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Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
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Jim Ridenour Modesto 4th of July Parade

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH HOT AUGUST THUNDERBIRDS

Sunday August 13 • 11:00 • Old Mill • Modesto • Hosted By Marlon & Terry

NEXT MONTH SEPTEMBER 10 - 11:00 - TBA - TBA - HOST: JIM & DONNA



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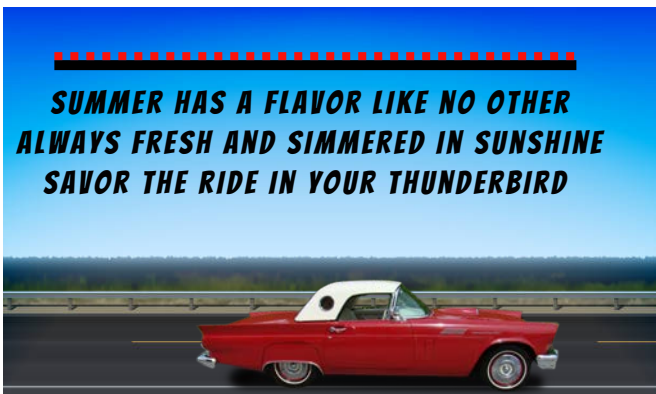
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Next QC:

MODESTO CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Date: TBA 2024 • Location: Modesto



October 24-29, 2023
CTCI Southeast Regional Convention



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Hello TBird Lovers

So much for the cool summer we were having. Our weather forecasters are saying we are on track to have the hottest July ever. At least the hot temp took a day off for our July meeting. It was perfect for our backyard meeting at Bob's house. A big thank you to Pat and Bob for hosting.

Welcome to Bob and Marilyn Taylor, our new members. Bob brought his 2002 Desert Sky Blue

retro bird to the meeting. We enjoyed meeting him and look forward to meeting Marilyn.

QC and the Sac Extravaganza are behind us, but there is still time for a day, or even an overnight, trip. Any ideas, bring them up at the meeting. If you want help planning a tour, just let me or Jim R know. We will be happy to help you.

Terry and Marlon will be hosting our August meeting at The Old Mill on 9th St in Modesto. Come and get acquainted with our new members, Marilyn and Bob.

See you At The Next Meeting

KEITH

Do you know that the newsletter can be enlarged so that the articles or pictures are easier to read and to see more detail? Click the plus + sign at the top of the page to enlarge and the minus - sign to make it smaller.

Some members have brought to my attention that they did not receive the email regarding Don Murrison's passing and memorial service. Sometimes an email can end up in the spam folder. It's not common but it does happen. Periodically check your spam folder and if there is an email that is not spam move it to your inbox. This teaches the app that it's a legitimate email. At the same time beware that some of those spammed emails could have a *correct* name but a *spammy* email address. If you're not sure you understand, let me know. Maybe I can show you by example how that works. Katrina



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS JULY

Happy Birthday

August 24
Ruben Tellez



*To Love and Laughter
and Happily Ever After*

Keith & Elaine Rogers
August 4
Earl & Dolly Reedy
August 25



PLAN AHEAD

September 10, 2023
Meeting & Social
TBA - 11:00
Host: Jim & Donna

THANK YOU

For Pictures
Donna & Jim M
Jim R
Ruben
Julie
Donations
Wine Bag & Wine - Dolly & Earl
Wine - Mike & Julie
Cap & Cup - Jim & Mona
Tool Kit - Marlon & Terry

Get Ready For QC MMXXIV

Destination Modesto
Date TBA 2024

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The Modesto Bee



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VICE PRESIDENT



Howdy Fellow T-Birders,

Can you believe that it is almost the end of July and as expected for the central valley it has gotten HOT!!!. But for us valley people its just another summer and that means car shows. However first let us talk about meetings and tours. As far as meetings go, we still need a volunteer to host the November meeting and we also need a committee to plan the December end of year celebration. Times ticking away, do not let it pass you by. There are no tours planned but there is still lots of time. And here is a thought, a tour can be combined with a meeting. Hmmm you say?. I know right.

Back to car shows, there is a bunch. I am attending one in Ripon this month, Escalon in September, Manteca in October, and toys for tots in December. For listings of all car show that I am aware of, check our web site.

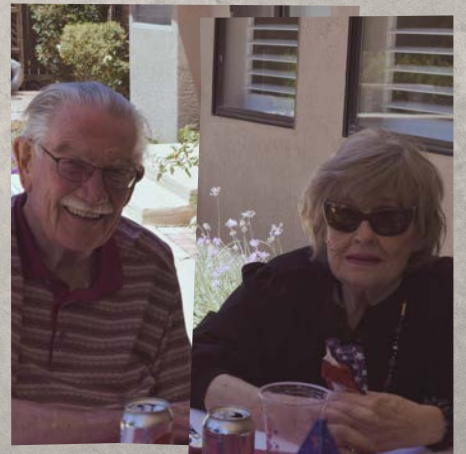
QC2024 got kicked off at our last meeting and we are off to a late but productive start. Nine people from the club signed up to be on the committee and I hope others will join in. Planning and more planning will be the success for our QC next year.

Thanks for your time and as always, I will see you in your beautiful classic cars

Thanks - Jim



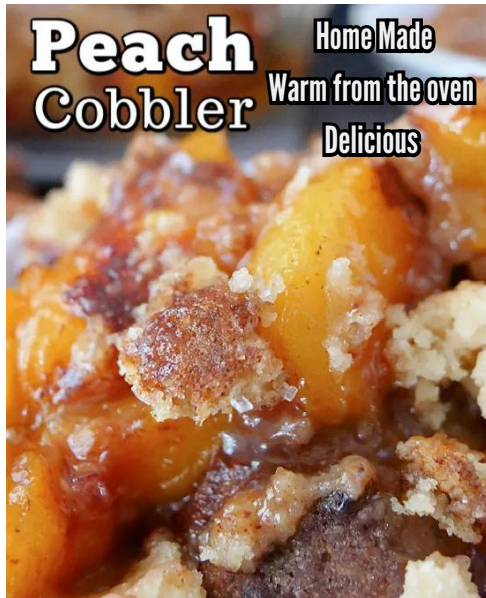
JULY MEETING & SOCIAL





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Bob's beautiful back yard





JULY MEETING & SOCIAL





JULY WINNERS





JAN'S NEWER HARD TOP

Jan's new hard top addition that she purchased at the extravaganza swap meet. in beautiful condition, and she really likes the port holes.



THE NEXT BIG THING

**Business Meeting and Social
Sunday August 13 - 11:00
Old Mill Cafe**

**600 9th Street, Modesto, CA
Hosted by - Marlon & Terry**

**If you did not sign up at the meeting
Call Marlon/Terry at 209 - 526 - 9073**

**Look for us in the
back room.**

**Order from
the menu
Separate Checks**



The Old Mill Cafe was originally a blacksmith shop on the corner of Ninth and Needham. In 1934 it was remodeled into a lunch counter with seven booths. The railroad eventually forced them to move to its present location.

**Turlock - Geer - Santa Fe - Yosemite - Ninth Street
HWY 99 North & South - Exit Central Modesto, "G" St. Rt. on Ninth Street
Oadkale - Scenic - "H" Street - Left on Ninth Street**



Thunderbird Extravaganza

BY: JAN PETERSON

OOPS! As June was our MACTC "dark month" and after attending QC, June was filled with MACTC events. Graffiti week - with the Cruze and Car Show, the loss of two beloved long-time members, Darlene Cose and Don Murrison; The Sacramento Classic Thunderbird Club's Thunderbird Extravaganza II was overlooked in our newsletter. I'm writing this short article of this very FUN event.

Three '57's met at Jim and Donna M's on Friday for the drive north on 99. Our destination was the old McClellan A.F.B. and Lion's Gate Hotel. Jim and Donna M in their Goldenrod Yellow '57 (Tweety) followed by me and Pat J in the Merlot '57 and Holley and Tim C in their beautiful Red '57 (Christine). Katrina and Ruben T also attended in their Dusk Rose '57 using Krista's house as home base arrived the day before. After getting lost in Friday's afternoon traffic - I followed Holley C to McClellan Park and we checked in. (Pat J had signed up her White '56, but mechanical woes soon after she and Dennis left Sweet Home Oregon left the '56 parked on a trailer for this event and Graffiti week). We unloaded our luggage, parked our cars and picked up our goodie bags - Pat and I headed to the "O" Club (Officers Club) for drinks and an early dinner.

Saturday morning after breakfast I headed over to a T-bird parts only swap meet (Pat said not to buy too much "stuff" as she didn't want to leave our luggage behind). I bought a porthole top and stuff. Ruben helped me to get the top for "Old Yeller" home later. We toured the California Auto Museum in Old Town Sac with several T-Bird Club friends and in the afternoon, we bought raffle tickets, (big raffle - 50/50 and silent auction) had a tech session and I was back at the swap meet. That evening MACTC all went to the Spaghetti Factory for dinner as the "O" Club at the hotel could not wait on the T-Bird Club (there was a loong delay). We did miss the ice cream social and tribute to Gill Baumgartner.

Sunday, we said goodbye to our T-bird Club friends and left - following Jim and Donna M, were me and Pat J and Tim and Holley C. The trip home was not uneventful, we almost wrecked the Merlot '57 as we were cut off by a careless driver. Thank You SCTC for a fun-fun-fun time, it was great to see old friends.

Almost 80 Thunderbirds filled the Thunderbirds only secured parking lot and guests from Sweden, New Zealand, Canada and the USA, attended the event (one couple drove their Navaho Grey '56 from New York!). The Sacramento Classic Thunderbird Club had a huge turnout. Ross Woodman - Thank You! Your club put on a great event.

In T-Bird Love Always

Jan

P.S. SCTC put much work into this event. It was really Fun-Fun-Fun. Pat and Dennis J even trailered Pat's trusty '56 over to Paul Lubker's house for a trouble shoot getting some good ideas of what the problem could be. Hope to see the '56 back at shows soon!



THUNDERBIRD EXTRAVAGANZA

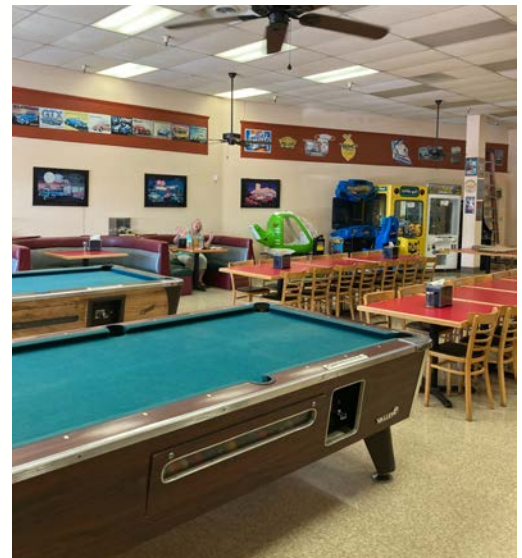




THUNDERBIRD EXTRAVAGANZA



Ruben and I stopped for a late lunch at a mom-and-pop pizza parlor in Lockeford on our way home from the Extravaganza. It was hot, we were hungry and looking for a place to take a break. We were the only customers. The young man working there said it didn't get busy until closer to dinner time. He said the husband had passed away and the wife was ill. The wall is a collage of picture tiles from the winners of the car shows they held annually for many years. There were two or three baby bird winners. He loved the classics. Nice little local place and the pizza was delicious.





THUNDERBIRD EXTRAVAGANZA





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



Frank and Cecilia are traveling in Greece and the Azores. We will be seeing them when they return as they will be hosting the October Meeting and Social!

New members Bob & Marilyn Taylor from Oakdale, 2002 Desert Sky Blue Retro Bird. Pleasure to meet Bob and we'll meet Marilyn at the next Meeting and Social

Jan brought an old and new water pump spacer for members to look at. She shared that Paragon Technology has made a vast improvement of the cooling fan over the factory version it's a high intensity fan with more blades to combat overheating. Can be ordered through Casco.

Pat Jefferies had a hard ride coming down from Sweet Home, Oregon to attend the Extravaganza and Graffiti. Her '55 gave out so she and Dennis had to trailer it down; with great difficulty getting a trailer over a holiday weekend. The problem was thought to be in the over-drive, but after Dennis worked on it again after they arrived in Turlock it still didn't run. The little bird was trailered back home, thinking of maybe pulling the engine out again,

Monty commented that what may seem like carburetor issues really might be fuel pump and or pressure related. A good solution for him was an electric fuel pump with a toggle under the seat or it could be installed under the dash.

The Extravaganza tech session shared the idea of a new spacer and timing chain cover. Per Jan



Don Murrison was an alumni member of the Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club. He had a 1956 Star Mist Blue Thunderbird when he joined in 1981, served as president in 1983 and rarely missed a meeting.

Don was laid to rest with Military Honors on July 1st at Lakewood Memorial Park in Tuolumne Garden





2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Meetings

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

September 10 - 11:00
TBA
Jim & Donna

October
TBA
Frank & Cecilia

November
TBA

December
TBA



Tours



Shows

July 29 - 3-5
Graffiti at the Creek
Spring Creek - Ripon

August 6
16th Annual Car Show
Del Rio - Modesto

September 9
Autumn Cruise
Lion's Club - Escalon

September 23
Coyte Festival Classic
Car Show

October 14
Rods... Car Show
Del Web - Manteca

October 15
Tamale Festival
Stanislaus Fair Grounds

October 21
Mariposa Yosemite
Hot Rod Custom Car Show