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Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.
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HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH LOVE THUNDERBIRD'S

Sunday February 11 • 12:00 • Central Station • Turlock • Hosted By Judy Lyon

NEXT MONTH MARCH - 11:30 - GRIZZLY ROCK CAFE - TURLOCK - HOST: JAN PETERSON



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Ford Thunderbird ...
The Valentine That
Drives Me Mad



Next QC:

MODESTO CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Date: May 17-19 2024 • Location: Modesto



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Howdy Fellow T-Birders



Good morning, everyone, I am sitting here on an early Sunday morning enjoying a cup of joe and watching the neighborhood come to life. A perfect time to get thoughts put on paper.

MACTC had our first club meeting a week ago, it was well attended by about 30 people and the place and food was excellent. Thanks to Katrina and Ruben for setting this up. With a brief discussion with the attendees, Katrina chose this

place for next months meeting as well, Judy Lyon will be our host for her annual Valentines Day club meeting. Our club VP Julie said that all but a couple of months for hosting a meeting were taken up, that is excellent.

We also have the Turlock swap meet coming up on Jan 27th, the club voted and chose to pay for 4 entry fees to have our cars displayed at the *cars for sale* lot. This is an effort to continue to get outside interest in our club to help keep it strong and growing. Other things to help accomplish this is multimedia, i.e., the website and Facebook. We also have several members that attend car shows and display a placard on their cars. All of this is giving us recognition.

Lastly, the QC 2024 committee continues to have meetings and is making progress towards a very successful QC in May. More info is in this issue of our club newsletter.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME - I WILL SEE YA SOON

Jim Ridenour
MACTC President

Two license plates available

\$25.00 each

See Elaine



THE MOST SPECIAL DAYS DECEMBER



- 03 Katie Langenbeck
- 22 Keith Rogers
- 27 Marlon Helton
- 27 Dolly Reedy



*To Love and Laughter
and Happily Ever After*

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Jim and Donna Montavon



PLAN AHEAD

March 10, 2024

Meeting & Social - 11:30

Grizzly Rock Cafe - Turlock

Host: Jan Peterson



For Donating

Wine - Jan

Popped Corn - Tim & Holley

Wine w Snowman - Patricia & Bob E.

Puzzle & Mat - Ruben & Katrina

Ruben and Jim R.
for taking pictures

Get Ready For QC

Forty Five

Destination Modesto

Date May 17-19 2024

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VICE PRESIDENT



Hello Dear Thunderbird Family!

Since I personally have only been in this club for two years, many of you may not know much of my background. I am the daughter-in-law of two of our founding members, Ken & Roberta. I was previously an active member of several other social clubs and an organizer of large events for decades. I believe these strengths, along with the guidance from long time members will be an asset as we move into 2024 and hosting the QC+.

I will be passing around a sign-up sheet for Hosts of our monthly meeting & socials. Let me know if you hear of any upcoming car shows. Please make suggestions on any extra tour ideas or let me know if you need help planning a tour, it's always fun to drive and show off our beautiful cars.

We are going to need as much club participation as possible to share the tasks of hosting a successful QC, set for May 17-19, 2024. Let us know what your strengths and abilities are as many hands make a light workload. Please step up and get involved as much as you are able too.

I'm looking forward to creating an exciting and memorable year!

Julie Van Dyke



Sent to Jim Ridenour Passing on to the membership

Gallo Family Picnic

Hello Jim!

Happy New Year! I spoke with you about a month ago at Regal theater that maybe your club might be interested in coming out for our annual Gallo Picnic Saturday Jun 1st. Our theme is American Graffiti.

I would like to place a few cars on the picnic grounds, and we are also hoping to have a car show in front of the Administration building as guests arrive, we usually have about 5,000 attending all employees and their immediate families.

The Picnic Hours are 10-3. I would like to have all the cars placed onsite from 7-9 am.

I have two guest entries and would like to have three cars parked at each entry that best represents the movie T-bird, Yellow Roadster, and '55 Chevy.

I will be doing a walk through on the grounds with the team in March to talk layout for other placements with other vehicles. I'm thinking about 15-20 vehicles on the picnic grounds and any others can be at the show area.

Also, we will be offering a free Lunch for those who are interested I will just need a count of those attendees, plus any of the rides and carnival games and activities are at your disposal, all free for our employees and our guests.

Let me know if you have that date available and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thanks,
Rusty Inglet
Creative Stylist



Turlock Train Depot A Little History

Information from the Turlock Museum



Turlock Train Depot Circa 1910

Article from: Turlock Historical Society Museum

expanded to over one hundred thousand acres in holdings. While Mitchell continued buying land south from Paradise City, transportation dependency was beginning to shift from the river to rail. It appears he was matching his land purchases to speculated route of the Southern Pacific expansion to the south.

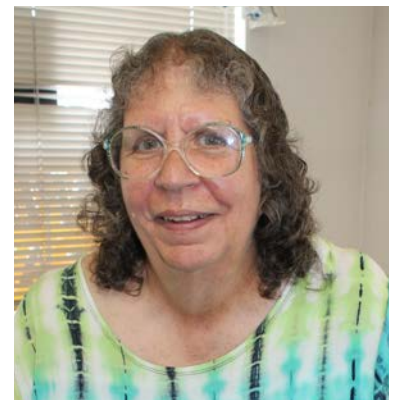
While the depot was being constructed, Mitchell built a grain warehouse and in 1871 with a post office, a depot, grain warehouse and a few other buildings, the town of Turlock began. The town thrived with the railroad and by 1891, Turlock was shipping 12,000 - 15,000 tons of wheat annually. After irrigation water came to the area, Turlock's population began to swell. New settlers arrived by rail; oftentimes the women and children rode in the passenger cars and the men and older children rode in the box cars with the family belongings and livestock.

In 1915, a new passenger depot was built, and the original depot was moved and used as a freight office. A third depot on the Tidewater track was built on "B" Street in 1931. The depot was never used and is still standing today as "the forgotten depot".



Founder of the Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Jan Peterson, a lifelong resident of Turlock, retains a vast knowledge of the city, where she grew up and was active in the community. Beginning when Lawrence Peterson brought his Aussie wife back to Turlock to live in the family home in the country. His wife, Audrey, did not like living outside of town, so they eventually moved into town where Jan is currently residing on Flower Street.

After the military, Jan's father Lawrence went to work for the railroad and worked at the Turlock Train Depot until he retired. She remembers as a little girl playing at the depot, when her father would occasionally take her to work with him. Just a few blocks from the depot, Jan opened *Turlock Pet Grooming*, where she had her business of nearly 50 years.





From the Turlock Journal - May 2016

Article written by: Angilina Martin



Nearly 100 years ago, construction on the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. train depot was completed. After persistent demands from the citizens of Turlock, the city finally had a brand-new depot intended specifically to accommodate passengers, rather than the goods and merchandise the site formerly shipped. June 7, 2016 will mark the depot's centennial celebration, and since its construction the building has seen almost all of the history that Turlock has to offer.

Located in the center of Turlock's historic downtown business district, current depot owner Tony Walker purchased the building in 1999 because of its distinct characteristics. "I think it's probably the single-most identifiable building in Turlock," said Walker. "We've had a lot of enjoyment there."

Since buying the depot almost 20 years ago, Walker has seen the building transform from the traditional British pub and Restaurant named Wellington Station to its present venue, 10 EAST Kitchen & Tap House. But, before Walker made his mark on the former railroad station, the building had a rich history of its own.

In 1916, Turlock's new train station offered travelers a modern, comfortable location to purchase train tickets and buy something to eat while they waited for a train that would deliver them to their destination. Drove of Swedish, Portuguese, Assyrian, Japanese and Hispanic immigrants have poured through the depot's doors over the years, building new lives in and around the town that in 1915 was home to fewer than 3,000 inhabitants.

The Southern Pacific depot continued to provide passenger service to Turlock and other Central Valley communities until the early 1970s when Amtrak took over the responsibility, moving the service to the railroad tracks on Santa Fe. Southern Pacific then continued to operate a freight train service until 1996 when the Union Pacific Railroad overtook that service as well.

After its days of transporting passengers and goods were over, the depot sat vacant for a few years until a local investor bought the Central Park landmark, leasing it to two local businessmen who converted the building into an upscale restaurant named Track 29.

The southern half of the depot became the kitchen, food prep, dishwashing, cold storage and dry goods areas, and the northern half that formerly accommodated ticketing, passenger waiting, boarding and luggage storage was converted into a seating area for diners.

"The principal layout and design of the depot was kept, but they made it acceptable for dining," said Walker.

Three full-size train cars, including a caboose dating back to the 1800s, were acquired and transformed into dining rooms to accommodate additional patrons, keeping true to the building's original roots as a passenger train depot.

Since first being converted into a restaurant, the depot has seen countless remodels and renovations to reflect each restaurant's theme. From Track 29, the depot went on to host Traxx Bar & Grill before eventually becoming Wellington Station, and now 10 EAST Kitchen and Tap House.

To celebrate the depot's 100th birthday, 10 EAST will offer food and drink specials fashioned after popular drinks and dishes from the era when the depot first opened. From June 7 -11, diners can order bison chicken fried steak with coffee stout red eye gravy and sip on the centennial special drink, "The Century." Kids can enjoy period-era cream of tomato soup with a grilled cheese and cookie and throw it back to the 1900s with an ice-cold sarsaparilla. A wall display featuring old photographs and early news articles will also be available for viewing.



Written by: Joe Cortez
Published in the Turlock Journal
November 25, 2022

Central Station Bar and Grill ...

... situated just feet from the Southern Pacific railroad tracks, has embraced the train station motif that was abandoned by 10 East Kitchen & Tap House, its predecessor at 10 E. Main St.

Owner Kris Klair of Turlock has renovated the entire facility, which served as Turlock's central rail depot beginning in 1915. Before the restaurant was 10 East it was Wellington Station. Before that it was Traxx Bar & Grill, and before that it was called Track 29. In its final days, 10 East Kitchen & Tap House gained a reputation as more tap house and less kitchen. Klair wants to change that. "It's a sports bar, yeah, but I want to bring back that family-friendly atmosphere," said Klair, who also owns Exit Realty Consultants in Turlock. "That's a major thing for all of us here in Turlock ... taking care of family."



General Manager - Mike Tellez

Central Station — so named because the depot was literally the epicenter of old-time Turlock (a stamped seal in the floor near the bar confirms this) — offers traditional pub fare, but chef Lynese Cabida has put her own unique twist on some old favorites. For instance, she's revved up a standard cheeseburger with the Mack Attack, a 100 percent beef patty with macaroni and cheese and bacon jam.

Customers looking for a more formal dining experience can retreat to one of the famed dining cars, dubbed Wellington, Tracks and Track 29 (the latter of which will be for VIP and private dining only), and Chef Cabida suggests you try the ribeye steak or the rack of lamb.

On the pub menu, burgers, hotdogs and wood-fire pizzas are featured, with vegetarian and vegan options on both the pub and fine dining menus.



General manager Mike Tellez, who has worked in the food industry for 20 years and managed multiple restaurants in the area, is excited about Central Station's potential. "We wanted to keep the history of the place," said Tellez. "We fixed up the miniature train that will make its way around the bar every hour on the hour. And the foot rails at the bar are made of discarded railroad track." And, of course, there's still the occasional — and unmistakable — blast of a horn when a live train comes barreling past the restaurant. "I've already gotten used to it," said Cabida.



Central Station Bar & Grill



GM Mike Tellez, Chef Lynese Cabida, Owner Kris Klair

Klair believes Central Station will be successful because it intends to focus on three key factors: service, food and atmosphere. "With those three things put together, I think we'll be able to provide a unique dining experience for the people of Turlock."

Central Station is open Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For reservations, call 209-669-1010.



The meeting and social on January 14th was held at Central Station in Turlock, in the newly opened, Track 29 car, used for large groups and banquets.

It was a fun meeting and social, with 30 members and guests in attendance. To jazz things up a bit, Keith and Elaine along with Katrina put a spin on the Give Away.

We'll be returning to Central Station one more time this year on February 11th for Judy Lyon's annual Valentine Meeting and Social.

General Manager Mike Tellez who is Ruben's nephew; was instrumental in getting the restaurant remodeled, set up with state-of-the-art inventory systems and open for business. You'll find Mike at the "Station" most days and or evenings.



JANUARY MEETING AND SOCIAL

Ken, Roberta and Jan remember years ago when Central Station was Wellington's. It was a popular hot spot for cocktails, dinner, and New Years Eve Celebrations.



Nice to see Roger and Joyce at the meeting and social. Roberta wasn't able to attend, because of back pain.



Central Station has a full-service bar which includes many popular beers on tap. If you're looking for a specialty cocktail or beer and a great meal this is the spot.



Reserve a table(s) or one of two cars (rooms) by using the Res App or by calling Central Station. Watch sports on one of several TV's and of course check out the train that goes around every hour in the bar. Central Station is in the process of expanding their patio dining also.



JANUARY MEETING AND SOCIAL

ROCK A THUNDERBIRD

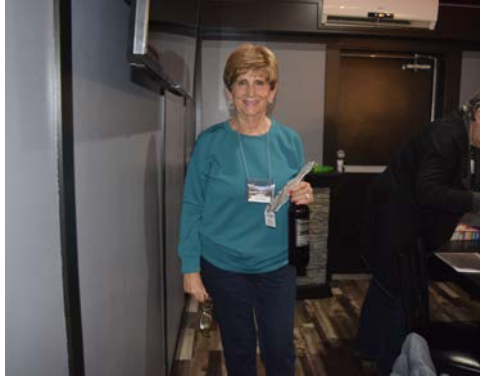


Look at the size of that breakfast BURRITO that Jim R. ordered! It was Huge!!
Katrina and Ruben served homemade brownies and lemon bars for dessert





WINNERS!





Turlock Swap Meet 2024

The big Turlock Swap Meet of 2024 is history. The Modesto Area "A's" put on a great event and the weather was perfect - but cold in the mornings.

I'm tired, sore and broke - I found a lot of treasures and had a great time. Paul L. and Jack and Janis M. were just part of the Modesto Area "A's" work crew that transforms the Turlock fairgrounds into a car nuts paradise - if you need parts bring your shopping list and go hunting. I found some great deals on T-Bird stuff - Paul L's spot had most of my finds on it. Saw many of my friends I only see once a year - MACTC was well represented, and the Saturday crowd was huge.

Ruben T. helped clean up all of my T-Birds and on Friday we took Old Yeller (1955) and New Yeller (2002) over to the fairgrounds to save spots for MACTC cars to display and promote our club.

Earl P. came Saturday morning and picked us up. Ruben T. came back to help ferry cars over to my swap spaces, Katrina T. made up plenty of MACTC flyers and we had cards to pass out to local T-bird owners.

Jim R. came by my house at 6:30 and helped Ruben T. uncover the T-Birds and we made a little group with Margaret B. and myself in the green '56, Jim R. in my newbie addition - Jim Darwin's '57 and Ruben T. in my Merlot '57. We headed out for the fairgrounds north gate and my swap spaces M86 and L77. Opps! We were only allowed one car per space - Jim R. took the blue '57 to the Broadway gate and went in. A mad dash was made across the fairgrounds as Jim R. had our flyers and cards in the back of the blue '57.

Ken Van Dyke saved us spots close to his flare red '56 so we lined up the cars '55, '56, '57 and Retro in front of the first vendor building - Jim M. and Ken Van Dyke put up the club banner and passed out club information and we were joined by a '62 T-Bird roadster (Nolan) who is joining MACTC. Jim M. and Dennis Murphy were trying to sell a pretty red '57 T-Bird and my Sacramento friend Ross Woodman said it sold - I'm not sure. Ross W. and several Sacramento Club members were out hunting treasures too.



TURLOCK SWAP MEET 2024



At the end of Saturday we all headed home. Jim R. took New Yeller home to my house - Margaret B. and I covered up the '55, '56 and '57 of mine and drove my new '57 home - it was a fun day.

Sunday Margaret and I returned and made a little line of T-Birds - it was very quiet and about noon I saw my friend Gerald Witzel and he helped ferry all the cars home. I was living the dream - got great parts - dined on VFW hamburgers - I'm waiting for next January 2025 to do this all over again.

Thank You to all our MACTC club members and Modesto Area "A's" that make this event fun.



IN T-BIRD LOVE

Always Jan!



Happy Valentine's Day

THE NEXT BIG THING

Meeting & Social
Sunday February 11 - 12:00
Central Station Bar & Grill
10 East Main Street - Turlock
Hosted by - Judy Lyon
Sign up or Cancel
By Friday February 9
 Call/Text Katrina 209 - 480 - 3628



Order off
 the menu
 separate
 checks

Gratuity
 Included
 No Host Bar

Manteca - Modesto - Stockton - Tracy
 Hwy 99 - Exit - Main Street - Head East (left)
Oakdale/Modesto - Albers/Geer - Right on Canal - Left on Golden State - Right on Main



Meeting Minutes

Modesto Area Classic Thunderbird Club, Inc.

Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by President Jim Ridenour. Jim thanked Ruben and Katrina for hosting the meeting and social at Central Station, in Turlock, California. There were 27 members and 3 guests in attendance. Margaret, Terry Helton's daughter, Earl Pillow, Jan's friend and Bob Ertassi, Pat's guest.

Secretary - Katrina Tellez Katrina asked if there were any corrections or errors for the November meeting minutes as reported in the December newsletter. One correction was made to correct the spelling of Marlon's name no other errors were noted. A motion was made by Keith Rogers, seconded by Roger Williams to approve the November minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer - Elaine Rogers reported the following for November & December: November - Expenses: Give-Away \$49.20. Total Expenses \$49.20. Income: Give-Away \$65.00, Dues & Lunch \$335.00 - Total Income \$400.00. December - Expenses: Sunshine \$13.20, Officer Gifts \$149.15, Plaque & Trophy \$20.89, Newsletter/Stamps \$156.79, H-B \$1,330.00, Christmas Party \$269.87. Total Expenses \$1939.90 - Income: Christmas Lunch \$1,370.00, Dues \$395.00. Total Income \$1,765.00.

Sunshine - Frank Souza reported sending out one Birthday card to Ken Van Dyke for the month of January. Sent out two sympathy cards, one to Jim Fenelon's daughter Carrie and one to Dolly Reedy for the passing of her sister Kitty. He gave his wife, Cecelia an Anniversary Card for their 52nd year and received a card from the T-Bird Friends (thank you Donna).

CTCI - Keith Rogers Election results from the Early Bird, President Chuck Thompson will be working on increasing CTCI membership. New Region 3 representative. Treasurer reports a 20/25-thousand-dollar loss in revenue for the year with 4,015 members. The convention made a profit of \$3,000.00 after all donating clubs received a refund. The next convention is slated for August 20-25, 2024, in Des Moines, Iowa. CTCI is planning a 100-year celebration of Route 66.

Meetings, Tours and Car Shows - Jim Ridenour - Meetings - Next meeting until February 11, 2024 - 12:00 - Central Station, Turlock. **Car Shows** - January 27-28 Turlock Swap Meet. April 27th Parkview Auto Show - 2-4 - Modesto. June 6-9 Graffiti Week.

Old Business - No Old Business

New Business - A motion was made by Donna Montavon, seconded by Patricia Mason, to pay the \$200.00 entry fee to enter four cars into the For Sale Corral at the Turlock Swap meet. Motion Passed. Attending the corral are '55 Jan, '56 Ruben, '57 Jim M. and Retro, Ken.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm Respectfully Submitted: *Katrina Tellez*

Giveaway Winners: Janis - Ken - Holley - Bob - Marilyn - Earl P - Jim R.



Jan bought Jim Darwins 1957 Starmist Blue

Thinking of Monty and Bev

**For Sale in Del Webb - Manteca
Ford Thunderbird - Merlot
50th Anniversary Edition**

**Anyone interested contact
Roger Williams for information**

**Jim Ridenour is having
ignition issues with his '57.
Now the car won't start. He
has been looking into the
wiring. If anyone has an
ideas, contact Jim.**



2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Meetings

SUNDAY
January 14 - 12:00
Meeting & Social
Central Station - Turlock
Hosts
Ruben & Katrina

SUNDAY
February 11 - 12:00
Central Station - Turlock
Host
Judy Lyon

SUNDAY
March 10 - 11:30
Grizzly Rock Cafe - Turlock
Host
Jan Peterson



Tours

February - TBA
Almond Blossom Tour
Hosted by
Jim & Donna Montavon



Shows

May 17-19
QC XLV
Modesto
Host - MACTC