



'lil' bird drop-ins

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

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

NEXT MONTH JULY 9 - 11:00 - BOB'S HOME - MODESTO - HOST: PATRICIA AND BOB



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After a cruise in your Thunderbird ...
 Your hair should be messy
 Your eyes should be sparkling and
 Your heart should be dancing!

Next QC:

MODESTO CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Date: TBA 2024 • Location: Modesto



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October 24-29, 2023
CTCI Southeast Regional Convention



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Modesto TBird Club



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello TBird Lovers

It was a perfect day for our May meeting. The weather couldn't have been better, not too hot, and not too cold. There was a slight breeze which kept the air cool and comfortable. A big thank you to Julie and Mike for hosting the meeting. Also, thanks to the Van Dyke family for all their help, and to Ken and Roberta for providing the beautiful location. The Van Dyke home makes for a great T-Bird photo op.

There are no shortage of car shows around us. So, go out and enjoy some of them. Always fun to show off our cars. We are signed up for the American Graffiti parade and show. Hope to make it, and some other shows. It all depends on how I feel. The Covid lack of energy just doesn't want to go away. Some days are better than others, so hoping it will continue to get better.

There will be no June meeting due to QC, Sacramento Extravaganza, American Graffiti Show, and all the other shows. So, the next meeting will be in July, hosted by Pat and Bob, at Bob's home. Thank you, Pat and Bob.

Enjoy the first half of summer. See you at our next meeting, and at some of the many car shows.

KEITH

Below Is A List of Graffiti Week Events

- Monday** June 5 - 5 to 8 pm American Chevrolet
- Tuesday** June 6 - 5 to 8 pm Century Center
- Wednesday** June 7 - 3:30 to 9 pm Downtown Modesto
- Thursday** June 8 - 5 to 8 pm Cool Hand Lukes Riverbank
- Friday** June 9 - 5 - 7 pm Graffiti Cruise
- Saturday** June 10 - 7am Graffiti Car show - MJC

I plan on attending the Wednesday event, if anyone wants to join me, we can meet about 3:20 ish at M and 11th. I'm signed up for the Friday cruise, I'm picking up my packet at about 3:30 then heading downtown. Saturday we can meet at Mona and my House 900 Countryside Ln. Modesto, at 7am and cruise into the car show together. I will have my BBQ so if you want to bring something to cook be my guest. Feel free to reply if you want to get together at any of the events, of course none of this is in stone so please comment with any other ideas. Jim Ridenour 209.505.3512



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS MAY

Happy Birthday

June 10	Tim Coppetti
June 10	Don Murrison
June 18	Holley Coppetti
June 20	Jan Peterson
June 26	Mona Ridenour



To Love and Laughter and Happily Ever After

June 12
Tim & Holley
June 20
Ruben & Katrina



PLAN AHEAD

June 00, 2023
Meeting & Social
None - 00:00
Host: No June Meeting

THANK YOU

Anja
for all the help & for Great Margaritas!
For Pictures
Julie - Donna - Roberta - Anja
Donations
Marlon - Ford Book
Jan - Camp Chair



Get Ready For QC MMXXIV

Destination Modesto
Date TBA 2024

Hosted By
Modesto Area Classic
Thunderbird Club

The Modesto Bee



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Let's Have Fun!

Find Info & Updates!



VICE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow T-Birders,

As the memorial weekend ends, I cannot help but think of those that made the ultimate sacrifice. It is that sacrifice that gives us the ability to enjoy our freedoms like driving our beautiful classic cars. As I mentioned in my last letter, it is officially car show season, and it will go on pretty much through the rest of the year. Upcoming shows worth mentioning are The Thunderbird Extravaganza, Graffiti Classic and The American Graffiti Festival (which starts on Monday June 5 and concludes on Sunday June 11, with the all to famous Graffiti cruise on Friday June 9).

Now Meetings, earlier this month we had our meeting at the Van Dyke's residence and thank you to Mike and Julie for sponsoring this meeting. Looking forward, there is no meeting in June, so we'll have to enjoy each other's company at the many car shows. Our next meeting will be on July 9th and will be hosted by Pat Mason and Bob. If you did not get signed up and wish to go, please contact Pat. Thusly if you did sign up and cannot make it, please contact Pat. We do still have the month of November open as well as getting additional help to plan the Christmas/Officer installment meeting.

Lastly let us not forget that The Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club's turn to sponsor QC 2024 is (obviously) next year, so we need to start getting a committee together. I will take the lead on this, please contact me if you are interested in helping. One important note on this is, it takes the whole club to pull off a successful QC.

Thanks once again everyone
Jim Ridenour
VP Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club



MAY

MEETING & SOCIAL

The Meeting & Social Hosted by Mike and Julie at the Van Dyke's was a ton of fun. The Taco Truck Lunch by Orlando was excellent, the mango margaritas blended up and served by Anja were top notch and the weather couldn't have been better. The day was topped off by breaking a pinata for a little Cinco De Mayo entretenido (entertaining)! If you weren't able to attend you were truly missed.





MEETING & SOCIAL





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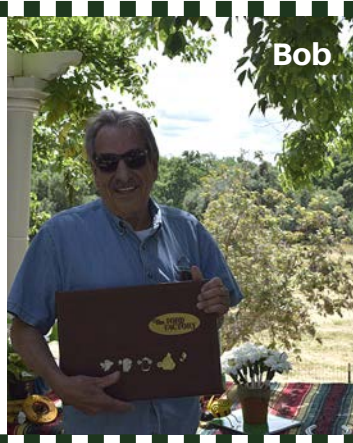




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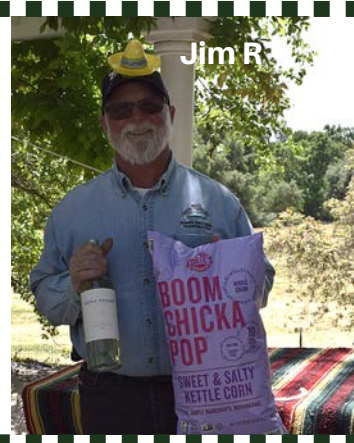
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Bob



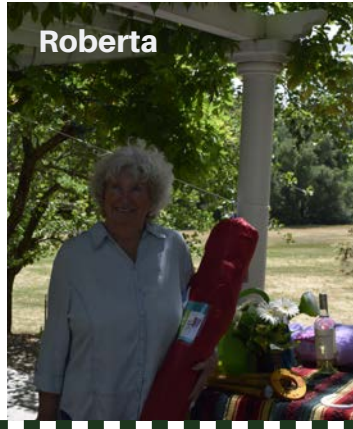
Katrina



Jim R



Ruben



Roberta



Bob





Meeting Minutes

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:24 pm by President Keith Rogers. Keith thanked Mike and Julie for hosting the meeting at the Van Dyke's, in Oakdale, California and to the Tellez's for doing the Give Away. There were 17 members and 6 guests in attendance. Returning guests, Jan's friends, Lisa Camarillo and Earl Pillow, Bob Ertassi, friend of Pat Mason, Terry Helton's daughter Margaret, Katrina's friend Anja, Van Dyke's friend and temporary renter Warren.

REPORTS

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

Treasurer - Elaine Rogers reported the following: Expenses: Give Away \$26.70. Total Expenses \$26.70. Income: Giveaway \$60.00, State refund \$20.00. Total Income \$80.00.

Sunshine - Donna Montavon reported sending Anniversary and Birthday cards for the month of May. From Monty, Don and Darlene Cose have been married 69 years and Don is 91. Darlene has been in hospice care for a week. Bev's knee surgery has been postponed, until she sees the cardiologist for three leaking valves indicated on an echocardiogram. Earl and Dolly were not able to attend due to not feeling well, keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

CTCI - Jim Montavon has nothing to report.

Meetings, Tours and Car Shows - Jim Ridenour - The Ripon Chile Cook off was well attended and produced two new leads for potential club members. **Meetings** - No June Meeting - dark month. Next meeting Hosted by Pat M. and Bob E. - July - 9 - 11:00 - at Bob's home in Modesto. **Car Shows** - May 21 Thunderbird Appreciation Day, take your car out and show it off. Those that are not attending QC, contact Jim Ridenour or Keith Rogers if you would like to take your car out for a drive. June 2-4 T-Bird Extravaganza Sacramento - June 9-11 Graffiti Parade and Car Show, Modesto. June 24-25 BATOC Anniversary Celebration in Fairfield. **Tours** - None Scheduled.

Old Business - Katrina is entering the by-law adjustments to be ready by the July meeting. Katrina circulated a roster for members to check if the information is correct or make corrections.

New Business - Keith and Elaine reported that Bank of America's policy has changed, BofA will be charging a monthly fee for checking accounts with a balance under 5k. A motion was made by Monty Montgomery, seconded by Pat Mason, to move the MACTC, Inc. funds to Wells Fargo Bank where the minimum balance is \$500.00, no fees and a mailed statement. Motion carried. A third signature is needed on the bank account in the event Keith / Elaine are unavailable, Katrina Tellez was recommended and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Patricia Mason May 7, 2023

Giveaway Winners: Terry, Bob, Bob, Jim R, Ruben, Katrina, and Roberta



JULY MEETING & SOCIAL



Our July meeting will be held on Sunday, July 9th, at 11:00 A.M. Yes, the time has been changed to one hour earlier as we are dining outside. The meeting, hosted by Pat Mason and Bob Ertassi in Bob's backyard at 2512 Barola Lane, Modesto. Please feel free to bring your bathing suit/towel to take a dip in the pool after the meeting.



This is a Catered Event

Sign-Up or Cancel by June 25th

Please - Text or Call

Pat Mason at 209 - 204 - 8282



Lunch is \$20 per person

Catered by String's Italian

**Featuring Several Hot Pasta Dishes,
Salad, Bread and Dessert**

**Soft Drinks, Cold Water, and Sangria
will keep you cool**



Dress is Casual

**Please dress in shorts or other
comfortable attire**

We want you to relax and enjoy the day

**The pool will be open to take a dip or
just sit and cool your feet!**

No June Meeting

THE NEXT BIG THING

No June Social

Business Meeting and Social

Sunday June - 00:00

No Meeting - No Social

Hosted by -

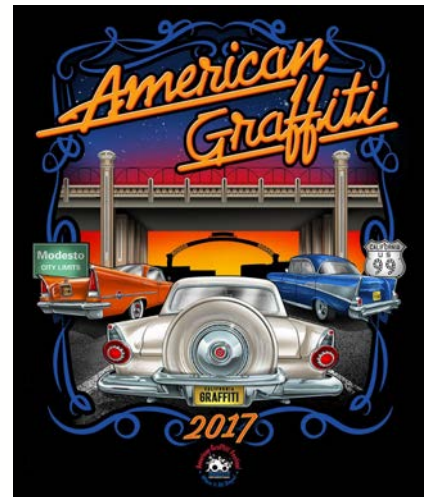
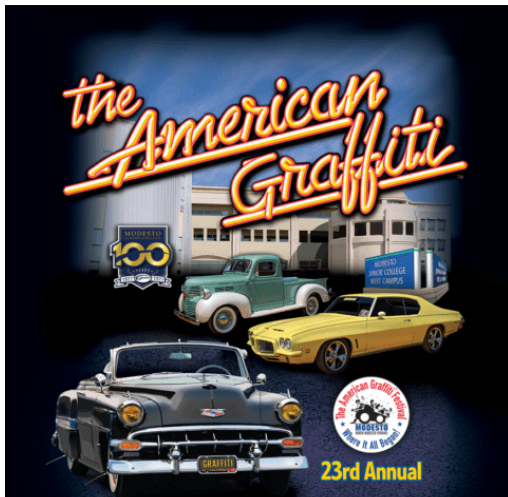
Sign-Up

Call/Text 209 -

Turlock -

HWY 99 North & South -

Modesto -





It's been reported that Roger got a new toy!



Warren - the Van Dyke's Guest is from Chino, CA. He is student teaching High School Ag in Hughson thru June

The Cose's have been married for 69 years. Don is 91.

Earl and Dolly were not able to attend as they are not feeling well. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Gil Baumgartner who wrote the CTCL rule book and was their car tech officiano, fell and broke his hip and arm; he did not recover and has since passed

Keith has recovered from Covid, but is still very tired.

Jim Montavon is getting the '59 Red ready for painting and decided that the bumper had to go. He found a great deal on the internet for \$250 + 100 for shipping which beat the \$1,900 he had found. Until he realized it was a scam. In further research a bumper was found for \$900 + tax.

Jan's cars are coming along, Sacramento's Tech Day was small, but really good.

Keith and Elaine's car is now sporting white walls, for the first time since the family has owned it

Bev's knee surgery had to be postponed until the results of her cardiologist's examination for leaking valves.

In Loving Memory of Darlene Cose

January 26, 1935 - May 12, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Darlene Cose, who departed from us on May 12th, surrounded by her loving family. Darlene was a cherished wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many. Her life was filled with boundless love, joy, and a passion for family, cooking, and simple pleasures that brought her happiness, such as game shows, gardening, antiquing, and crafting.

Born on January 26, 1935, Darlene's early years were spent on a farm in North Dakota, where she learned the values of hard work and resilience. Those formative experiences shaped her character, instilling in her a strong work ethic and a profound appreciation for the beauty of the land.

Throughout her life, Darlene carried with her the cherished memories of her youth on the farm. She delighted in sharing vivid stories with her loved ones, recounting moments of tending to animals amidst mud-soaked fields in spring, working under the scorching summer sun, and enduring the biting cold winters.

Darlene discovered her deepest joy in the loving companionship of her husband, Don, who was not only her rock but her partner in every sense of the word. Their love story spanned an incredible 70 years, as they embarked on life's journey together, hand-in-hand, united in their shared experiences and unbreakable devotion.

Don and Darlene's pink 1957 Thunderbird also held an extraordinary significance in her heart. It wasn't just a car; it was a cherished symbol of shared experiences and belonging. Together, they formed a bond with fellow enthusiasts as they embarked on countless weekends filled with joyrides alongside their Thunderbird club. Their pink Thunderbird became a vibrant thread connecting them with lifelong friends and unforgettable memories.

In later years, Darlene and Don ventured into real estate, fearlessly (and often naively) refurbishing residential and commercial properties. Darlene's keen eye for design and meticulous attention to detail allowed her to breathe new life into neglected structures, transforming them into vibrant spaces that continue to enrich the community.





Along the way, there were moments when she and Don stood with their sons under the unrelenting sun and chilling downpour, repairing roofs and working diligently to bring their vision to fruition. Together with their family, Don and Darlene acquired the Roberts Building (the Opera House), the Clark Building (The Station), the Schmidt Building (Magellan's Restaurant), and at one point, the Grand Theater, along with other properties. These ventures would not have been possible without the invaluable contributions of Darlene.

Darlene's gifts were not just limited to design. She also possessed a remarkable culinary prowess. Upon entering her meticulously curated home, her loved ones were often greeted with the inviting aromas of freshly baked bread, delectable holiday cookies, and soul nourishing home-cooked meals. Her cooking was an expression of love.

In 1982, Darlene cultivated her culinary talent and embarked on a new venture: owning and operating the family-owned restaurant known as the Opera House. While the restaurant may not have been a great financial triumph, it became a place where loved ones could come together, share meals, and celebrate special occasions.

While the City of Tracy held a special place in Darlene's heart, it was her family who held the key to her soul. She found immense joy in the presence of her children, Dale and Greg Cose. Her grandchildren Chris, Haley, Drew, Jake and Sophia. Her great-grandchildren, and extended family members, including her beloved nieces. She attended every school event, sports game, music recital, swimming lesson, birthday party, and graduation, offering her unconditional love and support.

While we mourn the loss of Darlene, we find solace in knowing that her love and legacy will forever live on in our hearts. Her cherished memories and beloved recipes will be passed down through generations, and her profound impact will be felt by all who had the privilege of knowing her. In our grief, we can envision her engaging in endless conversations with her sister Cheryl, sharing stories, laughter, and cherished moments in a life well lived.

Special thank you to Dr. J Patel. A special friend of the family and much more than a doctor.

A celebration of life will take place at the Tracy Transit Center on June 17, 2023, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Please join us in remembering a special lady that spent a lifetime in service of others.

In Lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer Association for research.

www.alz.org



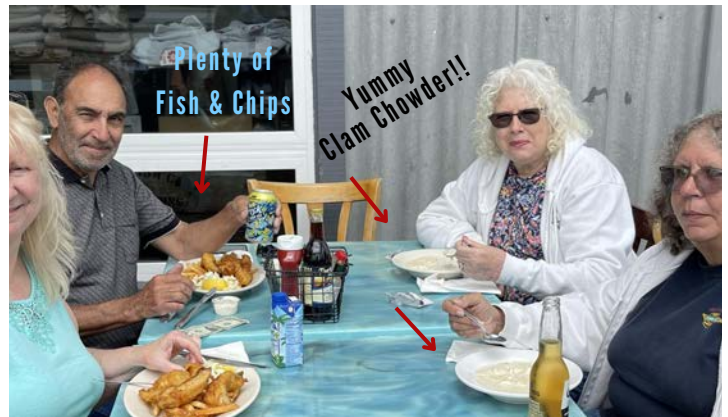


QC - MONTEREY

FRIDAY'S DRIVE



Our morning drive to QC started out with breakfast at Huckleberry's on Main Street in Turlock. After a somewhat leisurely drive out through the country roads we stopped at Pea Soup Andersen's for a short break. Then up and over the Pacheco Pass leaving the warm weather and down into the relief of the cooler side and a stop at Casa de Fruta. Ken, Roberta and entourage hit the ice-cream shop. The entourage followed Mike and Julie on a hunt for onion chips which turned out to be a futile search but Julie scored a horseshoe puzzle for her collection. Ruben and Katrina decided on dried fruit to snack on during the trip. Jan and Terry opted to sit out the shopping trek. It was a short drive and a long wait in traffic before reaching the Garlic Shop, where a few items ended up in what little space was left in the trunks. The drive down 101 and into Watsonville was smooth so we breezed on through to the Sea Harvest. Delicious sea food bounty for lunch out on the deck, with a relaxing view of the Moss Landing Bay.





QC - MONTEREY

MY BIRDS EYEVIEW OF QC BY THE SEA MAY 19TH - '23

As a hard-working business owner, I have not been able to attend as many QC's as many of you have. My first QC was in 2010 - I followed a MACTC caravan to Bakersfield and I was hooked. The last few years I've ridden shotgun with Pat Jefferies - like Thelma and Louise Ride Again! This year Terry Helton and I teamed up and planned to take my Merlot '57. Ruben T has been helping at my T-Bird sanctuary and brought out his shop vac, and my friend Bill touched up all the chips - Merlot looked great! At lunch break we took off for Hot Rod Diner and had no brakes. PLAN B = take "New Yeller".

MACTC met at Huckleberry's in Turlock for our trip to Watsonville. Ruben and Katrina led us in their dusk Rose '57 - followed by Terry H and me in "New Yeller," Ken and Roberta Van Dyke in their Merlot Retro and Mike and Julie in their Sky-Blue Retro (Jim and Donna M had taken a different route). First stop was at Pea Soup Anderson, then Cassa de Fruta, then Gilroy's Christopher Ranch Garlic Shop, then thru the canyons towards Watsonville. Next stop was Moss Landing for lunch and on to the hotel - what a beautiful drive.

QC - MONTEREY

FRIDAY NIGHT BARBECUE



After checking in we headed for the hospitality room and checked in there. This will be Monterey Bay T-Bird Clubs last QC. Alan and Sandy Brown greeted us and gave us our packets. This was a much scaled down QC, but there was a raffle and the plan for Friday evening was to go in caravan to Aptos St. BBQ. I went without Terry as she wasn't feeling well.



QC MONTEREY SHOW & SHINE



Katrina, Ken, Mike and Allen swapping QC Stories.

The morning of the Show and Shine was a little misty and cool, but that didn't stop the judges from checking out every detail of the seven shinny Lil Birds and four Retros.





QC - MONTEREY

ALFARO FAMILY VINYARDS AND WINERY





QC - MONTEREY BANQUET



Saturday morning was Show and Shine - then off for some wine tasting and lunch. Again we caravanned up into the hills to the Alfaro Family Vineyard and Winery, what an amazing view. Then the president and editors meeting. Jim M and Katrina T represented MACTC and our club is next in line for these scaled down QC's. The awards banquet was at Seascape Country Club in Aptos. We caravanned up Highway 1 drawing all the fan fair of the road with thumbs up, waves and pictures taken. The food was great, the party was on and we returned to our hotel after some great visiting.



Ice cream was served, and awards were presented in the breakfast area off of the lobby. MACTC took back the Kay Carmichael Award for most attendance (10 members and 5 cars). Our own Mike and Julie Van Dyke got the people's choice for their retro. Most of all we saw our QC friends. I had Frank from Prestige Thunderbird bring me brake parts, etc., for my cars. On Sunday a lot of hugs and Thunderbird love as we said our goodbyes and went our separate ways. Terry and I had a great time and followed Ruben and Katrina back to the valley.



QC - MONTEREY

TROPHY WINNERS



1955



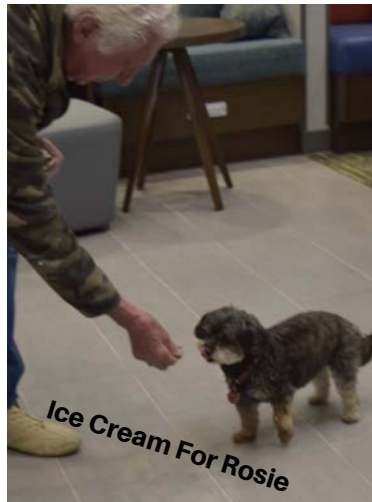
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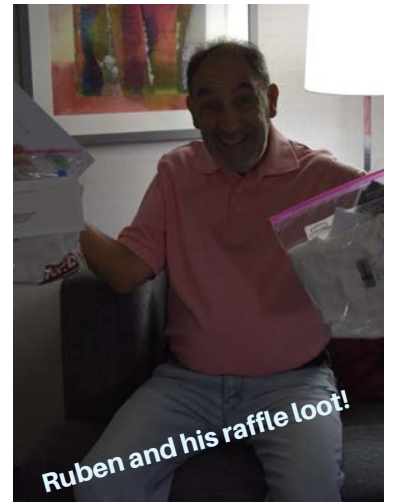
1957



Retro



Ice Cream For Rosie



Ruben and his raffle loot!

Another Wonderful TBird Memory
In TBird Love always - Jan



This mansion and historical landmark is on Hwy 101 in Pajaro Valley just outside of Watsonville. One can only imagine how beautiful it must have been when it was originally built in the late 1800's.

It can be seen from the Hampton Inn and Suites where the QC was held.



THE REDMAN-HIRAHARA HOUSE A GRAND OLD CALIFORNIA HOME

The Redman-Hirahara House in the Pajaro Valley, south of Watsonville, California was constructed in 1897. The house is located on a 1.8-acre parcel of land. The Queen Anne Victorian style home was designed by architect William Weeks for beet farmer James Redman. Weeks was a well-known architect, known for designing the Casino Arcade at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, among hundreds of other buildings across California. The Redman-Hirahara house is the only surviving rural farmhouse designed by Weeks. It's obvious that the home's name comes from having been owned by James Redman, but where does the name Hirahara come into the picture?

See the full article at

<https://architecturalafterlife.com/2023/01/redman-hirahara-house/>



2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Meetings



Tours



Shows

June - Dark

July 9 - 11:00
Bob's - Modesto
Hosted by - Patricia & Bob

August 13 - 11:00
Old Mill - Modesto
Hosted - Marlon & Terry

September 10 - 12:00
TBA
Jim & Donna

The American Graffiti
June 9-11
Downtown Modesto
Junior College West

BATOC
June 24-25
65th Anniversary
Celebration
Fair Field California

BATOC Would Like to Invite
You - Your Club - & Thunderbird Friends ...

BATOC 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JUNE 24 & 25

... to join us for BATOC's 65th Anniversary Celebration on June 24 & 25th.

This will be a fabulous weekend long event that will include the return of the much-loved annual Thunderbird Tech Session (missed by all), a tasty BBQ lunch and people's choice car show on Saturday, touring events and poker runs through the Napa Valley on Sunday and lots of Brand X classic cars courtesy of Specialty Sales Classics.

The event will be held at the Specialty Sales Classics shop facility and showroom in Fairfield and will include guest speakers, special detailing demonstrations, tech and maintenance tips, anniversary celebrations, games, prizes and lots of fun. This is NOT just a guy's event...it's for the whole family.

This will be a grand event for all Thunderbird clubs, fans and enthusiasts...and all are invited. We've attached a flyer for you to spread around your club and publish in your next newsletter and please feel free to call us if you have any questions or special requests.

There will be more details to follow as we get closer, including area hotel discounts, and we will keep you informed as we progress. We invite you to RSVP ASAP either individually or as a club to the Event Chair, Lisa Perry at lisa@pmcapp.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone for this great weekend of Thunderbird-ing June 24 & 25th.

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BATOC
65
Anniversary Celebration

DAY ONE
Tech Session
Car Show
BBQ
Hang Out

DAY TWO
Breakfast
Driving Tours
Poker Run
Lunch
Wineries

June 24th & 25th
At Specialty Sales Classics In Fairfield

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ALL SOON
IN FAIRFIELD

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