right on Taylor, Right on Golden State Blvd.

They have a large parking lot - If the weather permits come in your TBird for a photo op



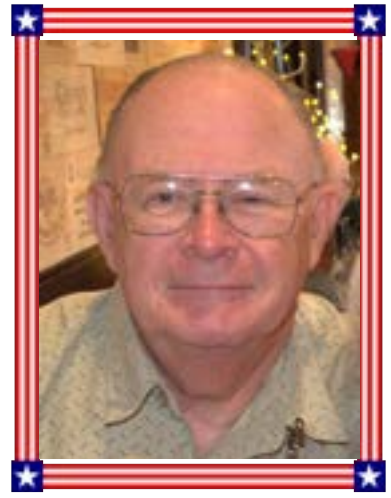
IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS



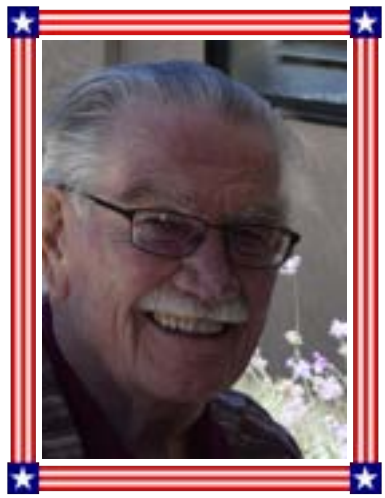
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Dennis



Earl



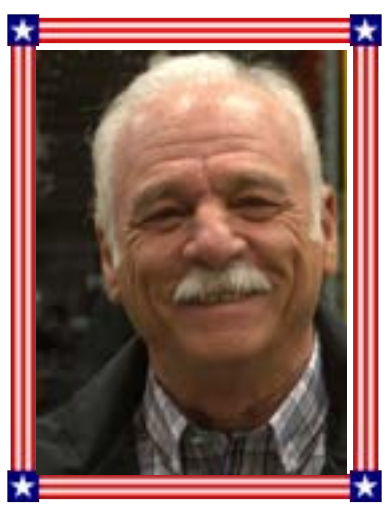
Jim R



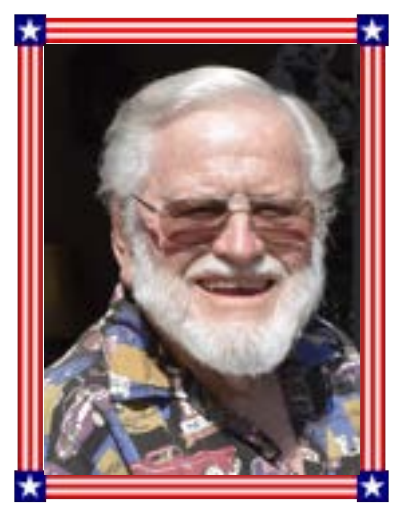
Marlon



Jack



Ken





Gilbert Long is not doing well and has been moved into a care home.

Katrina handed out a flyer from Paloma for home baked goodies she is selling.

Jim Montavon stated that he has three potential new members, and they will be invited to the next club meeting and social.



JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY LUNCH

*Christmas Party
&
Installation of Officers*

Sunday December 3rd 11:30
H - B Saloon
401 East "F" Street-Oakdale

RSVP your choice or Cancel
by Monday - November 27th



NO HOST BAR - APPETIZER

RIB EYE - CHICKEN - SALMON
SALAD, VEGETABLE, POTATOES, BREAD
TEA/WATER - DESSERT

*Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club Members
Family and Guests are invited
\$40.00 per person (tax & gratuity included)*

What We Do

Donate Pantry Items any amount
Toys For Tots - Bring an Unwrapped Gift
Optional - Gift Exchange \$20.00 min.
Ladies Bring a Gift for a Lady Name Tag Marked "Lady"
Men Bring a Gift for a man Name Tag Marked "Man"

NAME:

CHECK ONE

SALMON

CHICKEN

RIBEYE R MR M MW W

CIRCLE

TEXT/CALL KATRINA 209-480-3628

NAME:

CHECK ONE

SALMON

CHICKEN

RIBEYE R MR M MW W

CIRCLE

TEXT/CALL KATRINA 209-480-3628



2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Meetings



Tours



Shows

SUNDAY
 November 12 - 11:30
 Grizzly Rock Cafe - Turlock
 Jan Peterson

SUNDAY
 December 03 - 11:30
 Christmas Party
 H-B - Oakdale
 Hosts
 Officers & Board Members

November 14 - 10:30
 Duartes Poinsettia Nursery
 Lunch Following
 at the Fruit Yard
 Hosts: Keith & Elaine

November 2 - 10-2
 Graffiti Muesum
 Toys for Tots
 unwrapped toy(s)
 Sponsored by
 West Coast Custom Car Club

December 2 10-2
 Graffiti Muesum
 Coats and Jackets
 Sponsored by
 West Coast Custom Car Club

December 2 - 10-2
 Regal Theater
 3959 McHenry Ave
 1 Toy Entry - \$25.00 Min.